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MSC CRUISES : Mediterranean



Cruise :	Mediterranean
Cruise Ship :	MSC Splendida
Departing from :	Barcelona (Spain)
Port of call :	Spain, France, Italy, Tunisia
Year 2014	Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23 Jun 20, 27
Boarding date :	Jul 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct 3, 10, 17 Nov 7
Duration :	7 Nights



MSC Splendida: our new flagship is a masterpiece of seafaring design and Italian elegance. The MSC Splendida cruise ship marks a new era, combining advanced technology with effortless beauty in perfect synergy to create a new queen of the seas.

Itinerary

Day	Date	Port	Arrival	Departure	Activity*
1	Fri	Barcelona	18:00	Docked
2	Sat	Marseille	09:00	16:00	Docked
3	Sun	Genoa	08:00	17:00	Docked
4	Mon	Naples	13:00	19:00	Docked
5	Tue	Messina	09:00	15:00	Docked
6	Wed	La Goulette	08:00	14:00	Docked
7	Thu	At Sea
8	Fri	Barcelona	10:00	Docked

*Information subject to change as a consequence of final berth or anchorage effective availability.

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INTRODUCTION

MSC Splendida: a taste of 'la bella vita'

MSC Cruises continue to astound with its 'Fantasia' class of cruise ships. MSC Cruises welcomes **MSC Splendida**, a luxury cruise liner where the best of **cutting-edge technology** and **exceptional comfort** are splendidly combined.

Futuristic, yet retaining **Italian style** and **elegance**, MSC Splendida is one of our most stunning ships yet. She is a cruise ship that acts as a blissful haven for her guests, enabling lucky passengers to 'voyage' rather than simply 'travel'!

MSC Cruises has laid out a 5-star service for demanding guests in the **MSC Yacht Club**, an **exclusive area** complete with **71 spacious suites** and **24-hour butler service**. In the **Top Sail Lounge** complete with Skydome, guests can delight their palate under a dome of sparkling stars.

For their well-being, guests may partake in the **MSC AUREA Spa**. Here, the magic of **Balinese massage** meets holistic water treatments, a legacy of Roman times. Saunas, Turkish bath, solarium, relaxation room, Thalassotherapy, massage room, whirlpool - guests can enjoy all the facilities in a relaxing, luxurious surroundings. Entertainment on board the luxury MSC Splendida ship leaves guests spoilt for choice: **4 swimming pools**, an exercise room, **squash court**, the chance to simulate the thrill of **Formula 1**, and more...

Want to sunbathe in peace and privacy? Soak up the sun in style in this adults-only sanctuary of serenity. **Top 18** boasts premium deck space and stunning sea views, not forgetting its own **dedicated spa service**, **bar menu** and **complimentary fruit skewers**. For groups of friends, couples looking for a romantic hideaway or parents looking for some quiet time, **Top 18** is the perfect place to relax, unwind and watch the waves go by.

MSC Cruises lines, we are as keen to preserve the natural beauty of our world as we are to visit it. This is why we are mindful of green issues and why MSC Splendida is at the cutting edge of ecology. This modern-day liner is equipped with the most innovative systems to guarantee **energy savings** and **environmental protection**, earning us the title of MSC Splendida, **ECO SHIP**.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHIP	
Built	2009
Gross tonnage	137.936 tons
Number of passengers	3.247 (on double berth basis)
Crew members	About 1.370
Number of cabins	1.637, incl. 43 for guests with disabilities or reduced mobility
Length / Beam / Height	333,30 m / 37,92 m post panamax / 66,80 m
Decks	18, incl. 14 for guests
Maximum speed	22,99 knots
Average speed	18 knots
Environmental technology	AW T-Advanced Water Treatment, Energy Saving & Monitoring System, Clean Ship 2

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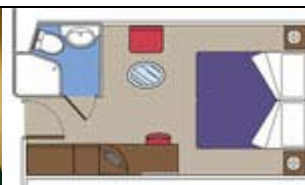
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Room Type :

Inside

All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with shower. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface approxim. from 13 sq.m. to 16 sq.m.



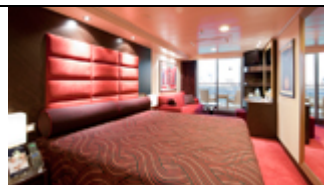
Ocean View



All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with shower. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface approxim. from 12 sq.m. to 20 sq.m.

Balcony Cabin

All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with shower or tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface approx. from 17 to 30 sq.m.



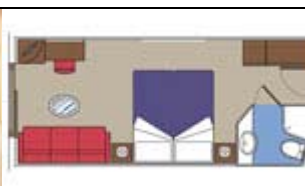
Balcony Suite



All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface: approx. 32 sq. m.

