

***GREEK ISLANDS
CRUISE
&
EUROPE
COACH TOUR***



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Explore Europe & Greek Islands with Flights

Duration: 26 days

Stay: 17 nights hotels, 7 nights MSC cruise

Travel style: Escorted tour & cruise with flights from Australia

Booking code: ETGCX26M

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26 Days Greek Islands Cruise & Europe Tour with Flights

About the holiday

This wonderful itinerary takes you on a spectacular journey through 14 countries by a combination of cruising and coach.

Fly to Athens, where you'll have a night to explore the Greek capital before boarding magnificent *MSC Musica* for a sublime voyage to the Greek Islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Also included in the cruise is Kusadasi in Turkey, where you can opt to tour the fascinating ancient city of Ephesus. Continue to Haifa in Jerusalem and Limassol, Cyprus, on the 7-night voyage of discovery.

Then fly to Rome where the Europe tour begins and takes you on an unforgettable adventure through bucket-list destinations and hidden gems. Get ready for the world-famous canals of Venice and cruise along the waterways of Amsterdam. Discover the magic of fairytale cities like Prague, Vienna and Ljubljana. Bathe in geothermal springs in Budapest and soak up the vibrant, modern culture of Berlin. Indulge in delicious, authentic cuisines, uncover ancient history and experience new cultures and traditions. The best European trip packages combine action, intrigue and entertainment. This tour ticks all those boxes and more!

Why you'll love this trip...

- Amazing MSC cruise through Greece, Turkey, Israel and Cyprus
- Enjoy free days to explore Vienna, Berlin and Amsterdam, Rome and London
- Experience hidden gem destinations Ljubljana, Bratislava and Dresden
- Guided tours of Vienna, Prague, Budapest and Berlin
- Visit Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and Bruges, a medieval Belgian city
- It's unbeatable value, with flights from Australia included!

Travel dates

2024 - Departs Australia on select dates from April to October

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for travel at other times of the year.

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Cruise & tour package includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares to Athens & from London

Fly from Australian capital cities (*prices may vary*)

One-way economy airfare from Athens to Rome

Cruise - 7 nights Greek Islands & Mediterranean Cruise, round-trip from Athens

Choice of cabin aboard MSC Musica

All meals & non-chargeable entertainment on the ship

Accommodation - 17 nights in hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities, twin share

Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement for private rooms

Meals - 17 breakfasts, 11 dinners

Escorted Tour - Touring in modern coaches with reclining seats & toilet on board

Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

Services of an experienced tour leaders, to get the most from your trip

Sightseeing with entrance fees included, as per itinerary

Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours, activities & shore excursions

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

Cruise gratuities

Tipping 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, cruise line, hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Highlights & experiences:

- Enjoy full days to discover the delights of Santorini & Mykonos
- Opt to visit incredible historical sites in Turkey and Israel
- Experience Rome at your leisure on a hop-on, hop-off bus tour
- Explore Venice on an orientation tour
- Visit Ljubljana; Slovenia's capital city
- Discover Zagreb; capital city of Croatia
- See the best-loved sights in Budapest on a driving tour
- Visit Bratislava; Slovakia's capital city
- Discover Vienna on a walking and driving tour
- Enjoy dinner in a Viennese wine cellar
- Experience a Prague walking tour
- Explore the historic streets of Dresden
- Driving tour of Berlin, capital of Germany
- Cruise the canals of Amsterdam
- Visit the medieval Belgian city of Bruges
- See the sights of London with a hop-on, hop-off bus tour

Itinerary:

Day 1: Board your overnight flights from Australia to Greece

Day 2: Arrive Athens, Greece

Arrive at Athens Airport and make your own way to the hotel. Overnight in the Greek capital the remainder of the day is free to explore Athens at leisure.

Day 3: MSC Greek Islands Cruise

Check out of the hotel this morning, then the day is free to see more of Athens before making your way to the port of Piraeus to board MSC Musica for the 7 nights Greek Islands Cruise.

Day 3	Port: Piraeus (Athens), Greece	Arrival: -	Departure: 22:00
Day 4	Port: Santorini, Greece	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 18:00
Day 5	Port: Kusadasi, Turkey	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 18:00

Day 6	Port:At sea	Arrival: -	Departure: -
Day 7	Port: Haifa (Jerusalem), Israel	Arrival: 06:00	Departure: 22:00
Day 8	Port: Limassol, Cyprus	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 15:00
Day 9	Port: Mykonos, Greece	Arrival: 16:00	Departure: 23:59
Day 10	Port: Mykonos, Greece	Arrival: 00:01	Departure: 02:00
Day 10	Port: Piraeus (Athens), Greece	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: -

Day 10: Fly from Athens to Rome

Your Greek Islands Cruise ends and you will transfer to Athens Airport for your flight to Italy. On arrival in Rome, please catch a taxi to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore Rome at leisure.

