



ITALY

MSC ORCHESTRA CRUISE & ROME AND DOLCE VITA TOUR

(TOUR CODE: 14533)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Rome

TRAVEL PERIODS

28 May 25 - 06 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Ocean Cruising

Experience the perfect blend of Italy's coastal charm and Mediterranean adventure with a 6-day mini-tour of the stunning Amalfi Coast from Rome, followed by a 7-night MSC Mediterranean cruise aboard the MSC Orchestra.

Highlights

- Discover the **Mediterranean with MSC Orchestra – 7 nights**
- Pre-Purchase Drinks package and **save 40% on drinks**
- Return **transportation by coach from/to Rome**, selected and **centrally located accommodation**, with a combination of private and regular services
- Spending two nights in **Sorrento** to unwind and delight in the beauty of the Costiera!
- Enjoy a **small group of max 10 people Vatican**, Sistine Chapel and St Peter Square
- **Save up to 25% on cruise fares**

Your journey begins with a 2-night stay in Rome, granting you exclusive small-group access for a maximum of 10 people to the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square. In addition, savour the local flavors with a food tour through Trastevere's vibrant markets. Next, board a comfortable coach for your trip to Sorrento, making a fascinating stop en route to Pompeii where you can relish an authentic Neapolitan pizza. You'll then spend 2 tranquil nights in Sorrento, allowing you to unwind and bask in the splendor of the Costiera. Return to Rome by coach bus and take a private transfer to Civitavecchia.

Experience the beauty of the Mediterranean on this unforgettable MSC cruise. Departing from Civitavecchia (Rome), explore the historic charm of Genoa, the culture of Marseille, and the vibrant cities of Barcelona and Ibiza. With diverse destinations and a welcoming onboard atmosphere, this cruise offers the perfect balance of adventure and relaxation. Enjoy comfortable accommodations, delightful dining options, and activities for

all ages. Whether discovering Sardinia's stunning landscapes or spending a day at sea unwinding, this journey is perfect for travellers seeking a memorable way to immerse themselves in the Mediterranean's rich history, culture, and breathtaking beauty.

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

- 3 nights in Rome at Hotel St Martin - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Sorrento at Hotel Michelangelo - 4* or similar
- 7-nights onboard MSC Orchestra in an outside cabin
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Return transfer to Rome by deluxe motor coach
- Small group of max 10 people Vatican, Sistine Chapel and St Peter Square
- Full day regular excursion to Pompeii with real Neapolitan pizza and a drink included for lunch
- Full day regular excursion to Capri
- Small group of max 12 people- Rome food tour

ITINERARY

Day 1 Rome

Welcome to Rome! Independent arrival to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

Day 2 Rome

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, you will meet with your driver who will transport you to the designated meeting point where your knowledgeable local foodie guide awaits.

Embark on a delightful **walking tour of the charming food markets**, grocers, and gelato shops in the **Campo De' Fiori, Trastevere, and the Jewish Ghetto areas**. Recognizing the potential hunger that may arise from all the exploring, we have included some pit-stops along the way! Indulge in a delectable portion of freshly baked and crispy "Pizza Bianca," a version of focaccia native to Rome, sliced in half and generously filled with thinly sliced "mortadella" - a beloved snack among locals. And why not sample a "Suppli"? These delightful fried risotto balls with a luscious melted mozzarella center are a crowd-pleasing street food favorite. Pasta dishes will also be included, along with some delectable offerings from the Roman Jewish culinary tradition. Savour the flavors of the deep-fried and artichoke-based "Carciofo alla Giudia," which resembles a miniature sunflower, and the battered and fried cod fillet known as "Filetto di Baccalà." Be sure to save room for dessert, as we will not pass up the opportunity to treat you to some carefully crafted artisanal "Gelato"!

Following this gastronomic adventure, your driver will take you to the Vatican area, where you will join a small and agile group of up to 10 people. Upon arrival, meet your highly professional guide and embark on a captivating tour of the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square**, bypassing any lengthy queues. Marvel at the remarkable

masterpieces of Renaissance art, such as the extraordinary Gallery of Tapestries, the opulent Gallery of Maps, the breathtaking Raphael's Rooms, and the world-renowned Sistine Chapel. Completing the tour, you will have the opportunity to appreciate St. Peter's Square, a grand open space that acts as a gateway to the basilica. This iconic square, skillfully redesigned by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, stands as an architectural masterpiece of the Baroque era. From the exterior, you will gaze upon St. Peter's Basilica, not only the largest church in the world but also home to numerous remarkable works of fine art, including Gian Lorenzo Bernini's intricate canopy and Michelangelo's awe-inspiring Pietà.

