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Taste fo Europe

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 Australia - Paris, France

Today depart from Sydney for Paris, France! Fly with award winning airlines such as Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airways, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific to name a few (subject to availability). (In-flight meal)

Day 2 Welcome to Paris

Upon arrival transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy Paris.
Overnight: Median Paris Porte de Versailles, Paris

Day 3 Paris City Tour

Your experienced tour leader will be with you the whole day so you get more from this beautiful city. View Paris highlights including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Seine River bridges, Arch de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, and Place de la Concorde, plus visit the famous Saint Germain neighbourhood.
Overnight: Median Paris Porte de Versailles, Paris (B)

Day 4 Paris – Dijon City Tour – Fromagerie Gaugry (Approx. 315km day)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before starting the scenic journey south-east to the Burgundy region - famous for producing top quality wines. Arrive at Dijon and enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, taking in sights such as Notre Dame, the Place de la Liberation, and Cathedral to name a few. Continue to the famous Fromagerie Gaugry, where you have a wine and cheese tour and discover why their quality products are among the best in the world. Overnight: Hotel ibis Dijon Sud, Dijon (B)

Day 5 Dijon – Lucerne, Switzerland – City Tour (Approx. 350km day)

Today you will travel eastbound from Dijon, passing through Mulhouse and Basel, and arrive in the city of Lucerne in the early afternoon. On arrival enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, which lies on the shore of Lake Lucerne. Enjoy views of the world famous wooden Chapel Bridge and Water Tower, the Musegg Wall, the Jesuit Church, the Mill Bridge, the Lion Monument and the KKL culture and convention centre. Overnight: Hotel Zum Hirschen, Lucerne (B)

Day 6 Lucerne - Lake Lugano - Lake Como, Italy - Lomazzo (Approx. 195km day)

Leaving the beautiful city of Lucerne behind, continue north to Italy. En route see Lugano Lake at the Switzerland-Italy borders (approx. two hours). Enjoy a short visit of the vibrant city of Lugano, nestled on the lake's sunny north shore. This charming city offers visitors an array of restaurants and bars, plus the famous via Nassa shopping district which boasts of row upon row of boutiques and department stores. Continue to Como for a nice afternoon tour, starting from the lakefront and Piazza Cavour and continuing to Duomo, San Fedele church, the Broletto and Villa Olmo. This evening check-in at the hotel. Overnight: Just Hotel Lomazzo Fiera, Lomazzo (B)

Day 7 Lomazzo - Verona – Venice (Approx. 326km day)

After breakfast continue onwards to Verona for a short stop to see Juliet's Balcony, inspired by the Shakespearean tale of Romeo and Juliet, and continue to the Venice area for the night. Overnight: Hotel Villa Stucky, Mogliano Veneto (Venice Area) (B)

Day 8 Venice Walking Tour

Enjoy a full day in Venice, beginning with a walking tour along to the canals. Exploring the cobbled laneways and grand squares, you'll soon understand why this city is considered among the most romantic in the world. See famous sights including the Rialto bridge, Doge's Palace, and St Mark's Clocktower, and take a vaporetto (waterbus) down the Grand Canal (vaporetto not included, approx. €7.50 per person/each way). Overnight: Hotel Villa Stucky, Mogliano Veneto (Venice Area) (B)

Day 9 Venice – Florence Walking Tour (Approx. 270km day)

Departing Venice, drive south-westbound to the picturesque Tuscany region. Its landscape, artistic heritage, and stand-out cities, chief among them the Renaissance city of Florence, make Tuscany one of the most picture-perfect regions of Italy. Enjoy a short walking tour in Florence, viewing among others Ponte Vecchio, Piazza del Duomo with the famous Santa Maria del Fiore Duomo and Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight: B&B Hotel Firenze Novoli, Florence area (B)

Day 10 Florence – Siena (Approx. 75km day)

In the late morning, drive to the hilltop town of Siena. It is a magnificent city of art with charming laneways, wards and towers, artisan shops and buildings. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this medieval town, before enjoying a group dinner at a traditional Ristorante-Pizzeria Malborghetto. Overnight: Hotel Moderno, Siena (B, D)

