

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC ARMONIA

Ports of call: La Spezia, Marseille, Barcelona, Palma De Mallorca, Valencia, Lisbon, Las Palmas de G.Canaria, Recife, Salvador, Buzios, Ilha Grande, Santos

Boarding dates: 24/10/2015

Duration: 20 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Located off the west coast of Africa, Tenerife is the largest of the seven Canary Islands, blessed with a mild climate and beautiful countryside as well as home to numerous wonderful seaside resorts, one of which you will visit on this enjoyable tour: the town of Puerto de la Cruz on the northern coast of the island. Only a short coach ride from the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Puerto de la Cruz is the island's main tourist centre, its capital and a great place to spend a few hours exploring the busy streets, soaking up the lively atmosphere or hitting the many shops to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Numerous seafront cafés provide a welcome chance to have a break and a drink, watch the world go by or enjoy grand views of the North Atlantic Ocean. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at the next stop on the tour: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. The relaxing return drive then brings the tour to a close.

BARCELONA (Spain)



SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING (BCN02)

Duration: 4 hours

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".

BUZIOS (Brazil)



SEA & SUN

SCHOONER TOUR (BRBUZ01)

Duration: 2 ½ hours

It is not every day that you can do a schooner tour in one of the most beautiful regions of Brazil. On board of a traditional schooner you will admire beaches and islands such as Armação, Ossos, Azeda, Azedinha, João Fernandes, Branca Island, Feia Island and beach. There will be a bar on board the schooner selling water, soft drinks and beer. The excursion also gives you the possibility to swim and to relax in the sun. Without a doubt this tour is one of the best ways to see the most beautiful coast line of this amazing peninsula. Remarks: Excursion is only available in Portuguese. For all calls of Grand Voyages (to/from Europe) please check with the tour desk the availability of tours in German, French, Italian and English. Floating devices and masks are available on board the schooner boat. Guests are advised to carry cash, preferable Brazilian currency if wishing to purchase drinks during the tour. Drinks are not included in the excursion. This excursion will not be cancelled due to weather conditions (rain).

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Ports of call: Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Buzios, Salvador, Las Palmas de G.Canaria, Arrecife de Lanzarote, Casablanca, Tangier, Cartagena, Palma de Mallorca, Palma de Mallorca, Genoa

Boarding dates: 14/03/2016

Duration: 19 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)

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Located off the west coast of Africa, Tenerife is the largest of the seven Canary Islands, blessed with a mild climate and beautiful countryside as well as home to numerous wonderful seaside resorts, one of which you will visit on this enjoyable tour: the town of Puerto de la Cruz on the northern coast of the island. Only a short coach ride from the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Puerto de la Cruz is the island's main tourist centre, its capital and a great place to spend a few hours exploring the busy streets, soaking up the lively atmosphere or hitting the many shops to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Numerous seafront cafés provide a welcome chance to have a break and a drink, watch the world go by or enjoy grand views of the North Atlantic Ocean. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at the next stop on the tour: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. The relaxing return drive then brings the tour to a close.

ARRECIFE (Spain)



SCENIC ROUTE

TOUR OF NORTHERN LANZAROTE (ACF01)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Apart from offering visitors year-round sunshine, any number of appealing beach resorts and the fabulous Timanfaya National Park, the island of Lanzarote is also home to one of nature's more unusual creations: a sightless, albino cave crab called *munidopsis polymorpha* that lives in the eternal gloom of the historical Jameos del Agua cave complex in the north of the island. This intriguing creature is yours to discover on a tour that begins with a coach ride from Arrecife up past Costa Teguise and on to your fascinating destination. Formed when the accumulated gases caused the ceiling to blow off two sections of the world's longest submerged lava tube, called the Tunnel of Atlantis, the Jameos del Agua caves not only feature the usual stalactites, stalagmites and an underground seawater lake with the endemic albino crabs, but also surprise visitors with a bar, restaurant, concert hall and even a pool that were designed and built by the Spanish artist, César Manrique, in the 1960s. Enjoy the surroundings while you take a good look at these unique crustaceans, so perfectly adapted to their natural environment and a fine example of evolution at work. Your return drive to Arrecife and your ship then brings your tour to a close.

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MSC MUSICA

Ports of call: Venice, Bari , Piraeus, Heraklion, Rhodes, Ashdod, Port Said, Aqaba, Salalah, Muscat, Khor al Fakkan, Dubai

Boarding dates: 22/11/2015

Duration: 20 Nights

BARI (Italy)



CULTURE &
HISTORY

ALBEROBELLO (BAR02)
Duration: 4 hours

Leave the port of Bari for a scenic 1-hour coach ride through the Italian countryside to Alberobello, a town in the Apulia region that forms the top of the "heel" of the boot of Italy. Thanks to its distinctive mortarless round stone houses with conical roofs, known as "trulli", the town was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1996. Your tour includes a guided walk through the delightful streets of this most unusual village – plus a visit to St. Antonio, the only "trullo" church in the world. Many of these "trullo" houses are topped by a so-called "pinnacolo" – a sort of white cap or sphere – and all of them have curious symbols, possibly good-luck charms, painted on the roofs. Time permitting, you will also be taken on a short sightseeing tour of Bari by coach before you return to the port and your ship.

