



# ***2018 Italy Tour & Med Cruise***

## **15 days from \$4999**

**Per person twin share including airfares.**

**Book by 30 Dec 2017**



**Regular Departures from Australia in April and May 2018**

### **First Class Tour & Cruise**

#### **PRICES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE AUD**

Cruise/Tour (Standard Inside Cabin) \$4,999.00 per person. Single \$8999  
Cruise/Tour (Standard Outside Cabin) \$5,799.00 per person. Single \$9999  
Cruise/Tour (Standard Balcony Cabin) \$5,999.00 per person. Single \$9999

April 3, 17; May 1, 15 – Low Season departures.

April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25 – High Season Departures (extra \$200 pp)

### **Escorted Package Includes**

Return economy flights Australia Capital Cities-Venice, Rome-Australia.

13 nights First Class accommodations

2 nights Venice or Venice Lido

2 nights Florence

2 nights Rome

7 nights MSC Cruise Orchestra Ship – choice of cabin – inside or balcony

Italian city hotel taxes

Hotel portorage

City to cruise port transfer

30 meals: 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches 10 dinners

Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach

Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Services of local guides in all major cities

Entrance fees per itinerary – excluding shore excursions on cruise

Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

### **Special Features**

Visit the pink marble Doge's Palace in Venice

Stop at a typical farm in the Tuscan countryside for wine tasting and local specialties

See Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli with its famous Leaning Tower

Stand before Michelangelo's David in Florence

Visit the 13th-century Basilica di San Francesco in Assisi

Tour of the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's incomparable Sistine Chapel

Wine & mineral water with all dinners

Ports of Call: La Spezia, Cannes, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, and Ajaccio.

### **Itinerary**

#### **DAY 1, Friday - Depart for Italy**

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#### **DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in Venice**

Arrive in glorious Venice with its astonishing treasures; transfer by taxi to your hotel (own expense).

Balance of the day is at leisure in this city built on over a hundred small islands and connected by 400 bridges, Venice is truly an artistic masterpiece. This evening, enjoy an orientation meeting with your

Tour Manager, followed by a Welcome Dinner

**Overnight:** Venice

**Meals:** Dinner

#### **DAY 3, Sunday - Boat Ride to Murano, Tour of Venice**

The discovery of Venice begins with a boat ride to the Island of Murano, known for its artistic and colorful Murano glassware. Afterwards, on to St. Mark's Square where the guided walking tour of this romantic city begins. View the Golden Basilica of San Marco, built over several centuries in a fusion of Byzantine, Roman and Venetian architecture. See the Bridge of Sighs, created at the beginning of the 17th century to serve as a link between the prisons and the inquisition rooms of Doge's Palace. Then, continue to the pink marble Doge's Palace, official residence of the Venetian ruler; its facade is

highlighted by a massive late-Gothic gate, known as the *Porta della Carta*. The rest of the day is yours to explore Venice independently or, participate in this afternoon's *optional* Gondola Ride with music - it's definitely one of the highlights of any Italian holiday

**Optional:** Gondola Ride with Music (PM)

**Overnight:** Venice

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 4, Monday - Tuscany, Pisa, Arrive in Florence**

Depart Venice and travel through the stunning golden landscape of Tuscany, dotted with olive trees. Visit a typical Tuscan farm in the countryside for a wine tasting coupled with delectable local specialties. On to Pisa, to view the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, among the most instantly recognizable structures on earth. The monuments on the extraordinary Piazza create a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. Then, travel to the lively Renaissance city of Florence, with its priceless art and architecture for overnight

**Overnight:** Florence

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 5, Tuesday - Tour of Florence**

Today's tour of Florence begins with a visit to the Accademia of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's *David* is housed; stand in awe of this glorious work of art. Walk to the Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, and view the Baptistery's renowned "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Continue on a walk through the open-air museum at Signoria Square, ending at the splendid Ponte Vecchio. Florence is indeed the center of the world's finest art and architecture. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in this spectacular Renaissance city, or participate in the *optional* guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery. Tonight, a delightful evening that begins with a ride through the Tuscan hills to a lovely restaurant where a sumptuous Tuscan dinner is served along with unlimited wine and entertainment