Aurea Suite with panoramic sealed window

All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface from approx. 21 sq.m. to 29 sq.m.



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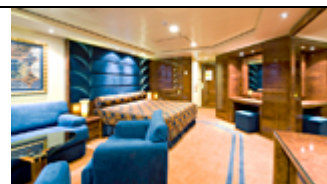
Aurea Suite Balcony



All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface from approx. 37 sq.m. to 47 sq.m.

MSC Yacht Club Deluxe Suite

All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Console Nintendo Wii. Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface approxim. from 26 sq.m. to 32 sq.m., with balcony.



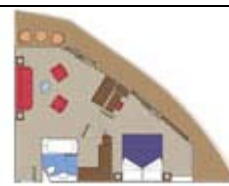
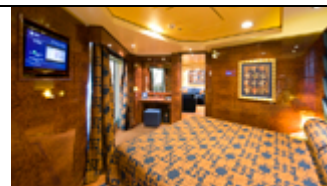
MSC Yacht Club Executive & Family Suite



All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Console Nintendo Wii. Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface approxim. from 45 sq.m. to 53 sq.m., with panoramic sealed window.

MSC Yacht Club Royal Suite

All beds can be both single or double (on request). Spacious wardrobe. Bathroom with tub. Interactive TV. Telephone. Availability of internet connection by your own laptop (on payment). Console Nintendo Wii. Mini bar and safe. Air conditioning. Surface approxim. 36 sq.m., with a balcony of 16 sq.m.



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MSC Splendida

Shore Excursion :

GOA01T - PORTOFINO (approx. 4 hours) - Genoa, Italy



Thanks to its mild climate, charming old fishing ports and beautiful countryside, the Italian Riviera has been a popular holiday destination since Byron and Shelley's day. This tour gives you a chance to enjoy a lush section of this famous coastline and begins with a 45-minute coach ride to Santa Margherita Ligure, a pretty fishing village. A further 10 minutes by coach then takes you to Portofino. You will have plenty of time to explore this delightful seaside town at your leisure, to take photos, visit the seafront or simply to relax in one of the many chic seafront cafés. Your return journey to Santa Margherita will be by boat, after which you will return to Genoa and to the ship by coach.

Please note: *this tour is available only to guests in transit in Genoa port. Weather conditions will dictate if the tour is feasible, so please have the tour reconfirmed during your cruise. Should bad weather prevail, a minibus will take you from Santa Margherita Ligure to Portofino and vice versa.*

GOA02T - AQUARIUM (approx. 3.5 hours) - Genoa, Italy



Take the family on this funny excursion to the popular Genoa Aquarium; a quick ferry transfer takes us to what is reputed to be one of Europe's best aquariums, renowned for its size and vast variety of marine creatures. As one of the most natural and environmentally-friendly aquariums in the world everyone will enjoy the collections of multi-coloured tropical fish, sharks, natural corals, penguins and dolphins. After you will have a quick boat trip back to the ship.

Please note: *this tour is only offered to passengers in transit in Genoa port and is not suitable for guests in a wheelchair as the ferry has no wheelchair access. No guided visit inside the Aquarium; only photos with no flash are allowed during the visit.*

GOA02TWI - AQUARIUM (approx. 3.5 hours) - Genoa, Italy



Take the family on this funny excursion to the popular Genoa Aquarium; a quick ferry transfer takes us to what is reputed to be one of Europe's best aquariums, renowned for its size and vast variety of marine creatures. As one of the most natural and environmentally-friendly aquariums in the world everyone will enjoy the collections of multi-coloured tropical fish, sharks, natural corals, penguins and dolphins. After you will have a quick boat trip back to the ship.

Please note: *this tour is available only to guests in transit in Genoa port and is not suitable for guests in a wheelchair as the ferry has no wheelchair access. No guided visit inside the Aquarium; pictures are allowed but without using flash.*

GOA03T - HISTORICAL CENTRE (approx. 3.5 hours) - Genoa, Italy



A short ferry transfer takes you to "Piazza Caricamento" for a pleasant walk through Genoa's historic town centre. We will wander the charming narrow streets known as "carruggi" to reach "Piazza dei Ferrari", the commercial heart of Genoa, where we will admire "Palazzo Ducale" (external visit only). You will visit the "Cisterne del Ducale" where a light buffet made of "bruschetta" and "focaccia", typical to Genoa, awaits you. Your tour will continue with external views of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo. Free time in the old port before returning to the port.

