

ROUND WORLD TOUR THREE CONTINENTS



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South Africa, Egypt, Italy, Med Cruise, India & Flights

Duration: 38 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 21 nights hotels, 11 nights cruises, 2 nights trains, 3 overnight flights

Travel style: Escorted group tours & international flights

Booking code: RWSEMD38M

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38 Days South Africa, Egypt, Med Cruise & India

About the holiday

This three continents combination is packed with inclusions and is the ultimate blend of cultural experiences, historic wonders and amazing wildlife viewing!

Fly to Johannesburg, where you begin with an overnight stay before setting off on an amazing 4-night wildlife safari. Stay at a well-appointed bush lodge in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, where animals roam freely and you can enjoy open vehicle game drives at day and night. Explore the highlights of the famous Panorama Route and stay in the southern section of Kruger National Park, that's home to an impressive selection of large mammals including the Big Five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino).

Next, fly to Cairo to tick off more bucket list experiences in Egypt. Encounter the Great Pyramids at Giza and the Valley of the Kings. Explore ancient temples, including Philae and Luxor. Embark on a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with a sundeck and swimming pool. Finally, enjoy two nights at an all-inclusive resort on the Red Sea.

Travel from Africa to Europe and board the impressive new MSC World Europa in Rome. The week that follows will take you through Sicily, Malta, Spain and France, before returning to Rome for a two-night stay to explore the legendary city.

Board an overnight flight from Rome to Delhi and touch down in the third continent on this spellbinding journey. Experience India's delightful diversity and unique culture on the 10-day tour. With its bursting population, vast history and authentic lifestyle, it provides an unforgettable experience. Take the Golden Triangle route through Delhi, Agra and Jaipur while embracing the world-famous sites as well as hidden gems. Take a mental photo of the Taj Mahal to remember forever. Then travel by sleeper train to Varanasi and witness the Aarti ceremony, the famous Hindu religious ritual.

Between the stunning natural sights, ancient wonders and the modern-day splendours, this South African, Egyptian, Mediterranean and Indian holiday is as good as it gets!

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Travel dates...

2024 - Departs Monthly from Australia. Contact us for available departures.

Tour & Cruise package includes...

Flights - International round-world economy airfares from Australia
Fly to Johannesburg, Cairo, Rome & Delhi
Flights include checked baggage, all fees & taxes

South Africa Inclusions:

- 2 nights Johannesburg hotel
- 4 nights bush lodges on Kruger Park Wildlife Safari
- Private game reserve & exclusive bush lodge
- Open vehicle game drive
- Night game drive
- Panorama Route drive
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing & game drives as per itinerary

Egypt Inclusions:

- Airport transfers - meet & assist at Cairo airport
- 8 nights accommodation
 - 5 nights in hotels with private en-suite facilities
 - 3 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise on full board basis
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Transportation in private air-conditioned coach/minibus
- Internal flight from Cairo to Aswan
- English-speaking Egyptologist tour leader

Italy Inclusions:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Rome (1 night pre cruise, 2 nights post cruise)
- Rome Hop On & Hop Off Bus Tour

Cruise Inclusions:

- 7 nights Mediterranean Cruise, round-trip from Rome
- Choice of cabins aboard MSC World Europa
- All meals & non-chargeable entertainment on board the ship

India Inclusions:

- Arrival & departure airport transfers on first and last day of the tour
- 9 nights accommodation
 - 7 nights in 4-star hotels
 - 2 nights overnight sleeper trains, Agra to Varanasi & Varanasi to Delhi
- Daily breakfasts & drinking water supplied in the coach
- Travel by air-conditioned mini-bus or coach as per itinerary
- Jeep ride at Amber Fort & Rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Train between Agra, Varanasi & Delhi
- Services of experienced guide licenced by Ministry of Tourism
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary:
Red Fort, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, Amber Fort, City Palace, Hawa Mahal, Galta Temple, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Bharat Mata Temple, Tulsi Manas Temple

Package excludes:

Tourist visas

Airport transfers, unless specified in the itinerary

Entrance fees in Egypt

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Camera & video fees at select sites

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour companies, cruise line & local operators. Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Want to extend your stay or upgrade your flights?