Day 11 & 12: Free days Rome with Hop-on Hop-off Bus

The next two days are free for you to use your 48-hour Rome Hop-on Hop-off bus pass. Rome has a bounty of things to see and the mix of its architecture is testament to its past; Roman ruins, baroque squares and Renaissance gardens combine to give the city its enticing edge. See it all on a Rome hop-on hop-off bus tour and learn about the Italian capital as you go.

DAY 13: Start of escorted tour, Rome - Venice

This morning, meet your tour leader and other travellers for the start of the tour. Then, it's time to leave the churches and basilicas of Rome behind and head to the canals of Venice! On arrival, embark on an orientation walking tour with your tour leader. See top sights including the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Then, witness a glass blowing demonstration. This is an incredible example of traditional Venetian craftsmanship! Afterwards, there is an option to explore Venice the traditional way - from the canals on a gondola ride or water taxi, which gives you a completely different perspective and appreciation for the amazing structure of this unique destination!

Included Experiences

Orientation tour of Venice: Your tour leader will take the group into the heart of this unique floating city perched across 118 islands for an orientation tour. Start off by tasting some gelato and then set off to see St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, St. Mark's Museum, Campanile, Doge's Palace, Rialto Bridge and Scuola Grande di San Rocco.

Optional On Tour Excursions

Venice Water Taxi

See Venice from the water in comfort and style as you cruise along Venice's famous Grand Canal in a classic water taxi and see the main sights!

Venice Gondola Ride

No visit to Venice is complete without a traditional gondola ride! Experience an ancient Venice tradition as you cruise the city's famous canals.

Day 14: Ljubljana - Zagreb

Today's first destination is the Slovenian capital Ljubljana. Often thought of as a hidden gem of Europe, its castles, stunning architecture and natural beauty mean it packs a punch more powerful than its small size would suggest! Embark on an orientation tour through the city with your tour leader. Then, head to another capital city; Zagreb in Croatia! Arrive and join your tour leader on an orientation walk of this fascinating city. Next, enjoy free time to explore Zagreb's unique mix of Hapsburg and Communist architecture, learn historical and cultural facts and get a glimpse of everyday life here. Check into the hotel and with time to freshen up before an included dinner this evening.

Included Experiences

Orientation tour of Ljubljana: Enjoy a visit to Slovenia's capital city. Ljubljana is a compact destination filled with historic streets, impressive architecture, picturesque riverside neighbourhoods and a hilltop castle looking over it all. Embark on an orientation tour with your tour leader.

Orientation walk in Zagreb: Your tour leader will take you on an orientation walk of Croatia's capital city. See the landmarks like the Museum of Contemporary Art, Maksimir Park, and the Mirogoj.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15: Zagreb - Budapest

Today, cross the border into Hungary and stop at the scenic Lake Balaton before arriving in the capital city, Budapest! Cited as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Budapest straddles the historic Danube River and boasts numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites as well as natural geo-thermal springs, drawing travellers from around the world. Enjoy a locally guided driving tour of the city followed by free time this evening to explore. Why not visit one of the city's famous bathhouses, try the local food or simply stroll around the city admiring its magnificent architecture? Tonight, choose to see the city illuminated at twilight during the Danube Dinner Cruise optional excursion.

Included Experiences

Driving tour of Budapest: Meet up with a local guide who will accompany us on a driving tour of the city and point out all the best-loved sights. Learn more about Hungarian culture and language and the city's fascinating history.

Drink in incredible views from atop Gellert Hill and the Citadel, make a stop at Heroes Square and get an eyeful of other must-see attractions like Budapest Parliament, St Stephen's Basilica, the State Opera, the castle district, and more.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional On Tour Excursions

Danube Dinner Cruise

Indulge in a traditional Hungarian feast as you admire Budapest's top sights from the water with a nighttime cruise along the Danube River.

Day 16: Bratislava - Vienna

This morning, travel to the Slovakian capital, Bratislava! Surrounded by mountains, vineyards, ski runs and wilderness, Bratislava is a stunning city. See if you can spot Bratislava Castle while embarking on an orientation tour of the city. Then, it's on to Vienna! Arrive and join a local guide on a walking and driving tour of the Austrian capital. As a European centre for art and culture for centuries, Vienna was host to some of the world's leading musical minds - including luminaries like Mozart and Beethoven. Along with its classical heritage, magnificent concert halls, palaces and museums, Vienna is also a modern city, with a vibrant nightlife culture. Taste authentic Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant tonight.

