

CLASSIC EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

CZECH REPUBLIC - GERMANY - THE NETHERLANDS - BELGIUM - FRANCE - AUSTRIA - SWITZERLAND - ITALY - SPAIN



29 DAYS FROM

\$7699



per person twin-share

Tick off the classic must-visits from your bucket list on this tour of Prague, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, Zurich, Lucerne, Milan, Pisa, The Vatican City, Madrid, Barcelona and more. Embark on a week-long Mediterranean cruise onboard MSC Seaview visiting 5 ports in France and Italy.

Image: Prague & MSC Seaview

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HIGHLIGHTS - ON LAND

- Explore ornate Prague – the Baroque Jewel of Europe, and see incomparable **Prague Castle**
- In Germany, travel through **Bavaria**, visiting the beautiful towns and cities of this unique region
- **Take a short cruise on the river Rhine**, and visit the immense **Gothic Cologne Cathedral**
- Explore **Amsterdam** and its surroundings, and enjoy the liberal **Dutch atmosphere**
- Visit **Paris**, and see the **Eiffel Tower, River Seine, Latin Quarter, Louvre Museum**, and more!
- Take in the unparalleled scenery of **Switzerland**, via **Geneva, Zurich, Lucerne**, and **Grindelwald**
- While in incomparable **Milan**, visit **Duomo Square** and dine at the **Porta Venecia**, before visiting the **Leaning Tower of Pisa**
- Visit the 'Eternal City' – **Rome**, and experience **St. Peter's Basilica** and the **Roman Colosseum**
- Fly to **Spain** and tour stunning **Madrid and Barcelona**, then visit **Aragón** and beautiful **Zaragoza**

Day 1: Depart for Prague

Take an international flight to Prague. *Note: Some flights may depart one day later, and may involve up to two transits.*

Day 2: Arrive Prague

On arrival in Prague you'll be picked up and check into your hotel. For travellers arriving earlier in the day, an optional transfer to the **Old Town Square** is available in the evening. This central location is full of energy and touristic activities. It's a marvellous place to become acquainted with Prague, and to find a place for dinner before returning to the hotel.

Day 3: Prague (B)

Today we further explore Prague, the Baroque jewel of Europe. Our local expert will provide a guided city tour, which will include the most outstanding monuments. During the visit we walk through **Prague Castle** (admission included). Subsequently, we shall take a magnificent **boat tour along Moldava River**. Enjoy free time at leisure in the afternoon to explore Prague. In the evening, enjoy yourself in the historical city centre, where you can select dinner from cuisines from around the world before returning to the hotel.

Day 4: Prague 🚗 Lauf 🚗 Wurzburg 🚗 Frankfurt (B)

This morning we leave for Germany. In the region of Bavaria, see **Lauf An Der Pegnitz**, a picturesque little village which stands out for its busy market square and castle. After this, carry on to Wurzburg, with time for lunch and to see this **Bavarian city**, a former bishopric centre and now a very busy university city, on the banks of the **River Main**. Our journey continues towards Frankfurt. Explore the historic city centre and

choose your favourite restaurant for dinner, before returning to the hotel.

Day 5: Frankfurt 🚗 Cruise on the Rhine 🚗 Cologne 🚗 Amsterdam (B)

Today we enjoy a **short cruise on the Rhine**, between the villages of Rudesheim and St. Goar; undoubtedly the river's most picturesque sector. Then, travel to Cologne, a city which stands out for its immense, gothic **Cologne Cathedral**. Then, on to Holland, arriving in Amsterdam at the end of the day.

Day 6: Amsterdam 🚗 Zaanse Schans 🚗 Volendam 🚗 Marken 🚗 Amsterdam (B)

Today we explore Amsterdam, starting with **Zaanse Schans** with its mills, canals, and distinctive houses. Then it's on to Volendam, a picturesque fishing village. From Volendam, take a **short boat trip to Marken**, an island that is connected to the mainland by a fixed dike. In the afternoon we take a tour of Amsterdam to see its narrow canals, the Dam Platz, official buildings and parks, and also to see the technique of diamond cutting. Evening transfer to the red light district, with its liberal atmosphere and restaurants from all corners of the world, is available.

Day 7: Amsterdam 🚗 Brussels 🚗 Bruges 🚗 Paris (B)

In the morning, leave for Brussels. Visit the **Grand Place** and stop to photograph the Atomium. Later, we arrive in Bruges, the marvellous Flemish city known as the 'little northern Venice'. After lunch, continue to France, arriving in Paris at the end of the day.