Please note: *this tour is only offered to passengers in transit in Genoa port and is not suitable for guests in a wheelchair as the ferry has no*

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▲ GOA04D - GENOA CITY TOUR (full day, lunch not included) - Genoa, Italy



This trip to Genoa makes a perfect ending to a wonderful holiday for disembarking guests making their way to the airport. Board your coach, stash your luggage and head for the heart of Genoa, the Piazza Caricamento, for a pleasant walk around Genoa's historical town centre. The charming narrow streets of this lovely old town, which are known as "caruggi", are a delight to explore on foot. You will also pass through the Piazza de Ferrari, Genoa's commercial centre, to reach the truly resplendent Palazzo Ducale, once the home of the Doges of Genoa and now a centre for cultural events and art exhibitions, for an external visit. Your tour comes to a close with a 3-hour coach transfer to Milan and Malpensa airport.

Please note: *this tour is available only to guests who are disembarking and booked on flights from Milan Malpensa airport after 18:30 hours.*

▲ GOA04DWI - GENOA CITY TOUR (full day, lunch not included) - Genoa, Italy



This half day trip to Genoa makes a perfect ending to a wonderful holiday for disembarking guests making their way to the airport. Board your coach, stash your luggage and head for the heart of Genoa, the Piazza Caricamento, for a pleasant walk around Genoa's historical town centre. The charming narrow streets of this lovely old town, which are known as "caruggi", are a delight to explore on foot. You will also pass through the Piazza de Ferrari, Genoa's commercial centre, to reach the truly resplendent Palazzo Ducale, once the home of the Doges of Genoa and now a centre for cultural events and art exhibitions, for an external visit. Your half day tour comes to a close with an additional 3-hour coach transfer to Malpensa airport.

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▲ GOA06T - SIGHTSEEING ON OPEN BUS & AQUARIUM (full day) - Genoa, Italy



Enjoy a panoramic tour of Genoa while sitting comfortably on an open bus and admire the main squares and streets of this lively city. You will discover the elegant 16th century district of Via Garibaldi, the imposing Piazza De Ferrari area with the Ducal Palace. You will also pass by the Carlo Felice Theatre and the Columbus's house and along the fashion street, Via Roma, with the most elegant Italian brands. During your tour on the bus multilingual commentary is provided. Next stop will be the Aquarium whose visit is included in the tour, an opportunity to admire on your own a vast variety of marine creatures, coloured tropical fishes, sharks, corals, penguins and dolphins. At the end the visit, no rush to return back to the ship. Passengers will take their time to enjoy the town and return by shuttle bus departing every 30 minutes from the Aquarium drop on.

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▲ **MRS02 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE (approx. 4 hours) - Marseille, France**



We will leave Marseille port for a 40-minute drive to the lovely town of Aix-en-Provence. The excursion starts with a visit to the famous XII century St. Saviour's Cathedral and gardens. The Cathedral was built on the site of a Roman Temple and dates from a period that spans the XI and XIII centuries. Fronted by a richly decorated Gothic-style portal with elaborately carved doors, the Cathedral is flanked on the north by an unfinished tower. Enjoy a pleasant walk (1,5 hours) through the historic town centre before reaching the famous Mazarino Quarter, a residential district created by Cardinal Mazarin's brother in the last half of the XVII century for the gentry of Aix en Provence. Free time for shopping.

Please note: *this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground and is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. On holidays shops may be closed.*

▲ **MRS02WI - AIX-EN-PROVENCE (approx. 4 hours) - Marseille, France**



We will leave Marseille port for a 40-minute drive to the lovely town of Aix-en-Provence. The excursion starts with a visit to the famous XII century St. Saviour's Cathedral and gardens. The Cathedral was built on the site of a Roman Temple and dates from a period that spans the XI and XIII centuries. Fronted by a richly decorated Gothic-style portal with elaborately carved doors, the Cathedral is flanked on the north by an unfinished tower. Enjoy a pleasant walk (1,5 hours) through the historic town centre before reaching the famous Mazarino Quarter, a residential district created by Cardinal Mazarin's brother in the last half of the XVII century for the gentry of Aix en Provence. Free time before returning to the port.

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▲ **MRS03 - CASSIS (approx. 4.5 hours) - Marseille, France**



Formerly a quiet fishing village on the southern coastline of France near Marseille, Cassis has grown into a charming small town and popular international tourist resort. The town is particularly famed for its cliffs, calanques – steep-walled inlets – and the local white and rosé wines. On leaving the port of Marseille, your tour begins with a 1-hour coach transfer, followed by a local train to the town. Once there, you will have plenty of time to stroll around Cassis' charming streets, lined with the brightly coloured homes of the locals, and beautiful port as well as enjoy splendid views afforded from the waterfront. Your tour ends with your return trip back to the ship.

Please note: the station of the local train may be crowded so please expect some queues. On holidays shops may be closed.

