



FROM CITYSCAPES TO SEASCAPES

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Escape the ordinary on this 17-day journey through Italy's hidden gems and iconic wonders.

Dive into Milan's fashion and vibrant piazzas, then sail off to the Cinque Terre, where colourful villages cling to dramatic cliffs. In Rome, ancient relics whisper forgotten tales, while Sicily enchants with fiery Mount Etna and charming seaside towns. Malta unveils medieval Valletta and legendary Gozo, while cruises reveal volcanic Lipari and ancient Agrigento.

Relax on Sorrento's Amalfi Coast, where vibrant Positano and historic Pompeii beckon. This immersive odyssey blends iconic sights with off-the-beaten-path discoveries, each step whispering Italy's rich tapestry of art, history, and natural beauty.

Highlights

- Explore Milan's city centre.
- Discover Genoa's historic centre by electric rickshaw.
- Explore the Cinque Terre villages with breathtaking views and delicious food.
- Free day in Rome with optional activities (Vatican Museums tour, Colosseum & Roman Forum tour, cooking class, panoramic Rome tour) prior to your cruise departure.
- Includes the All-Inclusive Package – Wi-Fi, gratuities, and unlimited beer, wine, and cocktails (whilst onboard the ship) *
- Watch sunbeams from Michelangelo's dome play on the walls of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- Stand in the massive Greek amphitheatre in Syracuse, a city with 2,700 years of history.
- Relive the Middle Ages as you visit the historic tapestries and armour in Valletta's Palace of the Grand Masters.
- From Trapani travel to the medieval town of Erice and admire the Castle of Venus and the 700-year-old Mother Church.
- Walk the silent streets of Pompeii in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius.

Inclusions

- Arrival private transfer from Milano Malpensa Airport to the hotel in Milan city centre (transfer in only).
- 1st class Intercity train ticket from Milano Centrale station to Genova Piazza Principe station.
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Genova Piazza Principe to La Spezia Centrale station.
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from La Spezia Centrale to Roma Termini station.
- Genoa rickshaw tour. 48h Cinque Terre Train Card.
- Accommodation for 5 Nights in the listed hotels/locations.
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels mentioned.
- Local English-speaking guide during the sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Single entry to the monuments as per the itinerary.
- Applicable taxes on hotel and transport.
- 10 nights onboard Windstar Surf vessel.
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included on each day on the ship (unless otherwise noted).
- All Inclusive Package – Wi-Fi, gratuities, and unlimited beer, wine, and cocktails (whilst onboard the ship)



SPECIAL INCLUSIONS

VIRTUAL TOUR ONE PER ROOM - SMART TOUR: "CINQUE TERRE: NATURE AND ADVENTURE"

Innovative guided tour, usable directly from your smartphone, that will take you to discover your destination.

- You'll be able to start your Virtual Tour at the time you want, and you'll be able to linger on the stops that interest you without time limits!
- A local expert will guide you by giving advice on what to see, including anecdotes and trivia.
- You will never be alone! The itinerary is geolocated and you won't be able to get lost.

eSIM ONE PER PERSON - ITALIAN DATA TRAFFIC eSIM

An innovative solution for staying connected during your Italian journey...and not only!

Destination Italia eSIM includes:

- 1 Italian phone number.
- 5 GB mobile data in Italy.
- 60 minutes international calls.

Get your eSIM freely and instantly, without identity verification and be connected without any roaming charges

Exclusions

- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / telephone calls, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages (refer to onboard inclusions), camera / video camera fee at all monuments, medical expenses, etc.
- Meals other than those specified above.
- Any insurance.
- Airfare
- Tips/gratuities
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Australia departure

Today depart for Milan, Italy. Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 2 to arrive day 2.

Meals Included: In flight

Day 2 – Arrive Milan

Arrival at Milan Malpensa airport, meeting your private car driver and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day at your leisure to explore the city.

Depending on the arrival time, it is possible to participate in a guided tour of the city centre, which reaches the main symbols of the city, such as the Duomo, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, the Teatro alla Scala and the Sforzesco Castle; or you can participate to a visit of the Teatro alla Scala and its museum, a unique experience to visit one of the most famous theatre houses in the world.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Milan Walking tour; Milan Walking tour with the Last Supper

Accommodation: NYX Hotel Milan or similar

Meals Included: -



Day 3 – Milan - Genova

After breakfast at the hotel, you will reach Mian Centrale station to board the train to Genoa.