Concluding the tour, you will have leisure time to explore Rome's hidden corners at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

Breakfast

Day **3**

Rome Naples & Pompeii Sorrento

Your journey commences by heading south along the renowned Sun Highway, traversing the fertile Roman countryside and the region known as Castelli Romani, which is adorned with captivating medieval villages. Eventually, you will arrive in **Naples**, one of Italy's largest and most renowned cities.

Begin with a **brief panoramic tour ascending to Vomero hill**, where you can indulge in breathtaking views of the Gulf of Naples, featuring the majestic presence of Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia, Procida, and the bustling city below. Take advantage of this opportunity to capture some memorable photographs. Descend towards the port of Mergellina, bid farewell to the city, and continue your journey south towards Mount Vesuvius.

Upon reaching the town of Pompeii, **savour an authentic Neapolitan pizza for lunch**, followed by a captivating visit to one of the most significant archaeological sites in the world.

The ruins of **Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, grant you the privilege of a Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Explore the haunting remains of Pompeii, transporting yourself back to the tragic days of 79 AD when the once-silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, engulfing the prosperous Roman city in lethal volcanic ashes and toxic gases. These remnants have remained preserved to this day, offering a glimpse into the daily lives of its inhabitants. Marvel at the residences and "bars" of that era, admire the frescoes and mosaics, and envision the opulence and prosperity that once emanated from this city before that fateful day.

After the tour, continue your journey along the enchanting Sorrentine Coast, ultimately arriving in **Sorrento**. Here, you will relish a dinner (with a dress code requiring jackets for men) and spend the night in your exquisite new hotel.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Michelangelo hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **4**

Sorrento Capri Sorrento

After breakfast, we'll head to Capri island. Weather permitting, we'll hop on a boat to visit the famous and enchanting "Grotta Azzurra" (Blue Grotto), where sunlight shines through the water, creating a magical blue reflection. Once we're back at the port, we'll hop on a minibus for a scenic drive up to Anacapri, which sits 918 feet above sea level.

From there, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the bay of Naples and have some free time for lunch (lunch not included).

Afterward, you can explore Capri at your own pace or do some shopping. Finally, we'll head back to Marina Grande and return to the mainland.

In the evening, a delightful dinner will be provided.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Michelangelo hotel** or similar.

Please note that during peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks).

Breakfast, Dinner

Day **5** Sorrento Rome

After breakfast, enjoy your morning at leisure before returning to Rome by coach bus in the afternoon.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

Breakfast

Day **6** MSC Orchestra Cruise: Rome Civitavecchia Port

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to embark on your **7-night MSC Orchestra Cruise** from Civitavecchia.

Departing from Civitavecchia aboard the MSC Orchestra, this Cruise will take you through enchanting destinations like Cagliari, Ibiza, Barcelona, Marseille, and Genoa, offering the best of both land and sea.

Day 1	Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy	Arrival: -	Departure: 19:00
Day 2	Genoa (Portofino), Italy	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 19:00
Day 3	Marseille (Provence), France	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 18:00
Day 4	Barcelona, Spain	Arrival: 09:00	Departure: 21:00
Day 5	Ibiza (Baleari Is.), Spain	Arrival: 10:00	Departure: 23:30
Day 6	At sea		
Day 7	Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: 17:00
Day 8	Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy	Arrival: 08:00	Departure: -

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7-11** MSC Orchestra Cruise: Genoa Marseille Barcelona Ibiza Cagliari

Discover the Magic of MSC Orchestra

Embark on a journey of comfort, entertainment, and discovery aboard MSC Orchestra. Relax in the lavish spa with Turkish baths, saunas, and rejuvenating massages, or stay active at the sports centre, panoramic gym, jogging track, and sparkling pools. Families will love the dedicated play areas for kids and teens, while adults can indulge in elegant bars, a vibrant theatre, a casino, and live music venues.

Savour global cuisines at gourmet restaurants like Shanghai and Four Seasons. Choose from stylish cabins, including balcony suites for ultimate luxury. Every moment aboard MSC Orchestra promises unforgettable experiences tailored to every traveller's dream.

Overnight stay onboard **MSC Orchestra** in an ocean view cabin.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 12 MSC Orchestra Cruise: Civitavecchia

Arrival: 08:00am.

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

The cruise ends at Civitavecchia port.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- MSC Orchestra departs on June 2, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 14, August 4, September 8, and September 29.
- 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.
- Due to technical constraints, it is possible that the order of the tour Rome & Dolce Vita may be altered. Due to the frequent change of transportation and the type of transportation used it is compulsory to bring only one piece of hand luggage per person for excursions to the south of Italy, as the luggage handling can provoke several difficulties and often may be lost or damaged. In the eventuality of extra luggage clients will be charged directly.
- In Sorrento, when dinner included in the program, we highly recommend to wear long trousers, in order to be admitted to the restaurant.

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