



ITALY

MSC MUSICA MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE WITH NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

(TOUR CODE: 14532)

STARTS AND ENDS

Milan to
Genoa

TRAVEL PERIODS

09 May, 06 Jun & 08 Aug 25

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Ocean Cruising

Discover Northern Italy's charm on an escorted group tour, then set sail on the MSC Musica for a 10-night Mediterranean journey of elegance, exploration, and unforgettable experiences from Genoa.

Highlights

- Discover the **Mediterranean with MSC Musica – 10 Nights** of Elegance and Exploration
- Explore **Northern Italy's charm on an escorted group tour**, from Milan's iconic sights to scenic lakes, historic towns, and a memorable wine-tasting in Franciacorta
- **Save up to 25% on cruise fares**

Before your Mediterranean cruise, embark on an escorted group tour through Northern Italy, featuring Milan, the iconic Bernina Express, Como, Bellagio, Bergamo, Sirmione, Riva del Garda, Verona, and a wine-tasting experience in Franciacorta. Explore Italy's scenic beauty and rich culture before proceeding to Genoa.

Travel to Genoa by train where you will enjoy 2 nights before starting your Mediterranean cruise.

Discover the Mediterranean with MSC Musica – 10 Nights of Elegance and Exploration. Embark on an unforgettable journey aboard the MSC Musica, a ship that redefines cruising with eco-friendly innovations and timeless elegance. Starting and ending in the picturesque port of Genoa (Portofino), this 10-night voyage will immerse you in the vibrant cultures and scenic beauty of the Mediterranean.

Always included on MSC Cruise:

- Full board available in buffet and main restaurant

- Comfortable cabins
- Shows & Activities for the whole family
- Teen and youth clubs
- Pools & Gym

INCLUSIONS

- 10-nights onboard MSC Musica in an outside cabin
- 2 nights in Genoa in 4* hotel
- 5 nights accommodation in 4-star hotels in Milan, Bergamo
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Light lunch in Franciacorta region
- Bernina Express from/to Milan
- Return transfer to Milan by deluxe motor coach
- Scenic boat transfers in Como
- Local guide in Milan and Verona

ITINERARY

Day

1

Milan

Welcome to Milan! Meet the driver at Milan Malpensa Airport and enjoy a private transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon, meet your expert local guide at the hotel and set off on a three-hour walking tour through the heart of **Milan**. Going down via Spallanzani, you will reach **Porta Venezia (literally, Venice Gate)**, one of the historical gates to the city. It has medieval and maybe even Roman origins and gives the name to the city district all around it. An urban legend has the other term, it is known as - "Porta Renza" - stems from Renzo Tramaglino, co-protagonist of the novel *The Betrothed* by Alessandro Manzoni, who enters Milan exactly from this access.

You will proceed toward **Corso Venezia** and take a shortcut inside Giardini Indro Montanelli, a public garden. Opposite the garden, you will go past GAM, the **Galleria d'Arte Moderna** (modern art museum). Proceeding along **Viale Manzoni**, you will head for **La Scala Opera House (Teatro alla Scala)**, inaugurated on 3 August 1778. The theater underwent major renovations from early 2002 to late 2004. Then get ready to take in the stunning **Milan Cathedral** (Duomo di Milano). Your tour guide will illustrate its main features.

The last stop will be the majestic **Castello Sforzesco**, a medieval fortress built in the 15th century by the Duke of Milan, Francesco Sforza. In its vicinity, we have chosen a refined bakery for you to be able to relax and taste a typical *aperitivo* (happy hour).

At the end of the aperitivo, the tour will be over and you will have some free time before returning to the hotel on your own.

Overnight in Milan at **Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection** or similar.



Day 2

Milan Bernina Express Milan

Get ready with the **Bernina Express** tour on boarding the train that snakes its way up to the mountain peaks. Just like sitting in a theater, you will admire unique views from your seat on board the Bernina Train, a piece of history (100 years old), and a World Heritage train.

After breakfast at the hotel, meet our driver and reach **Tirano**. You will get on board there and start this ride along one of the most beautiful railway routes in the world, with its unsurpassed alpine views. The journey will need two hours to complete. As the train winds its way over the Alps, occasionally passing through mountain tunnels and puffing its way past a myriad of towns and villages, many highlights will catch your attention. Look out at the Swiss Alps as you ride along the Bernina pass to **St. Moritz**, and enjoy free time to explore it. Meet your driver to return to Milan (meeting point in St. Moritz).

Overnight in Milan at **Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Milan Como Bellagio Bergamo

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then prepare for a short visit to **Como**, a tourist destination and vicinity to **Lake Como and the Alps**.

Stunning views over the lake and the alpine valleys are guaranteed! The lake, sometimes called **Lario**, has long been famous for its y-shape and **Bellagio**, which you will reach by boat. This little gem town lies at the intersection of the lake's two southern arms, with the Alps dominating the horizon to the north, and is home to some of the most charming landscapes in Italy. Take some time exploring this picturesque village and its small streets, luxury hotels, villas, and gardens, and have lunch at your leisure in one of the many restaurants or cafés.

Back onboard in the afternoon, you will make your way to Tremezzo/ Villa Carlotta where you will meet the driver and begin your journey to **Bergamo**. It is a truly historic and artistic jewel characterized by its urban structure; the *città bassa* (or lower town), a modern and dynamic, while the famous *città alta* (or upper town) houses the city, a medieval heart.

Enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Bergamo at **Cappello D'Oro** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4

Bergamo Sirmione Riva Del Garda Bergamo

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and visit the next destination, **Lake Garda**, the largest lake in Italy.

We recommend taking a panoramic tour of the lake's west coast, taking in the splendid natural landscape, like the **Brenta Dolomites** (the Brenta Group has officially been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the gentle slopes of the **Moraine Hills of Lower Garda**. Enjoy the area's rich vegetation, including lemon trees, oleanders, magnolias, and bougainvillea, and be sure to taste some of the locally-made olive oil and wines.

Next, you will move to **Sirmione**, where Lake Garda and its surroundings are at their finest. See the sun reverberating on the lake's blue waters, the tree-lined shores, Sirmione Castle, and the ruins of Catullus's villa or Grottoes of Catullus (the 1st century BC poet owned a Villa here) during a boat tour.

Once you're through, you will have some free time to have lunch before departing for **Riva del Garda**. Located on the north side of the lake, you will see its quaint Venetian-style historical center.

Enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Bergamo at **Cappello D'Oro** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5

Bergamo Verona Franciacorta Milan

After breakfast, reach fair **Verona**, a museum en plain air. A local professional will wait and take you on a guided tour. The fascinating mix of historical periods and cultures (both classical and Germanic) is a blend of Nordic as well as Mediterranean influences that are both ancient and modern.

A walk through its narrow streets will allow you to get in touch with Verona's varied and fascinating past: traces of its splendid Roman origins, its medieval structures, its magnificent renaissance palaces, as well as the impressive fortifications protecting it. The combination of art and history will amaze you.

Two of William Shakespeare's plays set in Verona: "**Romeo and Juliet**" is by far the most famous one. We suggest taking a look at the so-called Juliet's home (and its balcony, said to have been the legendary balcony of the famous "Oh Romeo, Romeo" tragedy scene). It is a medieval building located via Cappello. Capello is the name of a family who resided in the building during the 14th century.

After the Verona tour, you will drive towards the area of **Franciacorta**, which soil consisting of gravel and sand over limestone, is ideal for the cultivation of grapes and winemaking. It is where you will enjoy a light lunch and taste some local food and renowned local wine.

After this experience, you will head for Milan, where you will have the last overnight.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 6

Milan to Genoa

After breakfast, check out of your hotel.

The escorted tour concludes as you board your train to Genoa, where you'll embark on your 10-day Mediterranean voyage aboard MSC Musica.

Overnight stay in **Genoa** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 7

Genoa

After breakfast, the day is yours to explore the area.

We recommend to add a Cinque Terre Card to visit the Cinque Terre Villages.

Overnight stay in **Genoa** in a 4* hotel.



Day

8

MSC Musica Cruise: Genoa (Portofino)

After breakfast, take a private transfer to Portofino to embark on your MSC Cruise adventure in the Mediterranean Sea.

Discover the Mediterranean **on board MSC Musica - 10 nights from Genoa.**

Day 1	Genoa (Portofino), Italy	Arrival: -	Departure: 19:00
Day 2	Marseille (Provence), France	Arrival: 09:00	Departure: 17:00
Day 3	At sea		
Day 4	Malaga (Granada), Spain	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 19:00
Day 5	Cadiz (Seville), Spain	Arrival: 07:00	Departure: 17:00
Day 6	Lisbon (Cascais), Portugal	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 17:00
Day 7	At sea		
Day 8	Alicante, Spain	Arrival: 09:00	Departure: 18:00
Day 9	Mahon, Spain	Arrival: 09:00	Departure: 16:00
Day 10	Olbia, Italy	Arrival: 10:00	Departure: 18:00
Day 11	Genoa (Portofino), Italy		



Day **9-17** MSC Musica Cruise: Marseille Malaga Cadiz Lisbon Alicante Mahon Olbia

Embark on an unforgettable journey aboard the MSC Musica, a ship that redefines cruising with eco-friendly innovations and timeless elegance. Starting and ending in the picturesque port of Genoa (Portofino), this 10-night voyage will immerse you in the vibrant cultures and scenic beauty of the Mediterranean. From the lavender fields of Provence in Marseille to the historic charm of Granada and Seville, and the coastal allure of Portugal and Spain, every stop promises new adventures.

Onboard, the experience is just as captivating. Be welcomed by the ship's iconic central foyer, featuring a dazzling three-tier waterfall and a crystal piano suspended above shimmering waters. Indulge in gourmet dining at Il Giardino, savour Japanese delicacies at Kaito Sushi Bar, or relish authentic Italian pizzas. When it's time to unwind, enjoy world-class entertainment at Teatro la Scala, try your luck at the Sanremo Casino, or relax at the Havana Club cigar lounge.

With full board dining, comfortable cabins, activities for all ages, and serene pools and gyms, MSC Musica offers a perfect balance of relaxation and excitement. Whether exploring the rich history of Lisbon or basking in the sun at Mahon, this cruise promises memories to last a lifetime.

Overnight stay onboard **MS Musica** in an outside cabin.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 18 MSC Musica Cruise: Olbia Genoa (Portofino)

Arrival: 09:00am.

We hope you had a wonderful last night onboard the cruise.

The cruise ends in Genoa (Portofino).

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- MSC Musica – Departure on the 16 May, 15 June & 14 Aug 2025
- Please note that this product is not part of our Flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our Team will advise you of the exact booking conditions at the time of the booking.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package