Day 11 Siena - Civitavecchia (Rome) - Begin 7 Night MSC Mediterranean Cruise (Approx. 183km day)

Enjoy the morning at leisure in this beautiful Tuscan town. Take the opportunity to see Piazza del Campo, the Duomo, Palazzo Publico and Torre del Mangia, before meeting back at the hotel to transfer to Rome's Civitavecchia Port (approx. a two-hour journey) to embark on your MSC cruise. The magnificent 'MSC Fantasia' will depart at 7:00pm. Overnight: MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship (B, L, D)

Day 12 La Spezia (Cinque Terre) - 7:00am to 7:00pm

La Spezia sits at the head of the majestic Gulf of La Spezia, an impressive area of islands and rough headlands. A major naval and shipbuilding centre, it has a fine art gallery, the Museo Amedeo Lia with probably the finest collection of medieval and Renaissance art. Overnight: MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship (B, L, D)

Day 13 Genoa, Italy - 8:00am to 6:00pm

Genoa is marvellously eclectic, vibrant and full of rough-edged style - a great cruise excursion. The city was nicknamed la Superba, 'the proud one', thanks to its glorious past and impressive architectural landmarks. Overnight: MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship (B, L, D)

Day 14 Cannes, France - 8:00am to 6:00pm

Cannes is the symbol of the French Riviera. With its immaculate seafront hotels and exclusive beach concessions, glamorous yachts and designer boutiques, Cannes is in many ways the definitive Riviera resort, a place where appearances count, especially during the film festival in May. The seafront Palais des Festivals is the heart of the film festival but also hosts conferences, tournaments and trade shows. Overnight: MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship (B, L, D)

Day 15 Palma de Mallorca, Spain - 2:00pm to 12:30am

Palma is a vibrant coastal city, a world away from the heaving tourist enclaves of the surrounding bay. Finding your way around Palma is fairly straightforward once you’re in the city centre. The obvious landmark to see in Palma is the Cathedral, which dominates the Mediterranean Sea waterfront and backs onto the oldest part of the city, a cluster of alleys and narrow lanes whose northern and eastern limits are marked by the zigzag of avenues built beside – or in place of – the city walls. Overnight: MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship (B, L, D)

Day 16 Barcelona, Spain - 9:00am to 6:00pm

Barcelona – Spain’s second city, and the self-confident capital and port of Catalunya. No other city in the country can touch it for sheer style, looks, or energy. A cruise excursion to Barcelona city centre (not included) will take you to discover its world-class art museums and its fashionable designer restaurants, bars, galleries and shops. And in Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary church of the Sagrada Família and the world-famous boulevard that is the Ramblas. Overnight: MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship (B, L, D)

Day 17 Ajaccio, France (Corsica) - 12:00pm to 7:00pm

Ajaccio is a relaxed destination with an exceptionally mild climate, and a wealth of smart cafés, restaurants and shops. The heart of the old town - a cluster of ancient streets spreading north and south of place Foch, which opens out to the seafront by the port and the marina - holds the most interest. Overnight: MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship (B, L, D)

Day 18 Arrive at 7:00am - Civitavecchia Port – Rome Walking Tour (Approx. 70km day)

The cruise ends this morning, docking back in Civitavecchia. Disembark by 9:00am. A tour representative displaying a NRMA sign will be waiting for you at the port to drive you to Rome.

This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of Rome, the Eternal City. Heading to Rome's centre, pass the Santa Maria del Popolo Church and hear tales of how the Emperor Nero was buried near this church. Continue to the Spanish Steps, which lead elegantly down from the church of Trinita dei Monti, before taking a break by the Trevi Fountain. Continue with a stroll through Piazza Colonna, a stylish square considered by the ancient Romans as the centre of the city. Then, enjoy a photo opportunity at the world-famous Colosseum and Pantheon, a unique historic temple with sleek marble columns. Follow your guide through bustling Piazza Navona, typified by its ornate fountains, Baroque architecture and lively sidewalk cafés. Overnight: Holiday Inn Express San Giovanni, Rome (B)

Day 19 Rome, Italy – Australia

Today transfer to the airport for your flight home to Australia after one amazing trip-of-a-lifetime! (In-flight meal)

Day 20 Arrive in Australia

Please note, some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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