▲ **MRS06 - MARSEILLES CITY TOUR (approx. 4 hours) - Marseille, France**



Join us on a visit around this important maritime town. We will begin at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Garde which stands majestically on top of a hill. The Cathedral is made up of a lower and an upper church and was built on the site of an ancient chapel. Continue along the "Corniche" (coast road) where we will admire Borely Castle and garden (no inside visit). The excursion includes sightseeing in the centre of Marseilles and photos at Longchamps Palace before enjoying some free time in the "Vieux Port" (old port).

Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair due to many steps and uphill path around the Cathedral. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

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▲ **MRS07 - AVIGNON AND MARSEILLES (full day, lunch not included) - Marseille, France**



Our starting point for this day-long tour begins in Marseilles, as the Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Garde. This Neo-Byzantine church stands on top of a hill and was designed by the French architect Esperandiu between 1853 and 1864. The site was formerly a XIII century chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Guard and features several votive offerings from safely returned sailors. Stop for an inside visit before continuing on a 1.5-hour coach ride to the medieval city of Avignon. Here we will visit the Palace of the Popes, an ancient fortress rich in galleries and chapels. The frescoes and hand-painted tapestries in the Popes' bedrooms and private rooms bear witness to the former opulence of this residence. Make the most of your free time to stroll around and have lunch (non-inclusive) in one of the typical French brasserie-restaurants. Return to Marseilles for embarkation.

Please note: walking on uneven ground and steps. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair due to many steps and uphill path around the Cathedral in Marseilles. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. This tour is not available on following call: 21.03.2013 (MSC Preziosa)

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Please note: *walking on uneven ground and steps. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or in a wheelchair due to many steps and uphill path around the Cathedral in Marseilles.*

▲ **MRS12 - RELAX ON A BEACH (6 hours) - Marseille, France**



Leave the port and enjoy a few hours of complete relax. A short coach ride will take to you the area of Le Prado; you will enjoy a short sightseeing tour of the city on the route to the beach. You will have the opportunity to choose one of the public beaches of the area to enjoy the sun and the sea. A few hours of pure relax and fun.

▲ **BCN01 - CITY TOUR (4 hours) - Barcelona, Spain**

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Take some time to discover beautiful Barcelona on this enjoyable sightseeing tour of the city. Your Barcelona experience begins at the spectacular Cathedral of the Holy Cross and St. Eulalia, the construction of which began at the end of the 13th and continued into the 15th century. The Cathedral is situated in Barcelona's Barri Gòtic quarter, the city's largely intact medieval centre. The coach will also drive past two of the famous works by the architect Gaudí for external viewings of the Sagrada Família and the Casa Batlló. Your tour will be rounded off by a stroll around the tranquil Poble Espanyol, a village purpose-built to showcase Spain's many different architectural styles, and a brief stop at Montjuich Hill for the fabulous views of the city from the Belvedere del Alcalde. Your tour concludes with your return to the ship.

Please note: the Cathedral visit may have to be cancelled on public holidays or if special events are being held. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

▲ BCN01WI - CITY TOUR OF BARCELONA (approx. 4 hours) - Barcelona, Spain



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Please note: the Cathedral visit may have to be cancelled on public holidays or if special events are being held. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

▲ BCN02 - PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING (4 hours) - Barcelona, Spain



The fabulous city of Barcelona is well worth a visit and this whistle-stop tour will take you to see the key sights during an enjoyable half day off the ship. Upon leaving the port, your tour begins with a drive through Barcelona's main streets and squares. A short stop will be made at Montjuich Hill to take in the superb view over the city before moving on for a brief external viewing of the Sagrada Família, Gaudí's striking yet unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece. There will also be time to pay the impressive Barcelona Cathedral, which was constructed from the end of the 13th until into the 15th century, a visit before taking you to go shopping in the Plaça de Catalunya, a large square in central Barcelona that is ideal for a little retail therapy.

Please note: on public holidays or on Sunday afternoon, the shopping stop will be at the "La Rambla".

▲ BCN02WI - PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING (approx. 4 hours) - Barcelona, Spain



The fabulous city of Barcelona is well worth a visit and this whistle-stop tour will take you to see the key sights during an enjoyable half day off the ship. Upon leaving the port, your tour begins with a drive through Barcelona's main streets and squares. A short stop will be made at Montjuich Hill to take in the superb view over the city before moving on for a brief external viewing of the Sagrada Família, Gaudí's striking yet unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece. There will also be time to pay the impressive Barcelona Cathedral, which was constructed from the end of the 13th until into the 15th century, a visit before taking you to go shopping in the Plaça de Catalunya, a large square in central Barcelona that is ideal for a little retail therapy.

Please note: on public holidays, the shopping stop will be at the "La Rambla" pedestrian mall.