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Tour Experiences & Highlights:

- Private game reserve and exclusive bush lodge in South Africa
- 'Big Five' wildlife exploring
- Open vehicle game drive and night game drive
- Drive the famous Panorama Route
- Blyde River Canyon
- 3 Rondawels
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- God's Window
- Kruger National Park
- Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- See the Pyramid of Zoser; Egypt's first pyramid
- Explore the Philae Temple
- Discover the Temple of Kom-Ombo
- Explore the Karnak Temple Complex
- Visit the Temple of Luxor
- Explore the Valley of the Kings
- Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut; Egypt's only female Pharaoh
- Marvel at the Colossi of Memnon
- Visit the Egyptian Museum to see mummies, sarcophagi and more
- Enjoy a tour of Cairo; Egypt's capital city
- Shop for souvenirs at the Khan El Khalili bazaar
- Enjoy a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with sundeck and swimming pool
- Have a fun two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort
- Explore iconic sites in the Roman capital on a Rome Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour
- Take a guided tour of India's famed Golden Triangle
- Experience the highlights in Delhi, Jaipur, Agra and Varanasi
- Discover the beauty of the Taj Mahal at sunset

Itinerary:

DAY 1: Depart for South Africa

Depart for flights to Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 2: Arrive Johannesburg South Africa

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to your hotel for your one-night stay before the safari tour. Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city and capital of Gauteng province, began as a 19th-century gold-mining settlement. Its sprawling Soweto township was once home to Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Mandela's former residence is now the Mandela House museum. Other Soweto museums that recount the struggle to end segregation include the somber Apartheid Museum and Constitution Hill, a former prison complex.

DAY 3: Johannesburg - Bush Lodge

Departing from Johannesburg at 06h30, we set off on the scenic road to the north east of the country where we encounter beautiful natural scenery and many wild animals in natural parks and game reserves. Lunch is enjoyed in the historic town of Haenertsburg, located on the edge of the escarpment with beautiful surrounding views. The road is filled with picturesque beauty, from mountain passes to the Acacia trees scattered across the African bushveld.

The next two nights we get cosy at our well-appointed Bush Lodge, situated in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, where animals roam freely and unrestricted. This privately owned reserve allows us the freedom to explore the wilderness in search of a variety of animals in open game drive vehicles, day and night. The tented lodge casually blends into the bush and offers crisp comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms, a refreshing splash pool, and stunning views over the surrounding wilderness, including a water hole frequented by a variety of animals. Retire to bed with a symphony of sounds from the animal kingdom.

Meals: D (Lunch Own Expense)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- **Scenic drive down to the Lowveld region**
- **Private Game Reserve Accommodation**

DAY 4: Bush Lodge

After a peaceful night's rest, we start with an early riser light breakfast of fresh coffee and rusks (a traditional South African biscuit), before embarking on our morning experience within this Big 5 area. Guided by a qualified guide/Ranger we explore the wilderness, with heightened senses, always on the lookout for an animal encounter while discovering the smaller treasures often hidden from the eye.

Before the heat of the day sets in, we return to the lodge for a scrumptious brunch, after which it's time to relax around the lodge and enjoy the serenity of the surrounding wilderness. A nearby waterhole in front of the camp attracts a variety of wildlife that come to quench their thirst, displaying the pecking order ever so present. Unwind with a refreshing drink and game viewing from the swimming pool or from your deck.

With the heat subsiding in the late afternoon an open game drive is in order, which develops into an extensive night drive in search of nocturnal animals. As dusk approaches we pull over and enjoy a sun-downer drink or two, while watching the magnificent sunset over the African bushveld.

Meals: Brunch Dinner

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Exclusive Private Reserve
- Morning and afternoon guided experience in Big 5 area

DAY 5: Panorama Route - Hazyview

Rising with the African sun, a hearty breakfast is enjoyed, before setting off to explore the highlights of the Panorama Route, famous for many natural wonders and viewing points. First stop will be to view the impressive Blyde River Canyon - the world's largest "green canyon", then on to Bourke's Luck Potholes where abundant gold was found and finally the breath-taking God's Window. (Weather Permitting) An own expense lunch is enjoyed giving guests the opportunity to meet the locals.

