



Spain & Portugal

Escorted Tour & MED Cruise

21 days tour from \$4999

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



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Prices:

Inside Cabin	\$4999 per person twin share
Oceanview Cabin	\$5399 per person twin share
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Single supplement from \$2800

Departs:

2020 - 07, 14, 21, 28, November

2021 - 30 Januar, 13, 20, 27 February, 06, 13, 20 March

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Escorted Tour & Cruise Includes

- Return economy airfares from Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide Brisbane & Perth to Lisbon &, Barcelona
- Extra \$295 from Canberra & Hobert
- 12 nights hotel accommodation on coach tour
- 7 nights on board MSC Virtuosa MED cruise round trip from Barcelona
- All meals on ship and all non-chargeable entertainment
- Tour includes 15 meals: 11 breakfasts, 4 dinners with wine
- Tour sightseeing in luxury air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour guide on tour
- Services of local guides in all major cities & sightseeing tours
- AVE High-Speed Train: Malaga - Madrid, Madrid – Barcelona

Excludes:

- Single supplement
- Travel insurance (required)
- Airport & cruise port transfers
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the inclusions or in the itinerary

*Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels & local operators.
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ITINERARY:

DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for Portugal

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DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Lisbon

Welcome to captivating Lisbon, one of the oldest cities in Europe with its Moorish and Roman ruins; check into your hotel. Time to rest and relax before tonight's orientation meeting at approximately 7 PM with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers, followed by a Welcome Dinner at the hotel **Overnight:** Lisbon **Meals:** Dinner

DAY 3, Tuesday - Lisbon City Tour

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to marvel at the magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Lisbon and enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. Afternoon is at leisure or, join the optional tour to quaint Sintra, the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. Then, spend some free time in the Village Historical Center before returning to Lisbon **Optional:** Half Day Sintra Tour (PM) **Overnight:** Lisbon **Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 4, Wednesday - Enchanting Evora, Andalusia's Seville

Travel from Lisbon to enchanting Evora, the walled UNESCO World Heritage Site, considered one of Portugal's most beautifully preserved medieval towns. Inside the town's 14th century walls, you find an elaborate cathedral and cloisters, columns of a Roman Temple and the Sao Francisco Church and Ossuary Chapel, whose walls are decorated with thousands of human bones and skulls. Stroll through the picturesque squares and linger at an outdoor café. Later, head to Spain's energetic city of Seville, capital of the scenic Andalusia region on Spain's southern coast. Time to settle in before dinner together at a local restaurant. Later, opportunity to attend an *optional* Flamenco Show in this city known as the birthplace of Flamenco **Optional:** Evening Flamenco Show (PM). **Overnight:** Seville **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Thursday - City Tour of Seville

Begin the day at the beautiful Plaza de España and the fragrant gardens of Maria Luisa Park before enjoying a walking tour in the quaint Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Jewish Quarter of the city with its winding cobblestone streets. Continue with a visit to the Cathedral of Seville, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and legendary burial site of Christopher Columbus. The rest of the day is at leisure or, join the fascinating *optional* tour to Cordoba, founded by the Romans. Visit the astonishing Mezquita de Cordoba, one of the largest mosques in the world, transformed into a soaring cathedral in the 16th century. A walking tour of the city reveals the ancient Jewish Quarter with its labyrinth of winding narrow streets, shady flower filled courtyards, picturesque squares, and view of the 14th century Synagogue on Calle de los Judios **Optional:** Half Day Cordoba Tour (PM)

Overnight: Seville **Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 6, Friday - Ronda, Costa del Sol

Your travels take you to the dramatic cliffside city of Ronda, which overlooks the El Tajo gorge, home to the Plaza de Toros, the oldest bullring in the country. Ronda, considered the birthplace of modern bullfighting in the 18th century, was once a horsemanship training facility. View the historic stables and its interesting museum with exhibits of some of Spain's most famous Matadors. Later, a scenic drive to the lovely resort area of the Costa del Sol. Dinner together this evening

Overnight: Costa del Sol **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday - Full Day in the Costa del Sol

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the Costa del Sol, known for its hundreds of gorgeous beaches, quiet hidden coves and glamorous clubs, restaurants, and cafes. Or, join the *optional* morning tour to Malaga,

birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Visit the Picasso Museum with over 285 works donated by members of Picasso's family. View the Paseo de la Alameda, fragrant Paseo del Parque and the Barrio de la Malagueta. A walking tour through this historical town is accented by views of the Malaga Cathedral, the second highest in southern Spain. After a stop at Cathedral Square, return to the Costa del Sol for time on your own. The chic nightlife of the dynamic Costa del Sol is waiting for you tonight!

