

## MSC SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM FOR MSC WORLD EUROPA

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Kindly note that prices are also subject to change any time. Please also note that MSC has the right to cancel/change the excursion booked at any time.

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### BARCELONA (Spain)

#### BCN02 – PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING



**Duration: approx. 4.5 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. Then, there will be time for you to enjoy some shopping visiting one of the biggest Shopping Mall of the city: Maremagnum. Conceived as an all-family entertainment facility rather than just a shopping center, its location already makes it special: almost completely surrounded by water and accessible through a sophisticated wooden lifting bridge called Rambla de Mar. After spending some free time strolling around the Mall, meet your guide again for the return to the ship. Alternatively, you can stay around the area longer and eventually have a glimpse of the nearby Las Ramblas too. *Please note: due to traffic restrictions around the area of the Sagrada Família, the bus will stop close by and guests must walk **approx. 15 minutes each way**. Guests who decide to stay longer in the city will return to the port on their own using the shuttle service.*

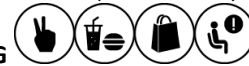
#### BCN37 – HIGHLIGHTS OF BARCELONA, MONTSERRAT & WINE TASTING



**Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included**

Celebrated the world over for its fabulous architecture, Barcelona is yours to enjoy as your coach first takes you around the city's main sights on this all-day Catalan experience. The route will take you down Passeig de Gràcia, one of Barcelona's main boulevards, passing by Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, the incredible Sagrada Família. Leaving the breathtaking basilica behind, a location of equally awe-inspiring proportions is next: the jagged sandstone columns of the Montserrat Mountains and the abbey of Santa Maria de Montserrat, an impressive complex of buildings that affords glorious views of the countryside below. A key Catholic pilgrimage site and popular as a religious retreat, the abbey not only hosts a statue of the Virgin of Montserrat, aka the Black Madonna, but also a basilica with an ornately decorated interior. Some time to soak up the beguiling surroundings and have lunch on your own then follows, after which your travels continue by coach to the village of Sant Sadurni and the Cavas Vilarnau wine cellars. Apart from a chance to see how wine, sparkling wine and the bottle-fermented Spanish cava are made, you will also be able to please your palate during the tasting session that concludes your visit. The relaxing return drive to your ship brings your Catalonian outing to a close. *Please note: the guide will give explanation only outside the Monastery; guests will visit the site individually and are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This excursion is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. The*

cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. This tour includes approx. 30-minute drive each way on a mountain, winding road. The visit to the winery may take place in the morning. This tour is not available for guests of MSC Divina and on following dates: 05.06.2023 (MSC Orchestra), 15.08.2023 and 22.08.2023 (MSC Grandiosa), 18.08.2023 and 25.08.2023 (MSC World Europa), 22.04.2023, 29.04.2023 06.05.2023, 19.08.2023 and 26.08.2023 (MSC Seaview).



#### BCN40 – A WALK IN BARCELONA, GASTRONOMIC SPECIALTIES AND SHOPPING

**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Combine a pleasant walk in the fresh air with an exploration of some of Barcelona's most notable sights in the city centre with some opportunities to buy some local products. Begin with a short coach ride from the port to the first landmark being the Columbus Monument at the lower end of La Rambla avenue. Follow your guide on a pleasant walk down La Rambla en route to Barcelona's Barri Gòtic and the Neoclassical town hall at Plaça Sant Jaume. Next up are outside views of the Gothic Cathedral of Santa Eulàlia - Barcelona Cathedral - and information on this key site. Last on your walking itinerary is Plaça de Catalunya in the middle of town. And after admiring some of Barcelona's landmarks, you will have the opportunity to shop with your guide and discover some classic local products including the famous turrón and the Spanish jamón. A first stop will be at El Taller de Virginia, a local turróns and chocolate shop, founded almost 100 years ago and still producing some of the best sweet delicacies. Your guide will help you choosing the perfect gift for yourself or for friends and family. Then, stop at Enrique Tomas' shop, a company with 40 years of experience offering only the best Spanish jamones. The products are sold vacuum-packed, can be purchased, and taken on the ship. And to tempt you even more, there will be tastings in both shops. Afterwards, you will have free time to shop on your own; your guide will give you some tips on where to have a good memory of Barcelona. The tour ends at Plaza Cataluña and you can choose to remain in the city and make your way back to the port later or reach the place where the shuttle bus will transfer you to the port. *Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties as it includes long periods of walking. Guests will use the shuttle service to reach the starting point of the tour. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.*



#### BCN45 – GAUDI'S EXPERIENCE

**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Do not miss your chance to immerse yourself in the fascinating world and works of Barcelona's premiere architect: the world-famous Antoni Gaudí. After leaving the port, your tour will take you down the beautiful Passeig de Gràcia avenue for a drive-by of Casa Batlló, a flamboyant building that is covered in thousands of multi-coloured tiles. Up next is Casa Milà, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for another drive-by, followed by the Park Güell, a garden complex and one of Barcelona's key tourist attractions due to its remarkable, sinuous buildings, stunning mosaics, and ceramic-covered benches. The excursion also includes time to visit inside Gaudí's unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. Your tour ends with a scenic return drive to the port. *Please note: Guests using a wheelchair are welcome to participate in this tour but should be aware that it includes long periods of walking, that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to assist with getting on and off the coach, and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable, as the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Park Güell is not fully accessible to wheelchair users: there are some stairs at the monumental area where Gaudí's dragon is located that is not wheelchair accessible. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The visit of the Sagrada Família lasts approx. 30 minutes. Please consider that approx. 30 minutes are spent at checkpoint scanners at the venue; to speed up queues and pass the security, we recommend bringing only a small bag or backpacks. Moreover, as the entrance at the Sagrada Família is fixed at scheduled times, guests are kindly recommended to be punctual at the meeting points and during any stop throughout the tour. Any delay could reduce the time spent inside the venue. Due to traffic restrictions around the area of the Sagrada Família, the bus will stop close by and guests must walk approx. 10/15 minutes. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. We suggest wearing comfortable shoes. Entrance tickets included: Park Güell and Sagrada Família. **This tour is available only until August 2023.***



