

## 18 Days | Discover Italy | Coach, Cruise & Flights

Rome - Orvieto - Venice - Florence - Tuscany - Cinque Terre - San Gimignano  
- Siena - Palermo - Cagliari - Genoa - Palma de Mallorca - Valencia - Marseille

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From **\$5,999** Typically \$6,499 ✈️ pp twin share

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**Includes Return Economy Class International Flights from Australia!**

**7-night Mediterranean Cruise aboard MSC Seashore**

**Tour Rome's top sights with a local guide, cruise the Venetian canals  
& MUCH MORE!**

## Description

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This journey through Italy and the Mediterranean combines the best of both worlds, from the rich history and culture of Italy's cities to the stunning coastal and island experiences during your cruise.

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*It's a voyage filled with unforgettable moments, incredible landscapes, and a deep immersion in the diverse beauty of Southern Europe.*

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Traveling through Italy is a journey through history, art, culture, and natural beauty, and your adventure begins in the heart of the country, Rome. The Eternal City is a living museum, where you can explore iconic landmarks like the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and the Vatican City. Strolling through the cobblestone streets, you'll encounter charming piazzas, ornate fountains, and mouthwatering Italian cuisine around every corner. Be sure to visit the Sistine Chapel to witness Michelangelo's masterpiece on the ceiling.

From Rome, your next stop is the picturesque town of Orvieto in Umbria. Perched atop a volcanic plateau, this medieval gem is known for its stunning Duomo, a masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture. Explore the labyrinth of caves beneath the city and savor local wines in the charming cafes.

Next, your journey takes you to the enchanting canals of Venice. Glide along the waterways on a traditional gondola and be captivated by the stunning architecture of St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace. Venice's romantic ambiance is simply unparalleled.

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Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, awaits with its wealth of art and history. Marvel at the world-famous masterpieces in the Uffizi Gallery and take in the magnificent Florence Cathedral. The city's charm extends to its cobblestone streets and bustling markets.

Leaving Florence behind, the rolling hills of Tuscany beckon. Explore charming villages and savor the region's renowned wines and delectable cuisine. Cinque Terre, a cluster of five colorful seaside villages, offers breathtaking coastal scenery and hiking opportunities along the rugged cliffs.

San Gimignano is a Tuscan gem known for its medieval towers that dot the skyline. Wander through its well-preserved historic center and savor some of the world's finest gelato. Continue your Tuscan journey to Siena, famous for its Gothic architecture and the magnificent Piazza del Campo, where the thrilling Palio horse race takes place each year.

After the Italian leg of your adventure, board the MSC Seashore for a 7-night cruise through the Mediterranean. Your journey will take you to the vibrant city of Palermo in Sicily, the historic town of Cagliari on the island of Sardinia, the bustling port of Genoa, and the picturesque island of Palma de Mallorca.

You'll also have the opportunity to explore the vibrant city of Valencia, known for its futuristic City of Arts and Sciences complex, and the historic port city of Marseille, where you can savor delicious French cuisine and immerse yourself in the local culture.



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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**Australia ✈ Rome**

Hop on your flight to Italy today!

**Meals:** Inflight Menu

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### Day 2

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**Rome**

Transfer to your hotel by taxi for your overnight pre-tour accommodation.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Hotel American Palace or similar

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### Day 3

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**Rome**

After meeting up with the tour leader and the rest of the group this morning, it's time to head out on a guided walking tour of the city! See ancient Roman architecture, medieval buildings, Renaissance artworks and more remnants of Rome's illustrious past as capital of the Roman Empire. At the end of the tour, join an optional visit to the magnificent Colosseum! Tonight, get to know the rest of the tour group during an included welcome dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel American Palace or similar