Included Experiences

Bratislava orientation tour: Join your tour leader on an orientation tour to see some of the landmarks and historic sights of the city, including a photo stop at Bratislava Castle, which overlooks the city.

Walking and driving tour of Vienna: Vienna is known as the 'City of Music' due to its classical heritage and the prodigies that worked there including Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms to name a few. The tour starts at the Golden Mile on the Ringstrasse (Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater). Then, discover the courtyards and passages around the Hofburg (Imperial Castle) and St. Stephen's Cathedral which is Vienna's geographic and historic centre.

Dinner in a Viennese wine cellar: Enjoy dinner in a special location tonight! Tuck into a delicious meal in a historic Viennese wine cellar.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 17: Vienna: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to explore Vienna! Awash with imperial splendour, Vienna was once the centre of the powerful Habsburg monarchy, which dominated central Europe from the 16th-18th centuries.

History fans should check out the incredible palaces of the era - Schönbrunn Palace and the Belvedere. Classical music lovers can opt to join today's optional excursion to watch a concert by one of the greatest composers of the Viennese classical period, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart!

Meals: Breakfast

Optional On Tour Excursions

Imperial Vienna: Schönbrunn Palace & Viennese Café

Soak up Vienna's imperial history with visits to Schönbrunn Palace, the artsy Mariahilf and Neubau districts, and a historic Viennese café.

Vienna Classical Music Concert

Enjoy a classical concert held in a beautiful Viennese concert hall. The orchestra will play classics from the Strauss dynasty and Mozart.

Day 18: Vienna - Prague

Today the tour makes its way to the Czech Republic! Prague is a beautiful city, boasting elaborate Baroque, Gothic, Art Nouveau and Cubist architecture, and rewarding those who explore it with quirky bars, cobbled lanes and secluded courtyards. Known for its brilliant beer and abundance of history, any exploration of Prague will be a rewarding one. Arrive and set off on a walking tour with a local guide. Look forward to must-see sights including the Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Charles Bridge. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore more at your own pace. This evening, enjoy the option of a four-course dinner along with a traditional Czech folk music and dance show!

Included Experiences

Prague walking tour: A local guide will introduce you to the must-see sights of Prague including the Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Charles Bridge.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional On Tour Excursions

Traditional Czech Folk Music & Dance Evening

Enjoy a delicious three-course Czech dinner with unlimited drinks while delighting in a traditional folk show complete with Czech music and dancing!

Day 19: Dresden - Berlin

The first stop today is in the German city of Dresden. Virtually rebuilt from the ground up after bombing attacks in WW2 destroyed the city centre, today Dresden is immaculate and stylish.

Embark on an orientation walk of the city and enjoy some free time to explore. Try some of the local German food, such as Bratwurst, and have a wander around the beautifully paved streets. Then, head to Berlin, the capital of Germany. Arrive and head out on a driving tour. Visit poignant locations such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and Checkpoint Charlie.

Included Experiences

Explore the streets of Dresden: Enjoy a lunch stop in Dresden. During WW2 the city was almost completely destroyed by bombing attacks. Luckily, most of its treasures were removed beforehand and today, Dresden has been carefully rebuilt. It is full of beautiful and striking architecture and is home to amazing museums, arts and culture. Take a walk through the city centre and choose a local spot to enjoy lunch.

Driving tour of Berlin: Your tour leader will explain the amazing history of this vibrant city and show you all the must-see sights, including Alexanderplatz, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Berlin Wall and Reichstag. Take a note of those you want to explore further on your free day tomorrow!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 20: Berlin: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to further explore the history of the German capital! The Berlin Wall stands as a sombre reminder of the controls imposed on Berlin during and after WW2, however, the bright street art that adorns it today seems to give it a peaceful purpose. Berlin also offers numerous free museums and galleries to visit, which all contribute to the understanding of this city's modern history. A great optional which showcases the highlights of the city is the Berlin+ tour. Join to visit some of the city's top attractions and gain a deeper insight into Berlin's history as well as its modern culture today.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional On Tour Excursions

Berlin+

Discover Berlin's fascinating history and vibrant modern culture. Visit the East Side Gallery, the Hackescher Markt, the Berlin TV Tower and more.

Berlin Food Tour

Go on a walking food tour of Berlin and enjoy food inspired by the city's vibrant and varied communities! Try kebabs, beer, "berliners" and more.