The journey takes about 1h 40m. After arriving and settling into the hotel, the discovery of the historic centre will begin by an unusual means: an electric rickshaw! It is ideal for getting around within the labyrinthine Medieval Old Town, Europe's largest, which winds along the steep and narrow alleys-the carrugi-that climb the hills of Genoa inaccessible to motor vehicles.

Genoa amazes with its incredible views, ornate churches, and craft stores that frame a bustling city life. You can stroll through the alleys of the historic centre, admire the marine fauna of the Aquarium, one of the largest in Europe, or discover the local specialties (focaccia, cheese focaccia, fried squid).

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Genoa Walking tour

Accommodation: Hotel Continental or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 4 – Genova – La Spezia

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the train to La Spezia. The journey takes about 1h 30m.

La Spezia is the starting city to explore the famous Cinque Terre, the stretch of coast with 5 fishing villages perched over the sea: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore.

The two-day Cinque Terre Train Card is included, which allows access to the National Park area and the use of regional trains that connect the villages and of local buses.

Accommodation: CDH La Spezia or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 5 – La Spezia sightseeing

Breakfast at the hotel, then free day to continue the visit of the Cinque Terre in all their magic: including breathtaking views, scenic walks overlooking the sea, delicious local food and wine dishes such as the famous Ligurian-style pesto or the famous focaccia di Recco whose fragrance floods the narrow streets of the picturesque seaside villages.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: The Gulf of Poets by e-bike; Sports enthusiasts can opt for a mountain e-bike ride with a guide on one of the many scenic routes of the Gulf of Poets.

Accommodation: CDH La Spezia or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 6 – La Spezia - Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the high-speed train to Roma Termini Station. The journey takes about 4hrs.

We suggest taking a train departing early in the morning to have a half day at disposal in Rome to discover the city or join an optional activity.

We recommend a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, to admire Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and other masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance, or our tour of Imperial Rome, to closely observe the monuments of the Roman Forum, enter the Colosseum and listen to our guide's evocative narration of the history of ancient Rome and the gladiator fights that took place there.

Alternatively, gastronomy enthusiasts can participate in a practical cooking class to learn how to prepare some of the best-known Italian specialties such as pasta, pizza, or tiramisu.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Colosseum & the Roman Forum; Guided tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel; Rome Cooking class with market visit; Panoramic Rome tour.

Accommodation: Hotel Golden Tulip Rome Piram or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 7 – Rome – Depart on cruise

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out of hotel at designated time, day is at leisure.

A good place to begin is the Vatican, with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Works by Bernini, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, and Raphael are just a few of those on display, any one of which is worth hours of contemplation. Then the ancient ruins—Colosseum, Forum, Circus Maximus. And of course, the Trevi Fountain for the obligatory coins promising your return to the Eternal City.

Transfer to Civitavecchia Port of Rome to embark on your cruise.

Cruise Departure is at approx. 5:00pm

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 – At Sea

Explore and enjoy the facilities of the ship.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 – Catania

In this fascinating city nestled at the foot of Mount Etna you'll find a thriving downtown that is not only the active city centre, but a historic UNESCO World Heritage Site, combining the best of ancient and modern city style.

Your options are as wide as your imagination. Explore the temperamental volcano that has reshaped the city many times, visit the beautiful setting of Taormina where stunning views and beautiful antiquities vie for your attention or the UNESCO site of Tantalica.

If you prefer, explore the ancient city of Syracuse, called by Cicero himself "the most beautiful of all," and another UNESCO site.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 – Gozo

Pretty Xlendi Bay lies on the west coast of Gozo, an island long thought to be the mythical Ogygia of Homer's Odyssey. In the story, Calypso fell in love with Odysseus and held him captive for seven years.

The reputed Calypso Cave is just one of several intriguing caves on the island. There's also Caroline's Cave, a natural grotto that was once a private swimming hole for nuns.