#### BCN57 – HIGHLIGHTS OF BARCELONA & PUEBLO ESPAÑOL

**Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

Take some time to discover beautiful Barcelona on this enjoyable sightseeing tour of the city. Your Barcelona experience begins at the spectacular Cathedral of the Holy Cross and St. Eulalia, the construction of which began at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup>- and continued into the 15<sup>th</sup>-century. The Cathedral is situated in Barcelona's Barri Gòtic quarter, the city's largely intact medieval centre. The coach will also drive past three of the famous works by the architect Gaudí: you will pass by Casa Batlló and Casa Milà and then you will stop briefly to take pictures outside the Sagrada Família. Your tour will be rounded off by a stroll around the tranquil Poble Espanyol, a village purpose-built to display Spain's many different architectural styles, and a brief stop at Montjuich Hill for the

fabulous views of the city. Your tour concludes with your return to the ship. *Please note: if the Cathedral is closed on public holidays or during special events, the visit will be external. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Due to traffic restrictions around the area of the Sagrada Família, the bus will stop close by and guests must walk approx. 10 minutes.*



### BCNBK1 – CYCLING TOUR OF BARCELONA

**Duration: from 4 to 5 hours**

Get up close and personal with the streets and iconic sights of Barcelona, from the saddle of a bike. As you follow your bike leader around the city's network of cycle paths, you'll find it's a really relaxed way of exploring. Enjoy great views of the harbour and have a glimpse of Montjuic castle from below, marvel at Antoni Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, the immense Sagrada Família, and trundle past quirky boutiques, antique shops, and tiny tapas bars in the city's Gothic Quarter. Cycle to the Museum of Art, and past the Olympic Harbour, and see the Statue of Columbus, the Arc de Triumph and Gaudí's wave-shaped Casa Mila townhouse. You'll also visit Las Ramblas, the famous boulevard buzzing with flower sellers, street artists and buskers, and there'll be time for a refuelling stop at a tapas or seafood bar along the way too. *Please note: Guests will cycle for a total of 17 km. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available for guests on MSC Grandiosa, MSC Fantasia and MSC World Europa.*



### BCNBK2 – BEST OF BARCELONA ON AN E-BIKE

**Duration: from 5 to 6 hours**

Tour the iconic sights of Barcelona on a pedelec, a bicycle with a small electric motor that assists you up to 25 km/h while pedalling. As you follow your guide around the city's network of cycle paths, you'll find it's a really relaxed way of exploring. Cycle up Mount Montjuic to check out the Olympic Stadium, enjoy great views of the harbour and Montjuic Castle, marvel at the immense Sagrada Família, and trundle past quirky boutiques, antique shops, and tiny tapas bars in the city's Gothic Quarter. Cycle to the Museum of Art, and past the Olympic Harbour, and see the Statue of Columbus, the Arc de Triumph and Gaudí's wave-shaped Casa Mila townhouse. You'll also visit Las Ramblas, the famous boulevard buzzing with flower sellers, street artists and buskers, and there'll be time for a refuelling stop at a tapas or seafood bar along the way too. *Please note: Guests will cycle for a total of 25 km. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available for guests on MSC Grandiosa, MSC Fantasia and MSC World Europa.*

## MARSEILLES (France)



### MRS02 – AIX-EN-PROVENCE

**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

We will leave Marseille port for an approx. 45-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 (approx. 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. Enjoy some free time for shopping before boarding the coach to return to the port. *Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits.*



### MRS03 – CASSIS

**Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

Formerly a quiet fishing village on the southern coastline of France near Marseille, Cassis has grown into a charming small town and popular international tourist resort. The town is particularly famed for its cliffs, *calanques* – steep-walled inlets – and the local white and rosé wines. On leaving the port of Marseille, your tour begins with an approx. 1.5-hour coach transfer, followed by a local wheeled-train ride to the town. Once there, you will have plenty of time to stroll on your own around Cassis' charming streets, lined with the brightly

coloured homes of the locals, and beautiful port as well as enjoy splendid views afforded from the waterfront. Your tour ends with your return trip back to the ship. *Please note: the starting place of the local wheeled train may be crowded; please expect some queues. The little tourist train is available from May through middle September; for any call before May or after middle September, guests will walk to the city centre from the coach parking lot (approx. 500 mt.). This tour is not available from October until February inclusive.*

### **MRS06 – MARSEILLES CITY TOUR**



**Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

Join us on a visit around this important maritime town. We will begin our excursion with a visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde which stands majestically on top of a hill. The Basilica is made up of a lower and an upper church and was built on the site of an ancient chapel. Continue along the "Corniche" (coast road) where we will admire Borely Castle and garden (no inside visit). The excursion includes sightseeing in the centre of Marseilles and photos at Longchamps Palace before enjoying some free time in the "Vieux Port" (old port). *Please note: this tour includes walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events.*

### **MRS14 – DELUXE VISIT TO PROVENCE: AVIGNON & AIX-EN-PROVENCE**



**Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included**

While the sun-kissed shores of southern France make ideal holiday destinations, the delightful towns lying inland are equally worth a visit. Designed to let you savour two such jewels, the outing begins with an approx. 45-minute drive to Aix-en-Provence, where you will visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour. Sitting on the site of a former Roman forum and amalgamating a variety of architectural styles from the 5<sup>th</sup>- to the 17<sup>th</sup>-centuries, the Cathedral boasts a richly decorated Gothic façade with elaborately carved doors, and to the north of the building an unfinished tower. You will then walk through the historical district to reach the lovely Mazarin quarter, a residential area built for the town's gentry in the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century. A chance to relax then follows on the approx. 90-minute drive up to Avignon, after which you'll have some time for lunch in one of the town's many brasseries before moving on to the monumental Papal Palace, the seat of Christianity in the 14<sup>th</sup>-century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rich in galleries and chapels as well as frescoes and hand-painted wall-hangings in the private papal suite, the palace still bears testament to its former opulence. The pleasant return drive to Marseille and your ship then brings the tour to an unhurried close. *Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground with stairs to negotiate; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. This tour is not available on 26.10.2023 (MSC Fantasia) and for guests on MSC Seashore.*

