

THE OFFER

Sicily really is something out of an Italian fairytale. Engage in this breathtaking destination that prides itself on rich culture, delicious food and undeniable energy. This 16 day fly, tour and cruise package will have you exploring the lengths of the gorgeous Sicilian island, before embarking on a 4.5-star cruise around the glorious Mediterranean.

Begin by taking in the landmarks of Sicily on tour; enjoy the markets and churches of Palermo; marvel at the Greek architecture of the "Valley of Temples" in the hilltop city of Agrigento; experience the grand heights and beauty of Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. Then, visit the UNESCO listed city of Syracuse and engage in the gothic architecture in the little town of Noto. Continue on to board the 4.5-star MSC Grandiosa ship, for 7 nights of cruising through mediterranean waters; dock in the vibrant French port city of Marseille; experience the charming streets of Genoa; uncover the beautiful cities of Barcelona and Valletta & more.

Includes return International flights, six nights 4-star hotel accommodation, a sevennight cruise, 26 meals, English-speaking tour leader and guide and much more. Book now to make the memories of a lifetime. \$4699

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Day 1 New Zealand - Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Today depart from Auckland, *Christchurch or *Wellington for your flight to Palermo, Italy. Fly with airlines such as Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, British Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines and Cathay Pacific to name a few (subject to availability).

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on day 2, to arrive on day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

Please note: Due to limited flight scheduling between New Zealand and Sicily, Christchurch and Wellington customers will have at least 3 layovers before reaching Palermo, Italy.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Palermo!

Upon arrival, be met by your English-speaking tour leader and transferred to the hotel. Relax for the remainder of the day on the Italian island of Sicily.

Overnight: San Paolo Palace or similar, Palmero

Meals included: None

Day 3 Palermo City Tour

After breakfast morning, enjoy a guided tour of Sicily's capital, Palmero, with a local guide (approx. 3 hours). The city is perched at the edge of Europe but is also a centre of the ancient world, a place where souk-like markets rub against baroque churches, where date palms frame Gothic palaces. Take in the highlights with sights such as the Palermo

Cathedral and the Teatro Massimo, one of Italy's most famous opera houses. During the tour, you will see the Norman Palace (entrance not included). The palace was the royal chapel of the kings of Sicily during the Norman domination and served afterwards as the main seat of power for the subsequent rulers of Sicily.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or maybe take the chance to visit the Mercato del Capo. A street market located in central Palmero where you can find an overflowing mass of colourful activity during the day with a variety of goods and food items.

Overnight: San Paolo Palace or similar, Palermo

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Palermo - Agrigento - Valley of Temples (approx. 135km)

After breakfast, depart for Agrigento, a hilltop city on Sicily's southwest shore. Upon arrival, embark on a guided tour of the famous 'Valley of Temples'; a vast archaeological site with well-preserved Greek temples and the ruins of the ancient city of Akragas. Here, you will visit the famed temples of Concordia, Hercules, Hera, as well as Castor and Pollux. Afterwards, be transferred to San Leone where you will check-in to your accommodation for the night.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Mose or similar, San Leone, Agrigento Area

Meals included: Breakfast





Day 5 Agrigento - Mount Etna - Catania (approx. 120km)

Today depart for Catania, a seaside town on the east coast of Sicily at the foot of the active volcano; Mount Etna. On the way enjoy a visit to the famous Mount Etna. From Fall to Spring (Sep-May) the 3350m high Mount Etna, classified as the highest active volcano in Europe, is covered with snow. Many highly esteemed poets and artists praised the neverending activity and beauty of Mount Etna which dominates the landscape of the whole Catania province. With generosity, the "steam aspirating monster" donates fertile earth, windbreak and humidity.

The bus will bring you up to a height of 1900m on the south side of Mount Etna where you can visit streams of lava and the Silvestri craters. Weather permitting, there is an optional ascent to the main crater by cable car. Later today, arrive in Catania for your night's accommodation.

Overnight: Yachting Palace Hotel or similar, Catania

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Catania - Noto - Syracuse - Catania Area (approx. 200km)

Today head towards Noto, the most famous Baroque town in Sicily and UNESCO listed World Heritage site, renowned for its magnificent cathedral. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the city with your tour leader. Afterwards, you will travel to another UNESCO listed city in Syracuse. Once a major powerhouse in the ancient Mediterranean world, the city is home to an abundance of both ancient Greek and Christian monuments and archaeological sites. Enjoy a guided tour of the city centre with a local guide to familiarize yourself with the highlights of this historic city.

