

MSC SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM FOR MSC WORLD EUROPA

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BARCELONA (Spain)

BCN02 – A WHIRLWIND ADVENTURE OF BARCELONA HIGHLIGHTS



Duration: approx. 4.5 hours €51 ADT / €36 CHD

This approximately four-and-a-half-hour excursion through the streets of the fabulous city of Barcelona combines guided parts with free time to explore the best shopping place in town at leisure. Leaving the port, a bus ride of about 40 minutes will take you to one of the city's main monuments, the Sagrada Familia, Antoni Gaudí's extraordinary church, a construction site that has been open for over 140 years. Leaving the bus, you will walk for fifteen minutes to find yourself outside this architectural masterpiece. In the next 45 minutes outside the building you will be able to admire the sculpted animals camouflaged on the façade, including snakes and snails, take beautiful photographs and listen to the guide who will give you some explanations of this unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece. After joining the bus, you will arrive at the World Trade Centre in about 20 minutes, from where a guided walk of an equal 20 minutes to Las Ramblas will begin. This segment of the tour lasts about 75 minutes and allows you to spend some free time shopping in Barcelona's best places. If you wish to visit the city's main market, La Boqueria, your guide will provide you with the right information to visit this beating heart of Barcelona on your own. Since 1836, more than 200 merchants have been rolling up their shutters, ready to offer the best local and international gastronomic products. Alternatively, you could stay longer on Las Ramblas or go to Plaza Catalunya, where the well-known El Corte Ingles mall is located. The choice will be yours alone. At the appointed time you will rejoin your guide to continue the walk that will take you back to the bus in 20 minutes and then to the ship. Alternatively, you can stay around the area longer and return to the ship on your own.

Please note: due to traffic restrictions around the area of the Sagrada Familia, 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. This tour is mainly on foot. 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. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

BCN28 - GAUDI'S MASTERPIECES: PARC GÜELL AND LA PEDRERA



Duration: aprox. 4 hours €93 ADT / €75 CHD

Don't miss the chance to discover the fascinating world and works of Barcelona's most important architect: Antoni Gaudí. After leaving the port, your tour will take you to Parc Güell, a garden complex and one of Barcelona's main tourist attractions, with its remarkable curving buildings, stunning mosaics, and ceramic-covered benches. A visit to this park will give you the feeling of entering a beautiful, fairy-tale world and will allow you to admire the view over the city thanks to its position on the side of a hill. After the visit, get back on the bus to continue the itinerary to discover the world of Gaudí. You will admire from the coach, the Basilica of the Sagrada Família, a neo-Gothic masterpiece whose works are not yet finished, and the famous Casa Batlló, a flamboyant building covered in thousands of multicolourful ceramic tiles, located along the charming boulevard Passeig de Gràcia. Finally, your second internal visit will be to Casa Milà, better known as "La Pedrera" (The Quarry), which is undoubtedly Gaudí's most mature work. It has one of the most symbolic terraces in the city, thanks to the sculptural chimneys and vents designed by Gaudí, offering enchanting views of the Sagrada Família in the distance. It is one of the most representative buildings of Modernism. After the visit, board the coach for the return journey 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 Gaudi'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. We suggest wearing comfortable shoes. Entrance tickets included: Park Güell and La Pedrera.

BCN37 – HIGHLIGHTS OF BARCELONA, MONTSERRAT & WINE TASTING



Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included €68 ADT / €48 CHD

A true Catalan adventure, this seven-hour excursion lines up the very best Barcelona has to offer. From the port, relax on a 20-minute bus ride down Passeig de Gràcia, Barcelona's most impressive boulevard, featuring masterful creations by Antoni Gaudí, including the shimmering Casa Batlló with its lizard-like façade. Then it's on to the most famous unfinished church in the world, Sagrada Família, for a viewing from the bus of its gravity-defying towers, intricate stone carvings and colourful Art Nouveau flourishes. Afterwards, be transported to the mighty Montserrat, the jagged peaks of the mountain range curling around the beautiful Benedictine monastery it protects. After receiving information from your guide outside, during a 35-minute unguided orientation tour of the monastery, gaze up at the vaulted ceilings and richly decorated altar glittering in gold. The adventure doesn't stop there, however. After approximately one hour and 15 minutes of free time for lunch, journey half an hour to the Caves Vilarnau winery in Sant Sadurní d'Anoia, owned by a family who produced their first bottle of cava in 1949. The 80-minute visit includes a chance to see how cava is made and a look inside the cellars, followed by a tasting session of the exquisite sparkling wine. The outing concludes in a 75-minute drive back to the ship with the Catalan countryside as a backdrop.

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 Poesia, on 04.05.2024 (MSC Seaview), on 15.08.2024 (MSC Musica) and on 01.11.2024 (MSC World Europa).

BCN40 – PROTECTOURS: EXPLORE THE GOTHIC QUARTER ON FOOT WITH

GASTRONOMY AND SHOPPING  **Duration: approx. 4 hours €34 ADT / €30 CHD**

Put on some walking shoes for a four-hour excursion of Barcelona's atmospheric Gothic Quarter - a web of narrow, tiled streets winding their way around leafy plazas, grand churches, and hidden bars. A 15-minute shuttle trip to the World Trade Centre Barcelona begins this excursion. From here, continue on foot to the old port, home to quirky antiques markets selling everything from compasses and ships' bells to collectors' coins and stamps. Gaze up at the huge statue of Christopher Columbus, marking his first voyage to the Americas, before strolling down Barcelona's famed La Rambla - a buzzing street stretching towards the city centre and flanked by historic buildings, bustling bars and local artists - and on to spacious public square Plaça de Sant Jaume. Two pitstops of 30 minutes each with tasting then follow. First comes El Taller de Virginia for some delectable *turrón* (a sweet treat similar to nougat) and next Enrique Tomas' shop, a company with 40 years of experience offering only the best Spanish *jamón*. Sold vacuum-packed, you can purchase and take it on the ship. Then, it's time to set out on a walk to the city's Gothic Cathedral, which was constructed between 1386 and 1393. From here it's a short stroll to Plaça de Catalunya, where there will be a chance to explore the famous Hard Rock Cafe, with 45 minutes set aside for the walk and visit. The tour comes to an end at Plaça de Catalunya. You can choose to remain in the city longer or start soon your 30-minute walk back to World Trade Centre 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.