Mid-afternoon we make our way to the tranquil Greenfire Lodge Hazyview, a log cabin built spectacularly on stilts in the indigenous forest on the banks of the impressive Sabie River or "Fearful" river as dubbed by the locals. Time permitting, guests are able to do a nature walk on the property and the adjoining coffee farm and enjoy the mysterious forest. We spend two nights here.

Meals: B D (Lunch Own Expense)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Panorama Route
- God's Window
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- 3 Rondavels

DAY 6: Kruger National Park

Waking with the birds, we depart the lodge at sunrise and travel a short distance to enter a different area of the Kruger National Park for a full day of game viewing. Driving slowly through this iconic National park the size of Israel or Wales we search for the many animals that inhabit this area.

From the high vantage point and comfort of our well-equipped vehicle, our expert guide will take time to explain the behaviour of the many animals we see in this fascinating environment.

Most of the day will be spent game viewing, while stopping at various designated sites to stretch our legs and to enjoy an own expense lunch at one of the rest camps in the park.

Late this afternoon we exit the park and return to the comfort of our Greenfire Lodge Hazyview.

Meals: Packed Breakfast Snacks, Dinner

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Southern section of Kruger National Park
- Full day game drive

DAY 7: Johannesburg

After a relaxed breakfast, we depart Hazyview and make our way back to Johannesburg using the route originally pioneered by the early gold diggers. The tour will conclude late afternoon, on arrival at the hotel in Johannesburg where you'll stay overnight.

Meals: B (Lunch Own Expense)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic Drive

DAY 8: Depart South Africa for Egypt

Enjoy a free day exploring Johannesburg. Later today or this evening, make your way to the airport to board the overnight flights to Cairo, Egypt.

DAY 9: Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Arrive at Cairo International Airport and meet the tour representative who will assist with the immigration process, passport control and baggage collection. Travel to the hotel in Cairo to freshen up before receiving a brief overview of the tour from your Egyptologist tour guide who will accompany the group for the duration of the trip. Find out more about the incredible experiences to look forward to over the following eight days. Overnight at your hotel in Cairo.

DAY 10: Giza Pyramids - Sphinx - Sakkara

This morning you will experience the icons of ancient Egypt! Your Egyptologist guide will accompany you to the Giza pyramid complex, where you can see the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Pyramid of Khafre, the Pyramid of Menkaure, and the Great Sphinx. We'll then visit Sakkara to see the unique step pyramid of Zoser (also known as Djoser), the first ever pyramid, constructed of six tombs built on top of each other.

DAY 11: Aswan - Philae Temple - Nile Cruise

Early this morning you will be transferred to the airport for a short internal flight down to Aswan. Upon arrival you will be transferred to our 5-star Nile cruise ship.

After some time to freshen up we'll begin our Nile quest by visiting the High Dam of Aswan, where your guide will explain to you how the construction of the dam and subsequent creation of Lake Nasser required the relocation of the Nubian people and several important historical monuments, including Abu Simbel, which you have the opportunity to visit tomorrow. We'll then take a short boat ride to Agilkia Island to explore the Temple of Isis at Philae. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom (305 BC to 30 BC), the temple is dedicated to Isis, one of the oldest goddesses of ancient Egypt and worshipped as the paragon of motherly virtues. It is believed that the last Egyptian hieroglyph was written on the island of Philae in the late fourth century.

DAY 12: Kom-Ombo - Edfu - Nile Cruise

This morning you will have the opportunity to join our optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, two massive temples in southern Egypt. Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments", these iconic temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II.

The tour then continues with a visit to the Temple of Kom-Ombo, a unique 'double' temple dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek, and the falcon god Haroeris (Horus). After some time to explore the temple, we'll head to Edfu. Also dedicated to Horus, this temple is more than 2,000 years old but was covered by sand until it was re-discovered by a French expedition in 1798. Because it was hidden for so long it is the most well-preserved temple in Egypt. We'll then continue on to Luxor, where we'll spend the night onboard the 5-star cruise ship.