HERAKLION (Crete)



SCENIC ROUTE

EXPLORING CRETE (IRK03)
Duration: approx. 4.5 hours

Come and pay homage to Dionysus, the Greek god of wine-making and revelry! Leave the port and drive southwards through ancient vineyards that have flourished here since the Minoan period, around 1,600 BC. Our first stop will be at a modern winery to see how wine is produced today and to taste the flavoursome, sherry-like Cretan wine. We will continue exploring the island, travelling through Crete's picturesque villages before taking a break for photographs at Vathypetro. This Minoan country house and archaeological site is one of the oldest farmhouses in Crete. The tour continues through the island's hilly countryside which is rich in olive groves and vineyards before arriving at the village of Archanes, just 10 km south of Knossos Palace. Enjoy free time in this lovely village which has been named the 2nd best-restored village in Europe and sample the local food and drink. We will take the scenic route back to the ship via the ruins of the Minoan Palace of Knossos.

PIRAEUS (Greece)



SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC TOUR OF ATHENS (PIR08)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

This excursion is ideal for those unable to climb the steps to the Acropolis but who wish to gain an overall impression of Greece's capital city. We will meet our guide at the port and board the bus for an excursion that covers the key attractions. As we drive from Piraeus to Athens, our guide will point out the main ancient and modern sites including Hadrian's arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our tour will continue past the National Gardens, the Panathinion Stadium, the Academy, the University and the National Library. You will be able to see the Acropolis from a distance and we will break to take photographs before proceeding to Plaka where you will have free time.

Please note: exterior visits only of the sites.

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC MUSICA

Ports of call: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Aqaba, Sokhna Port, Katakolon, Venice

Boarding dates: 05/03/2016

Duration: 15 Nights

DUBAI (United Arab Emirates)



CITY TOUR

NEW WONDERS OF DUBAI (DXB01)

Duration: 4 hours

This discovery tour begins with a photo stop at the epitome of modern Dubai, the sumptuous Burj Al Arab Hotel, which is the only 7-star hotel in the world. The tour continues with a drive to the Palm Jumeirah, a magnificent man-made archipelago of islands in the shape of a palm tree. The impressive Atlantis Hotel also provides an excellent opportunity to take some breathtaking photos. The next stop on the tour is the beautiful Dubai Marina, projected to become the largest man-made marina in the world. The tour will then take you through Dubai's swanky neighbourhoods of Emirates Hills and The Springs. Next on the itinerary is a drive along Sheikh Zayed Road, taking you to the Souk Al Bahar where you will have free time to spend in the bazaar. The souk features over 100 shops in an eclectic retail mix that includes restaurants, cafés and lounges that flank the souk's extensive waterfront promenade. Literally meaning "The Market of the Sailor", Souk Al Bahar derives its name both from its traditional souk architecture – natural stone corridors, high archways and subdued lighting – as well as its unique "seaside" location on an island in Lake Burj.

Please note: guides for languages other than English are limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be provided in English only. Due to the marked differences between outside temperatures and those found in the places visited as well as the air-conditioned tour vehicles, it is recommended that you take a light cotton jumper or cardigan for your comfort.

KATAKOLON (Greece)



CULTURE & HISTORY

OLYMPIA AND SHOPPING (KAT01)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

From the port of Katakolon your coach first heads inland through the Greek countryside to Olympia, the archaeological site of the ancient Olympic Games. The area was excavated by a team of German experts in the 19th century, in the course of which many important artifacts were unearthed. According to legend Olympia was built by Zeus, the king of the Greek gods. The tour includes a chance to view the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, which was constructed with a maximum capacity of 40,000 spectators. You will also have some free time to do a spot of shopping before the tour ends with your return to the port and your ship.

Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Feasibility of the tour on 28 October 2014 (MSC Fantasia) will be reconfirmed during your cruise.

MUSCAT (Oman)



CULTURE & HISTORY

MYSTICAL MUSCAT (MCT05)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

This tour of Oman's capital city, Muscat, begins with a visit to the Grand Mosque, which was built over a period of 6 years from 1995 to 2001. The Mosque is surrounded by 5 minarets, each of which symbolizes the five holy vows taken by every devout Muslim to reinforce his faith in the Almighty. From the Mosque, the tour continues to the old part of Muscat city, the Muttrah Souk. As a traditional Omani market, the souk offers a wide range of goods, especially typical Omani souvenirs. Next on the itinerary is a stop at the Bait Al Zubair Museum, a small townhouse that has been converted to display archaeological remains found at the site as well as Omani traditions such as national dress and jewellery. The tour will also include a chance to see from outside Al Alam Palace, the Sultan's Palace, which is flanked by Forts Mirani and Jalali, two keeps that were built by the Portuguese in the 16th century.

Please note: guides for languages other than English are limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be provided in English only. Visitors are requested not to touch the Holy Quran (Holy Book) or any other architectural features inside the mosque. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to enter the Grand Mosque. Due to the marked differences between outside temperatures and those found in the places visited as well as the air-conditioned tour vehicles, it is recommended that you take a light cotton jumper or cardigan for your comfort. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting the mosque. Taking photos or shooting videos inside the mosque is prohibited.

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MSC OPERA

Ports of call: Genoa, Marseille, Cartagena, Gibraltar, Cadiz, Funchal, Santa Cruz de La Palma, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Las Palmas de G.Canaria, Canary Is., Spain

Boarding dates: 02/12/2015

Duration: 10 Nights

CADIZ (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (CAD01)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Founded on a narrow slice of land jutting out into the Gulf of Cádiz, the eponymous city effortlessly blends the narrow alleyways of its historical quarters with the generously dimensioned avenues of its modern districts. This informative and entertaining sightseeing tour will take you to see the city's key cultural highlights. After visiting the Plaza de España and the co-located Monument to the Constitution of 1812 near the port itself, your tour continues on to the old city walls and then to the Oratory of San Felipe, a church featuring an elliptical plan and ornate Baroque altar ledges, for an external viewing. A refreshing stroll down the shady paths of the beautifully landscaped Genovese Park will be followed by a visit to Cádiz Cathedral and Museum. Built between 1722 and 1838 on the site of an older cathedral that was destroyed by fire in 1596, the Cathedral is a blend of Baroque and Neo-Classical architectural styles and is crowned by a beautiful golden cupola, a landmark that is as characteristic of the Cádiz skyline as the pyramids are of Egypt.