### **MRS20 – MARSEILLE WALKING TOUR**



**Duration: approx. 2 hours**

Spend 2 hours off the ship enjoying the sunshine and stretching your legs in the fresh air on a leisurely walk around the lovely French city of Marseille, situated in the nation's deep south. You'll catch a shuttle bus to reach the city centre, after which the tour continues on foot. Taking through a mainly pedestrianised area, the guided walk begins at the foot of the old town and ends at its highest point, with information provided on the city's storied past as you go. Key landmarks include the 17<sup>th</sup>-century city hall, 16<sup>th</sup>-century Hôtel de Cabre, the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Mary Major, completed in the late 19<sup>th</sup>-century, and Fort Saint-Jean, built in 1660 by order of Louis XIV. You'll also have some free time to explore the Vieux Port - the old harbour - area before catching a shuttle bus back to the ship. *Please note: This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of moderate walking, at times over uneven surfaces. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. All visits are external.*

### **MRSBK1 – CYCLE THROUGH MARSEILLE**



**Duration: approx 4 hours**

Since Marseille is France's second largest city and was 2013's European Capital of Culture, this cycling tour intends to showcase the best cultural highlights of the ancient city, parts of which date back to around 600 B.C.. You'll be covering about 30 km on a moderately difficult biking route, with a first break scheduled at Marseille Cathedral, a minor basilica since 1896, so you can go inside. After then passing Fort Saint-Jean, you'll skirt the old town en route to Palais Longchamp, home to two museums. One of these exhibits art, the other historical artefacts and the gardens once housed zoo animals in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century. Although the old enclosures still stand,

they are now occupied by animal statues rather than the real thing. Pedalling on, you'll then reach Pharo Gardens from where you can snap great photos of the port. As a final treat, you'll have time to do some shopping in the town centre before you begin to cycle back to the ship. *Please note: the tour involves cycling along an approx. 25-km route and is suitable only for guests with a high level of physical fitness. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available only for guests on MSC World Europa, MSC Grandiosa and MSC Fantasia.*

### MRSBK2 – MARSEILLE E-BIKE DISCOVERY TOUR



**Duration: approx. from 4 to 5 hours**

Explore the cultural highlights of France's second-biggest city on a pedelec, a bicycle with a small electric motor that assists you up to 25 km/h while pedalling. Your first stop is the Cathedral of St. Mary Major, right by the sea. From here, pass Fort Saint-Jean before skirting the city's picturesque old town. Longchamp Palace, housing two museums, is your next stop. It's worth stepping outside, too: the gardens used to be home to a 19<sup>th</sup>-century zoo and now hold animal statues. After all that culture, it's on to Notre-Dame de la Garde, located on a hilltop overlooking Marseille, for some splendid views over the city and its surroundings, before descending and riding through the countryside to the beach for a refreshment stop. Then before heading back to the port, there's just time for some shopping in the old town. *Please note: the tour involves cycling along an approx. 40-km route and is suitable only for guests with a high level of physical fitness. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. The stop at the beach is foreseen only during summer months. This tour is available only for guests on MSC World Europa, MSC Grandiosa and MSC Fantasia.*

### GENOA (Italy)

### GOA14T – DISCOVER GENOA BY SEGWAY®



**Duration: approx. 2.5 hours**

Short but sweet, this entertaining tour takes you off the ship to discover the city of Genoa by Segway®, a great means of transport that's not only fun and very green, but also makes for urban exploration without having to get footsore in the process. Your guided roundup of Genoa's main sights takes you through the town's historical centre and includes views of the 13<sup>th</sup>- to 16<sup>th</sup>-century Doges' Palace, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and Porta Soprana, the best-known section of Genoa's remaining city walls. Your Segway® tour then rolls to a close with your return to the ship. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa; it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, pregnant women and those whose weight is less than 45 kilos or more than 117 kilos. The minimum age required to drive the Segway® is 16 years old. Guests must sign a waiver to take part in the tour. Assistance throughout the tour only in English and Italian. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.*

### GOA18T – GENOA PANORAMIC TOUR



**Duration: approx 3 hours, 15 minutes**

Thanks to its illustrious past and collection of ornate buildings, Genoa also goes by the name of "La Superba" - Italian for "The Proud One" - and it is this civic beauty you'll be exploring on this leisurely sightseeing tour. Your guided coach tour begins at the port and takes you past such historical buildings as Columbus' birthplace and the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Palazzo San Giorgio, then continues down the seafront Corso Italia to reach the picturesque Boccadasse district. You'll have some free time to spend in this pretty harbour, flanked by the colourful houses of the resident fishing folk. When you move on again, you'll pass through the residential neighbourhood of Albaro and catch glimpses of Piazza Tommaseo and Piazza Vittoria as you head for the historical Piazza de Ferrari, Genoa's main square. Another break is scheduled here for you to explore on your own, with possible areas of interest being the old town and San Lorenzo Cathedral or a look at the Palazzo Ducale, the Doge's Palace. Last up on the itinerary is a drive up Castelletto Hill for splendid views from the observation deck, a perfect spot to take some photos. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. This tour is not available on 16.04.2023 (MSC Grandiosa and MSC World Europa) and on 15.05.2023 (MSC Orchestra).*

### GOA19T – BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE AQUARIUM



**Duration: approx. 3.5 hours**

Leave the ship for a few hours and instead check yourself in to an educational and family-friendly outing for a behind-the-scenes look at Italy's largest aquarium, the Acquario di Genova. Built to coincide with the Genoa

