THE OFFER

Whether you want to discover the Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, be seduced by Sicily's diverse landscapes, or simply admire the wonders of the West Mediterranean, this 19-day fly, tour, cruise package will leave you more than satisfied.

Travel along the edge of Europe from Palermo, through an ancient world of souk-like markets and Baroque churches, and discover the precious golden mosaics of the Duomo. Admire lava stone buildings of Catania by foot, and an afternoon dedicated to Riviera of the Cyclops and Acicastello. Visit the city of Syracuse, a Unesco World Heritage Site, before making your way to Noto, famed for its magnificent cathedral. Explore the Agrigento Valley of the Temples, where you’ll discover the well preserved ruins of the ancient city of Akragas. Set sail on a seven night cruise through the Mediterranean Sea aboard either MSC Divina or MSC Meraviglia. With return flights from Australia, eight nights hotel accommodation and a seven night cruise, this package is almost impossible to pass up.

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$4999

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Australia - Palermo, Italy
Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth for your flight to Palermo, Italy. Fly with Etihad Airways, Emirates, British Airlines or Cathay Pacific to name a few (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Palermo
Upon arrival at Palermo Airport be met and transferred by private bus to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Vecchio Borgo or similar, Palermo
Meals included: None

Day 3 Palermo - Monreale
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before meeting with a local tour guide for a guided tour of the city. The city is at the edge of Europe but at the centre of the ancient world, a place where souk-like markets rub against Baroque churches, where date palms frame Gothic palaces.

See the Norman Palace (entrance not included) inside is the Cathedral and the Palatine Chapel. The palace was the royal chapel of the kings of Sicily during the Norman domination and served afterwards as the main seat of power for the subsequent rulers of Sicily. In the afternoon, continue to Monreale, a town within Palermo's shire, on the slope of Monte Caputo, overlooking a fertile valley called "La Conca D'Oro" (the Golden Shell), famed for its orange, olive and almond trees. Admire the famous Duomo (entrance not included) with its precious golden mosaics and the adjoining cloister.

Overnight: Hotel Vecchio Borgo or similar, Palermo
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Palermo - Cefalu - Piazza Armerina - Catania (approx. 300km day)
After breakfast depart for Catania, visiting Cefalu along the way - a picturesque town located at the foot of an imposing cliff. Walk through narrow streets with your local tour guide and arrive at the Cathedral (entrance not included), one of the most beautiful churches from the Norman period in Sicily. Afterwards head to Piazza Armerina to visit Villa Romana del Casale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Originally the property of a powerful Roman family, it dates back to the 4th Century A.D, and is best known for its captivating mosaics which are considered the most beautiful and best-preserved of their kind. In the evening, arrive at the hotel in the Catania area.

Overnight: Hotel Nettuno or similar, Catania
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Catania Walking Tour - Riviera of the Cyclops (approx. 20km day)
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading out with a local tour guide to see the Baroque city on foot. See a typical fish market and then visit the historic centre, Piazza Duomo. Witness the Cathedral (entrance not included) and also the ‘Lioto’ fountain with its elephant statue, now an iconic symbol of the city. Continue along Etna Street, the end of which is dominated by the imposing Mount Etna in the distance. In the afternoon you will visit the Riviera of the Cyclops: Aci Castello, where a medieval castle stands on a rock in the sea. Discover Aci Trezza, a fishing village renowned for its crystal clear waters and unique charm. You will also see Acireale, famous for its “Carnevale” carnival before returning to the Catania area for the night.

Overnight: Hotel Nettuno or similar, Catania
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Mount Etna - Taormina (approx. 90km day)
Today you’ll marvel at Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe, which last erupted in March this year. On the way, admire the olive groves and citrus trees for which the region is renowned. Soak up the views of Sicily once you arrive, and take a walk on the spectacular Silvestri Craters.
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In the afternoon, depart to Taormina - the pearl of the Mediterranean - and walk through the narrow streets of this picturesque town. Admire Teatro Antico di Taormina (entrance not included), an ancient Greco-Roman theatre which is still used today. Near the theatre, the cliffs drop to the sea forming coves with sandy beaches. On the way back to Catania, stop to admire the beautiful Isola Bella, a small island near Taormina, within the Ionian Sea.

Overnight: Hotel Nettuno or similar, Catania
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Syracuse - Ortigia - Noto - Ragusa (approx. 160km day)
This morning, enjoy a locally guided tour of Syracuse, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where ancient Greek ruins rise out of lush citrus orchards, cafe tables spill onto dazzling Baroque piazzas (squares), and honey-hued medieval lanes lead down to the sparkling blue sea. This was the largest city in the ancient world, bigger even than Athens and Corinth. Witness archaeological sites (entrance not included) of Neapolis, the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Ear of Dionysius (so called due to the acoustics that produces extraordinary effects) and the Latomie. The tour will continue to Ortigia, with its famous Fountain of Arethusa, a beautiful Cathedral (entrance not included) and the Temple of Apollo (entrance not included).