See the Cathedral, the Neapolis Archaeological Park, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Teatro Greco and more (entrances not included). Return to Catania, where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Yachting Palace Hotel or similar, Catania Area

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Catania - Taormina - Messina (approx. 100km) - Begin MSC 7 Night Mediterranean Cruise

Today depart to Messina, on the way stop in Taormina, 'Pearl of the Mediterranean' and take some time to walk through the narrow streets of this picturesque town. You will stop at the main square to admire the enchanting view. See the beautiful Greek theatre, the Teatro Antico di Taormina, an ancient Greco-Roman theatre still used today. Near the theatre, enjoy a photo opportunity as spectacular cliffs drop to the sea forming coves with sandy beaches.

In the afternoon continue to Messina cruise terminal to embark on your exciting 7 night Mediterranean cruise aboard the spectacular 'MSC Grandiosa' ship. The cruise departs at 6:00pm this evening.

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 8 Valletta, Malta - 8:00am to 6:00pm

The UNESCO-protected port of Valletta is the capital of the island of Malta, and is one of the must-see stops for every Mediterranean cruise. The port was constructed in the second half of the 16th century by the Frenchman Jean de la Valette and moulded by the religious and military Order of Saint John of Jerusalem. Admire its beauty from your ship before





disembarking to explore this remarkable walled city.

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 9 At Sea

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 10 Barcelona, Spain - 9:00am to 6:00pm

Barcelona - Spain's second largest city and capital of the Catalonia region - pulsates with life. There's no other city in the country that compares to its style, energy, and good looks. An optional cruise excursion (not included) to the city centre will allow you to discover its world-class art galleries and museums, as well as its countless designer restaurants, bars, and shops. The extraordinary Antoni Gaudí' designed La Sagrada Família, a church which has been under construction since 1882, and the famous Ramblas boulevard, are just two essential sights worth taking in.

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Marseille, France - 9:00am to 6:00pm

When cruising southern France, you have to know that Marseille is the most renowned and populated metropolitan area in the country after Paris and Lyon. When you alight from your cruise ship, the cafés around the Vieux Port, where glistening fish are sold straight off the boats on the Belgian Quay (Quai des Belges), are wonderful spots to observe the city's street life.

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 12 Genoa, Italy - 8:00am to 5:00pm

A marvellously eclectic, vibrant and a rough-edged style city. Famous as the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, Genoa is a bustling seaport. Enjoy the opportunity to learn about the city's Renaissance heritage, which is preserved in splendid palaces overlooking the harbour.

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Naples, Italy - 1:00pm to 8:00pm

Naples is a large high-energy city with a sprawling Mediterranean port. The city centre has many different focuses just waiting to be discovered. No trip to Naples is complete without visiting the area between Piazza Garibaldi and Via Toledo, roughly corresponding to the old Roman Neapolis (much of which is still un-excavated like in many other Italian cities).

Overnight: MSC Cruises 'MSC Grandiosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 14 Arrive in Messina at 8:00am - Cefalu - Palermo (approx. 230km)

Enjoy breakfast on-board before disembarking this morning. You will be met by a representative for your onward journey to Cefalu. See the Cefalu Cathedral, (UNESCO Heritage Site) a massive fortress accentuated by two towers. Walking through the beautiful narrow streets, you'll uncover mosaic





architectural masterpieces, dramatic stone buildings all set at the foot of a dramatic mountain range. The town is suited for pedestrianised exploration, so wandering through the town is a breeze. In the afternoon return to Palermo, check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: San Paolo Palace or similar, Palermo

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Palermo, Italy - New Zealand

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to New Zealand.

Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 16 Arrive in New Zealand

Please note: some flights may arrive in New Zealand + 1 days.





TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover Italy, France, Spain and Malta

Dock in Valletta, Barcelona, Marseille, Rome and more

See the best of Sicily including Palermo, Agrigento, Taormina, Syracuse, Cefalù and more

Discover multiple UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Enjoy a guided tour of Sicily's magnificent capital, Palermo

See the hilltop city of Agrigento on Sicily's south coast

Visit the amazing Greek 'Valley of the Temples' archaeological site

Journey to Mount Etna; Europe's highest active volcano

Travel to Noto, the most famous baroque town in Sicily

Discover an abundance of Greek and Christian history in Syracuse

Stay in the ancient Sicilian port city of Catania

Explore the picturesque town of Taormina 'Pearl of the Mediterranean'

Marvel at the charming coastal town of Cefalù

Cruise the beautiful Mediterranean

See the glittering town of Messina

Discover the exuberant port city of Marseille

Explore the charming, maze-like streets of Genoa

Gaze across the azure waters of Valletta, Malta's capital

Dock in Barcelona, home to iconic La Sagrada Familia

FLIGHTS

Return International flights (economy class) AKL/*CHC/*WLG

CRUISE

7 night MSC cruise through the Mediterranean

Sail aboard the brand new 4.5-star 'MSC Grandiosa'

Receive MSC's 'Fantastica' cabin experience for Ocean View and Balcony Cabins

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights quality 4 star hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 26 meals including all meals while cruising

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Parking and toll fees

English-speaking tour leader and guide

Airline and cruise taxes and port charges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

All return airport and port transfers included



*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form.

Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 14th October 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

Interior Cabin: \$1750

Fantastica Oceanview Cabin: \$1900

Fantastica Balcony Cabin: \$2250

Departure Dates (2020)

Please see TripADeal's website for current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington

Departure City Surcharges

*Christchurch: \$400 per person

*Wellington: \$200 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Cathay Pacific, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Finnair, Air France, KLM, Oman Air, British Airways, Scandinavian Airlines, Virgin Australia, Thai Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Korean Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Royal Brunei, Garuda Indonesia, Vietnam Airlines, Air China, China Airlines, Malindo Airlines plus codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Palermo, Italy

\$220 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates:

28th March 2020 - 27th April 2020

20th June 2020 - 19th July 2020

17th September 2020 - 11th October 2020

Stay behind in Palermo, Italy

\$220 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates:

20th June 2020 - 19th July 2020

17th September 2020 - 11th October 2020

10th December 2020 - 20th January 2021

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$550 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$800 one way

Locations:

* Doha (one direction only)

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- Doha stopovers may only be chosen in one direction
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available
- Business Class (International Sectors Only): *Starting from \$5,699 per person

Please note:

- Please contact TripADeal to obtain a 'starting from' quote
- *Starting from quotes will be processed



and returned for your consideration.

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights, Trans-Tasman, and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.
- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available.

CRUISES

Cabins

All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Fantastica Cabin Experience [Oceanview & Balcony Cabins Only]

- Un-restricted views
- Cabins on the upper decks and in the most convenient positions on the ship.
- Wide variety of superb, freshly prepared cuisine.
- Classic dining style with priority in choice of dinner sitting. Seating preference is subject to availability and recofirmation on board.
- Broadway-style theatre shows.
- Swimming pool, scenic gym and openair sports facilities.
- Packed program of daily activities.
- Turndown service to prepare your bed each night.
- Cabin service 24 hours a day.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

4 Star (self-rated)

Palermo: San Paolo Palace, or similar

Agrigento Area: Grand Hotel Mose, or similar

Catania Area: Grand Hotel Yachting Palace, or similar

4 Star Plus (self-rated)

Cruise: MSC Cruises Grandiosa Ship

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Palermo, Italy (Pre Tour): \$140 per room.
- Palermo, Italy (Post Tour): Not available.

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 People.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 6 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Please note:

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can be booked/ reserved directly with the cruise line prior to travel (subject to availability)
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability)

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on a New Zealand passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)

Gratuities/tipping:

- * Land: Recommended at €5 per person, per day, payable on tour
- * Cruise: Recommended at €10 per person, per day, payable onboard
- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise)
- City Tax (payable directly to the hotel at check-in)

Palermo: approx. €2 per person, per night

Agrigento: approx. €3 per person, per night

Catania: approx. €1.5 per person, per night

- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Sicily:

May is a very pleasant time to visit Sicily – it is one of the driest months and the temperatures are very mild. During your stay you can expect to see temperatures of up to 22°C.

September the weather is still fantastic, but the island isn't as crowded as it is in the summer months. During your stay, you can expect plenty of clear blue skies with loads of sunshine and temperatures of up to 26°C during the warmest part of the day.

In October the weather is a little fresher than during the hotter summer months yet there's still plenty of warm sunshine, and the sea is at a pleasant temperature. Temperatures can reach up to 22°C during the warmest part of the day, dropping down to 16°C after sunset.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow preselected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

CRUISE

Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.

- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers booked via
TripADeal will not be entitled to
receive any cruise line customer loyalty
discounts. Similar to airline frequent
flyer programs, this is outside of the
TripADeal booking process. However,
customers may contact the cruise line
direct upon receiving their TripADeal
travel documents to request any
membership benefits they are entitled
to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

26 Meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns



please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €5 Euro per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for the services of the cruise staff throughout the cruise component of this tour. MSC Cruises is an internationally registered company & operates to US & European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a gratuities culture. Gratuities are expected on your cruise and will be charged to your onboard account at €10 Euro per person per day. If you have any questions in regards to the gratuities on your cruise please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to

the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on a New Zealand passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Post-Purchase Change

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- \$50 NZD per change request postpurchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.