BCN57 – HIGHLIGHTS OF BARCELONA & PUEBLO ESPAÑOL

Duration: approx. 5 hours €59 ADT / €41 CHD

Let yourself be captivated by the charms of Barcelona with an excursion that will make you appreciate the main sights of the Catalan city. Set off from the port for a coach drive to the Born district, now one of Barcelona's trendiest neighbourhoods, for a guided walk. One of the architectural gems hidden among the maze of squares and streets of this old quarter, also known as the Ribera, is the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, which you can photograph from the outside during a short stop. From here, continue on foot through the Barri Gòtic, Barcelona's medieval centre, which has been preserved largely intact, where you will visit the spectacular Cathedral of the Holy Cross and Santa Eulalia, built between the 13th and 15th centuries. After the visit, you will reach Paseo de Colón to rejoin the coach and continue with a sightseeing tour passing some of architect Gaudí's masterpieces including Casa Batlló and Casa Milà before reaching the Basilica of the Sagrada Família. An approximately 15-minute walk will take you to this unfinished Gaudí

wonder where you will have some time to admire it from the outside and take some photos for your Instagram gallery or your memory book. After rejoining the coach, the tour continues to Montjuïc, the hill that will give you a wonderful panorama of the city, and back to the centre to enjoy a stroll through the tranquil Poble Espanyol, a village created to showcase the various Spanish architectural styles. The excursion ends with your return to the port and 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 includes long periods of walking and 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. 15 minutes each way.

BCN58 – SAGRADA FAMILIA & GAUDI'S BEST BUILDINGS



Duration: approx. 3.5 hours €93 ADT / €75 CHD

Marvel at the mind-bending work of architect Antoni Gaudí in an enriching three and half-hour adventure. Tracing the journey of visionary architect Antoni Gaudí on this excursion begins with a 60-minute drive from the port through Barcelona, on the way taking in panoramic views across the city and the Mediterranean beyond until you reach Gaudí's crowning jewel, the *Sagrada Família*. Studded with ornate carvings of religious figurines and stone reptiles, the outside alone is a sight to behold, but this 90-minute stop provides the opportunity to explore its cavernous interior, too. Inside, soft light from the delicate stained-glass windows produces a multicoloured glow across the walls, and tree-like pillars soar skywards, forming a green glass canopy above.

The trip culminates in a drive down the elegant Passeig de Gràcia boulevard, home to two Gaudí marvels. Enjoy the shimmering Casa Batlló, with its skeletal balconies and dragon-like scales, and La Pedrera (Casa Milà), with its wave-like façade, before a 15-minute trip back to the ship.

Please note: Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests using a wheelchair are welcome to participate in this tour but should be aware that it includes 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. 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. 15 minutes each way. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. We suggest wearing comfortable shoes. Entrance tickets included: Sagrada Família.

BCNBK1 – CYCLING TOUR OF BARCELONA



Duration: from 4 to 5 hours €62 ADT / €47 CHD

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 Montjuïc castle from below, marvel at Antoni Gaudí's unfinished

masterpiece, the immense Sagrada Familia, 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 Gaudi'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 Seaview and MSC World Europa.

BCNBK2 – BEST OF BARCELONA ON AN E-BIKE



Duration: from 5 to 6 hours €77 ADT / €58 CHD

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 Familia, 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 Gaudi'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 Seaview and MSC World Europa.

MARSEILLES (France)

MRS02 – UNCOVER THE CHARMS OF AIX-EN-PROVENCE



Duration: approx. 4 hours € 63 ADT / €44 CHD

Although just 33 kilometres apart, Aix-en-Provence presents a notable contrast to the thriving port city of Marseille. Explore the city's storied past on a 90-minute walking tour of Aix, starting with a 45-minute bus drive from the port. The excursion begins in the Old Town with a visit to Saint-Sauveur Cathedral, which took over seven centuries to build, resulting in a unique mix of architectural styles. The guide will provide explanations on the Aix-en-Provence Cathedral before the interior visit. Back outside, the guide will lead a stroll through Aix's centre. The city's Baroque architecture has been lovingly preserved and the cobble-stone streets pedestrianised. Follow the guide to the illustrious Mazarin Quarter, a 17th-century district created by the brother of Cardinal Mazarin. Golden stones from a nearby quarry give the buildings here their distinctive, honey-coloured facades. Once the tour concludes, enjoy an hour of free time, perhaps using it to admire the surroundings that captivated local artist Paul Cézanne. Following the 45-minute drive back to Marseille, you will return to their ship.

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. Due to local rules in

France every guest must be properly sitting on the excursion coach. This includes also children aged from 0 up to three years old. If you travel with children in this age, please contact the Shore Excursions' Desk on the ship at least 48 hours prior to your tour to have a baby chair requested and placed on the excursion coach and for any additional information. Even with this early notice, the baby seats are never guaranteed.