Optional: Half Day Malaga Tour (AM). **Overnight:** Costa del Sol

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Sunday - Moorish Granada

Today's journey takes you from Spain's southern coast to Moorish Granada. Here, visit the 13th century Alhambra,* one of Spain's most celebrated monuments, dramatically perched atop Assabica Hill overlooking the entire city. This imposing hilltop fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the world's finest examples of Moorish art and architecture. During the reign of the Moors, the Alhambra served as the residence of the royal family. Walk along the lanes of the serene Generalife Gardens with its beautifully designed courtyards, waterfalls and ponds, and views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Return to the Costa del Sol for the rest of the day to enjoy the city independently

Alhambra visiting times, which may include evening hours, and which areas of the complex are accessible on the day of your visit, are determined solely at the discretion of the Alhambra. Your itinerary will be arranged by your Tour Manager to accommodate the designated time of entry.* **Overnight: Costa del Sol **Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 9, Monday - AVE High Speed Train to Madrid

At the train station, board the AVE high speed train to Madrid that travels via the region of La Mancha, storied home of Don Quixote. View some of his legendary windmills before arriving in the lively metropolis of Madrid, birthplace of many of the world's greatest writers and painters. An orientation sightseeing tour begins with a drive along the Gran Via through the Opera District and Plaza de Colon, stopping for spectacular views of the magnificent Royal Palace. Pass through Puerta del Sol Plaza and the Plaza de España dominated by the monument to Cervantes, famed author of *Don Quixote*. On to the world-renowned Prado Museum; stand before astonishing masterpieces by El Greco, Velázquez, and Goya. In the evening, experience on your own some of the tapas bars that have made Madrid famous. **Overnight:** Madrid

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Tuesday - Full Day in Madrid

Spend a full day at leisure in Madrid for independent discoveries. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to Toledo, the former capital of Spain that still retains its medieval atmosphere and charm. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Toledo is known for its unique historical coexistence of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish cultures. Walk through the ancient Jewish Quarter to the Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue, the oldest in Europe and the St. Tome Church, with its El Greco masterpiece. Enjoy a panoramic drive to the Alcazar of Toledo, a stone fortification located in the highest part of the city and the 13th century cathedral before returning to Madrid. Savor dinner tonight at a local restaurant. **Optional:** Half Day Toledo (AM) **Overnight:** Madrid
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Wednesday - AVE High Speed Train to Barcelona

A morning transfer to the train station to board the exciting AVE high speed train that whisks you to sensational Barcelona. Upon arrival, a drive along the old harbor to the Plaza de Catalunya, the city's bustling main square. Then your first look at the stunning works of Gaudi, the master architect, begins at the exterior of Casa Batllo, seemingly constructed from skulls and bones. View the legendary La Sagrada Familia, iconic symbol of Barcelona; this colossal church is still unfinished after 100 years. Ascend Montjuic Hill, home to the Olympic Complex, a number of sports facilities built for the 1992 Summer Olympics. Tonight, enjoy your first taste of Barcelona's rousing nightlife and fabulous cuisine. **Overnight:** Barcelona. **Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 12, Thursday - Full Day in Barcelona

A full day at leisure to explore Barcelona's countless museums and superb galleries or just savor the magnificent ambience of this gorgeous city. In the morning, join the *optional* tour to Montserrat that takes you on a drive past picturesque villages to Montserrat Mountain. On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica and view the world-famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta." This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception at the hotel. Perhaps later, experience the extraordinary array of tapas bars in Barcelona. Sample specialties at each cafe and continue on a tasting tour throughout the night. **Optional:** Montserrat Tour (AM). **Overnight:** Barcelona
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Friday – Free day Barcelona

Today is a free day to explore Barcelona at leisure.
Meals: Breakfast

Day 14: MED CRUISE BEGINS

Catch a taxi to Barcelona cruise port and check in for your MSC Virtuosa cruise to the MED

DAY		PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
14		Barcelona, Spain	-	18:00
15		Marseille, France	08:00	17:00
16		Genoa, Italy	08:00	18:00
17		Civitavecchia, Italy	07:00	18:00
18		Palermo, Italy	10:00	17:00
19		Valletta, Malta	09:00	18:00
20		At Sea	-	-
21		Barcelona, Spain	09:00	-

Day 21: Fly Spain to Australia

Your MED cruise arrives back in Barcelona. Make your way to the airport for flights home.

DAY 22, Saturday – Arrive Home

Not ready to go home yet?