▲ BCN03 - GAUDI'S EXPERIENCE (4 hours) - Barcelona, Spain



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Don't miss your chance to immerse yourself in the fascinating world and works of Barcelona's premiere architect: the world-famous Antoni Gaudí. After leaving the port, your tour will take you down the beautiful Passeig de Gràcia avenue for an outside view of Casa Batlló, a flamboyant building that is covered in thousands of multi-coloured tiles. Up next is Casa Milà, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for another exterior visit, followed by the Park Güell, a garden complex and one of Barcelona's key tourist attractions due to its remarkable, sinuous buildings, stunning mosaics and ceramic-covered benches. The excursion also includes time to visit inside Gaudí's unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. Your tour ends with a scenic return drive to the port.

▲ BCN03WI - THE GAUDÍ EXPERIENCE (approx. 4 hours) - Barcelona, Spain



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▲ **BCN12 - HIKING IN COLLSEROLA NATURAL PARK (5 hours) - Barcelona, Spain**



A green oasis in the midst of one of the Mediterranean coast's most densely populated urban areas, Collserola Natural Park gained national park status in 2010 and is now a protected area. After being transferred to the park (30-min. drive), a professional mountain guide will accompany you on a journey through natural diversity. Besides the park's astounding landscapes, the tour also offers a unique high-up perspective of Barcelona's world-famous architecture, including the Sagrada Família basilica, Camp Nou stadium and 38-storey Torre Agbar. You will pass by the Collserola Tower, designed by Sir Norman Foster for the 1992 Summer Olympics, before arriving at the summit of Tibidabo. This 512m peak overlooks the city and is the site of the Temple Expiatori del Sagrat Cor, a modernist church, where the bus awaits you for the return trip to the port.

Please note: as this tour includes an 8km trail walk, we recommend wearing hiking shoes and bringing water. This tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Tour guides in English or Spanish only. This tour operates from June until the end of September.

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▲ **BCN13 - BEACH TOUR IN SITGES (5 hours) - Barcelona, Spain**



Located 40km south of Barcelona, Sitges features fabulous beaches and an upbeat atmosphere, which is probably why it has transformed from a small fishing village into one of southern Catalonia's most popular tourist destinations. Sitges is bustling in summer, when locals and visitors spend their days on the beaches and streets of the historical centre. A pleasant 45-minute coach ride will take you to this gorgeous town for a guided tour of the old district, including the local market, town hall, and the Church of San Bartolomé y Santa Tecla. After the tour you will have the opportunity to relax on one of Sitges' legendary beaches.

Please note: this tour operates from from June until the end of September. We suggest bringing a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and a hat.

▲ **BCN14 - AN INSIDE LOOK INTO GAUDIS MASTERPIECES (full day, lunch not included) - Barcelona, Spain**



Join us and discover the masterpieces of Antoni Gaudi, the architect whose famous works can be found in Barcelona and surroundings. Leave the port for a drive along Barcelona's famous "Paseo de Gracia", known as Spain's most expensive street, to Casa Batlló with its outer walls of multi-coloured tiles (exterior visit only). Then continue on to the bizarre Casa Milà, one of seven Gaudi properties to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site (exterior visit only), followed by the Park Güell, a garden-city complex and one of Barcelona's main attractions with its remarkable, sinuous buildings, stunning mosaics and ceramic-covered benches. The excursion includes a stop to admire the outside of the Sagrada Familia basilica, Gaudi's unfinished neogothic masterpiece. Enjoy some free time to have lunch (not included) or go shopping before driving for approx. 1 hour to Santa Coloma de Cervelló to visit Colònia Güell, one of Gaudi's most revered works for its structural innovations and unique use of materials. Built in the middle of a pine forest, the highlight of this masterpiece is the crypt. The church itself was never completed.

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▲ **BCN15 - A DAY AT ISLA FANTASIA (half day) - Barcelona, Spain**



This half-day excursion to the "Illa Fantasia", a hugely popular waterpark near Barcelona, offers fun for the whole family and is sure to be a hit with the kids. Look forward to no less than 22 (!) different aquatic attractions, five enormous swimming pools and designated children's play areas. Your creature comforts are looked after by several bars and restaurants, the perfect place to spend some time out of the water. Treat yourself to a few hours of complete relaxation and worry-free on-shore fun as you explore the exciting aquatic world of the "Illa Fantasia".

Please note: as there are many slippery surfaces in the park, this tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. The tour operates from June until early September.