MRS03 – EXPLORE THE POSTCARD-PERFECT FISHING TOWN OF CASSIS ON YOUR

OWN    **Duration: approx. 4.5 hours €60 ADT / €42 CHD**

Once a quaint fishing village, Cassis has grown into an international destination thanks to its soaring cliffs, turquoise waters, and colourful houses. Discover the town on a four-and-a-half hours tour, which begins with a 90-minute scenic drive along the coast. You will reach the town centre via a short 15-minute ride on the famed "Little train of Cassis", a cute, local wheeled-train. Once in the centre, you can explore Cassis at your leisure by enjoying 90 minutes of free time. The colourful boats in the little port are particularly photogenic, while you can spot some of France's oldest vineyards in the hills above. Alternatively, take a stroll along the pebble beach to reveal one of Europe's tallest cliffs, Cap Canaille, in the distance. Following a 15-minute return journey on the "little train" to the bus parking, you will be driven back to your ship on an hour-long bus ride via the motorway.

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. If you travel with children in this age, please contact the Shore Excursions' Desk on the ship at least 48 hours prior to your tour to have a baby chair requested and placed on the excursion coach and for any additional information. Even with this early notice, the baby seats are never guaranteed.

MRS06 – THE GREATEST HITS OF FRANCE'S HISTORIC PORT CITY

Duration: approx. 4.5 hours €67 ADT / €47 CHD

Explore the neighbourhoods, monuments, and views of a historic and diverse city on four-and-a-half hours sightseeing tour. Begin at Marseille's most well-known site, Notre-Dame de la Garde, nicknamed La Bonne Mère ("The Good Mother") for its golden statue of the Virgin Mary and child. As the highest perch in Marseille, La Bonne Mère offers 360-degree views that allow guests to witness how France's second-largest city is shaped like a Greek amphitheatre within the surrounding hills. Spend a total one hour visiting this famous basilica and admiring the views, including the time for the guide to provide information outside before you proceed with an inside visit on your own. The tour route continues with a 45-minute drive along Corniche Kennedy - reputed to be the world's longest urban coastal road - and past Château Borély, an 18th-century castle built for a wealthy merchant who yearned for the region's biggest bastide (fortification). This excursion also includes a 15-minute photo-stop outside Palais Longchamp. The palace was designed to welcome water into the city using Roman-style stone aqueducts, hence its elaborate fountain. Afterwards, enjoy 55 minutes of free time around the Vieux-Port, home to the typical wooden boats of the region, barquettes, and numerous shops and cafes. The drive back to the ship takes around 30 minutes.

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. If you travel with children in this age, please contact the Shore Excursions' Desk on the ship at least 48 hours prior to your tour to have a baby chair requested and placed on the excursion coach and for any additional information. Even with this early notice, the baby seats are never guaranteed.

MRS14 – A TALE OF TWO PROVENÇAL CITIES: AVIGNON AND AIX-EN-PROVENCE



Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included €106 ADT / €74 CHD

Head inland to Avignon and Aix-en-Provence, two historic cities which invite visitors to traverse through 2,000 years. This seven-hour tour is designed to make the most of each city. Arriving in Avignon after the 90-minute drive from Marseille, you will visit one of Europe's largest Gothic palaces: the Palais des Papes. This vast structure dates back to the 14th century, when Avignon was the seat of papal power. During the 90-minute visit, a guide will help you navigate this monumental UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its cavernous halls, galleries and chapels that illustrate the medieval might of the Catholic Church. Afterwards, there'll be one hour for you to enjoy lunch by yourself at one of Avignon's many restaurants. After lunch, board the bus for a 75-minute drive. The next stop is Provence's former capital, Aix-en-Provence, full of historical façades, trickling fountains, and tree-lined squares. A 60-minute walking tour takes you inside the grand Saint-Sauveur Cathedral, which boasts a wealth of architectural styles from across the centuries. Back outside, your guide leads the way through Aix's historical centre to the Mazarin Quarter, home to the town's gentry in the 17th century. There will then be time to relax, during a leisurely 45-minute drive back to the ship.

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. If you travel with children in this age, please contact the Shore Excursions' Desk on the ship at least 48 hours prior to your tour to have a baby chair requested and placed on the excursion coach and for any additional information. Even with this early notice, the baby seats are never guaranteed.

MRS20 – STROLL THROUGH FRANCE'S OLDEST CITY



Duration: approx. 3 hours €44 ADT / €44 CHD

Soak up the history of this atmospheric port city by exploring it on foot over a guided, two-hour walking tour. Following a 30-minute shuttle bus ride from the port to Marseille, the excursion begins in Le Panier, the heart of Marseille. As a tour guide wanders through the winding streets of this ancient neighbourhood and around, you will encounter various key landmarks that have played a crucial part in Marseille's history and development. These include the 17th-century City Hall (one of the few buildings in the area to survive the bombing of the city during World War II), Cathédrale Sainte-Marie-Majeure - one of the largest cathedrals in France - and Fort Saint-Jean, built by Louis XIV in 1668 and later home to the French Foreign Legion. You will also be able to see Marseille's oldest building still in existence, Hôtel de Cabre, constructed in 1535 and full of stories. The guide will provide information on these historic sites as you pass by them. You will then return to their ship on a 30-minute shuttle bus journey.

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.

