

18 DAY FLY, TOUR & CRUISE

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THE OFFER

Sun-kissed beaches, colourful cities dotted with cathedrals, and remote hillside villages spilling down to the azure sea; Sicily is like something out of an Italian fairytale. This dazzling 18 day tour and cruise package is a chance to discover the wonders of this dream Mediterranean destination - and a whole lot more!

Begin with a land tour of Sicily, starting in the cosmopolitan capital of Palermo. Travel along the scenic salt road from Trapani to Marsala, stroll the charming laneways of beautiful Erice, explore the archaeological site of Selinunte, and marvel at the baroque town of Noto. Visit the smoking giant of Mt Etna, Europe's highest active volcano; wander the streets of historic Taormina, and be inspired by the gorgeous outlook of seaside Cefalu. On return to Palermo, embark on a dazzling seven night cruise of the Mediterranean. Choose from two separate sailings, one visiting Barcelona and Valletta aboard the brand new MSC Virtuosa, or another visiting Valencia and Cagliari in Sardinia aboard the MSC Seaview. This incredible package includes return international flights, eight nights hotel accommodation on tour, a seven night MSC cruise, English speaking tour leader and guide.

INSIDE CABIN

\$3999

OCEAN VIEW CABIN

\$4699

BALCONY CABIN

\$4999

Choose from 2 different cruise options:
the MSC Virtuosa or the MSC Seaview

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THE ITINERARY

Itinerary 1: MSC Virtuosa

Day 1 Australia - Palermo, Italy

Today depart Sydney, Melbourne or *Brisbane for your flight to Palermo, Italy. Fly with award winning Premium airlines such as Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways or Emirates to name a few (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Tonic or similar, Palermo

Meals included: None

Day 3 Palermo - Erice - Trapani (approx. 120km)

After breakfast travel to the western part of the island, with cities coined by maritime-trade, fish and salt. Erice is a small town located on the 751 meters height hilltop of the Monte Giuliano – in the ancient world it was known as the sainthood of Aphrodite, the goddess of Love – and is one of Sicily's most impressive mythical places. Enjoy the magical atmosphere by strolling along the alleys of the town. From there you can enjoy a stunning view over the salt fields of Trapani, the Aegadian Islands and the bay of Bonagia. Afterwards enjoy a walking tour in the city centre of Trapani. Walking through the old town, admiring the architectural reminders of civilisations past.

Overnight: Hotel Vittoria or similar, Trapani

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Trapani - Selinunte - Agrigento (approx. 190km)

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In the late afternoon continue on to Agrigento.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Mose or similar, Agrigento

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 The Valley of The Temples Archaeological Site - Piazza Armerina - Taormina (approx. 250km)

In the morning visit the Valley of the Temples 'Valle dei Templi' - a vast archaeological site with well-preserved Greek temples and the ruins of the ancient city of Akragas (entrance included). Enjoy a guided visit to the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Hercules, the Temple of Hera and the Temple of Castor and Pollux. In the afternoon continue to the UNESCO Roman Villa in Piazza Armerina, a splendid city boasting a slew of monuments that hint at its glorious past.

Afterwards continue to the Taormina area to spend the night.

Overnight: Sporting Baia Hotel or similar, Giardini Naxos (Taormina area)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Giardini Naxos - Noto - Syracuse - Giardini Naxos

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Overnight: Sporting Baia Hotel or similar, Giardini Naxos (Taormina area)

Meals included: Breakfast

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and jeep (not included - approx. €64,00 per person payable onsite). Afterwards you will return to the Taormina area for the evening.

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Overnight: MSC Cruises - 'MSC Virtuosa' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 11 Valletta, Malta - 9:00am 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 Virtuosa' ship

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Day 12 At Sea

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Day 13 Barcelona, Spain 9:00am - to 6:00pm

Barcelona - Spain's second 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 Gaudi' 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.

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From the Sea, the view of Cagliari, Sardinia's capital and main port, is striking. Known for the hilltop Castello, a medieval walled quarter situated high over the rest of the town, Cagliari's setting is enhanced by the calm lagoons to the east and west of the city.

Overnight: MSC Cruises - 'MSC Seaview' ship

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Day 12 Palma de Mallorca, Spain - 2:00pm - 10:00pm

Palma de Mallorca is a vibrant place and a world away from the heaving tourist enclaves of the surrounding bay. Finding your way around Palma is fairly straightforward once you're in the city centre. The obvious landmark to see in Palma is the Cathedral, which dominates the Mediterranean Sea waterfront and backs onto the oldest part of the city, a cluster of alleys and narrow lanes whose northern and eastern limits are marked by the zigzag of avenues built beside - or in place of - the city walls.