Please note: the visit to the Cathedral will be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance

FUNCHAL (Portugal)



SCENIC ROUTE

CABO GIRAO & RIBEIRA BRAVA (FUN04)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

After first heading to the Pico da Torre vantage point for the panoramic view, the excursion then continues on up to Cabo Girão, which is the world's second-highest cliff face. The outlook from the safety railings is out of this world and a great place from which to take photos, but is equally lovely from a little way back. After an opportunity to try the local speciality – a tasty cocktail called poncha – and take in the scenery, the final leg on the tour begins with a 1-hour drive to Ribeira Brava. Situated on the southwest of Madeira, the pretty little town is a hive of street cafés and shops. It is believed the town's name derived from the wild (Brava) river (Ribeira) that once flowed through the area. Your tour concludes with your return to Funchal and the ship.

Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat are recommended.

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



SOMETHING
SPECIAL

A TASTE OF TENERIFE (TEN03)
Duration: approx. 5 hours

After leaving the port we will drive to San Andrés, a typical fishing village. We will stop at "Las Teresitas" beach before continuing our tour to "El Baladeiro", the highest point on the island, with breathtaking views of the valley. We will then drive down towards the valley to reach the village of Taganana, famous for its vineyards and goat's milk products. Taste some local cheese and wine before continuing to "La Laguna", ancient Spanish capital.

Please note: this tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties.

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MSC OPERA

Ports of call: Las Palmas de G. Canaria, Casablanca, Tangier, Cadiz, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa

Boarding dates: 12/03/2016

Duration: 9 Nights

CADIZ (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (CAD01)

Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

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MALAGA (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (MAL01)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Situated in the deep south of Spain on the Mediterranean coast, the city of Málaga is not just a popular tourist attraction for its sunny climate and beaches, it is also one of the world's oldest cities and the birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Your half-day excursion begins with a guided tour through the main streets of the city, passing the Alameda Principal - a grand boulevard flanked by lush trees - on the way. A visit to the 16th-century Cathedral, one of the most important examples of Andalusian Renaissance architecture, as well as a look around the Gibralfaro fortress are equally on the tour itinerary. Your return to the port and your ship brings the tour to an end.

Please note: the visit to the Cathedral and the Gibralfaro fortress must be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

BARCELONA (Spain)



SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING (BCN02)

Duration: 4 hours

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MSC SPLENDIDA

Ports of call: Genoa, Barcelona, Cadiz, Lisbon, Funchal, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Salvador, Buzios, Rio de Janeiro, Santos

Boarding dates: 18/11/2015

Duration: 18 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

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SALVADOR (Brazil)



SOMETHING SPECIAL

GRAND TOUR SALVADOR WITH LUNCH (BRSAL25A)
Duration: 6½ hours

We will leave the port, to visit the Church of Bonfim and its sacred stairs. After visiting the Church of Bonfim follow up to the Memorial of Sister Dulce opened in 1993 one year after his death. Then depart with destination to the Farol da Barra, the first military construction in Salvador and the most famous postcard of the city with a photo stop and to enjoy a beautiful view of the coastline. Then we will follow the shore, past the neighborhood of Ondina (one of the places where one realizes the Carnival of Salvador), Campo Grande to the historic center of Salvador: Walking Tour of the town's historical part, starting with the Cathedral Square and City Square to admire the splendid panorama of the "Baia de Todos os Santos". Visit the beautiful seventeenth-century Baroque Church of San Francisco, one of the most important and beautiful churches of Bahia. Walk by the renowned Square "Pelourinho," the heart of Salvador; to admire the typical architecture "colonial". After our tour Pelourinho follow toward the Mercado Modelo to buy a Salvador's souvenir (approximately 300 craft stores) before returning to port. In this combination tour you will visit the best that Salvador has to offer, the Bonfim Church, Pelourinho with lunch typically "baiano" and still have free time to shop for souvenirs at the Mercado Modelo.

Please note: we advise guests to wear hats and comfortable shoes. Although this tour is advisable for families; it still includes walking over uneven path and cobblestones. This tour is not suitable for guests with physical challenges. The Bonfim church is not wheelchair accessible. Lunch is included in this excursion into self-service buffet style and drinks are not included. The free time in the Mercado Modelo may vary depending on traffic conditions.

BUZIOS (Brazil)



SEA & SUN

SCHOONER TOUR (BRBUZ01)
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MSC SPLENDIDA

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Boarding dates: 28/03/2016

Duration: 19 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)
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SCENIC ROUTE

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LISBON (Portugal)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (LIS01)
Duration: 4 hours

Leave the port and drive to the Belém district where we will admire two masterpieces built in the decorative Portuguese style known as Manueline. These are Jeronimo's Church and Belém Tower; both built in the beginning of the XVI century, just after Vasco da Gama's exploratory voyage to India. We will visit the monastery church which holds the tomb of Vasco da Gama and have time to explore the cloisters. The excursion continues with a scenic tour through Lisbon's "new" city centre built after the devastating earthquake of 1755: we will pass the Parliament and Prime Minister's House, the Marquis of "Pombal" Square, "Liberdade" Avenue and "Rossio" Square – the heart of Lisbon's downtown. Free time before returning to the ship.