DAY 13: Luxor - Karnak Temple - Nile Cruise

After breakfast we will arrive in Luxor and tour the East Bank of Luxor. Experience the incredible Karnak temple complex, part of the ancient city of Thebes. Dedicated to the powerful ram-headed god Amun, it offers a vast mix of temples, chapels, statues and obelisks. We'll then explore Luxor temple, a place of worship that is dedicated to three gods: Amun, his wife Mut and his son Khons. Together these temples and gods are key players in the great Opet Festival which was held each year during the flood season.

DAY 14: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut - Hurghada

This morning we'll start our tour of the west bank with a visit to the world-famous Valley of the Kings, where you can enter some of the incredible tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, such as King Tutankhamen. We'll then get to experience the Temple of Hatshepsut (Deir El Bahary), the mortuary temple of the only Pharaoh Queen that ruled Egypt. The day will finish off with a visit to the great Colossi of Memnon, the last remains of Amenophis III's temple. We'll then take our air-conditioned private bus to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast, where we'll be staying in an all-inclusive resort.

DAY 15: Hurghada, Free Day

This is a free day for you to enjoy however you wish. The resort in Hurghada offers a large swimming pool complex, long sandy beaches and all-inclusive food and drink; total relaxation awaits. Alternatively, choose to take part in any number of water sports activities, including full-day snorkelling and scuba diving excursions. The seas around Hurghada offer some of the best coral reef dive spots in the world, offering the opportunity to see many colourful fish species, including the Red Sea Clownfish, Emperor Angelfish, Picasso Trigger Fish and Moray Eels. Overnight at the resort in Hurghada.

DAY 16: Hurghada - Cairo

This morning we'll take an air-conditioned private mini bus back to Cairo. We'll visit the Egyptian museum to learn more about the country's incredible ancient history, followed by the old city of Cairo where you can explore Khan El Khalili, a bazaar crammed with souvenir shops, cafés and shisha bars.

DAY 17: End of tour in Cairo - Fly to Rome

The tour ends after breakfast at our hotel in Cairo, with transfers included to take you to the airport for your onward flight to Rome in Italy.

On arrival in Italy, you will be transferred to your overnight hotel in Rome. The remainder of the day is free.

DAY 18: Mediterranean Cruise

You will be transferred to the port of Civitavecchia to check in for your cruise on MSC World Europa cruise ship on similar for the 7-night Mediterranean Cruise.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Day 18	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy		7:00pm
Day 19	Palermo, Sicily, Italy	9:00am	5:00pm
Day 20	Valletta, Malta	10:00am	6:00pm
Day 21	At Sea		
Day 22	Barcelona, Spain	7:00am	6:00pm
Day 23	Marseille, France	8:00am	6:00pm
Day 24	Genoa, Italy	8:00am	6:00pm
Day 25	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	7:00am	

DAY 25: Arrive in Rome

Make your way from the cruise port back to the city of Rome. Overnight at the centrally-located hotel for the next 2 nights. The remainder of the day is free to explore the Roman capital at leisure.

DAY 26: Rome Hop On Hop Off Day Tour

Explore all the major sights of Rome on a double-decker, hop-on hop-off bus that gives you 360-degree views of the Italian capital's ancient charms. Enjoy unlimited rides within the validity of your pass, stopping at world-famous attractions including the Colosseum, the Vatican, St Peter's Basilica, and the Trevi Fountain.

With the ultimate freedom to take in the city at your own pace, stroll through the magnificent Pantheon, taste authentic Italian spaghetti near the Spanish Steps, or just sit back and enjoy people-watching at the bustling Piazza Navona. Take in the Colosseum's arcaded façade, do some window shopping at the chic fashion boutiques of Via Veneto, or investigate traditional cafe culture in the many piazzas. Along the way, listen to informative commentary that brings each sight within the Eternal City to life.

DAY 27: Fly from Italy to India

Transfer from the hotel to Rome airport for your overnight flight from Rome to Delhi.

DAY 28 : Arrive Delhi

Welcome to India! Keep your eyes peeled at the airport for the local operator sign as we pick you up from the airport and take you to our Delhi hotel. Meet with your guide and group at 6:30pm in the lobby for a quick informal meeting about your tour in India. Afterwards you'll have free time to start exploring Delhi and get to know your fellow travellers over an optional group dinner.