Expo in 1992, which in turn commemorated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New World being discovered by Columbus, the aquarium is home to a vast collection of marine wildlife. After a short ferry transfer to the old part of Genoa and the Acquario, you and your family can first enjoy an unguided visit of the various tanks that provide a habitat for tropical fish, sharks, natural coral, penguins and dolphins. At a prearranged time, you'll then proceed on an expertly guided "behind-the-scenes" tour of the facility, during which you'll get to see the on-site laboratories, maintenance and plankton farming activities as well as how the animals are cared for and reared. And among the tank backstage areas, highlights include the jellyfish and dolphin enclosures. Your time at the Expo site wraps up with a little more time to explore on your own before the boat returns you to the ship. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. No guided visit inside the Aquarium except for the behind the scenes part. Guides available only in English and Italian. This tour is not available on 28.10.2023 (MSC Seashore).*

### GOA23T – MAGNIFICENT MILANO

**Duration: approx. 7.5 hours, lunch not included**

Get off the ship and spend a day in magnificent Milano, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Italy as regards to population, politics, and cultural affairs, and the first in the field of commerce, industry, and banking. Relax on your approx. 2-hour coach drive on the motorway from Genoa to Milan. Upon arrival, begin an approx. 1.5-hour guided walking tour that will unveil some of Milan's best spots: Piazza Castello until reaching "La Scala" - Milan's Opera House, "Galleria Vittorio Emanuele" and Cathedral Square. Enjoy some free time in "Piazza Duomo" looking for a nice place to have lunch or, for the braver, to climb up the gold statue "Madonnina", the statue of the Virgin Mary placed atop the Cathedral. Alternatively, if you are a shopping lover, Milan is the place to be! Your approx. 2-hour coach drive to Genoa port and your cruise ship ends this exclusive excursion. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa and includes long periods of walking; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. This tour is not available on following dates: 15.04.2023 and 28.10.2023 (MSC Seashore).*

### GOA25T – DISCOVER GENOA'S MAGNIFICENT PALACES

**Duration: approx. 4 hours, 15 minutes**

This appealing half-day outing will acquaint you the rich history of Genoa's aristocracy, as showcased in the splendid palaces found along the city's Via Garibaldi. As one of Genoa's oldest sections, Via Garibaldi dates back to the Renaissance era with resplendent edifices that are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You'll first meet your guide and then stroll along the time-honored street with inside visits planned at the richly stuccoes Palazzo Nicolosio Lomellino and Palazzo Bianco. Constructed between 1530 and 1540, Palazzo Bianco hosts key art collections by old masters from the 12<sup>th</sup>- to 17<sup>th</sup>-century, including Van Dyck, Rubens, Paolo Veronese, and forms part of the Le Strade Nuove Museums. These brushes with history will be followed by a break to taste some of the city's world-famous pesto sauce at Palazzo Cattaneo-Adorno before you can enjoy some leisure time on your own. The walk back to Port Antico and your cruise ship then brings the outing to a close. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Genoa port and is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This tour is not available on Monday calls. It is not available on 29.04.2023, 24.06.2023 and 28.10.2023 (MSC Seashore), 30.04.2023 (MSC Grandiosa and MSC World Europa), 01.11.2023 (MSC Sinfonia), 02.06.2023 (MSC Orchestra) and 15.08.2023 (MSC Magnifica).*

### GOA29T – PORTOFINO & ENCHANTING VIEWS OF LIGURIAN RIVIERA

**Duration: approx. 7.5 hours, lunch not included**

With its beautiful landscapes, lush nature, and blue sea, this full-day excursion allows you to admire the scenery of the Ligurian Riviera and discover three of its most prized jewels: Portofino, Camogli, and Santa Margherita. From the port, a 50-minute coach trip will take you to Camogli, a typical seaside village famous for its small port and colourful waterfront buildings. Your guide will take you on a pleasant walk through the historic centre of this pretty town. Afterwards, you will board a boat for a scenic transfer to Portofino with views of the Abbey of San Fruttuoso, a hidden gem located in a bay between the two towns. Arriving from the sea, you cannot remain indifferent to the spectacle of the houses overlooking the sea surrounded by hills with olive groves and vineyards. The feeling is of living in a postcard. You will have time at leisure to explore this delightful seaside town, to take pictures or relax in the cafés. Discover the most hidden corners of this little jewel on the Ligurian coast and soak up the beauty of the place before taking the boat and reach Santa Margherita Ligure. You will have some time to explore this lovely town with its green promenade before getting on your bus for the drive

back to Genoa. *Please note: Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. This tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Genoa port and is available from May to October inclusive. It is not available for guests of MSC Grandiosa and on following dates: 13.05.2023 (MSC Seashore), 14.05.2023 (MSC World Europa), 15.05.2023, 28.05.2023, 06.06.2023, 11.06.2023, 01.07.2023, 11.07.2023, 31.07.2023, 20.08.2023, 09.09.2023, 19.09.2023, 09.10.2023 and 29.10.2023 (MSC Orchestra), 03.06.2023, 14.10.2023 and 25.10.2023 (MSC Divina), 25.09.2023 and 17.10.2023 (MSC Poesia), 06.10.2023 and 21.10.2023 (MSC Sinfonia), 21.10.2023 (MSC Fantasia).*