Day 21: Berlin - Amsterdam

This morning, say auf Wiedersehen to Germany as the tour journeys on to the Netherlands. Watch as the landscape changes to windmills and waterways while approaching the capital city of Amsterdam. This evening, enjoy a twilight canal cruise, accompanied by interesting commentary about the city's development and history. Afterwards, head for dinner at a local restaurant. The rest of the evening is free to enjoy the bars and cafés or even visit the famous Red Light District!

Included Experiences

Amsterdam Canal Cruise: Sail along Amsterdam's stunning canals at twilight. Cruise past famous landmarks and admire the scenery from the atmospheric canals.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 22: Amsterdam: Free Day

Enjoy a full free day to experience the delights of Amsterdam! There are numerous museums and art galleries to choose from - why not visit the Anne Frank House, Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh Museum? Alternatively, join the Dutch countryside optional excursion to see how local Dutch cheese and clogs are made and visit quaint Dutch villages! Another optional excursion offers the opportunity to indulge in contemporary art at the MOCO Museum followed by a history lesson on Dutch gin with a delicious cocktail at the end! As tonight is the last night of the tour, adding the optional Dutch dinner to the itinerary is highly recommended! This is the perfect way to bid farewell to fellow travellers.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional On Tour Excursions

Dutch Countryside Tour

Experience the Dutch countryside! Enjoy cheese and clog-making demonstrations, visit Volendam and see the windmills of Zaanse Schans.

Moco Museum & House of Bols

Visit two iconic Amsterdam museums! Admire contemporary artworks at the Moco Museum and take a sensory tour of the House of Bols.

Diversely Dutch Dinner

Enjoy a delicious two-course dinner and wine tasting with diverse dishes at a local restaurant in Amsterdam.

Day 23: Bruges - End of tour in London

After an Amsterdam adventure, there is one more stop before setting off for the UK.

The Belgian city of Bruges is small but picturesque, with breathtaking architecture. Described as the 'Venice of the North', take some time to stretch your legs and indulge in a spot of sightseeing in beautiful Bruges. Don't miss the opportunity to try an authentic Belgian waffle or beer while here! Afterwards, travel back to London, crossing the English Channel on the way. This is the perfect time to exchange contact details with new friends and travel buddies as you prepare to disembark in the capital. The Europe tour comes to an end this evening in London, but you have 3 more nights to explore the iconic city.

Included Experiences

Visit Bruges: Stop in this beautiful medieval town and enjoy some free time to explore. Try the signature national dish of moules-frites, see or even climb the Belfry Tower, have a Belgian beer or waffle and buy some amazing Belgian chocolate to take home!

Meals: Breakfast

Day 24 & 25: Free days London with Hop-on Hop-off Bus

Discover the grandeur of London aboard the open-top, double-decker Big Bus on this hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour. Design a personal itinerary with stops including Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, St. Paul's Cathedral and more. Enjoy unobstructed views and onboard commentary as you view the city's highlights. Hop off at Westminster Pier or Tower of London stop to enjoy a Thames River cruise.

Day 26: Fly Home to Australia

Please catch the train or taxi to the airport for your flight home to Australia. Happy travels and we look forward to welcoming you back again soon!

Please note: The daily schedule is intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road & sea conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Not ready to go home yet?

Add a Paris stay: Take the Eurostar train from London to Paris and stay for 3 nights with a 48-hour hop-on hop-off Bus ticket. Then fly home from Paris.

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About MSC Musica

MSC Musica not only launched a new class of eco-friendly cruise ship, she launched a new class of cruise - a spacious world of graceful lines and superlative choice, enriched by the creativity, fine natural materials and attention to detail that have always distinguished MSC Cruises.

Life on MSC Musica is lovely from the moment you step on board. As soon as you see the central foyer's three-tier waterfall and its see-through piano, suspended on a crystal floor above a pool of shimmering water, you know this is a special ship. The designer venues on board are equally inspiring, whether you're dancing to a band in the dazzling Crystal Lounge, relaxing in the stylish Havana Club cigar lounge, gaming in the Sanremo Casino or enjoying a live show in the stunning Teatro la Scala.

Boasting elegant pools and enticing play areas for kids, as well as a lavish spa, plush theatre, glamorous casino, panoramic disco and more, MSC Musica offers her guests a world of daytime activities and night-time entertainment. The varied cuisine on board is freshly prepared from prime ingredients. Try the tasty Italian gourmet specialities in Il Giardino, treat yourself to Japanese delicacies in the Kaito Sushi Bar, or enjoy authentic Italian pizzas. Savour the extensive international selection of fine wines, thirst-quenching beers and classic and innovative cocktails. With nine elegant bars to choose from, there's a venue to suit every occasion.

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