## Day 4

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### Rome

Enjoy a free day in Rome! Head into the city to see the sights that make Rome famous the world over. An ancient city that has seen the rise and fall of entire empires, there is no shortage of historical real estate to feast your eyes on. Not to mention designer shopping and brilliant food! Make the most of the free day and choose to take a guided tour of the Vatican City, and marvel at glittering artworks, vast marble halls and opulent architecture. Eating and drinking is an important part of Roman life, and as they say: 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do,' so join a Rome food tour for an experience of Italy's best-loved dishes! Try excellent Italian cuisine, and be sure to grab a famous Roman gelato while you're sight-seeing!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel American Palace or similar

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## Day 5

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### Orvieto Venice

Leave the capital behind, and drive through the Umbria region. Known as the 'fruit bowl of Italy', it is famous for its produce, food and beautiful mountainous landscapes. Prepare for one of the most spectacular sights in Europe as the tour approaches Orvieto; a city perched dramatically atop a sheer vertical volcanic rock. Take the funicular up to the historic centre, and enjoy free time to explore. See the exquisite facade of the Cathedral of Orvieto, the papal residence and the Albornoz fortress. Next, it's time to travel to Venice. The evening is free to relax at the hotel or explore Venice with the option to join your tour leader on a twilight water taxi cruise of the Venetian canals.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Elite Residence Hotel or similar

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## Day 6

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### Venice

The day begins with an orientation tour of Venice. Join the tour leader to explore the heart of this enchanting city. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore more of Venice. The gondola ride optional excursion is a classic Venetian experience not to be missed! Explore the islands of Murano and Burano which are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts on the Venice Lagoon Tour optional excursion which is a great way to see more of the "Floating City". Any foodies on the tour? Join the Venice Food Tour optional and stroll through the famous city's streets, sampling delicious local dishes along the way! Excitingly, all three optional excursions can be enjoyed during today's free day.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Elite Residence Hotel or similar

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## Day 7

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### Lake Garda Florence Tuscany

It's time to travel to the beautiful city of Florence, stopping along the way in Lake Garda for a photo opportunity. Arrive in Florence, and embark on a guided tour to learn more about the heritage of this city, its Renaissance artworks and Roman ruins. Sights to see in your free time include Ponte Vecchio, the Basilica of Santa Croce and, of course, Michelangelo's David. After the tour, make a stop at Leonardo Leather for a leather-making demonstration. Enjoy an included group dinner in Florence tonight. Next, it's time to travel to tonight's accommodation in the ancient spa town of Montecatini Terme.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Grand Hotel Panoramic Montecatini Terme or similar

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## Day 8

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### Cinque Terre Pisa Tuscany

This morning, the tour heads to La Spezia; the gateway to the Cinque Terre. Perched on the rugged coastline, Cinque Terre means 'Five Lands', and consists of five picturesque coastal cliff-side towns; Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. All are linked by rail and footpaths. With cars and motorcycles banned from the towns, enjoy exploring the towns by train or on foot. Later in the afternoon, travel back to the Tuscan region, stopping off to see the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa en route. Now over 800 years old, it's a classic sight in Italy, and gives you the opportunity to take a picture 'holding up' the tower! Join tonight's optional for a wonderful Tuscan dinner with beautiful views!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Grand Hotel Panoramic Montecatini Terme or similar

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## Day 9

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### San Gimignano Siena **Bus]** Rome

This morning, travel through one of the world's most picturesque countryside landscapes. Admire Tuscan farmhouses, vineyards and olive groves during the drive. First stop of the day is San Gimignano; a small, walled hilltop town. Known as the 'Town of Fine Towers', it offers beautiful Romanesque and Gothic architecture, and 14 well-preserved tower houses. Next up is a short drive to Siena; a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the 'Palio' horse race held twice a year in the main piazza. Enjoy a wine tasting accompanied by antipasti in Siena before travelling back to Rome. Round off the day with a farewell dinner with the group to toast the last night of the tour.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel American Palace or similar

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## Day 10

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### Rome

The tour ends after breakfast this morning. After an amazing 8 days of discovering the delights of Italy, it is time to wrap up this Italian adventure. Swap memories, and exchange contact details with your new-found travel friends. Transfer to the Rome cruise port for your MED cruise on MSC Seashore.