HIGHLIGHTS - AT SEA

- Cruise the **Western Mediterranean** over seven days, visiting five ports in France and Italy, and enjoying the on-board facilities and activities of **MSC Seaview**
- Select from a wide variety of optional activities in your scenic and historical Ports of Call

Images: 1. Piazza Dei Miracoli, 2. Cruise on the Rhine, 3. Boat Trip along River Seine, 4. MSC Seaview, 5. Duomo Square, 6. Barcelona

Day 8: Paris (B)

A scenic guided tour to discover the history, main boulevards and breathtaking monuments of Paris, ending near the **Eiffel Tower**. You will have the opportunity to climb up to the second level of this remarkable metal monument (admission is included). **Take a boat cruise along the River Seine**, which divides the north of Paris from the south, then enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city as you choose. At sunset, transfer to the Latin Quarter, a very picturesque area of the historic city centre, is available. Here you can enjoy dinner selected from a wide variety of international cuisine. Return to hotel. *Note: Sometimes queues to climb the Eiffel Tower are long. For organisational reasons, if deemed appropriate, the climb can be made at a different time or on another day.*

Day 9: Paris (B)

Today we go to the centre of Paris, to the area of the **Louvre Museum**, for free time at leisure. If you wish, we can accompany you to Benlux, one of the best-known perfumeries in Paris. An optional **excursion to Eurodisney** is available (at your own expense).

Day 10: Paris 🚗 Noyers 🚗 Beaune 🚗 Lyon (B)

Today, travel to the **Bourgogne region** in the centre of France, famous for its wines. Stop in Noyers, a small medieval town that is amongst the prettiest places in France. After this we will visit Beaune in the centre of the Bourgogne region with its memorable streets full of flowers, its hospice, and fascinating wine museum. After lunch, travel to Lyon, the capital of **Roman Gaul** on the banks of the Rhône. Its historic centre has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy free time at leisure.



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UPGRADE YOUR STATEROOM

- Twin share: Ocean View fr \$1250, Balcony fr \$1500 (subject to availability)
 - Single supplement: Ocean View fr \$1950, Balcony fr \$2095 (subject to availability)
- Prices are for the lead-in stateroom type, higher stateroom types with a category incur fare differences.

Day 11: Lyon 🚆 Geneva 🚆 Zurich (B)

On this beautiful stage of the tour, we travel to Switzerland. On arrival in Geneva, visit the **Palais des Nations** (the United Nations headquarters in Europe) and then to the beautiful **Jardin Anglais** (English Garden) with its flower clock, and admire the **Jet d'Eau**, the highest-reaching fountain in Europe. After lunch, we will continue through Switzerland passing the beautiful **Leman and Neuchatel Lakes**. *Note: Depending on the number of travellers from Geneva to Zürich, this trip might be done by train.*

Day 12: Zurich 🚆 Rapperswil 🚆 Zurich (B)

Take a guided stroll in Zurich, the most populous city of Switzerland, and the financial and cultural capital of the country. This 'city of banks' has twice been declared to have the best quality of life in the world. Then, **take a boat trip on Lake Zurich**, lasting almost two hours. The boat makes brief stops, allowing passengers to admire villages on the way, such as **Rapperswil**, a small and highly picturesque village overlooked by a medieval castle. We return to **Zurich by train**, and will see the efficiency and punctuality of the Swiss Railway. Enjoy an evening in Zurich's historic city centre, next to the lake, where you can dine at your preferred restaurant.

Day 13: Zurich 🚆 Grindelwald 🚆 Lucerne 🚆 Zurich (B, L)

Today's stage reveals beautiful landscapes, with high mountains and scenic lakes. Enjoy breathtaking scenery in the region of Interlaken. In Grindelwald, we will have time for a coffee before taking the **cable car up to Grindelwald first** (ticket included). Walk along the path (around 30 minutes) and take the 'footbridge over the empty' among fantastic scenery, with glaciers all around. Lunch is included (vegetarian option available). Then, continue to Lucerne, one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Enjoy free time at the end of the day to stroll, enjoy the city, and dine before returning to the hotel in Zurich.



