

ITALY TOUR & MED CRUISE



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Italy Tour with MSC Mediterranean Cruise & Flights

Duration: 17 days

Stay: 8 nights hotels, 7 nights cruise cabin

Travel style: Escorted tour, cruise & flights

Booking code: CRTMS17M

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17 Days Italy Tour with Med Cruise & Flights

About the holiday

Don't miss this dream-come-true tour of Italy and a Mediterranean cruise!

This 17-day package is everything you need; see Rome and Florence on foot with passionate local guides, explore Venice at your own pace on a free day and marvel at the rolling hills of the Italian countryside and Tuscany's beautiful Renaissance architecture.

Experience San Gimignano, Siena and Cinque Terre. From the Colosseum to the Venetian canals, we tick all those must-have boxes. In between, we sip Italian wines, dine like the locals and live *la bella vita*. *Bellissima!*

Then board your magnificent MSC ship and explore the very best of Italy, Spain and France on a state-of-the-art EVO class cruise liner that launched in 2021.

Why you'll love this trip...

- Tour Rome's top sights with a local guide
- Enjoy 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 aboard impressive MSC Seashore

Travel dates

2024 - select dates from May to October, see our website for departures

Note: departures are subject to availability & prices can vary depending on travel dates. Please contact us for cruise options and travel at other times.

Call My Travel Experience on 1300 168 910 for current prices



Tour & Cruise package includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares from Australia capital cities to Rome

Accommodation - 8 nights in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities

Single travellers can opt to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room

Tour - 8 days escorted tour of Italy from Rome

Services of your tour leader, who will ensure you get the most from the trip

Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard

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

Meals on tour: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Antipasto, 3 Dinners

Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Cruise - 7 nights Mediterranean Cruise on MSC Seashore, round trip from Rome

Choice of cabin aboard MSC Seashore

All meals on non-chargeable entertainment on the ship

Package excludes:

Airport & cruise port transfers

Meals, other than those specified on the tour & cruise

Optional tours, shore excursions & activities

Chargeable entertainment & speciality dining on the ship

Cruise gratuities & tips for tour guides & drivers

Other personal items, including drinks, laundry, taxis etc

Travel insurance is essential

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

Subject to confirmation by the airlines, tour company, cruise line & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia for Italy

Day 2: Arrive in Rome

On arrival at the airport, make your own way to the hotel by taxi for your overnight pre-tour accommodation. The remainder of the day is free to start exploring the iconic city.

Day 3: Start of tour in 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.

Day 4: Rome: Free Day

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!

Day 5: 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.

Day 6: Venice: Free Day

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.

Day 7: 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.

Day 8: 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!

Day 9: San Gimignano - Siena - 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.

Day 10: End of tour in Rome and time for Mediterranean Cruise

The tour ends after breakfast this morning. After an amazing time discovering the delights of Italy, this Italian adventure draws to a close.

Swap memories, and exchange contact details with your new-found travel friends before making your way to the Rome cruise port at Civitavecchia for your MED cruise on MSC Seashore.

Cruise Itinerary:

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sunday, Day 10	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy		6:00pm
Monday, Day 11	<u>Palermo, Sicily, Italy</u>	10:00am	6:00pm
Tuesday, Day 12	At Sea		
Wednesday, Day 13	Ibiza, Spain	8:00am	8:00pm
Thursday, Day 14	Valencia, Spain	7:00am	4:00pm
Friday, Day 15	<u>Marseille, France</u>	1:00pm	7:00pm
Saturday, Day 16	Genoa, Italy	9:00am	5:00pm
Sunday, Day 17	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	8:00am	

Day 17: Depart Rome

Your MED cruise arrives back in the port of Rome this morning. Catch a taxi or take a transfer shuttle to the airport for your flights home to Australia.

Day 18: Arrive in Australia

Please note: The day by day schedule is intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, 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.

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Aboard MSC Seashore

MSC Seashore launched in 2021 and is an evolution of her Seaside-class sister ships, MSC Seaside and MSC Seaview. At more than 1,100 feet, the ship is the longest in the MSC fleet and boasts more than three acres of outdoor space. Her public spaces have been reimagined to enrich the onboard experience and has been extended and enhanced with new entertainment venues, bars and restaurants, and outdoor areas, as well as more staterooms.

The first of two enriched Seaside EVO-class ships, MSC Seashore is equipped with the latest advanced environmental technology to increase energy efficiency. In addition, the innovative MSC for Me technology provides an enhanced onboard experience by using digital technology to connect guests, crew, and venues via interactive touchscreens around the ship, interactive stateroom TVs, and the MSC for Me app.

MSC Seashore's stunning exterior has been designed specifically for warmer climates, with more outdoor space to bring guests closer to the sea than ever before. Her signature aft style mirrors the iconic beach condo design that the Seaside class is known for.

MSC Seashore's design pays tribute to New York City, a destination that represents the spirit of discovery and cultural experiences that is at the heart of the MSC Cruises guest experience. Venue names, public areas, and design features are inspired by the world-famous city, such as a 9.5-foot replica of the Statue of Liberty at the heart of the casino and an expansive retail and entertainment area aptly named Times Square. Here, an impressive 27.5-foot LED wall spans four decks and features a projection of the iconic Manhattan skyline that can change from day to night.

There's more than 7,500 square feet of dedicated kids' space, MSC Seashore's Kids Club. With more outdoor space comes more pools, whirlpools, and other water features:

Aft Infinity Pool: a favourite spot for serene wake views and featuring two infinity whirlpools.

Long Island Pool: Located on deck 18 featuring two different depths, a 360-degree water fountain island and connected to Pirates Cove Aquapark (waterslide, adventure trail & more).

Jungle Pool: Located on deck 16 featuring a large magrodome that can be closed or opened (as needed), a close distance to the buffet and an additional deck for more room to relax.

MSC Yacht Club Pool: Exclusive to MSC Yacht Club guests with a spacious solarium, shaded cabanas and whirlpools.

At nearly 25,000-square-feet, the contemporary MSC Aurea Spa on MSC Seashore offers a wide selection of Balinese massages and other wellness and beauty treatments to revitalize your body and soul with relaxation, well-being, and pampering.

On top of all that, you'll never get bored on those days at sea. From solo travellers to large families, groups and LGBTQIAP+ guests, there are a variety of onboard activities, get togethers and fun events for everyone to enjoy.

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