▲ **VAL01 - CITY TOUR (approx. 4 hours) - Valencia, Spain**



Situated on the banks of the old course of the River Turia and originally settled by the Romans, the beautiful Mediterranean city of Valencia is well worth a visit. Your tour begins with a scenic coach trip through some of the city's many lovely avenues and squares. A guided walking tour then follows that will take you through the city centre for a chance to view and photograph the Gothic architecture of the buildings. A visit to Valencia's wonderful cathedral, the Our Lady of the Forsaken Basilica, is also included. Although predominantly built in Gothic style, the basilica also incorporates Baroque and Romanesque elements. Finally, a photo stop will be made outside the City of Arts and Science, a large museum and cinema complex that is celebrated for its futuristic architecture, before returning to the ship.

Please note: in case of religious celebrations, guests can visit the Cathedral individually after receiving information from the guide. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

▲ **VAL02 - OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM (approx. 4 hours) - Valencia, Spain**



Leave the port for a fascinating sightseeing tour of Valencia, a city particularly known for its large historical quarter and the Gothic architecture of its buildings. Next on the itinerary is a visit to the Oceanographic Museum, which forms part of Valencia's City of Arts and Sciences complex, in itself famed for its awe-inspiring architecture. With time to explore the fascinating museum without a guide, you can look forward to discovering the wildlife found in a broad range of specific aquatic environments, including a huge dolphinarium. There is also an incredible underwater glass tunnel that lets you feel at one with the surrounding marine ecosystem and enables unique encounters with the museum's many inhabitants, which represent around 500 different species.

Please note: the visit to the Oceanographic Museum is unguided.

▲ **VAL04 - TRANSFER TO THE BEACH (approx. 4 hours) - Valencia, Spain**



Unbroken sunshine, golden sand and the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea make a perfect combination for spending half a day at the beach. After boarding your coach at the port, a brief transfer (without a guide) will take you to a nearby beach for some quality "me time" off the ship. Whether you choose to go swimming in the azure blue of the sea or simply to chill out and watch the world go by, you are sure to have a great time. Your beach-based outing comes to a close with your return to Valencia and your ship.

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▲ **VAL06 - TOUR OF VALENCIA & SAN JOSE CAVES (4,5 hours) - Valencia, Spain**

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Just a short distance to the south of Valencia lies the wonderful region known as the Nature Reserve of Sierra de Espadán, the second-largest protected area in the autonomous community of Valencia. Made of up 19 small fishing villages, the area is also home to the village of San José and the famous San José caves. The world's longest navigable underground river, the San José, flows through this huge cave complex and is also the point of access the small boat will take into the various chambers of these spectacular caves. After the cave visit, you will then continue on to Valencia for a sightseeing tour by coach along a route that will also take you past the Torres de Serrano towers, Plaza de la Virgen as well as Valencia Cathedral. You will also have a chance to stroll around the central market square before returning to the port.

Please note: the tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

▲ VAL07 - BIOPARK ADVENTURE (4 hours) - Valencia, Spain



This trip to Valencia's innovative zoological gardens – the so-called Bioparc – offers visitors a thoroughly immersive experience surrounded by faithful recreations of various habitats along with the animals that typically live within them. Located only a short coach ride from the port, the Bioparc's main remits include animal conversation as well as educating the public on the importance of preserving natural ecosystems and habitats. Thanks to hidden boundaries between the animal enclosures and public spaces, you will feel like you are right in the middle of the action – a certain thrill for adults and children alike. The savannah and equatorial rain forest regions of the park's African section will let you to amble alongside herds of antelopes, giraffes and rhinos or even rub shoulders with gorillas, buffalos and elephants. This highly entertaining and deceptively real zoo experience is one of which lasting memories are made. Your tour comes to a close with your return to port and your ship.

Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair

▲ VAL08 - ONE DAY IN THE SPANISH CAPITAL (10 hours, lunch not included) - Valencia, Spain



A short coach transfer will take you from the port to Valencia train station where you will board a speed train and enjoy an approx. 1.5-hour journey to Madrid, the capital of Spain. A coach and a guide will await you in Madrid to begin your discovery of this enchanting and modern city. Your sightseeing coach drive will take you to the main landmarks including Paseo del Prado, Plazas de Cibeles, Alcalá Street, the famous Gran Vía and Plaza de España. You will reach San Miguel Market where approx. 2 hours free time are scheduled for you to have lunch on your own or to shop. Next you will continue the tour with a pleasant walking through other important attractions of the Spanish capital including Plaza de Oriente, Plaza de Ramales, Sres. de Luzón Street, Plaza de la Villa, Del Codo Street, Plaza Conde de Barajas, Plaza Mayor, Santiago Street and finally Orient Square where you will board your coach again. Before returning to Atocha Station and time/traffic permitting a second leg of the sightseeing tour is scheduled allowing you to drive along Bailen Street, Mayor Street, Puerta del Sol, Carr. S. Jerónimo, Paseo del Prado, Plaza de Atocha, Avenida Barcelona and Mendez Álvaro Street. At Atocha Station you will board a speed train that will take you back to Valencia train station where a coach will be waiting for you. A short coach drive will take you to the port and to your cruise ship.