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Day 14: Zurich 🚆 Burglen 🚆 Lugano 🚆 Morcote 🚆 Milan (B)

Travel to Burglen, the tiny village where William Tell was born, and see a 16th century chapel with paintings illustrating his life. Continue to Lugano, the cosmopolitan capital of Italian Switzerland, with its beautiful lake. Enjoy free time at leisure time to stroll and have lunch. Afterwards, following the shores of the lake, we reach the enchanting little town of Morcote, with its houses made of stone and covered with flowers. On arrival in Milan, visit the impressive **Duomo Square**. There will be time to dine at the **Porta Venecia** (Port of Venice) where an outstanding variety of restaurants can be found to delight your palate. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 15: Milan 🚆 Pisa 🚆 Rome (B)

This morning, spend time in Milan and see the great cathedral and the galleries in the city centre. Then, continue towards Pisa. On a little tourist train we will travel to the **Piazza Dei Miracoli** (Square of Miracles), to admire one of the most alluring and beautiful art complexes in Italy, including the well-known **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. Then, continue to Rome, arriving late afternoon.

Day 16: Rome and Vatican City (B)

Take a **scenic tour** as an introduction to Rome, The Eternal City. Enter the tiny city-state of The Vatican. Vatican City is the world centre of Catholicism. You will be able to visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, and the **Roman Coliseum**. This impressive structure dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time to learn about ancient society during the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide transport to the Via Cavour area for dinner, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and other international food.

Day 17: Rome ✈ Madrid (B)

Fly to Madrid this morning. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. Towards the end of the day, evening transfer to the Egyptian Temple of Debod in the Parque del Oeste (one of the few works of ancient Egyptian architecture that can be seen outside Egypt), is available. You'll also visit the Plaza de España and Gran Via, a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant – Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options. *Note: Baggage allowance for the flight between Rome and Madrid is one piece max weight 20kg, plus one 7kg carry-on bag. Additional baggage allowance can be purchased at check in at EUR85 per piece.*

2020 DEPARTURES

15 Mar 19 Apr 31 May 19 Jul** 06 Sep 18 Oct
22 Mar 03 May 14 Jun** 02 Aug* 20 Sep
05 Apr 17 May 05 Jul** 16 Aug 04 Oct

*Shoulder Season Surcharge: \$1000

**Peak Surcharge: \$1500

Single supplement: \$4699

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- ADL/PER/BNE: +\$300

+ INCLUSIONS

- + Full service carrier airfares & taxes
- + Flight from Rome to Madrid, and transfers
- + 19 nights hotel accomm.
- + 7 nights cruising aboard MSC Seaview
- + Onboard meals
- + Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Boat: Moldava River in Prague, Rhine Cruise, Boat Trip along River Seine, Lake Zurich, IJsselmeer Lake in Amsterdam (Voledam/Marken)
- + Train: Rapperswil/Zurich, Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa, Montserrat
- + Entrance fees to City tour of Prague, Amsterdam, Paris, Rome, Madrid, Poblet & Barcelona, and Prague Castle, Diamond Cutting Workshop in Amsterdam, 2nd Floor Eiffel Tower in Paris, Cable Car to Grindelwald First in Zurich, Coliseum of Rome, Plaza de Toros de las Ventas in Madrid, Poblet Monastery, Poble Español in Barcelona (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- Visas (if applicable)
- Tipping
- Optional programs
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

✈ AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific fr \$500

🕒 EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr \$250 (subject to availability)
- Hotel w/breakfast : contact us for a quotation

🏨 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Prague	Olympik Congress
Frankfurt	Ibis Frankfurt City Messe
Amsterdam	Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport
Paris	Courtyard Marriot Paris St. Denis
Lyon	Campanile Centre Lyon Berges Du Rhone
Zurich	Hotel Ibis Zurich Messe Airport
Milan	Ih Milano Lorenteggio
Rome	Cristoforo Colombo
Mardria	Hotel Praga
Barcelona	Front Air Congress



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Day 18: Madrid (B)

The day starts with a comprehensive **tour through the centre of Madrid**, including Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Gran Vía, Plaza de Colón and the Plaza Mayor. Visit Retiro Park, an oasis in the city centre, where we will see the lake and the Glass Palace. Admission to **Las Ventas Bullring** included. This is one of the most famous bullrings in the world where we will learn about the tradition of corridas in the Bullfighting Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. At sunset, transfer to Plaza de Oriente, opposite the Royal Palace, an elegant and bustling area with many restaurants serving exquisite international cuisine in which to enjoy a pleasant dinner.