Surprisingly for such a small island, Gozo is home to the oldest freestanding temples in the world, the Ggantija Temples, nestled among the rolling green hills.

You should also visit the Citadella, a small, fortified town that houses the island's Cathedral, the Museum of Archaeology, the Folklore Museum, and the Old Prisons.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 11 – Valletta

Malta's capital city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is among the world's smallest, yet most charming.

Graced with the paintings of Caravaggio and kissed by beautiful shorelines, you'll find photographic icons at almost every turn. Not to be missed is a visit to the stately Palazzo Parisio to glimpse the enchanting lifestyle of Malta's nobility.

Our stay here also allows the exquisite romance of an evening walk through the beautiful lanes of Mdina, Malta's enigmatic "Silent City."

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 – Porto Empedocle

Here you'll find what are widely acclaimed as the best, ancient ruins in the entire Mediterranean. Imagine the wonders of Athens, of Ephesus, of legendary Olympia itself.

Then imagine them all in one place, at Agrigento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you wander the verdant ridge overlooking the Mediterranean you will be transported to the 5th and 6th centuries.

The irresistible scent of olive, almond, and eucalyptus trees will entice you back to the present. This is one of the world's most beautiful sites.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 – Trapani

At once ancient and contemporary, Trapani is a city of contrasts.

From the salt marshes that produce much of the Mediterranean's signature-coloured salts, to the intricate mosaics of Mozia and the famous wines of Marsala, to the best view in all of Sicily from the medieval hill town of Erice where the colourful gardens are rivaled only by the cannoli for pure sensory delight.

The line of 17th century windmills, still hard at work in ancient Phoenician salt marshes beckons you to return to Trapani again and again.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 – Lipari

Take time on shore to explore the beautiful village and enjoy the exclusive access that only a small ship can provide in a port large cruise ships cannot reach.

An optional tour will introduce you to the highlights of the largest of the seven Aeolian Islands, well-known for its mythological connections and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 – Sorrento

UNESCO World Heritage Sites abound in Sorrento.

Optional tours will take you to the archaeological areas of Pompeii and Torre Annunziata, or the 4th century B.C. city of Herculaneum. Perhaps your choice will be a boat ride to Positano, the legendary home of the Sirens.

Perched on a terrace on the spectacular Amalfi Coast, Sorrento offers exceptional views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 16 – Amalfi

The town of Amalfi lies at the mouth of a deep ravine surrounded by dramatic cliffs and coastal scenery. As part of the Amalfi Coast, it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is an important tourist destination.

The whole region is famed for its lemons, which are about double the size of other lemons, and the production of the limoncello liqueur. An optional tour can take you to the UNESCO archaeological areas of Pompeii, Positano and Ravello.

Accommodation: Onboard

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17 – Rome Departure

In this enchanting city the past and present intersect in perfect harmony. Casually intermingled among ancient ruins and majestic cathedrals are the trappings of a modern metropolis: Skyscrapers, cafes, boutiques selling designer footwear. But of course, what you seek first in the heart of Rome is its breathtaking history.

Ship arrives into port at approx. 7:00 am

Please disembark ship, your driver will meet you at the port and transfer you to the airport for your onward flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AIR CANCELLATION/CHANGE POLICY

Depending on the fare rule, a refund may NOT be allowed, or a refund/change fee may be applied. If the fare is non-refundable, the whole ticket cost including fare, tax, fee, and charge is non-refundable. Contact your Travel Advisor for further details.

LAND CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand that sometimes plans change, and you may need to cancel your land arrangements.

Cancellation fees: The amount of your refund will depend on the specific product associated with your booking. Certain bookings, such as those with non-refundable hotels and services, may not be eligible for any refund at all. In such cases, the full cost of your booking, will be non-refundable.

For specific details about your cancellation policy and any applicable fees, please contact your Travel Advisor. They will be able to provide you with personalized information based on your individual booking.

CRUISE CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand that unexpected circumstances may arise, and you may need to cancel your cruise reservation.

For specific details about your cancellation policy and any applicable fees, please contact your Travel Advisor. They will be able to provide you with personalized information based on your individual cruise booking as it may vary depending on the specific itinerary and fare type you booked.

VISA

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

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