### GOA37T – PORTOFINO & THE PEARLS OF LIGURIAN RIVIERA

**Duration: approx. 7.5 hours, lunch not included**

With its beautiful landscapes, lush nature, and blue sea, this full-day excursion allows you to admire the scenery of the Ligurian Riviera and discover three of its most prized jewels: Portofino, Camogli, and Santa Margherita. From the port, a 50-minute coach trip will take you to Camogli, a typical seaside village famous for its small port and colourful waterfront buildings. Your guide will take you on a pleasant walk through the historic centre of this pretty town. Afterwards, you will reach Santa Margherita Ligure to board a private city bus for a 20-minute transfer to Portofino and have 1 hour to spend with your guide exploring the small village with its narrow streets and waterfront. Don't forget to take photos of the colourful buildings overlooking the sea for your holiday album. At the appointed time, a private city bus will be waiting to take you back to Santa Margherita Ligure via its green promenade to explore this lovely town. The coach trip to Genoa concludes your day among the beauties of the Ligurian Riviera. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Genoa port. The transfer from Santa Margherita to Portofino and vice versa is carried out on city buses, with few seats; some guests will have to be standing up during the 20-minute journey each way. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. It is available from November to April. Moreover, it is available for guests on MSC Grandiosa (except on 14.05.2023) and on following dates: 03.06.2023, 14.10.2023 and 25.10.2023 (MSC Divina), 16.10.2023, 21.10.2023 and 30.10.2023 (MSC Fantasia), 28.05.2023, 06.06.2023, 11.06.2023, 01.07.2023, 11.07.2023, 31.07.2023, 20.08.2023, 09.09.2023, 19.09.2023, 09.10.2023 and 29.10.2023 (MSC Orchestra), 03.05.2023 and 17.10.2023 (MSC Poesia).*



### GOA39T – AQUARIUM

**Duration: approx. 3.5 hours**

Take the family on this funny excursion to the popular Genoa Aquarium; a quick ferry transfer takes us to what is reputed to be one of Europe's best aquariums, renowned for its size and vast variety of marine creatures. As one of the most natural and environmentally friendly aquariums in the world, everyone will enjoy the collections of multi-coloured tropical fish, sharks, natural corals, penguins, and dolphins. After you will have a quick boat trip back to the ship. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. The visit to the Aquarium is unguided. The entrance ticket allows you visiting the whole Aquarium, but there may be a few areas requiring an extra cost for temporary exhibitions and/or optional further experiences.*



### GOA44T – HISTORICAL CENTRE

**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

A short ferry transfer takes you to "Piazza Caricamento" for a pleasant walk through Genoa's historic town centre. We will wander the charming narrow streets known as "carruggi" to reach "Piazza de Ferrari", the commercial heart of Genoa, where we will admire "Palazzo Ducale" (external visit only). You will visit the "Cisterne del Ducale" where a local tasting made of "bruschetta" and "focaccia", typical to Genoa, awaits you. Your tour will continue with external views of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo. Enjoy some free time in the old port before returning to the port. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. This tour includes extensive periods of walking (approx. 2.5 hours) and the boat has no ramps or lifts. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.*



### GOABK1 – AUTHENTIC GENOA BY BIKE

**Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

This appealing half-day outing lets you discover what makes Genoa so special by bike. Following a moderately difficult route of about 25 km, you'll first cycle around the harbour to pass Genoa Aquarium and the old Lanterna lighthouse on your way to Porta del Molo, an area in the old town. Enjoy the old-world feel as you cycle down

the ancient caruggi (lanes) to reach Porta Soprana, an entrance in the old city walls. After a look at the house of Christopher Columbus, you'll pedal on to Genoa Cathedral, consecrated in 1118, and Piazza de Ferrari for a break. Take some photos of the fine buildings on the square, which is near the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Doge's Palace. Next, you'll bike your way to the pretty fishing village of Boccadasse, where you can have a break at one of many cafés or go for a swim at the short stretch of beach. On returning to the city, you'll make your way to Via Garibaldi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site as a street of palaces. After a short climb to a viewpoint, you can enjoy final views of Genoa before biking back to the ship. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available for guests of MSC World Europa, MSC Grandiosa and MSC Fantasia.*

## GOABK2 – COSMOPOLITAN GRANDEUR AND COASTAL CHARMS OF GENOA



**Duration: approx. 4 or 5 hours**

This tour is made easier by riding a pedelec - an electrically powered bicycle which assists the rider's pedal power at speeds of up to 25 km/h. Leaving the port, you'll pedal around the harbour basin past Genoa Aquarium and the Old Harbour (Lanterna) all the way to the Porta del Molo. Cycling through the atmospheric narrow "caruggi" streets, you'll come to the Old City Gate (Porta Soprana) and Christopher Columbus' House, located just outside the ancient medieval city walls. From there, you'll continue to Genoa Cathedral and the Piazza De Ferrari, where you'll have a first short stop to admire the beauty of this magnificent square and the nearby Doge's Palace, one of the oldest buildings in the city. Photo break over, you'll leave the old city to visit the famously picturesque village of Boccadasse, where you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely coffee or a swim from the small but charming beach, surrounded by cafés. Suitably refreshed, you'll cycle back towards the city centre, but turn north before getting there to access a magnificent viewpoint with panoramic vistas of the city. The partly steep and winding road will lead you to the Terrazze Capolinea Funicular Railway Station for a quick coffee break before you make your descent back to the city and port. *Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. Guests will cycle for a total of 27 km, including uphill routes. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available for guests of MSC World Europa, MSC Grandiosa and MSC Fantasia.*

## NAPLES (Italy)

### NAP01 – POMPEII



**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Your archaeological tour begins with a drive towards Pompeii, a once thriving town that was completely buried by lava, rubble and ash during the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in A.D. 79. It then lay hidden and perfectly preserved under tonnes of volcanic ash for almost 1.700 years before being accidentally rediscovered in the mid-18<sup>th</sup>-century and then subsequently being excavated. The many artefacts that were found, especially items of daily life such as bread and honey, give the visitor a glimpse of the lives these ancient Romans lived. A fascinating guided walking tour will provide insight into the history of this amazing and very large archaeological site. A stop will also be made at a local coral factory on your return journey to the ship. *Please note: as the tour involves long periods of walking on uneven ground (i.e. boulders in the streets of Pompeii), it is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties.*