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Day 13 Valencia, Spain 9:00am-4:00pm

For many, Valencia's enviable perch on the Mediterranean Sea would be enough of a draw in itself. Spain's third-largest city and one of the main ports of call on a Mediterranean cruise. In the last decade and a half, the vast, iconic City of Arts & Sciences (Ciudad de las Artes y Ciencias) cultural complex has been established, the state-of-the-art metro has continued to expand and dozens of hip new bars, restaurants and boutiques have injected new life into the historic centre. Valencia has also fully redeveloped its beach and port area, as is evident even from the cruise ship.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS: ITINERARY 1

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover Italy, France, Spain and Malta

Dock in Valletta, Barcelona, Marseille, Rome and more

See the best of Sicily including Palermo, Selinunte, Taormina, Syracuse and Cefalu

Discover the charming Sicilian hill town of Erice

Travel along the 'Salt Road' from Trapani to Marsala

Enjoy a Marsala wine tasting

Visit the renowned archaeological site of Selinunte

Discover Trapani the town touched from various civilisations

Visit the amazing Greek UNESCO site of Valley of the Temples

Discover the UNESCO Villa Romana of Piazza Armerina

Travel to the stunning Baroque town of Noto

Tour beautiful Syracuse; the largest Greek colony in Sicily

See Mount Etna; Europe's highest active volcano

Explore the beautiful hillside town of Taormina, 'the Pearl of the Mediterranean'

Marvel the charming coastal town of Cefalu

Enjoy a guided tour of Capo Market in Palermo

Indulge with a tasting of local street food in Palermo

See the city of Monreale on a panoramic tour

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

Cruise to Civitavecchia, gateway to the eternal city of Rome

FLIGHTS

Return International flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/*BNE

Fly with premium airlines

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7 night MSC cruise through the Mediterranean

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

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 28 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

Day 2 transfer airport/hotel

Day 10 transfer hotel/cruise port

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TOUR INCLUSIONS: ITINERARY 2

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Enjoy 28 meals including all meals while cruising

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Parking and toll fees

English-speaking tour leader and guide

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Day 2 transfer airport/hotel

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**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 AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 28th of March 2021.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of applies:

- Inside Cabin: \$1380
- Ocean View Cabin: \$1490
- Balcony Cabin: \$1700

Departure Dates (2021)

Itinerary 1 - MSC Virtuosa

March: 7, 28*

Itinerary 2 - MSC Seaview

April: 17

Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a * incur a flight high season surcharge of \$300 per person.*

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne or *Brisbane

Departure City Surcharges

*Brisbane: \$100 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Emirates, Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines, Austrian Airlines and Airline 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, Sicily

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

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- Blackout dates:

* 10 December 2021 - 20 January 2021

Stay behind in Palermo, Sicily

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* 1 April 2021 - 25 April 2021

* 20 June 2021- 22 July 2021

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$500 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

* Abu Dhabi

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation

- Daily breakfast

- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.

- Abu Dhabi stopovers are not available for Perth.

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* 10 December 2021 - 20 January 2021

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Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available

- Business Class (International Sectors Only): *Starting from \$5999 per person

Please note:

- *Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.



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- 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 and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

CRUISES

Cabins

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

ACCOMMODATION

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3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Palermo: Hotel Tonic or similar
- Trapani: Hotel Vittoria or similar
- Agrigento: Gran Hotel Mose or similar
- Giardini Naxos (Taormina area): Sporting Baia Hotel or similar

Itinerary 1 - 4.5 Star (self-rated):

Cruise: 'MSC Virtuosa' ship

Itinerary 2 - 4 Star (self-rated):

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Please note: Accommodation/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

Not Available

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 8 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 20, maximum group size 30 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 7 : Mount Etna cable car and jeep tour: €70 per person

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified
- 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 in Europe for stays of up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Gratuities/tipping:

* Land: recommended at €5 per person, per day

* Cruise: €10 per person, per day will be charged to your onboard account

- City Tax (payable directly to the hotel at check-in)

* Palermo: approx. €4 per person per night

* Trapani: approx. €2 per person per night

* Agrigento: approx. €4 per person per night

* Giardini Naxos/Taormina: approx. €2 per person per night

- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise)

- Personal expenses

- Day 17: Post cruise airport transfer

- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

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

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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



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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

February

- February is a cooler time of the year to visit Sicily. The island is blessed with a warm climate that features long, hot and dry summers and brief and cool winters.

- Temperatures will reach a maximum high of around 12°C during the day, dropping to an average low of 5°C at night, so be prepared and pack warm clothing.

March

March indicates the end of winter and sees temperatures start to warm up. You can expect temperatures to reach up to 13°C during the day and dropping to 6°C at night.

April

The weather gradually begins to warm up in Sicily for April as spring arrives. Temperatures can reach up to 18°C during the day, which is perfect for strolling around the streets and admiring the view

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 pre-selected 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:

Daily breakfast is 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 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



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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 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 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 where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

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 an Australian passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian 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

Voluntary Changes

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

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you.

In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.