In the afternoon, continue to Noto, the most famous Baroque town in Sicily, and also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Renowned for its magnificent cathedral, which has been recently restored after the devastating earthquake in the 90s. In the evening, arrive at the hotel in the Ragusa area.

Overnight: Mediterraneo Palace Hotel or similar, Ragusa
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Ragusa - Agrigento - Selinunte (approx. 230km day)
In the morning, a local tour guide will lead you on a journey of discovery to the Baroque and picturesque city of Ragusa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, rich in architectural treasures. During the visit you will stop for a tasting of local produce including chocolate and nougat. In the afternoon, reach Agrigento where you'll visit the Valley of the Temples (entrance included), a vast archaeological site with well-preserved Greek temples and the ruins of the ancient city of Akragas. Enjoy guided visits to the famed temples of Concordia, Hercules, Hera, as well as Castor and Pollux. Afterwards head to Selinunte to check into the hotel and enjoy a dinner typical to the region.

Overnight: Hotel Admeto or similar, Selinunte
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 9 Selinunte - Trapani - Erice - Palermo (approx. 200km day)
Enjoy breakfast before heading out to visit the famous archaeological site of Selinunte (entrance included), the biggest in Sicily. Cross the 'Salt Road' to Trapani and admire the incredible landscape of dazzling salt pans dotted with windmills. The afternoon is set aside for Erice, an unforgettably charming, medieval hill town with ancient origins in Sicily. A local tour guide will point you in the right direction to taste the famous Sicilian sweets Erice is famous for. In the evening arrive back in Palermo.

Overnight: Hotel Vecchio Borgo or similar, Palermo
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Palermo - Begin 7 Night MSC Mediterranean Cruise
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and a morning of leisure. In the afternoon, be transferred to Palermo Port to embark on your marvellous seven night MSC Mediterranean Cruise. The cruise departs at 5:00pm (8th September departure) and at 3:00pm (13th October departure).

Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 11 Cagliari, Italy - 9:00am to 6:00pm
From the MSC ship on the Mediterranean Sea, the view of Cagliari, Sardinia's capital and main port, is striking. Cagliari's setting is enhanced by the calm lagoons to the east and west of the city, a habitat for local birdlife including cranes, cormorants and flamingos.
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Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 12 Palma de Mallorca, Spain - 3:00pm to 11:59pm
Palma is a vibrant place and a world away from the heaving tourist enclaves of the surrounding bay.
Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 13 Valencia, Spain - 9:00am to 4:00pm (9:30am to 4:00pm, 13th October departure)
For many, Valencia’s enviable perch on the Mediterranean Sea would be enough of a draw in itself. Spain’s third-largest city and one of the main ports of call on an MSC Mediterranean cruise, Valencia has finally shaken off its former slightly provincial reputation and has also fully redeveloped its beach and port area.
Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 14 Marseille, France - 12:00pm to 7:00pm (1:00pm to 8:00pm 13th October departure)
Marseille, is the most renowned and populated metropolitan area in France after Paris and Lyon. Alight from your MSC cruise ship and enjoy the cafés around the Vieux Port, where glistening fish are sold straight off the boats on quai des Belges, the best place to observe the city’s street life.
Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 15 Genoa, Italy - 9:00am to 6:00pm
Genoa is marvellously eclectic, vibrant and full of rough-edged style. Indeed ‘La Superba’ (The Superb), as it was known at the height of its authority as a Mediterranean superpower, boasts more zest and intrigue than all the surrounding coastal resorts put together.
Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 16 Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy - 7:00am to 5:00pm
The port of Civitavecchia is one of the largest in Italy and is, of course, a destination of MSC Cruises in the Mediterranean. Civitavecchia enjoys a millenary history due to its coves along the coast, which offered a perfect shelter for vessels, making it a natural port long before cruise ships sailed the seas, and in fact the port was known to the Romans as Centumcellae.
Overnight: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 17 Palermo - Arrive at 9:00am
This morning arrive back into the port of Palermo. After breakfast you will disembark and be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel in Palermo. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.
Overnight: Hotel Vecchio Borgo or similar, Palermo
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Palermo, Italy - Australia
After breakfast transfer to Palermo Airport for your return flight to Australia. Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.
Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 19 Arrive in Australia
*Please note some flights may arrive +1 day later due to flight scheduling.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS
• Discover the highlights of Sicily including Palermo, Selinunte, Syracuse and Catania
• Enjoy a full day guided tour of historic Palermo and Monreale
• See the picturesque coastal town of Cefalu
• Visit Villa Romana del Casale and its captivating mosaics
• See Catania, a city known for the dark colour of the lava stone buildings
• Discover Aci Castello and more along the Riviera of the Cyclops
• Visit Mount Etna, Europe’s highest active volcano
• See the picturesque town of Taormina, ‘the pearl of the Mediterranean’
• Admire beautiful Isola Bella, an island in the Ionian Sea
• Tour Syracuse, the largest and most beautiful Greek colony in Sicily
• Travel to Noto, the most famous Baroque town in Sicily
• Taste local Sicilian products in Ragusa
• Discover the Valley of Temples, an archaeological site in Agrigento
• Visit the famous archaeological site in Selinunte
• Cross the ‘Salt Road’ and admire the incredible landscape
• Discover Erice, an unforgettable and charming medieval hill town
• Taste some Sicilian sweets in Erice
• Cruise to Cagliari, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Marseille, Genoa and Civitavecchia
• Admire the striking view of historic Cagliari
• Relax in the vibrant city of Palma de Mallorca
• Experience Valencia, an enchanting seaside city
• Observe the energetic city life in Marseilles
• Experience the eclectic style of Genoa
• Dock in the sprawling port of Civitavecchia