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▲ VAL09 - MADRID ON YOUR OWN (10 hours, lunch not included) - Valencia, Spain



Leave the port and prepare to enjoy a day out to discover Spain's capital city at your own pace. A short coach transfer will take you to Valencia train station where you will board a speed train and enjoy an approx. 1.5-hour journey to Madrid. Upon arrival in the Spanish capital city you will receive a map to start your exploration of this enchanting and modern city. You will have plenty of time to discover its monuments, its busy streets and avenues or look for a nice souvenirs in its typical markets. Be sure to be at Atocha Station on time to board your return speed train to Valencia and to your cruise ship.

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▲ TUN01 - HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TOUR (approx. 4 hours 15 minutes) - La Goulette, Tunisia

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TUN02 - SHOPPING TOUR (approx. 4.5 hours) - La Goulette, Tunisia



This enjoyable shopping tour begins with a short coach ride from the port to the old medina quarter, which is a UNESCO world heritage site and boasts some 700 monuments, including historical palaces, mosques, mausoleums and fountains. It is also where spectacular architectural beauty meets a shopper's delight: the typical and traditional spice market with hundreds of stalls selling a huge variety of local produce. After the medina, you will continue on to the little fishing village of Sidi Bou Said, which was founded by Andalusian Arabs and is known particularly for the consistent white-and-blue colour scheme of the houses all throughout the town. You will have time to soak up the special charm of the village on your own before beginning your return trip to the port.

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▲ TUN03 - BEACH TOUR (approx. 4.5 hours) - La Goulette, Tunisia



After leaving the port of La Goulette we will drive to Gammarth, a lovely seaside resort just 20 kilometres from Tunis. During the 19th century Gammarth was a favourite spot for wealthy Tunisians to spend their vacations and today it remains an attractive tourist destination with sandy bays and picturesque coastal scenery. This excursion allows you to enjoy a few hours in a resort, to bathe in the clear Tunisian sea or simply relax on the beach. A welcome cocktail is included.

Please note: this tour operates from June until the end of September and is available only for guests onboard MSC Musica, MSC Orchestra and MSC Splendida. We recommend bringing a towel and sunscreen.

▲ TUN05 - CARTHAGE & MEDINA (approx. 4.5 hours) - La Goulette, Tunisia



The ancient city of Carthage, which today forms a suburb of Tunis, dates back nearly 3,000 years and was built on a promontory overlooking the sea, which favourable position facilitated the key role that Carthage played in maritime trade. Upon leaving the port, a brief coach transfer will take you to the ancient site, which was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1979. The tour includes a visit to the Punic Tophet, a spine-tingling open-air memorial to deceased infants from this early Phoenician period, before then continuing on to the Antonin Baths, the ruins of the largest Roman bath complex outside Rome itself. Next up is a spot of shopping in the Medina, the typical Arab market in Tunis. Your guide will point out the different types of goods and spices as you make your way through the narrow streets of the market. Your tour concludes with your return to the port and your ship.

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▲ TUN10 - HISTORY & COLOURS OF TUNIS (approx. 4.5 hours) - La Goulette, Tunisia



We will leave the port of La Goulette and head to the superb Bardo Museum, a former 13th century palace famous for its outstanding collection of mosaics and major findings from Carthage. The Bardo is akin to the Louvre in its extensive and impressive collection of exhibits. We will enjoy a guided tour of some of the rooms to admire the most significant displays, including the exquisite Virgil Room, which houses a spectacular 3rd century mosaic from Sousse. Our next stop will be Sidi Bou Said, a typical fishing village famed for its picturesque blue and white houses. Enjoy some free time here before returning to the port.

Please note: the museum visit in Sidi Bou Said is optional and not included in the price; guests must pay the entrance fee if they wish to visit. Note also that parts of the Bardo Museum are currently undergoing restoration, so not all rooms can be visited. A fee is requested to take pictures or shoot videos at Bardo Museum. This tour is not available for guests onboard MSC Orchestra.

▲ TUN10WI - HISTORY & COLOURS OF TUNIS (approx. 4.5 hours) - La Goulette, Tunisia



We will leave the port of La Goulette and head to the superb Bardo Museum, a former 13th century palace famous for its outstanding collection of mosaics and major findings from Carthage. The Bardo is akin to the Louvre in its extensive and impressive collection of exhibits. We will enjoy a guided tour of some of the rooms to admire the most significant displays, including the exquisite Virgil Room, which houses a spectacular 3rd century mosaic from Sousse. Our next stop will be Sidi Bou Said, a typical fishing village famed for its picturesque blue and white houses. Enjoy some free time here before returning to the port.