MRS22 – PROTECTOURS: LE PANIER, MARSEILLE'S HEART & VISIT AN ECO-FRIENDLY

SHOP  **Duration: approx. 4 hours €59 ADT / €42 CHD**

Four hours through the streets of Marseille's old town and around the new museum complex will allow you to discover the city's ancient and modern soul. Starting with a 45-minute transfer with the shuttle service, you'll reach the Vieux Port (Old Port), the starting point of an approximately 45-minute guided walk. From the J4 esplanade, located between Fort Saint-Jean and the Cathedral of Saint Mary Major, enjoy the magnificent panorama of the sea and the Palais du Pharo located on the opposite bank where the MuCEM is also located. Your guide will provide you with explanations outside the three buildings of this new museum complex, the "Musée Regards de Provence", the "Villa Mediterranean" (which houses a reproduction of the Grotte Cosquer), and the "Mucem", the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations. Admire the distinctive architecture of the MuCEM before continuing with a further 45-minute walk in the "Panier" district. With its craft shops, its lively and colourful cafés, and its street art, it is the heart of Marseille and the perfect place to taste olive oil chocolates and one of the city's signature sweets, the "navettes". Learn about the history of the artisanal boat-shaped biscuit that dates back to the mists of time and the various interpretations of its shape that vaguely resembles a boat. After this break, you will visit a family shop famous for its production of organic, natural, and vegan products, from soap to clothes, shampoo and aftershave, a unique opportunity to buy a handmade gift and contribute to environmental protection. A part of the proceeds is in fact donated for the protection and restoration of natural habitats and their biodiversity to recreate natural spaces. A nice a handcrafted gift to bring home! This pleasant experience ends with the return to the port by shuttle service.

Please note: this tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking, sometimes on uneven surfaces; comfortable shoes, sun protection and a hat are recommended. 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. All visits are external.

MRSBK1 – CYCLE THROUGH MARSEILLE

Duration: approx 4 hours €60 ADT / €45 CHD



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 19th-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 and MSC Grandiosa.

MRSBK2 – MARSEILLE E-BIKE DISCOVERY TOUR



Duration: approx. from 4 to 5 hours €75 ADT / €55 CHD

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 19th-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 and MSC Grandiosa.

GENOA (Italy)

GOA06T – GENOA SIGHTSEEING ON AN OPEN BUS & AQUARIUM VISIT



Duration: approx. 2 hours, 45 minutes €49 ADT / €35 CHD

This approximately 3-hour excursion combines a panoramic tour of Genoa on board an open bus with a visit to the Aquarium, the ticket for which will be provided to you. Starting from the port, the bus itinerary allows you to admire some of Genoa's main attractions from the comfort of your seat. You will pass through the elegant 16th-century district of Via Garibaldi, the impressive Piazza de Ferrari area with the Palazzo Ducale, the Carlo Felice Theatre and the Columbus House, not forgetting the fashion street, Via Roma, with shops displaying the most elegant Italian brands. As you proceed along the itinerary, you will receive a multilingual commentary on the bus through an earphone system. The next stop will be the Aquarium. Have fun exploring on your own the halls of this extraordinary world with its vast halls and variety of sea creatures, colourful tropical fish, sharks, corals, penguins, and dolphins. At the end of the visit, you can choose to return to the port immediately or stay in the city centre and discover Genoa by discovering the places that interested you most during the panoramic tour at a more relaxed pace. Whichever you choose, the return to the port will be on foot and on your own.

Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa. The Aquarium ticket is included in the price of the tour, but guests will visit will be without guide. 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. This tour is available from April to September inclusive.

GOA14T – PROTECTOURS: A SEGWAY ADVENTURE AROUND TOWN



Duration: approx. 2.5 hours €80 ADT / €80 CHD

This Segway adventure is a great opportunity to experience some of Genoa's highlights in just two and a half hours including views of the 13th- to 16th-century Doges' Palace, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and Porta Soprana. Glide through the colourful streets on a two-hour guided tour, learning about the city's history and appreciating its incredible and varied architecture - renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano was born in the Pegli neighbourhood in the west of Genoa, and his distinctive work can be seen around the city. The streets of Genoa's historic centre that the tour passes through are known as caruggi, thought to have been developed into their winding, complex formation for defensive reasons, to confuse invaders. Whatever their purpose, they make a fascinating area to explore on two wheels. After the tour, a 15-minute walk to the ship ends your experience.

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 – A SCENIC BUS TOUR OF THE CITY'S FINEST SIGHTS



Duration: approx 3 hours, 15 minutes €38 ADT / €33 CHD

Embark on a bus tour (totalling three hours and 15 minutes) that showcases the maritime heritage of Genoa, offering a glimpse into the storied past of a fascinating Italian port. The first section of the tour is a drive through some of Genoa's grandest streets and squares, including Piazza della Nunziata, surrounded by palaces. The bus then stops at Boccadasse, a pretty, former fishing village on the famous Cinque Terre coastal stretch, where there'll be an opportunity to enjoy approximately 30 minutes of free time. Another scenic drive follows, passing what many believe to be the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, before stopping at the sprawling Piazza de Ferrari, Genoa's buzzing main square, where colonnaded palaces surround a large open space with fountains. Here, there'll be approximately 45 minutes of free time - make sure to take a moment to admire the mix of old and new architecture. The tour concludes with a drive to Castelletto, a neighbourhood known for its views out across Genoa and beyond to the Med. Admire these views during a short stop at an observation deck, before being driven back to the ship.

Please note: this tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in the port of Genoa.

GOA19T – BEHIND THE SCENES AT ITALY'S LARGEST AQUARIUM



Duration: approx. 3 hours, 45 minutes €54 ADT / €45 CHD

Discover the aquatic wonders at Acquario di Genova, located in Genoa's harbour. This excursion lasts around three hours and 45 minutes and offers a glimpse into the inner workings of the aquarium, as well as free time to explore this marine paradise. Built to coincide with the Genoa Expo in 1992, the aquarium is home to one of the largest exhibitions of biodiversity and ecosystems in Europe. A 15-minute boat transfer to the Expo area takes place before entry into the Renzo Piano-designed aquarium. Once inside, take advantage of free time to view the many wonderful creatures such as sharks, tropical fish, and penguins, before a special visit, which includes viewings of the jellyfish and dolphin enclosures. There's also a chance to gain a unique insight into the dedicated

care and conservation efforts undertaken to preserve and protect these magnificent creatures. Some time for shopping in the Expo brings the tour to a close before a boat ride back to the pier.