### NAP02 – NAPLES HISTORIC CENTRE



**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Depart from the port to the famous "Posillipo" district, situated high on a hill and which we will reach by driving through the most important and attractive streets in Naples. The excursion continues with visits to the famous Principe Umberto I's Gallery, San Carlo Theatre (exterior view) and Piazza Plebiscito. Next on the list is a visit to San Lorenzo Church tucked away in the historic centre of the ancient Greco-Roman city and its excavations. Before returning to the port, enjoy walking along Via San Gregorio Armeno, home to countless artisans crafting nativity scenes. *Please note: as this tour involves long periods of walking and stairs and very narrow paths at the excavations, it is not suitable for guests who are claustrophobic. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. Shops are closed on Sundays. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.*



### NAP03 – CAPRI ISLAND TOUR

**Duration: approx. 6 hours**

Situated just a short ferry or hydrofoil transfer from the Bay of Naples, the beautiful island of Capri awaits you on this enchanting island tour. After docking at the Marina Grande on the north side of the island, you will board a minibus to reach Anacapri, your first introduction on the Capri-style life. Enjoy some free time to stroll the cosy streets for shopping before reaching the splendid Villa San Michele, which was built by the Swedish physician Dr. Munthe at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century and affords gorgeous views of the island and the sea beyond. Next, you will board the minibus to reach Capri town to have some free time to explore the charming streets that surround the famous Piazza Umberto I or, if you wish, to visit Augustus Gardens on your own (price not included) offering enchanting views over the iconic Faraglioni. A minibus or a cable car ride will take you back to the port where to board the ferry or a hydrofoil for your return journey to the port of Naples. *Please note: the transfer to Capri may be on a public or a private hydrofoil/catamaran. This tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guides will only give basic instructions on how to move on the island during the tour; they will not stay with the guests all the time in Capri. The excursion does not operate from November to February (inclusive). This tour is not available for guests on MSC Grandiosa.*

### NAP07 – SORRENTO

**Duration: approx. 5.5 hours**

One of the pearls of the Gulf of Naples, Sorrento is surrounded by limestone hills, where olive trees and citrus groves show off a quintessential Italian landscape to all those who visit this delightful town. We will leave the port of Naples and reach Sorrento after a one-hour drive that takes us through the little villages of the coast. Our walking tour will start in Piazza Tasso and continue in the historic narrow streets of this unique town. We will walk to the "Sedil Dominova" XV century loggia, before having external viewing of the Cathedral and San Francesco's Church. Free time before returning to Naples. *Please note: although this tour includes periods of walking, wheelchair users can take part on condition to be accompanied by a paying helper to aid with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift.*

### NAP46 – NAPLES, CAPRI & SORRENTO, ALL IN A CRUISE

**Duration: approx. 6 hours**

Beautiful coastal scenery, opportunities to take wonderful photos from a completely new perspective and the chance to take a dip or two are the ingredients of this half-day excursion to three of the most beautiful jewels of the Bay of Naples. The tour starts at the port, boarding a private boat where you will be greeted with a welcome drink. As you leave the port of Naples you will want to have your camera handy to photograph the city's beautiful skyline from the sea. **As you take to the sea, you can admire the beauty of the coast of the world-famous island of Capri from the boat.** You will pass by Tiberius' cliff, also known as "Salto di Tiberio", a sheer cliff about 297 metres high, and the white grotto that owes its name to the white limestone incrustations at its entrance. A relaxing stop for swimming in this truly unique setting is on schedule before continuing the cruise with views of Marina Piccola with its yachts, green vegetation, and of famous Faraglioni rocks in the background. **Moving further to Sorrento coast, the boat will circle around Capri island passing by Punta Carena Lighthouse and the Blue Grotto.** Then, as you approach the Sorrento Peninsula, you will admire the rocky coast surrounded by greenery and will enjoy some forty minutes stop in front of the picturesque Marina Grande. You will have the opportunity to take nice photos of the picturesque fishing village from the sea and to take a dip in the blue sea. The return to Naples offers a final opportunity to admire the Gulf landscape with Mount Vesuvius in the background and take more photos for your memory book. *Please note: this tour does not include any visit to Capri or Sorrento. Guests will have access to the sea directly from the boat; no stop on beaches is foreseen. Information available in English and Italian only through a public sound system. The boat is exclusive for MSC guests. We recommend that you wear a swimming costume and bring a beach towel and sunscreen. This tour is available from May until the end of October and is subject to weather conditions. It is not available on 29.05.2023, 07.08.2023, 25.09.2023, 23.10.2023 and 30.10.2023.*

### NAPBK1 – NAPLES SIGHTSEEING BY BIKE

**Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Enjoying the sights of Naples' highly varied and beautiful cityscape can be as simple as joining this appealing outing and hopping on a bike. The guided tour will let you experience the city's historical monuments and colourful street life live and direct, while also delivering a full-sized lower-body workout. You'll first follow your

bike leader into the town centre, then take to quieter side roads and pedestrian zones to avoid heavy traffic. Enjoy ride-by views of such key structures as the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Castel Nuovo, the Teatro San Carlo, and the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Castel Sant'Elmo from afar. Last up in town is a look at Piazza del Plebiscito, a semi-circle enclosed by colonnades, palazzos, and the Basilica San Francesco da Paola. Next up, you'll cycle to the outskirts of town to catch stunning views of Mount Vesuvius as well as Capri and Ischia islands before returning to Castel dell'Ovo for a final break. The return ride to the ship then brings your outing to a close. *Please note: the distance covered on this biking tour totals approx. 25 km with a 300-m gain in elevation. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available only for guests on MSC World Europa and MSC Grandiosa.*