Day 19: Madrid 🚗 Zaragoza 🚗 Poblet 🚗 Montserrat 🚗 Barcelona (B)

Departing Madrid and heading towards Aragón, we pause our journey in **Zaragoza** to visit the **Basilica del Pilar**. After visiting this impressive sanctuary, enjoy the sights of the city centre. Next, we make our way to **Cataluña and the Monastery of Poblet**, surrounded by walls and in a beautiful setting, this is one of the best-preserved medieval monasteries in the world (entrance and guided tour included). We then go on to the **Monastery of Montserrat** where we take a ride on the rack train for the fantastic views. **Note:** From November to March, due to the shorter days, the Monastery of Poblet will not be visited (so that the group can reach Montserrat during daylight).

Day 20: Barcelona (B)

Today we tour **Barcelona**, an impressive city right on the Mediterranean Sea. Our visit includes an informative city tour with a local expert (or if fewer than fifteen people, your guide). We also visit the city's historic central area with its Gothic neighbourhood dating back to the Middle Ages. We will visit the area where the 1992 Olympic Games took place. It will be possible to see and photograph **La Sagrada Familia basilica**; the masterpiece designed by the architect Antoni Gaudí. Subsequently, we include the entry ticket to **Poble Espanyol** (Spanish Village). This open air architectural museum is situated in one of the most emblematic areas of Barcelona. Be delighted by the best Spanish craftsmanship and discover the architectural styles, traditions and folklore of the different communities in Spain. Free time to explore the city on your own. In the

evening we provide transfer to **Las Ramblas and Plaza Catalunya** area, where you can select from a great variety of restaurants before returning to the hotel.

Day 21: Embark on Mediterranean Cruise (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer to the port and board the MSC Seaview to begin your Mediterranean cruise. MSC Seaview rewrites the rule book of cruise ship design, blending indoor and outdoor areas to connect you with the sea like never before. Circling the ship as low as Deck 7 is a unique seafront promenade lined with places to eat, drink, shop, swim and sunbathe, and you can enjoy superb views from the two glass-floored catwalks and panoramic elevators.

Day 22: 🚢 Port of Call: Ajaccio, France (On Board Meals: B, L, D)

Ajaccio is the capital of Corsica, a French island in the Mediterranean Sea. Surrounded by mountains and situated on a beautiful bay, the claim to fame of this port city is that Napoléon Bonaparte was born here in 1769. Select from a variety of shore excursions.

Day 23: 🚢 Port of Call: Genoa, Italy (On Board Meals: B, L, D)

The capital of northwest Italy's Liguria region, Genoa has been a centre of international maritime trade for centuries. The birthplace of Christopher Columbus and Niccolò Paganini, the city boasts a rich cultural history in art, music and cuisine. The Via Galibaldi, Royal Palace, and Doge's Palace are notable attractions. A variety of shore excursions are available.

Day 24: 🚢 Port of Call: La Spezia, Italy (On Board Meals: B, L, D)

A former fishing village at the border of two enchanting regions, La Spezia offers easy access to Tuscany and its great cities like Florence and Pisa, and Liguria's rugged coast and terraced villages, known as Cinque Terre. Select from a variety of shore excursions.

Day 25: 🚢 Civitavecchia, Italy (On Board Meals: B, L, D)

On the Tyrrhenian Sea, in the central Italian region of Lazio, Civitavecchia 'The Port of Rome' was built in the 2nd Century by Roman Emperor Trajan. Now known as a major cruise port, the city boasts the massive Forte Michelangelo. Rome and the Vatican are approx. 90 minutes away from Civitavecchia. Select from a variety of shore excursions.



Images: 7. Amsterdam, 8. Louvre Museum, 9. Ajaccio, 10. Poblet, 11. Madrid

Day 26: 🚢 Port of Call: Cannes, France (On Board Meals: B, L, D)

Known for its wealth, luxury hotels, and film festival, Cannes sits on the French Riviera. Put on your best outfit, and stroll between the palm trees of the Promenade de la Croisette. Check out the yachts and sports cars, and if you're there in May, who knows which movie stars you may see! A variety of shore excursions are available.

Day 27: 🚢 Port of Call: Palma Del Mallorca, Spain (On Board Meals: B, L, D)

A rugged island with fine beaches, Mallorca welcomes travellers seeking sun, sea and sand. Its capital city of Palma is home to a lively café and arts scene, historic sights and an Old Town of twisting lanes and hidden courtyards. Select from the exciting optional shore excursions.

Day 28: Depart Spain (On Board and In Flight Meals: B, L, D)

Arrive in Barcelona and disembark from the MSC Seaview. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Day 29: Arrive Home