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.

GOA23T – EXPLORING ELEGANT MILAN

Duration: approx. 7 hours, 15 minutes, lunch not included €86 ADT / €60 CHD

This excursion lasting seven hours and 15 minutes presents the opportunity to soak up Italy's design and fashion capital. A two-hour bus transfer from Genoa begins the excursion, arriving at Milan for the start of a 90-minute guided tour, covering key sights around the city. The walking tour begins at Piazza Castello, overlooked by the medieval Castello Sforzesco, before covering attractions including Duomo di Milano (a Gothic cathedral dating back to the 14th century) and its soaring spires, the gorgeous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II (a lavish 19th-century shopping arcade housing luxurious boutiques) and Milan's iconic opera house, Teatro alla Scala. The opera house was inaugurated in 1778 and long associated with greats like Verdi, Rossini and Puccini, whose *Madama Butterfly* premiered here in 1904 to a shockingly negative reception. After the tour, enjoy approximately one hour and 45 minutes of free time in Piazza del Duomo, Milan's cathedral square. A two-hour coach journey returns to the pier in Genoa.

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. External viewings only of the places visited.

GOA25T – GENOA'S MAGNIFICENT PALACES AND LOCAL DELICACIES



Duration: approx. 4 hours, 15 minutes € 58 ADT / €41 CHD

This excursion lasting four hours and 15 minutes is a chance to explore the architecture of Genoa's greatest buildings and its historic centre, on a guided walk. After a 15-minute boat transfer to the expo area, the tour begins at Piazza Caricamento and ends at Via Garibaldi, a street famous for its UNESCO-listed palaces such as Palazzo Bianco. Along the way, hear about the pink-and-blue stuccoed facade of 16th-century Palazzo Nicolosio Lomellino, with its detailed trophies and gargoyles, before proceeding with an inside visit. This tour also offers a chance to sample two regional specialities: pesto (generally thought to have originated in Genoa during the 16th century) and locally made focaccia, another Genoese staple dating back centuries at Palazzo Cattaneo-Adorno. After the tour, enjoy approximately 30 minutes of free time at the expo area before a 15-minute boat transfer back to the ship.

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 and during holidays. Moreover, it is not available on following dates: 19.05.2024 (MSC World Europa), 01.05.2024 and 08.05.2024 (MSC Fantasia), 18.05.2024 and 01.06.2024 (MSC Seaside).

GOA29T – PORTOFINO & ENCHANTING VIEWS OF LIGURIAN RIVIERA



Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included €76 ADT / €53 CHD

Experience some of the most elegant towns on the Italian Riviera on this seven-hour excursion, where many destinations will be reached by boat - a fitting mode of transport considering your location. The day starts with a 50-minute bus transfer to Camogli, a beautiful and colourful fishing village backed by wooded hills on the Ligurian coast. There's a chance to explore the village during approximately 90 minutes of leisure time, which begins after a pleasant walk to Camogli's historical centre. The boating continues afterwards, with a cruise from Camogli to Portofino, one of the most famously photogenic towns on this stretch of coast, with a chance to admire the Abbey of San Fruttuoso, a hidden jewel located in a bay during the navigation. Once in Portofino, use approximately two hours to relax and soak up this pastel-painted town, characterised by boats bobbing in the marina, and orange, red and pink townhouses lining the bay. A final, scenic boat journey moves the excursion to Santa Margherita Ligure, where palm trees and ochre houses by the sea set an inviting scene. Further free time follows, before a 50-minute bus ride back to the ship in Genoa.

Please note: This tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Genoa port. 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. The tour depends on the weather conditions on the day of the call. If the weather conditions do not allow you to reach Portofino, the program will include a visit to Camogli and Santa Margherita Ligure. In winter time and depending on weather conditions, the program could be modified with a transfer partly by coach and partly by boat to Portofino. This tour is available for guests on MSC World Europa (except on 12.05.2024), MSC Fantasia (except on 08.05.2024), MSC Musica, MSC Poesia, MSC Seaside, MSC Seaview (except on 15.04.2024 and 03.06.2024) and on following dates: 24.05.2024, 03.06.2024, 13.06.2024, 02.08.2024, 22.08.2024 and 31.10.2024 (MSC Orchestra)

GOA39T – A TRIP TO ITALY'S WORLD-CLASS AQUARIUM



Duration: approx. 3.5 hours €49 ADT / €40 CHD

Dive into the world of Italy's largest aquarium on a three-and-a-half-hour excursion, which begins with a 15-minute boat transfer that sails to the expo area in Genoa's old harbour. Then, prepare to explore on your own the acclaimed Acquario di Genova (parts of which have been designed by superstar Italian architect Renzo Piano) over two and a half hours, which includes optional shopping time in the expo area. The aquarium is host to a truly extensive range of aquatic biodiversity, and there are over 12,000 fantastic creatures housed in the grounds, including manatees, rainbow fish and sharks. There are opportunities to walk through viewing tunnels or look through walls of windows into the oceans, as well as learn about the aquarium's valuable conservation work. A 30-minute boat trip back to the ship concludes the excursion.

