

CLASSICAL ITALY, GREECE & CROATIA WITH MSC SINFONIA CRUISE

ROME - FLORENCE - VENICE - SPLIT - SANTORINI - MYKONOS - DUBROVNLK - ANCONA - VENICE



16 DAYS FROM

\$4999



per person twin-share

Experience the Mediterranean heartland of the classical world of Greece and of the Roman Empire, and marvel at the medieval glories of noble Florence and Venice.

Board the MSC Sinfonia and cruise across the Adriatic Sea to Split, Croatia, before heading south to the Greek Islands of Santorini and Mykonos, enjoying the onboard facilities and a wide range of onshore activities in each destination. The cruise then heads back to the north via stunning Dubrovnik (one of the most prominent tourist destinations in the Mediterranean Sea), and Italy's Ancona.

Image: Greece

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HIGHLIGHTS - ON LAND

- When in Rome, visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, the **Colosseum**, and **Vatican City**
- Enjoy stunning mountain landscapes as you cross the **Apennine Mountains en route to Venice**
- **Ride in a Vaporetto around the canals of Venice**, and visit the marvellous **Saint Mark's Basilica**
- Enjoy **two days free at leisure in Venice**; explore the architecture, art, and cuisine of this unique city

Day 1: Arrive in Rome

Take an international flight to Rome. **Note:** some flights may depart one day later, and may involve up to two transits.

Day 2: Arrive Rome

Arrive in Rome, where you will be greeted and transferred to the hotel. **Note:** you will be receiving information for the start of your circuit in the afternoon or this will be on the informative signs in the hotel reception.

In the evening, transfer service to Trastevere area is provided. This neighbourhood will be a great introduction to Rome, a stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the Trastevere district reveals hidden treasures to us, such as some modest medieval churches, small shops with the most peculiar of objects or scenes of daily life. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) imbued with the Italian spirit will be ready to serve the local dishes. Other restaurants serving Indian, Chinese and international food can be found in this area.

Day 3: Rome (B)

In the morning, we have a scenic tour of the city, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal city". We enter the tiny state of the Vatican. The **Vatican City** is a principal centre of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit **St. Peter's Basilica**. And we have also included admission to the **Roman Coliseum** (Admission ticket included), the principal symbol of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide transport to the Via Cavour area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and international food. Return to hotel.

Optional Program: Baroque Rome T19 (2hrs

30mins, min. 15 ppl) €45. You can enjoy the great Rome of Bernini and Borromini, the great baroque Rome with its beautiful fountains, squares and obelisks. That Rome that the Popes created. We will make a complete tour knowing: Lungotevere, Ara Pacis, Porta Pinciana, Via Veneto, Plaza de España with its wonderful fountain of the boat and its staircase Trinidad de los Montes, Fontana de Trevi where you can fulfill the rite of throwing your coin, Piazza Colona, Pantheon, possibly the best preserved archaeological temple of ancient Rome and we will finish in the extraordinary Piazza Navona. An important part of this excursion is done on foot enjoying the center and heart of Rome.

Optional Program: Vatican Museums (3hrs) €45. You must remember that many Sundays, Vatican Museums remain closed. We have organized a visit for the most interested passengers, accompanied by an expert guide in Fine Arts, we will visit the most important rooms of the Vatican Museums: gallery of tapestries, sculptures, paintings and other rooms in which we will have the opportunity to appreciate some of the most important works of art of classical and Renaissance antiquity. Our highlight will be the Sistine Chapel, dazzling after its brilliant restoration. Finally, we will visit the Basilica, where we can see Michelangelo's *Pieta*, the Baldachin of San Pedro and the dome of Michelangelo.

Day 4: Rome Florence (B)

We will leave Rome, heading north. This route is graced with beautiful landscapes. Upon arrival in Florence, we head straight to **Piazzale Michelangelo**, an impressive site in the city. In the evening we provide a tour with a local expert, and walk through the historic centre, taking in places such as the **Ponte Vecchio**, the **Duomo**, and **Piazza della Signoria**. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Free time to explore.

HIGHLIGHTS - AT SEA

- Cruise through the **Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas**, aboard the beautiful **MSC Sinfonia**
- Visit six ports in **Croatia, Greece, and Italy**
- Select from a **wide range of shore excursions and activities**

Optional Program: Tuscan Dinner (3hrs) €60. In this opportunity, you will have the chance to make a magnificent dinner in a Tuscan atmosphere. A group of musicians will set this beautiful evening. We can taste the typical products of the region. Do you fancy an extraordinary Fiorentina steak? During dinner we can also enjoy live music, a pianist singer from Fiorentino will perform national and international pieces of music. They sing and dance!!!

Day 5: Florence Venice (B)

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the **Apennine Mountains**. Arriving in Venice, we will board a Vaporetto to travel around on the canals in the historic centre. With a local guide, we will visit the marvellous **St Mark's** and enter the marvellous basilica (ticket admission included). Afterwards, we shall be able to visit the Murano glass factory. It is marvellous to see the technique how this ancient glass is made. Free time.