- **Accommodation**
Mantra Amaltas Hotel - 4 Star
- **Included Activities**
Welcome Meeting
- **Optional Activities**
Group Dinner

DAY 29 : Delhi City Tour

Get ready for a big day ahead on your first day of tour exploring the bustling city of Delhi! We'll begin the day by visiting Old Delhi, marvelling at the impressive Red Fort, The Raj Ghat and the Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Then get ready for some chaotic fun as we visit the jam-packed lanes of Chandni Chowk by rickshaw. Experience the busiest commercial area of the city and atmosphere of an oriental bazaar. In the afternoon we will head to the modern New Delhi, where you'll find many historic monuments such as the 12th Century Qutab Minar and Humayuns' Tomb, and in contrast wander the colourful and modern Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Before we end the day, we will drive past the India Gate, the President's Residence & the Parliament House.

- **Accommodation**
Mantra Amaltas Hotel - 4 Star

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Delhi

Sightseeing of Red Fort & Raj Ghat

Sightseeing of Jama Masjid

Sightseeing of Chandni Chowk

Sightseeing of Qutab Minar

Sightseeing of Humayun's Tomb

DAY 30 : Delhi, Jaipur

Hit the road and depart Delhi in the morning to drive 6 hours to Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City' due to the vibrant peachy colours of the buildings. Offering incredible architecture and raw natural beauty, Jaipur is a vibrant and bustling city spread out over the old and new, and is almost equidistant from Delhi and Agra forming part of the famed Golden Triangle. In the evening, prepare to be mesmerised by a traditional Hindu prayer ritual, Aarti at Birla Temple.

- **Accommodation**

Golden Tulip Hotel - 4 Star

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Visit of Birla Temple

DAY 31 : Jaipur

Begin the day with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal or 'Palace of the Winds' before you start exploring all Jaipur has to offer with a city tour. Check out Amber Fort where you'll be able to explore this traditional Rajasthani Fort. In the afternoon, stop by City Palace, a huge sprawling complex which is still home to the former royal family who live in one section. Check off another UNESCO World Heritage site from your list at Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory featuring the world's largest stone sundial.

- **Accommodation**

Golden Tulip Hotel - 4 Star

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Jaipur

Sightseeing of Amber Fort

Sightseeing of City Palace & Hawa Mahal

Sightseeing of Jantar Mantar

DAY 32 : Jaipur, Agra

After breakfast depart for Galta Temple, also known as Monkey Temple and Abhaneri Stepwell, an impressive 9th century well. Later, The Golden Triangle journey continues as we head to Agra. En-route we will visit the Ghost City of Fatehpur Sikri, including the visit to the Jama Masjid & the tomb of the sufi saint Salim Chisti.

- **Accommodation**

Howard Plaza - 4 Star

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Galta Temple

Sightseeing of Fatehpur Sikri

- **Entrance Fees**

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DAY 33 : Agra, Taj Mahal

Our day starts with a visit to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Agra Fort. Then be sure to get your cameras ready! We're heading to the iconic Taj Mahal for sunset! A trip to India isn't complete without visiting this beautiful marble monument and learning why Emperor Shah Jahan laboured for over 22 years to build this impressive masterpiece.

- **Accommodation**

Howard Plaza Hotel - 4 Star

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Taj Mahal

Sightseeing of Agra Fort

DAY 34 : Agra, Varanasi (*Choose overnight train or flight - extra fees may apply*)

Enjoy a free morning to explore the bustling city of Agra at your own pace and try the variety of tasty food the city has to offer. Freshen up before you get ready for a big travel stint as we leave Agra at 7.45pm to board an overnight train to Varanasi.

- **Accommodation**

Overnight Train or Varanasi Hotel

- **Meals**

Breakfast

DAY 35 : Varanasi

Wake up in Varanasi, a pilgrim-drawing spiritual capital of India and one of the world's oldest continually inhabited cities. Full of shrines and temples, it's the ultimate destination to experience India's spirituality.