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 – NAVIGATE THE CITY'S STORIED CENTRE ON FOOT 
Duration: approx. 4 hours €58 ADT / €46 CHD

After a 15-minute boat transfer, a 90-minute walking tour begins bringing Genoa's fascinating centre to life on this excursion. A guide will lead the way through Genoa's labyrinthine, townhouse-lined streets, known as carruggi, to reach Piazza de Ferrari. Known for its huge fountain, this grand central square marks the divide between the narrow, medieval-feel lanes and the broader 19th-century streets of Genoa's commercial centre. After admiring other sights, including external views of "Palazzo Ducale" or the historic Via Garibaldi, the first walking tour concludes at the "Cisterne del Ducale" where a 30-minute tasting of locally loved foods, including focaccia and bruschetta await you. A second walking tour lasting 40 minutes then begins, featuring an exterior viewing of the extraordinary black-and-white-striped Cattedrale di San Lorenzo. This elegant Gothic building was consecrated in the 12th century, with most of the building completed over the next 200 years. There will then be approximately 45 minutes of free time to explore the surrounding old town before returning to the port on a 15-minute boat transfer.

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 €62 ADT / €47 CHD

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 13th-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 and MSC Seaview.*

GOABK2 – COSMOPOLITAN GRANDEUR AND COASTAL CHARMS OF GENOA 
Duration: approx. 4 or 5 hours €79 ADT / €58 CHD

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 and MSC Seaview.

NAPLES (Italy)

NAP01 – DISCOVER THE PRESERVED ROMAN CITY OF POMPEII



Duration: approx. 4 hours € 85 ADT / €60 CHD

Enjoy an insightful visit to the ancient ruins of Pompeii in this four-hour excursion. This once-thriving hub was destroyed in 79 AD when Mount Vesuvius erupted. The site was only discovered in the 16th century and subsequently excavated, a process that continues today. After a 45-minute transfer from the pier at Naples via the highway, a two-hour visit of this archeological marvel will begin. Learn about the city's history and tragic story and discover the exceptionally preserved remnants of this Roman settlement, frozen in time on that fateful day. Artifacts unearthed from the site include beautiful frescoes and loaves of bread, as well as haunting casts of people and animals preserved in lava. Afterwards, spend approximately 15 minutes of free time further exploring. The drive back to Naples includes a 30-minute stop at a local coral factory, before returning 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 – PANORAMAS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF HISTORIC NAPLES



Duration: approx. 4 hours €65 ADT / €46 CHD

A 20-minute coach journey from the port arrives at the colourful Posillipo district, where a 60-minute driving tour of this smart, upmarket neighbourhood (known for its handsome, 19th-century houses and sweeping views) begins. Continue with an hour in the streets of central Naples, stopping to visit the famous Principe Umberto I gallery with its tiled floors and glass ceilings, as well as the exterior of Europe's oldest opera house, Teatro di San Carlo. View the vast, colonnaded Piazza Plebiscito, named after a plebiscite, that marked the annexation of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and their subsequent addition to the Kingdom of Sardinia in 1860. The final section of the excursion is a 90-minute visit to the 13th-century San Lorenzo Maggiore, a church with historical ties to celebrated Renaissance writer and poet Giovanni Boccaccio. This section of the trip also features a guided walking tour of Via San Gregorio Armeno, where it's possible to buy directly from artisans crafting nativity scenes, a trade for which

Naples has been famous since the 18th century. A 10-minute return journey to the ship concludes the excursion.

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 – A PERFECT TIME ON THE ISLAND OF CAPRI



Duration: approx. 6 hours €115 ADT / €82 CHD

It's a beautiful, 50-minute jetfoil or catamaran journey to Capri from Naples, before a minibus ride to Anacapri. Here, enjoy approximately 30 minutes of free time to wander the elegant streets, lined with designer boutiques. Next is a 50-minute tour of powder-pink Villa San Michele. Built by Swedish doctor and author Axel Munthe to his own fanciful design, the villa sits on a rocky outcrop (at over 300 metres above sea level) and is one of the highlights of the island. There are views from here over the Bay of Naples and the Sorrentine Peninsula. After returning to the centre of Capri, spend approximately 90 minutes of free time exploring this stylish and charming city. At this point, there's an optional paid-for visit to the beautiful Augustus Gardens (entrance to the gardens is not included in the excursion price and needs to be paid on the day), which also offers views over the famous Faraglioni rocks. Alternatively, spend the free time admiring Capri's pretty streets surrounding famous Piazza Umberto I. Return to the ship via a minibus or with an optional paid-for funicular (ticket for the funicular is not included in the excursion price and needs to be paid on the day) journey to the port in Capri, before boarding a jetfoil or catamaran and sailing back to the port in Naples over approximately 50 minutes.

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).

NAP07 – EXPLORING LOVELY SORRENTO



Duration: approx. 5.5 hours €65 ADT / 46 CHD

Hemmed in by citrus groves and limestone hills, Sorrento is a vibrant port with boats bobbing in the harbour. This excursion (lasting approximately five hours and a half) starts with a 70-minute drive from the pier at Naples through the countryside to Sorrento. An hour walking tour of Sorrento's historical centre then takes place, highlighting key sights of this seafront town. The walking tour will visit Piazza Tasso - the town's main hub - ringed by bars and restaurants and named after local poet Torquato Tasso (a statue of Tasso stands in the square). Nearby is the Sedile Dominova, a mansion dating from the 15th century with a tiled, domed loggia, and former seat of the local aristocracy. There's also a viewing of the exteriors of the 11th-century Cathedral of Sorrento and the largely Baroque Church of San Francesco and cloister. Both are part of a monastery thought to have been founded in the 7th century. After the guided part of the tour, there will be approximately one hour and 40 minutes of free time to relax or perhaps pick up some of

the limoncello liqueur for which Sorrento is famous, before a 70-minute drive back to the ship.

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.