Please note: on Monday calls, the visit to the Monastery will be replaced with a visit to Ajuda Palace. Shooting videos or taking photos with flash inside Jeronimo's Monastery is prohibited. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

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MSC MAGNIFICA

Ports of call: Venice, Brindisi, Messina, Valletta, La Goulette, Malaga, Las Palmas de G. Canaria, Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Boarding dates: 29/11/2015

Duration: 21 Nights

MALTA



CITY TOUR

RABAT, MOSTA & MDINA (MLT03)

Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Half a day off the ship and three of Malta's must-sees are the measure of this entertaining sightseeing tour that begins with a short coach journey to the first of the destinations: the medieval walled city of Mdina, constructed by the Knights of Malta in the second half of the 16th century and once the capital of Malta. Also dubbed "The Silent Town" due to heavy restrictions on the use of motorised vehicles within its walls, Mdina is a place to explore entirely on foot. You'll get to stroll through the lovely old city and have a chance to marvel at its old bastion. Next up is the town of Rabat, where a stop at a handicraft centre is scheduled for an opportunity to browse for a souvenir. The last place on the tour itinerary will then be the nearby town of Mosta to check out its fabulous Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, which was consecrated in 1871 and whose Rotunda boasts one of the world's largest unsupported domes. A short coach ride back to the port and your ship then brings the tour to a close.

Please note: the visit to the handicraft centre may be replaced by a visit to a glass-blowing factory. As your visit to Mdina will be entirely on foot and involves long periods of walking, the tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. There may be restrictions on shooting videos or taking photos inside the cathedrals.

MACEIÓ (Brazil)



SCENIC ROUTE

DISCOVER MACEIO & FRANCES BEACH (BRMAC10)

Duration: 5 hours

You will departure from Maceio Port directly to "Frances Beach", the most beautiful and well known beach in the southern Alagoas coast. The greenish of its waters will enchant all visitors. This paradisiacal place has a special feature: it is divided in two parts: one surrounded by coral reefs calmer where it makes a smooth sea, and the other is wilder, with high waves, for surfers. The beach offers local restaurants with a varied menu to attend and satisfy all visitors. After swimming and lunch, we will return to Maceio for a sightseeing tour through the main sights of this city, where we will pass by the Avenida Siqueira Campos, Estádio de futebol Rei Pele, Cemitério Nossa Senhora da Piedade, Praça da faculdade, Quartel da Policia Militar, Antigo Presídio de Maceió, Praça do Artistas, Calçada do comercio, Marco Zero da Cidade, Catedral Nossa Senhora dos Prazeres, Rua do Sol, Igreja Nossa Senhora Do Rosário, Praça dos Martírios, antigo e novo Palácio do Governo, Rua Cincinato Pinto, Teatro e Praça Marechal Deodoro, Tribunal de Justiça, Academia Alagoana de Letras, Rua barão de Penedo, ladeira da catedral. A short stop in Morro da Jacutinga, Mirante e Capela de São Gonçalo de Amarante na Praça Rosalvo Ribeiro. We will continue down the hill of the old road, passing through Maceio Shopping, Avenida Alvaro Calheiros until the urban beaches of this beautiful city. After this panoramic tour, we will stop at Pavilhão do artesanato for visiting and shopping.

Please Note: this excursion will not be cancelled due to weather conditions (rain).

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC MAGNIFICA

Ports of call: Venice, Brindisi, Messina, Valletta, La Goulette, Malaga, Las Palmas de G. Canaria, Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Boarding dates: 29/11/2015

Duration: 21 Nights

SALVADOR (Brazil)



**SOMETHING
SPECIAL**

GRAND TOUR SALVADOR WITH LUNCH (BRSAL25A)
Duration: 6½ hours

We will leave the port, to visit the Church of Bonfim and its sacred stairs. After visiting the Church of Bonfim follow up to the Memorial of Sister Dulce opened in 1993 one year after his death. Then depart with destination to the Farol da Barra, the first military construction in Salvador and the most famous postcard of the city with a photo stop and to enjoy a beautiful view of the coastline. Then we will follow the shore, past the neighborhood of Ondina (one of the places where one realizes the Carnival of Salvador), Campo Grande to the historic center of Salvador: Walking Tour of the town's historical part, starting with the Cathedral Square and City Square to admire the splendid panorama of the "Baia de Todos os Santos". Visit the beautiful seventeenth-century Baroque Church of San Francisco, one of the most important and beautiful churches of Bahia. Walk by the renowned Square "Pelourinho," the heart of Salvador; to admire the typical architecture "colonial". After our tour Pelourinho follow toward the Mercado Modelo to buy a Salvador's souvenir (approximately 300 craft stores) before returning to port. In this combination tour you will visit the best that Salvador has to offer; the Bonfim Church, Pelourinho with lunch typically "baiano" and still have free time to shop for souvenirs at the Mercado Modelo.

Please note: we advise guests to wear hats and comfortable shoes. Although this tour is advisable for families; it still includes walking over uneven path and cobblestones. This tour is not suitable for guests with physical challenges. The Bonfim church is not wheelchair accessible. Lunch is included in this excursion into self-service buffet style and drinks are not included. The free time in the Mercado Modelo may vary depending on traffic conditions.