In the morning you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Later, we will tour the sites of Varanasi, including the Bharat Mata Temple & Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Temple and the Bhui, the biggest residential university in Asia. In the evening you're in for a treat, as you witness Aarti, a highly choreographed ritual prayer ceremony honouring the Ganges River.

- **Accommodation**

Hotel Amayaa - 4 Star

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Bharat Mata Temple

Sightseeing of Durga Temple

Sightseeing of Tulsi Manas Temple

Sightseeing of Bhui

DAY 36 : Varanasi, Delhi (*Choose overnight train or flight - extra fees may apply*)

Early bird catches the worm as we embark before sunrise to Daswamedh Ghat. Take in a memorable sunrise as you journey via boat along the sacred river Ganges to see the cremation Ghats and witness the living traditions of one of the world's oldest religions. Return for a walk through the cobblestone streets along the banks of "Ganga" and take in the bustling atmosphere as it becomes a beehive of activity. Check out Kashi Vishwanath Temple and return to the hotel for breakfast.

Afterwards, discover Sarnath, the premier centre for Buddhism with a rich collection of ancient Buddhist relics and antiques. The afternoon is yours to enjoy before we get ready to embark on an overnight train to Delhi late in the evening.

- **Accommodation**

Overnight Train or Hotel

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Kashi Vishwanath Temple

DAY 37 : Delhi

What a trip! Enjoy your last breakfast before checkout at 11am. Don't forget to arrange your departure transfer to the airport with your guide.

- **Meals**

Breakfast

DAY 38 : Arrive Home

We hope you have had a memorable Round World Tour with us.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only.

Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road accessibility, river water levels, ocean conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

About the tours

Important:

- Accommodation is subject to availability and may be substituted for a hotel of a similar or higher standard without notice.
- Early check-in and late checkout may be available at an additional fee.
- Maximum room capacity is two adults.

Travel Insurance

- Travel insurance is essential. We recommend purchasing travel insurance as soon as possible after booking this package.
- We can assist you in purchasing travel insurance. Please enquire for further information and to see if our policy is suitable for you.
- Travellers must have health insurance or secure travel with covid content with a minimum payment of 10,000 USD
- Incoming passengers must pay medical isolation costs, medical examination and treatment and other personal expenses if you have an infection.

Passports & Visas

- Where a Tourist visa is required, it is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they're holding a current visa for the countries they're visiting. If the traveller is on a non-Australian passport, a valid re-entry visa may be required.
- **Important:** Please start arranging your visas at least 9 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours and processing time.
- A valid passport with a minimum validity of 6 months beyond your return travel date is required for all passengers (including children and infants).
- When travelling within Australia, please check current state/territory border entry requirements to ensure you're eligible to travel and have completed any required permits or passes.

Health & Vaccinations

- Travellers are advised to check the vaccine requirements for their trip with their local health professional at least 45 days prior to departure, as some vaccines require 30 days or more to be effective. Please check with your health professional that you hold the appropriate vaccination entry requirements for your destination.
- By purchasing this tour, you acknowledge the current Covid-19 Health & Safety advice.
- Guests may be required to provide evidence of proof of vaccination against Covid-19 from our ground operators prior to departure. Please contact us at hello@mytravelxp.com for further information.

Transfers

- If transfers are included as specified in your package, please note that these are only available on the first and last day of your tour. Arrival and departure transfers are included between the hours of 6am and 6pm only. If you arrive outside these hours a supplement may apply. Please contact us for further information.
- If booking a Twin Share package, transfers are based on two people sharing the one vehicle. If you are arriving on different flights at different times, a supplement will be charged for two separate vehicles.

Tipping

Tipping and gratuities are not included in the package, unless otherwise stated, and are at your own discretion. As a guide, approx. \$15-\$20 per person, per day, is the industry standard.

Fitness Requirements

Travellers acknowledge that they are required to have a good level of health and fitness to undertake the activities in this tour. Further, travellers acknowledge and agree that the tour operator will be able to provide medical or other assistance in the event that they are unable to complete any aspect of the tour as a result of their health or physical condition.