NAP63 - VIEWS OF CAPRI FROM THE SEA AND AN INDEPENDENT VISIT OF THE ISLAND



Duration: approx. 7 hours lunch not included €125 ADT / €95 CHD

Splendid views of Capri, the chance to take a refreshing dip and a quick tour of the island await you on this 7-hour excursion. Leave the ship and board a vessel where you will be greeted with a welcome drink. Enjoy the beautiful views of Naples as you leave the city and sail to one of the most famous locations of the international jet set, the island of Capri. Once in front of Marina Grande, those who wish to explore the island in the following three hours on their own, will disembark in small boats to reach Marina Grande at different departures. As your time in Capri is limited and being the island a very crowded destination, especially in the summer, make sure to calculate both time and distances while exploring ashore on your own. After returning to the boat again, you will have a little time to take a dip in the sea directly from the boat. Next, the excursion continues with a navigation passing by Tiberius' cliff, also known as "Salto di Tiberio", a sheer cliff about 297 metres high, the white grotto that owes its name to the white limestone incrustations at its entrance and Marina Piccola with its yachts, green vegetation, and of famous Faraglioni rocks in the background. Before returning to Naples, the boat will circumnavigate the island of Capri, passing by the Green Grotto, the Punta Carena lighthouse, and the Limmo cove in Anacapri. Keep your camera handy for spectacular photographs from a completely different perspective.

Please note: Participants will visit Capri on their own. The tour does not include tickets to the sites or means of transport, which must be paid for on site. 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. The time on the island of Capri is at leisure, unguided and includes the disembarkation/embarkation by tender service too. Guests will have a chance to purchase snacks on the boat. The welcome drink will be offered to guests at the beginning or during the excursion. This tour is available from May until the end of October and is subject to weather conditions. It is not available on following dates: 13.05.2024, 10.06.2024, 22.07.2024 and 30.09.2024 (MSC World Europa)

NAPBK1 – NAPLES SIGHTSEEING BY BIKE



Duration: approx. 5 hours €59 ADT / €45 CHD

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 13th-century Castel Nuovo, the Teatro San Carlo, and the 14th-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 €75 ADT / €55

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 13th-century Castel Nuovo, the 12th-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 – A DAY EXPLORING MESSINA AND TAORMINA'S HIGHLIGHTS



Duration: approx. 6 hours ADT €69 / CHD €49

An hour-long panoramic coach drive from the ship to Messina begins this six-hour excursion, which is a chance to see the town's architectural splendours, including the 16th-century Fountain of Neptune and the cathedral, which dates from Norman times but has been repeatedly reconstructed. Along the way, there will be opportunities to stop and photograph sights from outside. There's also a stop at the Tempio di Cristo Re, an impressively domed hilltop shrine built in 1937 as a monument to those killed in World War One and, later, soldiers who fell in World War Two. From Messina, a coach ride moves the excursion to Taormina. Highlights here include 20 minutes at the town's cathedral (which dates back to the 13th century and was rebuilt in the 15th and 16th centuries), 15 minutes outside the small Roman theatre known as the Odeon, a short external view at Palazzo Corvaja (a palace dating back to the 10th century) and 45 minutes inside visit to an ancient Greco-Roman theatre. Afterwards, there will be approximately one hour of free time for shopping, before a 50-minute coach drive back to Messina.

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.

MES02A – VISIT MOUNT ETNA, EUROPE'S TALLEST ACTIVE VOLCANO



Duration: approx. 6 hours €62 ADT / €43 CHD

Experience the splendour of Europe's tallest active volcano, Mount Etna, on an excursion lasting 6 hours. Etna's peak measures 3.357 metres above sea level and the volcano is still technically active, with the last eruption having taken place in May 2023. Leaving the port of Messina, a 90-minute bus drive will take you to the slopes of Mount Etna via the town of Zafferana Etnea, located on the southern slope of the volcano. As the bus begins its ascent to Mount Etna, you will be able to admire the beautiful landscape characterised by typical Mediterranean vegetation and views of the sea and the volcano itself. At the Rifugio Sapienza, built at an elevation of 1.900 metres and famous for having been buried twice over the years by volcanic eruptions, you will leave the coach and continue on foot. You will have 50 minutes to explore the Crateri Silvestri, formed in the volcano's eruptions of 1892, on a guided tour. It's an otherworldly, barren landscape, with far-reaching views over the town of Catania as well as ancient lava flows. Afterwards, you will have two hours to spend at your leisure near the Rifugio Sapienza. The return bus journey to Messina takes 90 minutes.

Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with heart conditions due to the altitude reached or with mobility problems as it includes walking on uneven and steep terrain. 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. The maximum height that participants reach with the guide is 2.000 metres.

MES05 – THE ESSENTIAL SIGHTS OF MESSINA AND NEARBY



Duration: approx. 4 hours €55 ADT / €38 CHD

Take a four-hour trip to dig deeper into the history, culture, architecture, and cuisine of Messina. Most of the trip will be by coach, with photo-stops along the way to capture those visual highlights. The excursion begins with a one-hour drive from the ship to Ganzirri, a small fishing village on the banks of a lake. There will also be a short photo-stop at Ganzirri Lake, with views of Capo Peloro lighthouse, in the distance, and over the Strait of Messina to Calabria, Sicily's closest point to the Italian mainland. From here, the coach travels to Messina's centre for a sightseeing tour. This includes 15-minute photo stops at Tempio di Cristo Re and Piazza Cairoli, before driving on to Piazza Duomo, where the city's cathedral can be found. This is followed by 40 minutes to shop and explore the city at leisure, before a one-hour visit to the cathedral and its rich treasury, which includes the Golden Mantle. Coated in real gold, this exquisite Byzantine creation was created as a covering for the Madonna of the Letter icon on June 3 (a "saint's feast" day celebrated in Messina). Afterwards, a 30-minute tasting of typical Sicilian specialities will take place in a nearby cafe or bar, followed by a 10-minute drive back to the ship.