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC MAGNIFICA

Ports of call: Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Recife, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Malaga, Valletta, Corfù, Dubrovnik, Venice

Boarding dates: 06/03/2016

Duration: 18 Nights

MALAGA (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (MAL01)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

Situated in the deep south of Spain on the Mediterranean coast, the city of Málaga is not just a popular tourist attraction for its sunny climate and beaches, it is also one of the world's oldest cities and the birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Your half-day excursion begins with a guided tour through the main streets of the city, passing the Alameda Principal – a grand boulevard flanked by lush trees – on the way. A visit to the 16th-century Cathedral, one of the most important examples of Andalusian Renaissance architecture, as well as a look around the Gibralfaro fortress are equally on the tour itinerary. Your return to the port and your ship brings the tour to an end.

Please note: the visit to the Cathedral and the Gibralfaro fortress must be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

MALTA



CITY TOUR

RABAT, MOSTA & MDINA (MLT03)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Half a day off the ship and three of Malta's must-sees are the measure of this entertaining sightseeing tour that begins with a short coach journey to the first of the destinations: the medieval walled city of Mdina, constructed by the Knights of Malta in the second half of the 16th century and once the capital of Malta. Also dubbed "The Silent Town" due to heavy restrictions on the use of motorised vehicles within its walls, Mdina is a place to explore entirely on foot. You'll get to stroll through the lovely old city and have a chance to marvel at its old bastion. Next up is the town of Rabat, where a stop at a handicraft centre is scheduled for an opportunity to browse for a souvenir. The last place on the tour itinerary will then be the nearby town of Mosta to check out its fabulous Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, which was consecrated in 1871 and whose Rotunda boasts one of the world's largest unsupported domes. A short coach ride back to the port and your ship then brings the tour to a close.

Please note: the visit to the handicraft centre may be replaced by a visit to a glass-blowing factory. As your visit to Mdina will be entirely on foot and involves long periods of walking, the tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. There may be restrictions on shooting videos or taking photos inside the cathedrals.

DUBROVNIK (Croatia)



CULTURE &
HISTORY

HISTORIC DUBROVNIK (DUB05)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Your tour of historical Dubrovnik begins at the old gates of the city and will take you on a journey back in time, giving you a chance to learn about the history of ancient "Dubraca" and admire the impressive architecture of Dubrovnik's old town, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. After enjoying some breathtaking views of the old town, the nearby island of Lokrum and the Adriatic Sea as you walk around the city ramparts, you will then head for the Stradun, Dubrovnik's main street, to see some of the city's key sights, including the Rector's Palace, the Maritime Museum and the Rupe Ethnographic Museum, which is housed in a now-restored former granary dating back to the late 16th century.

Please note: there may be some queues at the parking area when returning from the old town to the ship; also, shooting videos or taking photos inside the Rector's Palace and the Rupe Ethnographic Museum.

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC POESIA

Ports of call: Venice, Bari, Valletta, La Goulette, Malaga, Casablanca, Arrecife de Lanzarote, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Salvador, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires

Boarding dates: 21/11/2015

Duration: 21 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Located off the west coast of Africa, Tenerife is the largest of the seven Canary Islands, blessed with a mild climate and beautiful countryside as well as home to numerous wonderful seaside resorts, one of which you will visit on this enjoyable tour: the town of Puerto de la Cruz on the northern coast of the island. Only a short coach ride from the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Puerto de la Cruz is the island's main tourist centre, its capital and a great place to spend a few hours exploring the busy streets, soaking up the lively atmosphere or hitting the many shops to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Numerous seafront cafés provide a welcome chance to have a break and a drink, watch the world go by or enjoy grand views of the North Atlantic Ocean. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at the next stop on the tour: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. The relaxing return drive then brings the tour to a close.

BARI (Italy)



CULTURE & HISTORY

ALBEROBELLO (BAR02)

Duration: 4 hours

Leave the port of Bari for a scenic 1-hour coach ride through the Italian countryside to Alberobello, a town in the Apulia region that forms the top of the "heel" of the boot of Italy. Thanks to its distinctive mortarless round stone houses with conical roofs, known as "trulli", the town was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1996. Your tour includes a guided walk through the delightful streets of this most unusual village – plus a visit to St. Antonio, the only "trullo" church in the world. Many of these "trullo" houses are topped by a so-called "pinnacolo" – a sort of white cap or sphere – and all of them have curious symbols, possibly good-luck charms, painted on the roofs. Time permitting, you will also be taken on a short sightseeing tour of Bari by coach before you return to the port and your ship.

MALTA



CITY TOUR

RABAT, MOSTA & MDINA (MLT03)

Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

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2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC POESIA

Ports of call: Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Recife, Las Palmas de G. Canaria, Lisbon, Cadiz, Tangier, Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa

Boarding dates: 27/03/2016

Duration: 20 Nights

CADIZ (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (CAD01)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Founded on a narrow slice of land jutting out into the Gulf of Cádiz, the eponymous city effortlessly blends the narrow alleyways of its historical quarters with the generously dimensioned avenues of its modern districts. This informative and entertaining sightseeing tour will take you to see the city's key cultural highlights. After visiting the Plaza de España and the co-located Monument to the Constitution of 1812 near the port itself, your tour continues on to the old city walls and then to the Oratory of San Felipe, a church featuring an elliptical plan and ornate Baroque altar ledges, for an external viewing. A refreshing stroll down the shady paths of the beautifully landscaped Genovese Park will be followed by a visit to Cádiz Cathedral and Museum. Built between 1722 and 1838 on the site of an older cathedral that was destroyed by fire in 1596, the Cathedral is a blend of Baroque and Neo-Classical architectural styles and is crowned by a beautiful golden cupola, a landmark that is as characteristic of the Cádiz skyline as the pyramids are of Egypt.