**(Optional Uffizi Gallery Tour PM, US \$56):** *\*\*available for purchase only in Italy from your Tour Manager. \*\**

Florence and the fine arts are synonymous. This guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery provides insight to the history of the structure and its collections. Originally the private collection of the Medici family, the palazzo was opened to the public in 1765. Your tour highlights exceptional examples of Florentine painting with an aim to help you better understand the works of masters including Giotto, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci. Tour participation guarantees immediate entry to the Gallery, with no lengthy waits in oftentimes two-three hour queues. *\*\* Important: Please note that the museum has a limited maximum capacity and therefore reserves the right to restrict admission. In this case we may not be able to offer the tour. Price is based on minimum number of passengers.*

**Overnight:** Florence

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 6, Wednesday - Medieval Assisi to Rome**

Depart Florence to the small medieval town of Assisi perched high on a hill in the Umbria region, with its Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and sacred shrines. Assisi is best known as the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi - patron saint of Italy. Its main attraction is the 13th-century Basilica di San Francesco, one of the artistic highlights of medieval Europe which contains the sacred relics of St. Francis and Giotto's astonishing frescoes. The town of Assisi has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its significant art and architecture. Afterwards, continue to Rome, the astonishing city built on seven hills. Dinner together at the hotel

**Overnight:** Rome

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 7, Thursday - Vatican Museum & Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel**

Today visit the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel. Stroll through one of the most important art collections of the world. Admire the Gallery of Tapestries and the Geographical Maps before arriving to the Sistine Chapel, with its great frescoes by Michelangelo. Continue to St. Peter's Square, passing Bernini's famous colonnade to view St. Peter's Basilica, built on the burial site of Saint Peter, with the most famous Michelangelo's Pieta\*. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or join the *optional* walking tour of the Eternal City's grand piazzas that includes the Spanish Steps and continues to the legendary Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the baroque Piazza Navona. Tonight linger and explore on your own and perhaps enjoy the typical Roman cuisine

**Optional:** Piazzas of Rome (PM)

**Overnight:** Rome

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 8, Friday - Depart Italy**

Transfer to the cruise port for your MSC Orchestra Mediterranean Cruise – choice of cabin – inside or balcony

**Meals:** Breakfast



Date

Port

Arrive

Depart

Friday, Day 8	<a href="#">Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy</a>		6:00pm
Saturday, Day9	<a href="#">La Spezia, Italy</a>		9:00am
Sunday, Day 10	<a href="#">La Spezia, Italy</a>		1:00am
Sunday, Day 10	<a href="#">Genoa, Italy</a>	8:00am	6:00pm
Monday, Day 11	<a href="#">Cannes, France</a>	8:00am	4:00pm
Tuesday, Day 12	<a href="#">Palma de Mallorca, Spain</a>	2:00pm	
Wednesday ,Day 13	<a href="#">Palma de Mallorca, Spain</a>		12:30am
Wednesday, Day 13	<a href="#">Barcelona, Spain</a>	9:30am	6:00pm
Thursday, Day 14	<a href="#">Ajaccio, Corsica, France</a>	Noon	7:00pm
Friday, Day 15	<a href="#">Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy</a>	8:00am	

**DAY 15, Friday - Depart Italy**

Transfer to airport by taxi (own expense) for flights home to Australia

## MSC Orchestra

Ship Rating: ★★★★★

[Show Me the Deals!](#)

Built to impress, the 3,013-passenger MSC Orchestra is a unique mix of design, comfort and safety. Accommodations, most of which sport balconies, are luxurious and stylish and include modern amenities such as TV, telephone, access to Internet connection, mini-bar and safe. Passengers can enjoy 12 decks brimming with amenities, including tennis court, jogging track, beauty salon, theater, casino, library, art gallery and more. For relaxation, the Body and Mind Spa is located on the Mandolina Deck with panoramic views, meditation area, large fitness center and Turkish bath. International cuisine is served in five different restaurants. From Italian to Chinese, you'll find just what you're looking for. And after dinner, head up on deck for movie watching under the stars on the Orchestra's giant LED screen, enjoy live performances and a drink with friends in one of the ship's many bars and lounges, or dance the night away in the disco.