At the end of the afternoon, you will have the chance to eat dinner in the Mestre area, where you can choose the type of restaurant that you prefer (Indian, Oriental, Italian, etc.).

Day 6: Venice (B)

Enjoy today free at leisure, exploring Venice.

Optional Program: Gondola Ride (35 mins, min. 10 ppl) €35. We suggest you discover the romanticism of Venice. It may be the best way to get introduced in the city. We include a Gondola ride through the channels, we have also hired our own musicians who play beautiful Venetian ballads through the most beautiful channels to reach the Grand Canal where the most fantastic Venetian palaces are located.



2020 DEPARTURES

02 May	30 May	27 Jun**	08 Aug*
16 May	13 Jun*	04 Jul**	15 Aug

*Peak Season Surcharge: \$700
 **School Holiday Surcharge: \$1000
 Single supplement: \$2299

✈️ DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- Other cities: fr \$300

⊕ INCLUSIONS

- + Full service carrier airfares & taxes
- + 6 nights hotel accomm.
- + 7 nights cruising aboard MSC Sinfonia
- + Onboard meals
- + Daily breakfasts & meals onboard
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Boat: Vaporetto along the canals in Venice
- + Entrance fees to City tour of Rome, Florence & Venice, and Coliseum, Saint Mark's Basilica, Murano Glass Factory in Venice (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- Visas (if applicable)
- Tipping
- Optional programs
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

✈️ AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific fr \$500

🕒 EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr \$250 (subject to availability)
- Hotel w/breakfast : contact us for a quotation

🏨 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Rome	Ergife
Florence	Ibis Firenze Nord Aeroporto
Venice	Lugano

🎈 OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (EURO)

Rome	Baroque Rome (2hrs 30mins)	€35
Rome	Vatican Museums (3hrs)	€45
Florence	Tuscan Dinner (3hrs)	€60
Venice	Gondola Ride (35 mins)	€35

🏠 UPGRADE YOUR STATEROOM

- Twin share: Ocean View fr \$900, Balcony fr \$1500 (subject to availability)
 - Single supplement: Ocean View fr \$1750, Balcony fr \$2500 (subject to availability)
- Prices are for the lead-in stateroom type, higher stateroom types with a category incur fare differences.



Images: 1. Acropolis, 2. Amphitheatre of Epidaurus, 3. St. Peter's Basilica, 4. Venice Gondola, 5. Baroque Rome, 6. Colosseum, 7-9. MSC Sinfonia, 11. Split, 12. Nafplio

Day 7: Venice (B)

Enjoy today free at leisure, exploring Venice.

Day 8: Venice 🚢 Board MSC Sinfonia (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer to the cruise terminal and board the MSC Sinfonia.

Day 9: At Sea 🚢 Split (B, L, D: On Board Meals)

Cruise to Split, Croatia. Select from a variety of shore excursions. Book directly with the cruise company at your own expense.

Day 10: At Sea (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

Spend the day relaxing at sea, en route to the Greek Islands.

Day 11: At Sea 🚢 Santorini 🚢 Mykonos (B, L, D: On Board Meals)

Cruise to the next Port of Call, Santorini. Select from a range of shore excursions. Depart late afternoon and cruise to Mykonos. Book directly with the cruise company at your own expense.

Day 12: Mykonos 🚢 At Sea

(B, L, D: On Board Meals)

Start the day in Mykonos, where a variety of shore excursions are available. Then, cruise from Greek waters towards Croatia's beautiful coast. Book directly with the cruise company at your own expense.

Day 13: At Sea 🚢 Dubrovnik

(B, L, D: On Board Meals)

A variety of shore excursions are available in Dubrovnik. On departure, cruise from Croatia to Italy. Book directly with the cruise company at your own expense.

Day 14: At Sea 🚢 Ancona

(B, L, D: On Board Meals)

Arrive in Ancona, where a variety of shore excursions are available. Book directly with the cruise company at your own expense.

Day 15: At Sea 🚢 Venice (B)

On arrival in Venice, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Day 16: Arrive Home

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Images:
13. Florence,
14. Vatican,
15. Naples

Split: Split is one of the oldest cities along the Adriatic Coast, generally considered to be around 1700 years-old, although some claim it dates back even further and is the descendant city of an ancient Greek colony.

A range of exciting optional programs are available for purchase through the website: www.msccruises.com.au. Please be sure to check the latest information including availability and the cost of optional programs prior to your arrival in Europe.



Mykonos: When sailing on an MSC cruise to the Mediterranean Sea, Mykonos is the quintessential image of the Cyclades. In summer most people head out to the beaches during the day, so early morning or late afternoon are the best times to wander the maze of narrow streets.



Ancona: A modern trade centre and the charm of the ancient city. Ancona hits you with a tangle of commercial buildings only two steps away from the Mediterranean Sea.



Santorini: You can't say you have been to Greece on holiday without seeing the natural wonder of Santorini. As our MSC cruise ship manoeuvres into the great caldera of Santorini (Thira), the land seems to rise up and clamp around it.

Dubrovnik: A walled, sea-battered city lying at the foot of a grizzled mountain, Dubrovnik is Croatia's most popular cruise destination, and it's not difficult to see why.



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