#### **NAPBK2 – NEAPOLITAN MUST-SEES BY E-BIKE**

**Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Take yourself off the ship for a few hours of exploring the beautiful cityscape of Naples by pedelec - an electrically assisted bike - and get a bit of a workout in at the same time. You'll mostly be cycling on paved side roads, promenades, or lanes to pass such iconic landmarks as the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Castel Nuovo, the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Castel dell'Ovo, the glass-domed Galleria Umberto and one of the world's greatest opera houses. Pedalling on, you'll then reach the upmarket Posillipo district, home to the swanky villas of Naples' upper crust. Enjoy fabulous views of Capri, Ischia, and Mount Vesuvius from this elevated spot before taking a break at the Virgiliano Park giving you a chance to admire the view over the isle of Nisida. On the way back to the ship, bike along the streets of the upper quarters of Naples and reach the famous "Castel Sant'Elmo". The last leg of the tour allows you to drive the centre of Naples and long the beautiful Toledo street. *Please note: the distance covered on this biking tour totals approx. 30 km with a 400-m gain in elevation. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available only for guests on MSC World Europa and MSC Grandiosa.*

### **MESSINA (Italy)**



#### **MES01 – MESSINA & TAORMINA**

**Duration: approx. 6 hours**

After leaving the port, enjoy a panoramic coach drive through Messina with a glimpse at its main touristic sites including the Fountain of Neptun, the Court House and the University. Some stops will be scheduled at "Piazza Duomo" - to have an external view of the Cathedral and the Bell Tower - and in front of Cristo Re Church, which dominates Messina's harbour and the strait. Next, you will reach Taormina, one of the jewels of Sicily. A pleasant walk takes you to the renowned ancient Greco-Roman theatre, first built by the Greeks before being re-built by the Romans. Enjoy the wonderful view before continuing to Corvaia Palace (external visit); an historic XV century building that formerly housed the Sicilian Parliament. We will also admire the small Roman theatre or "Odeon" (external visit) of Taormina and the St. Nicholas Cathedral. Free time for shopping. *Please note: if religious ceremonies are underway at the Cathedral, the visit will be external only. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for visits to places of religious importance. Shops may be closed on public holidays or Sundays. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment. This tour is not available for guests on MSC Sinfonia.*



#### **MES02 – MOUNT ETNA**

**Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

Departing from the port of Messina, an approx. 1.5-hour coach ride will take you to Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano reaching almost 3.300 m above sea level, on a route that will also pass through Zafferana Etnea, a town situated on the volcano's southern flank that affords lovely views of the mountain and the sea. Once at the Rifugio Sapienza, which was buried twice in the course of eruptions over the years, at an elevation of 1.900 metres, you'll then walk to the two famous Silvestri craters amid an otherworldly lava landscape of outstanding natural beauty. Breathtaking views of the city of Catania below also present themselves to visitors, a perfect vista for a snapshot. Your adventurous volcano tour ends with your return to the port and your ship. *Please note: as the tour involves travel up to a high elevation, it is unsuitable for guests with cardiac conditions or with walking difficulties. If adverse weather conditions prevail on the day of the tour, guests are advised to check on board whether the tour will run with an alternative itinerary. Guests are recommended to wear a windcheater and comfortable shoes.*

### MES05 – CITY TOUR



**Duration: approx. 4 hours**

The Greek, Zancle, founded Messina in 730 B.C.; earthquakes systematically destroyed the city, in particular by the eruptions of 1783 and 1908. Our tour departs by bus from the port to reach Ganzirri, a small fishing village situated near the Pantano Grande and Pantano Piccolo lakes, which are rich in marine nutrients. You will continue to Capo Peloro, the nearest point to the coast of Calabria. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Messina, admiring Piazza Cairoli, the Court House, the University and the Cristo Re Church, which dominates Messina's harbour and the strait. We will stop for photos before continuing our tour past the San Francesco Church, the Government Hall, the Fountain of Neptune, and the main street, "Viale della Libertá". Enjoy some free time before visiting the Cathedral and the Cathedral Treasure to admire the famous Golden Mantle (Manta d'Oro), a special cloth that covers the picture of the Madonna and Child and which is studded with precious stones. Your visit to Messina concludes with a stop at an Italian café to taste some local pastry including a pastry roll filled with sweet cream called "cannolicchio" and a refreshing water-ice "granita" of different flavors. *Please note: guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for visits to places of religious importance. If religious ceremonies are underway at the Cathedral, the visit will be external only. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.*

### MES11 – MOUNT ETNA AND TAORMINA



**Duration: approx. 8 hours lunch not included**

The Italian island of Sicily is presided over by Mount Etna, Europe's tallest and most active volcano. Taking you to see this natural phenomenon and the nearby town of Taormina, this all-day tour begins with a 1.5-hour coach trip, passing through the town of Zafferana Etnea to catch superb views of the mountain and the sea. A little over half way up Mount Etna lies Rifugio Sapienza - twice buried by lava over the years - from where you'll then walk to the two inactive Silvestri Craters, which were formed during the eruption of 1892. The stark landscape and amazing views of the town of Catania make great photo subjects, so do keep your camera at hand throughout. Leaving Mount Etna behind, you will then spend about 1 hour on the coach to reach the lovely little town of Taormina. Free time will then be yours to have lunch (at extra cost), after which a guided walk will take you past the ancient Greco-Roman theatre, the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Corvaja Palace, the small Roman "Odeon" theatre and the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Minor Basilica of St. Nicholas. There will also be more free time for you to spend in town on your own before the coach returns you to Messina and your ship. *Please note: as the tour involves travel up to a high elevation, it is unsuitable for guests with cardiac conditions and with walking difficulties. If adverse weather conditions prevail on the day of the tour, guests are advised to check on board whether the tour itinerary will change. Guests are advised to wear a windcheater and comfortable shoes. Visits to all locations will be external only. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.*