Please note: the visit to the Cathedral will be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

LISBON (Portugal)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (LIS01)
Duration: 4 hours

Leave the port and drive to the Belém district where we will admire two masterpieces built in the decorative Portuguese style known as Manueline. These are Jeronimo's Church and Belém Tower; both built in the beginning of the XVI century, just after Vasco da Gama's exploratory voyage to India. We will visit the monastery church which holds the tomb of Vasco da Gama and have time to explore the cloisters. The excursion continues with a scenic tour through Lisbon's "new" city centre built after the devastating earthquake of 1755 : we will pass the Parliament and Prime Minister's House, the Marquis of "Pombal" Square, "Liberdade" Avenue and "Rossio" Square – the heart of Lisbon's downtown. Free time before returning to the ship.

Please note: on Monday calls, the visit to the Monastery will be replaced with a visit to Ajuda Palace. Shooting videos or taking photos with flash inside Jeronimo's Monastery is prohibited. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

LAS PALMAS (Canary Islands, Spain)



CULTURE &
HISTORY

LAS PALMAS & BANDAMA (LPM02)
Duration: 4 hours

Leave the vessel and reach "Pueblo Canario", a complex made of a collection of houses inspired by the Canary traditional architecture. The centre of the complex is a square surrounded by shops of local crafts. We will then continue to the oldest quarter of Las Palmas, called "Vegueta", a maze of narrow, cobblestones streets, passing by "Plaza Santa Ana" with its bronze statues in honour of the dogs which gave the Canary Islands their name. We will also admire the Cathedral from outside before proceeding with the second leg of the excursion that will take us to the residential area of "Tafira" to reach the vast volcanic crater of "Bandama", an extinct volcano rising nearly 580 metres above sea level. Enjoy panoramic views before making a photo stop at "Altavista" with its magnificent panorama over Las Palmas, Las Canteras Beach and the port. Return to the port.

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

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC SINFONIA

Ports of call: Genoa, Civitavecchia, Katakolon, Port Said, PSD-Suez Canal Transit, SUZ-Suez Canal Transit, Safaga, Aqaba, Port Victoria, Port Louis, La Possession, Durban

Boarding dates: 19/11/2015

Duration: 25 Nights

PORT LOUIS (Mauritius)



SCENIC ROUTE

PAMPLEMOUSSES & SHOPPING IN PORT LOUIS (PL04)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Leave the vessel and enjoy a visit to Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens. You will stroll along the shady pathways of the gardens to admire water lilies and lush tropical vegetation. Your excursion will continue to Port Louis for an orientative tour passing churches, mosques, temples. Last part of the tour includes a stop at the shopping centre Caudan.

Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or in a wheelchair. Shops may be closed on Sundays or during public holidays

AQABA (Jordanian)



CULTURE & HISTORY

PETRA (AQA04)

Duration: 8 hours lunch included

Located some way to the north of Aqaba in the middle of the Jordanian desert lies one of the most spectacular sights this world has to offer; the ancient city of Petra. Considered to be "one of the most precious ... properties of man's cultural heritage" by the UNESCO council and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985, the city is famed particularly for the rose-red hue of the rock out of which it was hewn by ancient Nabatean Arabs c. 312 B.C.. After leaving your ship and boarding an air-conditioned coach, the first leg of tour will take you on a roughly 2-hour drive through the scenic Jordanian landscape to reach the ancient city. A walk through the narrow "siq", a shadowy ravine that carves its way through sheer walls of rock, then follows to reach Petra itself. Prepare for the big reveal as you come out of the ravine, when the sudden sunshine will illuminate the palatial pink city rising majestically out of the rock face. Incredibly, the sizeable ancient city, which once served as the capital of the Nabatean Arabs and even boasted a conduit system that gave the town potable water, lay hidden from the world for more than a 1,000 years until it was finally rediscovered by a Swiss explorer in 1812. Your guided tour of the extremely well-preserved site will also include visits to the amphitheatre, the royal tombs and time to enjoy your packed lunch.

KATAKOLON (Greece)



CULTURE & HISTORY

OLYMPIA AND SHOPPING (KAT01)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

From the port of Katakolon your coach first heads inland through the Greek countryside to Olympia, the archaeological site of the ancient Olympic Games. The area was excavated by a team of German experts in the 19th century, in the course of which many important artifacts were unearthed. According to legend Olympia was built by Zeus, the king of the Greek gods. The tour includes a chance to view the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, which was constructed with a maximum capacity of 40,000 spectators. You will also have some free time to do a spot of shopping before the tour ends with your return to the port and your ship.

Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Feasibility of the tour on 28 October 2014 (MSC Fantasia) will be reconfirmed during your cruise.

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC SINFONIA

Ports of call: Cape Town, Walvis Bay, Dakar, Las Palmas de G. Canaria, Tangier, Valletta, Dubrovnik, Ancona, Venice

Boarding dates: 25/10/2015

Duration: 22 Nights

LAS PALMAS (Canary Islands, Spain)



CULTURE &
HISTORY

LAS PALMAS & BANDAMA (LPM02)
Duration: 4 hours

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MALTA



CITY TOUR

RABAT, MOSTA & MDINA (MLT03)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

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DUBROVNIK (Croatia)



CULTURE &
HISTORY

HISTORIC DUBROVNIK (DUB05)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

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Please note: there may be some queues at the parking area when returning from the old town to the ship; also, shooting videos or taking photos inside the Rector's Palace and the Rupe Ethnographic Museum.