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 – SICILY'S ACTIVE VOLCANO AND TAORMINA'S ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE



Duration: approx. 8 hours lunch not included €83 ADT / €58 CHD

This eight-hour excursion is an opportunity to get acquainted with Europe's tallest active volcano, before taking in the historic sights of Taormina, a beautiful coastal town. The trip begins with a 90-minute coach journey to Mount Etna, where an hour will be spent navigating the site, including a walk to the two inactive Silvestri Craters. Set at around 1,900 metres above sea level, the craters were formed during the eruption of 1892, and there are views over lava flows and the city of Catania nearby. After Mount Etna, the tour makes its way Taormina, a clifftop town full of medieval streets. After approximately 30 minutes of free time for lunch, enjoy a visit to some of Taormina's most important venues, including the exterior of its cathedral (a 20-minute visit), the exterior of the ancient Odeon theatre (a 15-minute visit), the exterior of Palazzo Corvaja (a medieval palace) and the exterior of Taormina's famous Greco-Roman amphitheatre. Afterwards, there'll be approximately one hour of free time, which could be spent shopping or sightseeing, before a walk back to the coach for the 50-minute return journey to the 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. All sites in Taormina will be admired only from the outside.

MES14 – A DAY IN TAORMINA AND RELAXING AT THE BEACH





Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included € 78 ADT / € 55 CHD

This day trip (totalling seven hours) is a chance to explore a historic Sicilian hilltop town, followed by time at the beach. The excursion begins with a 50-minute drive to Taormina, where a 40-minute walking tour will take place, ending at bustling Corso Umberto. This thoroughfare of boutiques and restaurants is Taormina's main shopping street. Here, there will be approximately 90 minutes of free time, which could be used for deeper exploration of the town or perhaps for purchasing craft items and local souvenirs. The second part of the excursion is a contrast to Taormina's cosmopolitan buzz, offering the opportunity to relax on a blissful beach: Lido Sayonara, a glorious, sandy stretch in the coastal area of Giardini Naxos. There will be approximately three hours of free time at this well-equipped beach region, which could be filled with swimming, sunbathing, or simply admiring the rugged Sicilian hills in the background. A 45-minute coach journey returns to the ship at Messina.

Please note: Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Two sunbeds and a parasol every two guests are included in the tour price. 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 – ADVENTURE AROUND MOUNT ETNA ON FOOT, CABLE CAR AND "SUPER-

TRUCK"   Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included €163 ADT / €130 CHD

This adventurous excursion explores towering Mount Etna using multiple modes of transport for added excitement. A 90-minute bus journey to Etna gets things started. Upon your arrival at Sapienza Refuge (a hotel restaurant and tourist stop) swap the bus with a cable car for a 40-minute trip with views over the Crateri Silvestri to reach the place where a "super-truck" vehicle awaits you. Enjoy an additional 40 minutes scenic drive up to 2.500 metres above sea level. Leave the "super-truck" vehicle at the place where the Torre del Filosofo, now completely buried, once stood. Legend has it that ruins were constructed by Greek philosopher Empedocles, who died after jumping into the nearby crater. The following 50 minutes include an experience to an otherworldly landscape by reaching the crater with an expert alpine guide, enjoy the view and walk back to your "super-truck". The next 80 minutes include the "super-truck" and the cable car rides down to Sapienza Refuge where you can enjoy 20 minutes free time to relax and further explore the landscape. A 90-minute drive returns to the port.

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. The walk around the crater is approx. 1km long on sandy and rocky ground. 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. In case of adverse weather conditions and for safety reasons, the cable car ride may be replaced with the super-truck drive starting from the Rifugio Sapienza onwards.



MES99 – SAILING THE SICILIAN COAST AND AN ISLAND STOP

Duration: approx. 6 hours, 15 minutes, lunch not included €131 ADT / €86 CHD

Dive into the joys of Sicily's coastline on this excursion lasting around six hours and 15 minutes, via sailing, swimming, and exploration on foot. After a 60-minute transfer to the pier at Giardini Naxos, board a typical Sicilian boat to begin the journey. The first stop is the Grotta del Giorno, an intriguing sea cave where there'll be a 15-minute window for photos. A further boat journey then sails towards and around Cape Taormina, accompanied by a guide explaining the history of this rocky headland. A short navigation then steers to Isola Bella, a tiny islet that was privately owned for centuries and is now a nature reserve. A 30-minute stop here provides time for swimming in the Mediterranean waters. Fresh fruit, prosecco and soft drinks will be offered to make the trip even more enjoyable. Disembark at Isola Bella for approximately one hour of free time and exploration, including a chance to visit the local museum. Following this is a short cruise to Grotta Azzurra for another photo-stop. This bewitching sea cave is named after the illuminating reflection of the blue water within the grotto. After the journey back to Giardini Naxos, enjoy approximately one hour of free time, with the option of visiting another local museum. A final 60-minute transfer returns to the cruise terminal.

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 € 62 ADT / €47 CHD

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 12th-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.

MESBK2 – E-BIKING IN MESSINA  
Duration: approx. 4-5 hours €79 ADT / €58 CHD

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.



Possibility of swimming



Long route by bus



Best seller



Tasting included



Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee



New



Lunch or dinner included



Shopping



Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour

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



Mini Tours



Snack included



Limited seat



No guide available

DIFFICULTY LEVEL



Easy

May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing



Moderate

May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing



Strenuous

Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health