About the MSC cruise

MSC World Europa marks a new class of ship for MSC Cruises. The line's first World-class ship began sailing from Doha in December 2022 and features seven pools, 33 restaurants, bars and lounges, including several new venues, while the kids' club and MSC Yacht Club are the largest in the fleet. Additional new venues include the Panorama Lounge (Deck 8), replacing Carousel Lounge on previous ships and the 300-seat Luna Park Arena (Deck 5 & 6) for movies, kids entertainment and game shows.

MSC World Europa deck plan and design reflects one of the world's biggest and most environmentally friendly ships. Built in Saint-Nazaire, France, the 6,774-passenger ship (at full occupancy) is more than 1,000 yards in length; spans 21 decks; has 430,000 square feet of public space, becoming the longest, tallest and biggest in the fleet - and one of the largest cruise ships at sea.

One of the first things passengers will notice about MSC World Europa is its striking design from the exterior. As well as the Y-shaped aft, the bow takes a futuristic bulbous shape, contributing to the ship's efficiency in the water. In addition to being LNG-powered, a source of electricity and heat onboard, the ship also taps into shore-to-ship power where possible and employs enhanced recycling and waste management systems.

MSC World Europa embraces a carnival-style ambiance with nearly round-the-clock entertainment. There's a buzzy new 113-yard World Promenade on Deck 8 and the impromptu performances that pop up here. Reminiscent of Royal Caribbean's Boardwalk, the half-open space is centered on the 11-deck dry slide - the largest of its kind at sea - called Venom Drop @ The Spiral. This coiling dry slide in the middle of the deck is spectacular. Also on Deck 8, World Galleria is a beautiful space filled with drinking, dining and entertainment venues, with the LED-sky screen featured above similar in design to those on the Meraviglia class of ships.

Deck 8 is bookended by the ship's two main show spaces, the all-new Panorama Lounge for music and dance shows, and the World Theatre, where five new shows will be on the program (Eko, Amelia, A Night on Broadway, Cadmo The Landwalke and Yellow Submarine).

If you're travelling with children, don't expect to see much of them onboard. The ship's Deck 19 kids club, Doremiland, is the largest in the fleet, while the 300-seat Luna Park Arena (Deck 6 & 7) also offers kids' activities and movie showings. There's more: Bumper cars; roller-skating; arcade games; drone masterclasses, waterslides and an addictive zombie-themed VR game.

MSC World Europa features 13 dining venues, including six specialty restaurants, two of which are new:

- Chef's Garden Kitchen (Deck 8), replacing L'Atelier Bistrot, features an open kitchen and a glass-encased floor-to-ceiling growing space where micro herbs and other greens are grown onboard.
- La Pescaderia (Deck 8) has a focus on Greek and other Mediterranean dishes with an outdoor seating area for alfresco dining on the World Promenade.
- The inclusive Luna Park Pizza & Burger (Deck 6) serves outstanding slices of pizza and other fast food options opposite the new Luna Park Arena.
- Returning regulars include American-style steakhouse Butcher's Cut, Asian-inspired Kaito Teppanyaki Grill and Sushi Bar, Latin American street food-inspired Hola! Tacos & Cantina and Jean-Philippe Chocolate & Cafe.
- Masters of the Sea Pub is split across two decks and three craft brews on board in special copper vats installed as a showpiece in the bar.

Another new concept is Elixir -- Mixology Bar with elaborate signature cocktails, a South Asian-style tea room filled with perfumes from the East, an authentic Emporium coffee bar with selections from around the world, a widely stocked Gin Project inspired by a real distillery, a zesty juice bar made from fresh ingredients and a gelateria. There's also a new cafe, Coffee Emporium, serving bean-to-cup coffee and indulgent pastries and cakes.

Among the new venues on this super-size ship is the Raj Polo Tea House (Deck 8), which reminds us of a lounge you might find at the Raffles Singapore or a luxurious Four Seasons hotel. There's no sign of bling or sparkles here; simply muted colours, plush furnishings and a relaxed vibe where soothing cups of chai and afternoon tea are served. Follow the passage to the left of the venue to see a gallery of teas, tea traditions, a map showing where the teas are produced and artifacts relating to this much-loved drink.

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