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC LIRICA

Ports of call: Genoa, Marseille, Cartagena, Malaga, Casablanca, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Fortaleza, Salvador, Ilheus, Ilhabela, Santos, Rio de Janeiro

Boarding dates: 18/11/2015

Duration: 18 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Located off the west coast of Africa, Tenerife is the largest of the seven Canary Islands, blessed with a mild climate and beautiful countryside as well as home to numerous wonderful seaside resorts, one of which you will visit on this enjoyable tour: the town of Puerto de la Cruz on the northern coast of the island. Only a short coach ride from the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Puerto de la Cruz is the island's main tourist centre, its capital and a great place to spend a few hours exploring the busy streets, soaking up the lively atmosphere or hitting the many shops to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Numerous seafront cafés provide a welcome chance to have a break and a drink, watch the world go by or enjoy grand views of the North Atlantic Ocean. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at the next stop on the tour: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. The relaxing return drive then brings the tour to a close.

SALVADOR (Brazil)



SOMETHING SPECIAL

GRAND TOUR SALVADOR WITH LUNCH (BRSAL25A)

Duration: 6½ hours

We will leave the port, to visit the Church of Bonfim and its sacred stairs. After visiting the Church of Bonfim follow up to the Memorial of Sister Dulce opened in 1993 one year after his death. Then depart with destination to the Farol da Barra, the first military construction in Salvador and the most famous postcard of the city with a photo stop and to enjoy a beautiful view of the coastline. Then we will follow the shore, past the neighborhood of Ondina (one of the places where one realizes the Carnival of Salvador), Campo Grande to the historic center of Salvador: Walking Tour of the town's historical part, starting with the Cathedral Square and City Square to admire the splendid panorama of the "Baía de Todos os Santos". Visit the beautiful seventeenth-century Baroque Church of San Francisco, one of the most important and beautiful churches of Bahia. Walk by the renowned Square "Pelourinho," the heart of Salvador; to admire the typical architecture "colonial". After our tour Pelourinho follow toward the Mercado Modelo to buy a Salvador's souvenir (approximately 300 craft stores) before returning to port. In this combination tour you will visit the best that Salvador has to offer; the Bonfim Church, Pelourinho with lunch typically "baiano" and still have free time to shop for souvenirs at the Mercado Modelo.

Please note: we advise guests to wear hats and comfortable shoes. Although this tour is advisable for families; it still includes walking over uneven path and cobblestones. This tour is not suitable for guests with physical challenges. The Bonfim church is not wheelchair accessible. Lunch is included in this excursion into self-service buffet style and drinks are not included. The free time in the Mercado Modelo may vary depending on traffic conditions.

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC LIRICA

Ports of call: Genoa, Marseille, Cartagena, Malaga, Casablanca, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Fortaleza, Salvador, Ilheus, Ilhabela, Santos, Rio de Janeiro

Boarding dates: 18/11/2015

Duration: 18 Nights

ILHÉUS (Brazil)



SEA & SUN

ILHÉUS HISTORIC & BEACH (BRILE01)

Duration: 5 hours

In this combination tour you will see the best that Ilhéus has to offer; history & beach. Visiting first the Historical Centre of Ilhéus, the Saint Sebastian Church (inside), an outside visit to the Municipal Theatre, House of Jorge Amado (optional), House of Artists, Saint Jorge Church and photo stops at the most famous places in Ilhéus due to novel "Gabriela" wrote by the Brazilian writer Jorge Amado, the Cabaret Bataclã and the Vesuvius Bar before making a stop for souvenirs at a handcraft shop. From Ilheus we head to "Cabana Palmito" at Milionarios Beach; an option of beach structure with bar and restaurant, usually used by the local people, located only 20 minutes of Historical Center. You will be greeted with a welcome drink (non-alcoholic) and you will be able to enjoy the splendid sun and warm waves of the Cacao Coast

Please note: the entrance ticket to Jorge Amado house is not included in the value of the excursion. We advise guests not to swim beyond the wave brakes due to strong drift. Free time at the beach will be approximately 3 hours depending on traffic. During summer the Cabana Beach may be crowded and the service from the bar & restaurant may be slow, we advise guests to order from the Bar/Restaurant upon arrival. The Cabana Palmito charges service tax for the bar and restaurant service and artistic covert (values not included in the price of the excursion). Limited capacity and we advise guests to book in advance. This excursion will not be cancelled due to weather conditions (rain).

2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC LIRICA

Ports of call: Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Buzios, Salvador, Maceio, Fortaleza, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Arrecife de Lanzarote, Malaga, Alicante, Genoa

Boarding dates: 02/03/2016

Duration: 19 Nights

ARRECIFE (Spain)



SCENIC ROUTE

TOUR OF NORTHERN LANZAROTE (ACF01)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

Apart from offering visitors year-round sunshine, any number of appealing beach resorts and the fabulous Timanfaya National Park, the island of Lanzarote is also home to one of nature's more unusual creations: a sightless, albino cave crab called *munidopsis polymorpha* that lives in the eternal gloom of the historical Jameos del Agua cave complex in the north of the island. This intriguing creature is yours to discover on a tour that begins with a coach ride from Arrecife up past Costa Teguise and on to your fascinating destination. Formed when the accumulated gases caused the ceiling to blow off two sections of the world's longest submerged lava tube, called the Tunnel of Atlantis, the Jameos del Agua caves not only feature the usual stalactites, stalagmites and an underground seawater lake with the endemic albino crabs, but also surprise visitors with a bar, restaurant, concert hall and even a pool that were designed and built by the Spanish artist, César Manrique, in the 1960s. Enjoy the surroundings while you take a good look at these unique crustaceans, so perfectly adapted to their natural environment and a fine example of evolution at work. Your return drive to Arrecife and your ship then brings your tour to a close.