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▲ TUN11 - EXPLORING THE COLORFUL SOUKS OF TUNIS (approx. 4 hours) - La Goulette, Tunisia



Your excursion will begin with a short panoramic bus tour of Tunis' modern district, which offers a great introduction to this fascinating North African city. We will then head to the colourful world of the Medina (market); accompanied by a guide, you can stroll the streets of this lively district for some shopping, Arabian style. You can soak up the sights and sounds of this souk as you admire the many handicraft stalls and inhale the fragrant scent of spices. We will stop at a traditional carpet shop to learn about the history and traditions of the Berber people, who are famed for their production of quality Tunisian carpets and rugs. Our tour concludes with a café stop to sample local pastries and coffee whilst enjoying a display of Tunisian folk dance.

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▲ TUN14 - GRAND TOUR OF TUNIS (full day, lunch included) - La Goulette, Tunisia



Enjoy a day out to discover the beauty of Tunis. A short coach ride from the port will take you to the old medina quarter, which is a UNESCO world heritage site and boasts some 700 monuments, including historical palaces, mosques, mausoleums and fountains. It is also where spectacular architectural beauty meets a shopper's delight: the typical and traditional spice market with hundreds of stalls selling a huge variety of local produce. After the medina, you will head to the superb Bardo Museum, a former 13th century palace famous for its outstanding collection of mosaics and major findings from Carthage. The Bardo is akin to the Louvre in its extensive and impressive collection of exhibits. You will enjoy a guided tour of some of the rooms to admire the most significant displays, including the exquisite Virgil Room, which houses a spectacular 3rd century mosaic from Sousse. Time for a break to taste a delicious lunch before continuing to archaeological site of Carthage, a city from the 6th century B.C. that was once the base of a powerful trading empire. Its most famous citizen was Hannibal, the general who crossed the Alps to do battle with the Romans. You will have a chance to visit the baths of Antonius before continuing to the little fishing village of Sidi Bou Said, which was founded by Andalusian Arabs and is known particularly for the consistent white-and-blue colour scheme of the houses all throughout the town. You will have time to soak up the special charm of the village on your own before beginning your return trip to the port.

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▲ TUN15 - KAIROUAN (full day, lunch included) - La Goulette, Tunisia

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A 2-hour coach drive will take you to the ancient city of Kairouan, which was founded by the Arabs circa 670 A.D.. It was declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1988 and is considered to be the Islamic Culture Capital. Your first stop will be at the Grand Mosque of Sidi-Uqba, which features 414 marble, granite or porphyry columns that were mainly taken from the ruins of Carthage. The Mosque counts as one of the most important monuments of Islamic civilization and as an architectural masterpiece. Next you will visit the Mosque of the Barber, a site built in honour of Abu Zama' al-Balau, a companion of the prophet Muhammad. A stop at the large water reservoirs originally built by the dynastic Aghlabid family and at a typical souk will whet your appetite for lunch at a renowned hotel. The tour concludes with a visit to Port El Kantaoui, a dazzling white Tunisian village with a beautiful marina where you will have time to explore on your own.

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▲ TUN15WI - KAIROUAN (full day, lunch included) - La Goulette, Tunisia



A 2-hour coach drive will take you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kairouan, founded by the Arabs around 670. Your first stop will be at the Grand Mosque of Sidi-Uqba with its 414 marble columns, nearly all taken from the ruins of Carthage. The Mosque is considered as one of the most important monuments of Islamic civilizations and an architectural masterpiece. Next you will visit the Mosque of the Barber, a veneration place for Abu Zama' al-Balau, a companion of the prophet Muhammad. Before lunch you will visit the large water reservoirs called "Aghlabidi" and the typical souk. Lunch will be served in a renowned hotel before continuing to Port El Kantaoui, a white and blue Tunisian style village. Free time to stroll around before returning to Tunis.

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▲ TUN16 - BEACH CLUB (full day, lunch included) - La Goulette, Tunisia



Your luxury beach experience begins with a relaxing 1.5-hour coach journey from the port of La Goulette to the Dana Beach Club, which is part of a 5-star hotel with its own sandy beach giving onto the turquoise waters of the Bay of Hammamet. Look forward to a full day at the club enjoying its luxuriously appointed facilities, such as a king-sized swimming pool, 3 Jacuzzis, a bar, a volleyball area and a well-equipped kids' playground. The excellent restaurant will provide a buffet lunch on the private beach. Also at your disposal are three massage cabins as well as state-of-the-art equipment for a variety of water sports, such as water gliding, parachuting or water skating. Your day of sun, sand and sea ends about mid-afternoon with your leisurely return trip to the port and your ship.

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