### MES14 – TAORMINA & BEACH TOUR



**Duration : approx. 7 hours, lunch not included**

Spend a day off the ship, first indulging in some retail therapy in the beautiful old city of Taormina, then relaxing on a private beach in Giardini Naxos - perfect for the entire family. Your outing begins with 50 minutes on a coach to reach Taormina, where you'll then head for its main thoroughfare: Corso Umberto. Free time will be yours here to do some shopping in the many stores that line the historical street. Moving on again, you'll then make your way to the nearby coastal resort of Giardini Naxos and the private "Sayonara" beach. You'll have about 3 hours to do whatever you please here - swim, relax on the sand, play with the kids, or go for a stroll. The coach will be waiting at the appointed time to return you to the ship. *Please note: Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. This tour is available from June to September and is subject to weather conditions. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.*

### MES57 – ETNA ADVENTURE BY "SUPER TRUCK"



**Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included**

Fancy for adventure? Join us on this exclusive tour to Europe's most active volcano: Mount Etna. A coach will be waiting on the pier to take you on a 90-minute scenic drive affording enchanting views of the sea and of the Sicilian landscape. Upon your arrival at the Etna parking, you will reach the Rifugio Sapienza - twice buried by

lava over the years - from where you'll then walk to the two inactive Silvestri Craters, which were formed during the eruption of 1892. Then, from a height of 1.900 metres, you will take the cable car and reach a height of 2.500 metres and start your adventure on a "super truck". Feel the adrenaline, admire the volcanic landscape, and reach to a height of 2.920 metres and the "Torre del Filosofo", from where you will enjoy a walk around the crater. You will have some free time before taking the road back to Messina and your cruise ship. *Please note: the tour is subject to weather conditions and is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties, with cardiac conditions, blood pressure problems, back/neck problems, or vertigo. Guests are advised to wear comfortable clothes, windcheaters, and hiking shoes. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.*



#### **MES99 – GIARDINI NAXOS BY BOAT: THE WONDERS OF SICILY**

**Duration: approx. 6 hours, 15 minutes, lunch not included**

Sea, sun, a private boat, and the beauty of Sicily: the ingredients for spending a few hours living the holiday feeling are all there. The tour starts in Giardini Naxos where you will embark on a typical Sicilian boat and discover some of the treasures of the Sicilian coastline. The first stop will be the "Grotta del Giorno", to admire the spectacular play of colours created by the sunlight. The boat will then head towards Cape Taormina, dominated by the "Faraglioni del Capo" to admire its cliffs and the town of Taormina built on them. The itinerary will continue to "Isola Bella", a picturesque islet reachable on foot at low tide and declared a nature reserve since 1998. In this beautiful natural setting, you will be served an aperitif with fresh fruit and typical products accompanied by a glass of Prosecco and soft drinks. Afterwards, you will disembark and have an hour of free time to enjoy the characteristic beach and the islet that gives the place its name. After this stop, board the boat again and head to the last stop of the tour, "La Grotta Azzurra" to admire its beauty. Back in Giardini Naxos, you will have some free time to spend at your leisure before returning to port. *Please note: the itinerary may be modified depending on weather and sea conditions on the day of call and is available from June until September inclusive. Stops will be made during navigation to allow participants to swim; guests will have access to the sea directly from the boat. We recommend wearing a swimming costume under your clothes and bringing a beach towel and sunscreen. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. Participants will be spread over several boats during the tour.*



#### **MESBK1 – EXPLORE MESSINA BY BIKE**

**Duration: approx. 4-5 hours**

This laid-back bike tour is a great way to explore Messina, one of Sicily's oldest ports. Although severely damaged by a 1908 earthquake, it has managed to retain many medieval treasures. After collecting your bicycle at the port, your bike leader will show you around the bustling centre. See the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Norman Duomo, where Richard the Lionheart prayed before travelling to the Crusades. Admire Messina's ornate fountains and the Arabesque church of Annunziata dei Catalani. Then venture out of town, riding north along the scenic coast road through the charming fishing villages of Ganziri and Torre Faro. From here, head on to Capo Peloro, perched on Sicily's northeastern tip. Enjoy a swim from the beach or relax over a coffee while you take in the dramatic views across the Straits of Messina to mainland Italy. Then it's back onto your bike for the return trip. *Please note: the distance covered on this biking tour totals approx. 35 km with a 100-m gain in elevation. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available only for guests on MSC World Europa.*



#### **MESBK2 – E-BIKING IN MESSINA**

**Duration: approx. 4-5 hours**



















Admire Sicily's oldest port from above on this tour in the hills around Messina by pedelec, a bicycle with a small electric motor that assists you up to 25 km/h while pedalling. After passing landmarks like the Orion Fountain and the Cathedral, you'll start to climb westwards towards the highest point of the tour, Monte Cicca. A winding road takes you to your first refreshment stop at a restaurant 450m up, before you continue along the ridge to the summit, 610m above sea level. From here, enjoy the splendid views of Messina and the huge electricity pillar of Torre Faro, before enjoying the long and, in places, steep descent. Take advantage of the photo opportunities on the way down to Torre Faro Beach on Capo Peloro, where you can enjoy a long and well-deserved break, cooling off in the sea or chilling in the shade, before returning along the coast to the ship. *Please note: the distance covered on this biking tour totals approx. 45 km with an 800-m gain in elevation. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent. This tour is available only for guests on MSC World Europa.*

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			Ch	48
	MES57	Etna Adventure by Super Truck	Ad	155
			Ch	124
	MES99	Giardini Naxos by Boat: the Wonders of Sicily	Ad	105
			Ch	74
	MESBK1	Explore Messina by Bike	Ad	59
			Ch	45
	MESBK2	E-Biking in Messina	Ad	75
			Ch	55

## Key to Symbols

 Possibility of swimming	 Long route by bus	 Best seller	<b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL</b>  <b>Easy</b> May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing <hr/>  <b>Moderate</b> May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing <hr/>  <b>Strenuous</b> Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health
 Tasting included	 Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee	 New	
 Lunch or dinner included	 Shopping	 <b>Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour</b> As guests in wheelchairs must be accompanied by their own helper, please inform Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements	
 Drink included	 Shopping		
 Snack included	 Mini Tours		
 No guide available	 Limited seat		