MALAGA (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (MAL01)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

Situated in the deep south of Spain on the Mediterranean coast, the city of Málaga is not just a popular tourist attraction for its sunny climate and beaches, it is also one of the world's oldest cities and the birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Your half-day excursion begins with a guided tour through the main streets of the city, passing the Alameda Principal – a grand boulevard flanked by lush trees – on the way. A visit to the 16th-century Cathedral, one of the most important examples of Andalusian Renaissance architecture, as well as a look around the Gibralfaro fortress are equally on the tour itinerary. Your return to the port and your ship brings the tour to an end.

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SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ (TEN02)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

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2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC ORCHESTRA

Ports of call: Genoa, Marseille, Barcelona, Cadiz, Funchal, Santa Cruz de La Palma, Las Palmas de G.Canaria, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Philipsburg, St John s, Baseterre, Roseau, Fort de France

Boarding dates: 23/11/2015

Duration: 19 Nights

CADIZ (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (CAD01)

Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Founded on a narrow slice of land jutting out into the Gulf of Cádiz, the eponymous city effortlessly blends the narrow alleyways of its historical quarters with the generously dimensioned avenues of its modern districts. This informative and entertaining sightseeing tour will take you to see the city's key cultural highlights. After visiting the Plaza de España and the co-located Monument to the Constitution of 1812 near the port itself, your tour continues on to the old city walls and then to the Oratory of San Felipe, a church featuring an elliptical plan and ornate Baroque altar ledges, for an external viewing. A refreshing stroll down the shady paths of the beautifully landscaped Genovese Park will be followed by a visit to Cádiz Cathedral and Museum. Built between 1722 and 1838 on the site of an older cathedral that was destroyed by fire in 1596, the Cathedral is a blend of Baroque and Neo-Classical architectural styles and is crowned by a beautiful golden cupola, a landmark that is as characteristic of the Cádiz skyline as the pyramids are of Egypt.

Please note: the visit to the Cathedral will be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



SOMETHING SPECIAL

A TASTE OF TENERIFE (TEN03)

Duration: approx. 5 hours

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FUNCHAL (Portugal)



SOMETHING SPECIAL

EIRA DO SERRADO, MONTE & CABLE CAR (FUN03)

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2015-2016 MSC GRAND VOYAGES SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

MSC ORCHESTRA

Ports of call: Fort de France, Pointe-a-Pitre, Castries, Bridgetown, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Funchal, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa

Boarding dates: 0204/2016

Duration: 17 Nights

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



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MALAGA (Spain)



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Please note: the visit to the Cathedral and the Gibralfaro fortress must be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

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MSC DIVINA

Ports of call: Genoa, Barcelona, Malaga, Funchal, Bridgetown, Fort de France, Philipsburg, Charlotte Amalie, San Juan, Miami

Boarding dates: 24/10/2015

Duration: 18 Nights

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MARSEILLE (France)



CITY TOUR

AIX-EN-PROVENCE (MRS02)
Duration: approx. 4 hours

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.

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MSC DIVINA

Ports of call: Miami, New York, King's Wharf, Ponta Delgada, Lisbon, Cadiz, Barcelona, Genoa

Boarding dates: 23/04/2016

Duration: 18 Nights

LISBON (Portugal)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (LIS01)
Duration: 4 hours

Leave the port and drive to the Belém district where we will admire two masterpieces built in the decorative Portuguese style known as Manueline. These are Jeronimo's Church and Belém Tower; both built in the beginning of the XVI century, just after Vasco da Gama's exploratory voyage to India. We will visit the monastery church which holds the tomb of Vasco da Gama and have time to explore the cloisters. The excursion continues with a scenic tour through Lisbon's "new" city centre built after the devastating earthquake of 1755: we will pass the Parliament and Prime Minister's House, the Marquis of "Pombal" Square, "Liberdade" Avenue and "Rossio" Square – the heart of Lisbon's downtown. Free time before returning to the ship.

Please note: on Monday calls, the visit to the Monastery will be replaced with a visit to Ajuda Palace. Shooting videos or taking photos with flash inside Jeronimo's Monastery is prohibited. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

CADIZ (Spain)



CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR (CAD01)
Duration: approx. 3.5 hours

Founded on a narrow slice of land jutting out into the Gulf of Cádiz, the eponymous city effortlessly blends the narrow alleyways of its historical quarters with the generously dimensioned avenues of its modern districts. This informative and entertaining sightseeing tour will take you to see the city's key cultural highlights. After visiting the Plaza de España and the co-located Monument to the Constitution of 1812 near the port itself, your tour continues on to the old city walls and then to the Oratory of San Felipe, a church featuring an elliptical plan and ornate Baroque altar ledges, for an external viewing. A refreshing stroll down the shady paths of the beautifully landscaped Genovese Park will be followed by a visit to Cádiz Cathedral and Museum. Built between 1722 and 1838 on the site of an older cathedral that was destroyed by fire in 1596, the Cathedral is a blend of Baroque and Neo-Classical architectural styles and is crowned by a beautiful golden cupola, a landmark that is as characteristic of the Cádiz skyline as the pyramids are of Egypt.

Please note: the visit to the Cathedral will be reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire is recommended for visiting sites of religious importance

BARCELONA (Spain)



SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING (BCN02)
Duration: 4 hours

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".

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- City Tour
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-  EASY
-  MODERATE
-  CHALLENGING

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-  Possibility of swimming
-  Tasting included
-  Best seller
-  Snack included
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-  Limited seats