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore

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## Day 11

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### Palermo

Palermo is the capital of the Italian island of Sicily. The 12th-century Palermo Cathedral houses royal tombs, while the huge neoclassical Teatro Massimo is known for opera performances. Also in the center are the Palazzo dei Normanni, a royal palace started in the 9th century, and the Cappella Palatina, with Byzantine mosaics. Busy markets include the central Ballarò street market and the Vucciria, near the port.

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore

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## Day 12

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### At Sea

Today is a full day at sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the ship's facilities and services!

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore

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## Day 13

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### Ibiza

Ibiza is one of the Balearic islands, an archipelago of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea. It's well known for the lively nightlife in Ibiza Town and Sant Antoni, where major European nightclubs have summer outposts. It's also home to quiet villages, yoga retreats and beaches, from Platja d'en Bossa, lined with hotels, bars and shops, to quieter sandy coves backed by pine-clad hills found all around the coast.

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore



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## Day 14

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### Valencia

Valencia is the capital of the autonomous community of Valencia and the third-most populated municipality in Spain, with 792,492 inhabitants. It is the capital of the province of the same name.

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore

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## Day 15

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### Marseille

Marseille, a port city in southern France, has been a crossroads of immigration and trade since its founding by the Greeks circa 600 B.C. At its heart is the Vieux-Port (Old Port), where fishmongers sell their catch along the boat-lined quay. Basilique Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde is a Romanesque-Byzantine church. Modern landmarks include Le Corbusier's influential Cité Radieuse complex and Zaha Hadid's CMA CGM Tower.

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore

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## Day 16

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### Genoa

Genoa (Genova) is a port city and the capital of northwest Italy's Liguria region. It's known for its central role in maritime trade over many centuries. In the old town stands the Romanesque Cathedral of San Lorenzo, with its black-and-white-striped facade and frescoed interior. Narrow lanes open onto monumental squares like Piazza de Ferrari, site of an iconic bronze fountain and Teatro Carlo Felice opera house.

**Meals:** All Meals On Board

**Accommodation:** MSC Seashore

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## Day 17

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### Rome ✈ Australia

Your MED cruise arrives back in the port of Rome this morning. Transfer to the airport for your flight home to Australia.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Inflight Menu

## Day 18

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### Australia

Today you will arrive home in Australia. We trust you have enjoyed your time away in Italy and cruising the Mediterranean!

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return Economy Class Airfare from Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin\* or Canberra\* (\*surcharges apply)
- International flights with Qantas, Thai Airways, Emirates, Etihad, Cathay Pacific, Qatar Airways, British Airways or China Southern Airlines (subject to availability)
- 7-night Mediterranean Cruise aboard MSC Seashore in an Interior Cabin^ on a twin share basis (^upgrade to Oceanview Cabin available at an additional cost)
- All meals (except chargeable extras) & entertainment on the cruise
- 8 nights of modern hotel accommodation on a twin share basis
- Transfers between cruise port, hotel and airport
- Meals as indicated: 8 breakfasts, 1 lunches and 3 dinners
- Fully-escorted coach tour of Italy
- English-speaking tour guides
- Transportation by modern AC coaches with reclining seats
- Sightseeing with entry fees as mentioned
- Service and local taxes

### Highlights

- Tour Rome's top sights with a local guide
- Free days in Rome and Venice
- Option to visit the Vatican City
- See the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Visit picturesque towns including Cinque Terre, San Gimignano and Orvieto
- Sip on Italian wine and taste antipasti in Siena
- 7 nights Mediterranean Cruise on MSC Seashore

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### Exclusions

- Visas, where required
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Meals & drinks not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Tips and cruise gratuities (Driver, Representative & Guide) optional at an extra \$18 per person per day

### Cabin Upgrade

- Outside Cabin (twin-share): \$500 per person
- Balcony Cabin (twin-share): \$1000 per person

**Child Policy:** Children that are 2 to 11 years of age are eligible for a 10% discount. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

**Single Supplement:** The additional supplement for a single traveller is \$2500

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