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Hotel List

- 2 nights Lisbon
- 2 nights Seville
- 3 nights Costa del Sol
- 2 nights Madrid
- 3 nights Barcelona

Hotel Olissippo Marques de Sa', Lisbon

Hesperia Sevilla Hotel, Seville

Sol Don Pablo, Torremolinos

Sercotel Gran Hotel Conde Duque, Madrid

Occidental Diagonal 414, Barcelona

Life aboard MSC Virtuosa

MSC Virtuosa arrives in September 2020, with 200 more cabins than earlier Meraviglia Class ships. From November 2020 MSC Virtuosa will run 7-night round trips of the Western Mediterranean, visiting Civitavecchia (for Rome), Palermo (Sicily), Malta, Barcelona, Marseille and Genoa. Guests may board the ship any of the major ports on the circuit. The ship has a low draft allowing access to a wide range of ports for future itineraries. This 181,000 GT vessel will be the largest for MSC, carrying 4888 at double occupancy (and doubtless many more during school holidays!). This larger Meraviglia Plus Class ship offers more public space per guest.

A new feature with MSC Virtuosa is the extended interior Promenade, with cafes, bars and shops, and overhead the entire ceiling is a 95m by 6m LED screen displaying panoramas and the night sky. Another is the 'Near Field Communication' system, whereby a wrist bracelet, smart phone or key card gives you access to booking facilities, dining, accounts, and location of family members. Also new is a modern Fine Arts Museum. The large ship offers more guest space in public areas. Attractions available on board will include a choice of 12 different dining venues, an authentic Balinese Spa, the DOREMI Studio Lounge offering family activities, a pool deck, and 24-hour butler service.

The ship will also be home to two new shows from Cirque du Soleil at Sea that were created exclusively for MSC passengers. The vessel will feature innovations including hybrid power systems, state-of-the-art waste management and emission-reducing energy and heat recovery systems. The digital cruise assistant, Zoe, is a voice-enabled Artificial Intelligence device fitted in every cabin. Download the MSC app to your phone or tablet to organise your onboard plans.

Accommodation

MSC Virtuosa offers four accommodation grades, price based on the features offered: Bella, Fantastica, Aurea, and Yacht Club. There are 10 stateroom classes, all of which have beds that can be either single or double, spacious wardrobe, bathroom with shower, interactive TV, telephone, Wi-Fi connection (pay), mini-bar, safe and AC. Suites have a whirlpool bath. Deluxe suites add a Nespresso machine. Families also have the choice of two or three interconnecting rooms, for 6 to 10 occupants.

There are five types of suites: Suite with angled balcony, Duplex suites over two levels with private whirlpool baths, Yacht Club Interior, and Yacht Club Royal that has a dining table. MSC Yacht Club guests have access to the luxurious MSC Yacht Club facilities, entirely self-contained with restaurants, a solarium with its own pool, a private lounge and fascinating suites with private whirlpool baths.

Food and Dining

There will be at least 12 distinct dining venues. The principal dining rooms serve Mediterranean and International cuisines, with open seating for breakfast and lunch, and two seatings for dinner. Dine at fixed times and tables, or change your time daily. Yacht Club guests have their own dining area. There are formal evenings, special meals and times for children, dietary options (ordered before the cruise), and in-cabin Continental Breakfast (some classes pay). The casual Buffet Restaurant is open 20 hours daily. Pizzas and fast food is always on the menu. Just check ahead of time for the pay-extra foods. (Incidentally, instead of paying for cold water in dining rooms, fill your own bottle in your cabin, chill it in the mini-bar, and bring it with you at meal times.)

Details of dining have not yet been released, but based on similar ships specialty dining may be offered at Butcher's Cut, in the Teppanyaki Restaurant with Sushi Bar, and ¡HOLA! Tapas Bar. Yacht Club dining (complimentary for suites) will be available with silver service, in Top Sail Lounge, and on the One Sun Deck. There's also the Solarium Grill.

Ask about the possible new French specialty restaurant, l'Atelier Bistrot. The Aft Restaurant is the place for snacks and glass-walled vista of the ship's wake. Also new is the Jean-Philippe Maury Chocolaterie and Chocolate Bar. There are two extra restaurants in the extended indoor promenade. There's no tea or coffee for lunch and dinner in the dining rooms, only in the buffet. You may have to ask for milk.

Entertainment

The line offers a rich program of shows in its two-decked main theatre: Broadway and Las Vegas-style theatrical performances, live music and nightlife. Fast-moving commentary comes in up to six languages. Many productions will be visual rather than spoken. MSC Virtuosa will feature shows from Cirque du Soleil in the Carousel Lounge, with two performances nightly in the circular theatre, along with dining. The ship will have a number of bands and small ensembles to provide music for dancing and background. To get away from the constant activity and noise, retire to Library/Card Room.

Youngsters access brand products from LEGO and Chicco. The double-deck indoor Amusement Park and outdoor Aqua Park are adjoining, and certainly will become the focus for younger ones. MSC strongly promotes family and child activities in the most modern fleet on the oceans. A few occasional notes: Children sail free on certain itineraries, and in July/August there may be 400 or so. Heavy smokers may be everywhere, and the staff may be more focused on Italian passengers. Port calls may be short time-wise.

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Payment in full must be made no less than 120 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

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- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

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

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