[MSC Orchestra Pictures](#)

### Detailed Information

 <a href="#">Deck Plans</a>	 <a href="#">Special Needs</a>	
<a href="#">Dining</a>	 <a href="#">Wireless Internet</a>	

#### Ship Statistics

Year Built	2007
Tonnage	92,409 tons
Registry	Panama

#### Services & Amenities

Bars/Lounges	12
Beauty Salon/Barber Shop	Yes
Casino	Yes

Length	964 feet	Chapel	No
Beam	106 feet	Disco/Dancing	Yes
Passenger Capacity	3,223	Elevators	Yes
Crew Size	1,054	Hot Tub	7
Total Inside Cabins	275	Cell Phone Service	Yes
Total Outside Cabins	1,000	Internet Center	Yes
Cabins & Suites w/ verandas	827	Wireless Internet Access	Yes
Suites	18	Note: Available in certain areas	
Maximum Occupancy per room	2	Laundromats (self service)	No
Age Restrictions	One person must be 21 or older	Laundry/Dry Cleaning	Yes
Dinner Seatings	2	Library	Yes
Seating Assignments in Main Dining Room	Assigned	Movie Theatre	No
Dining Hours	<a href="#">Dining</a>	Outdoor Movie Screen	Yes
Dining Room Dress Code	<a href="#">Dining</a>	Onboard Weddings	No
Tipping Recommended?	Yes	Shops	Yes
Tipping Guidelines	\$8-\$12.50 (depending on region & cruise length) per adult guest, per day automatically charged to onboard account. 15% tip included on beverage orders. The service charge for children between the ages 2 and 11 will be 50% less; no service charge for children under the age of 2. All service charges are mandatory and cannot be altered.	Showroom	Yes
Onboard Currency	US Dollar	Spa	Yes
Onboard Currency Notes	For Mediterranean, Baltic and trans-Atlantic cruises departing from Europe, the onboard currency is the Euro.	Video Arcade	Yes
		<b>Fitness &amp; Sports Facilities</b>	
		Basketball Court	No
		Fitness Center	Yes
		Golf Driving Net	No
		Golf Simulator	No
		Ice Skating Rink	No
		Jogging Track	Yes
		Mini-Golf Course	Yes
		Rock Climbing Wall	No
		Swimming Pool	3
		Tennis Court	Yes
		Water Slide	No
		Water Sports Platform	No
		<b>Cabin Features &amp; Amenities</b>	
		24-Hour Room Service	Yes
		Hair Dryer	Yes
		Safe	Yes
		Telephone	Yes
		Television	Yes
		<b>Kids Facilities</b>	
		Babysitting	No
		Children's Playroom	Yes
		Kiddie Pool	Yes
		Supervised Youth Program	Yes
		Teen Center	No
		<b>Special Needs &amp; Requests</b>	
		Adjoining Cabins (private connecting doors)	Yes
		Kosher Meals	No
		Single Occupancy Cabins	No
		Single Share Program	No
		Wheelchair-Accessible Cabins	17

## DESTINATION INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS

**Please read this information prior to making your reservation.**

### BROCHURE VALIDITY

The information presented in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge, but is subject to change without notice. Changes can occur with respect to prices, itineraries,

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

### ACCOMMODATION

*duration of holidays, service standards, tour content, airfares and schedules. This is out of our control. Please ensure you advise details of your requirements at the time of booking.*

#### **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

*The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.*

#### **DEPOSIT**

*A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.*

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

*Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel.*

#### **PRICES**

*All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied. Destination International Holidays cannot be held responsible for any service that we are unable to provide due to that particular component being unavailable.*

#### **ITINERARY CHANGES**

*Destination International Holidays reserves the right to amend the itinerary for reasons such as service requirements, road or weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where a change is of a significant nature, it will be advised to our customers in writing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to substitute hotels, lodges, inns and camps with properties of similar standard.*

#### **AMENDMENT FEES**

*Should you need to alter your original*

*There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.*

#### **CLAIMS**

*If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should to try and solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International Holidays arrangements.*

#### **PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS**

*You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay overseas.*

#### **CONSULAR ADVICE**

*Official travel advice issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by calling 1300 555 135 or visiting their web site [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au). You must review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.*

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reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$100 per amendment or transaction. Additionally there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

**CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation of the original booking. There will be no refund for cancellation of unused services on or after commencement date. Please note that employees of any overseas suppliers are not authorised by Destination International Holidays to make any undertakings to our clients in respect of refunds or other matters.

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**CONTRACT**

The contract between Destination International Holidays is governed by the laws of the State of Victoria. By booking with Destination International Holidays the client agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions referred to in our brochure.

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