FLIGHTS
• Return international flights (economy class) from SYD/MEL/BNE/PER

CRUISE
• 7 night MSC Cruise through the Mediterranean
• Sail aboard the incredible ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’ ships

ACCOMMODATION
• 9 nights hotel accommodation

DINING
• Enjoy 30 meals, including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS
• English speaking tour leader (day 2 – 10)
• English speaking local tour guide (day 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9)
• Parking and check point fees

TRANSPORT
• Transportation by A/C private vehicles

TRANSFERS
• Return airport and cruise transfers
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**BOOKING INFORMATION**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

**Please Note:**

All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

**OFFER ESSENTIALS**

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 13th October 2018.

Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

**Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Interior Bella Cabin: $1600
- Ocean View Fantastica Cabin: $2000
- Balcony Fantastica Cabin: $2200

**Departure Dates (2018)**

- September: 8
- Ship: ‘MSC Divina’
- October: 13
- Ship: ‘MSC Meraviglia’ (Please note: Some of the docking timings are slightly different on this departure date).

**Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth

**FLIGHTS**

**Full Service Airline(s) Used**

Alitalia, Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, British Airways, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airways, Lufthansa, Finnair, Korean Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways, Air France, KLM plus and codeshare partners (subject to availability).

**Arrive early in Palermo, Italy**

$200 per person, subject to availability.

**Please note:**

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

**Stay behind in Palermo, Italy**

$200 per person, subject to availability.

**Please note:**

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

**Stopover Packages**

Twin share: $450 per person/each way.

Solo Traveller: $700 each way.

**Locations:**

- Abu Dhabi

**Includes:**

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

**Please note:**

- An outbound and inbound stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

**Flight Class Upgrades**

- Premium Economy: Not available.
- Business Class: Buy now for $6999 per person.

**Please note:**

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin, subject to aircraft configuration.

**CRUISES**

**Cabins**

All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Accommodation Used**

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Palermo: Hotel Vecchio Borgo
- Catania: Hotel Nettuno
- Ragusa: Mediterraneo Palace Hotel
- Selinunte: Hotel Admeto
- Cruise: MSC Cruise Lines – ‘MSC Divina’ or ‘MSC Meraviglia’

**Please note:**

Rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

**Extra Nights (Pre/Post Tour)**

- Palermo, Italy: $200 per room including breakfast.

**Please note:**

Extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

**Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

**Child Policy**

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 12 years old and over.

**Please note:**

Children must be accompanied by a
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responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share
Not available.

Bedding Configuration
Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms
Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION
Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 50 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities
Day 3:
*Palermo: Cathedral: €5 & Palatine Chapel €10.50
*Mondello: Cloister €8
Day 6:
*Taormina: Greek Theatre €12
Day 7:
*Syracuse: Archaeological site €12
*Ortigia: Cathedral €4

Please Note:
- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line (please note pricing is subject to change).
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst on board (subject to availability).

EXCLUSIONS
- Visa fees and requirements (Not required for Europe if travelling on an Australian passport for stays up to 90 days).
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise).
- Gratuities/tipping.
- *Land: Recommended at €5 (approx. $8 AUD) per person/day payable to the tour leader on tour.
- *Cruise: Mandatory at approx. €9 (approx. $14 AUD) per person/day payable onboard at the end of the cruise.
- Mandatory city taxes: approx. €14 (approx. $21 AUD) payable on tour (please note pricing is subject to change).
- Optional activities/tours (including any ‘onshore’ excursions as part of cruise).
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance (Mandatory).

Please Note: A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

Sicily
Located in Southern Europe in the Mediterranean Sea, the Sicilian climate is very pleasant. In September you can expect temperatures of up to 26°C during the warmest part of the day. In October Sicily temperatures can reach up to 22°C during the warmest part of the day, dropping down to about 16°C after sunset.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note:
Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CRUISE

Disembarkation usually begins 2 hours after docking.

Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.

Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.

Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

COACH TOUR

Meals:
Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of their luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:
Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour

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leader and driver is €5 (approx. $8 AUD) per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour. Tipping for the cruise is mandatory at €9 (approx. $14 AUD) per person/day and will be automatically charged to your onboard account.

**Fitness Level Required / Mobility:**
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a standard level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

**VISAS**
A Tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport

**Please Note:** Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

**INSURANCE**
We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

**Voluntary Changes**
This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - $100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - $250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure $350.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure $500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

**Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**
- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider will apply.