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Description



Embarking on a grand trip by coach through the heart of Europe is a dream come true for any traveler.

This epic journey takes you through some of the most enchanting cities and picturesque landscapes, beginning in Prague, Czech Republic. Prague, with its fairytale architecture, cobbled streets, and historic charm, sets the perfect tone for your adventure. Wander through the narrow alleys of the Old Town, admire the iconic Charles Bridge, and savor traditional Czech cuisine.

Next, your coach journey takes you to Frankfurt, Germany, a vibrant and modern metropolis juxtaposed with historic architecture. Explore the beautiful Old Town (Altstadt) and immerse yourself in the city's cultural diversity. From there, you head to Amsterdam, Netherlands, a city of canals and art. Explore the world-class museums, bike along the picturesque canals, and indulge in Dutch delicacies.

The journey continues to Paris, the City of Love. The Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, and charming Montmartre await your exploration. Lyon, France, is known as the gastronomic capital of the world, offering delectable cuisine and beautiful architecture. Zurich, Switzerland, with its stunning landscapes, beckons you to embrace its natural beauty and sophisticated culture.

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A unique twist awaits you in Hamilton Island, Australia, where you can experience tropical paradise, white sandy beaches, and the Great Barrier Reef. It's a refreshing break from the European leg of your trip. From there, you venture to Rome, the Eternal City, to discover its rich history and iconic landmarks like the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Vatican City.

The journey continues to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, where art and history converge in the magnificent Uffizi Gallery and Florence Cathedral. Venice, with its romantic canals and unique charm, is the perfect way to wrap up your European coach adventure.

Your adventure takes an aquatic turn as you board an MSC cruise from Venice to explore the Mediterranean. The first destination is Kotor, Montenegro, a hidden gem nestled in the fjords. Enjoy the stunning scenery and visit the historic old town. Next up are the Greek islands of Mykonos and Santorini, known for their crystal-clear waters, vibrant nightlife, and iconic sunsets.

Finally, your cruise journey takes you to Ancona, Italy, a lesser-known coastal gem with its own unique charm. Explore its historic sites and savor the delicious seafood. This grand trip by coach and cruise is an unforgettable odyssey, blending the best of European culture, history, and natural beauty with the allure of Mediterranean coastal wonders. It's a journey filled with diverse experiences and indelible memories.





Itinerary

Day 1

Australia **X** Prague, Czech Republic

Today you will check in and depart for your flight to Prague! Enjoy the services of your flight as you make your way North.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Day 2

Prague

Welcome to Prague! Upon arriving at the airport, we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. Check the information boards in the hotel reception area for details of the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers. In the late afternoon, we will make our way to the Old Town Square. This central location provides a great introduction to Prague, full of energy and touristic activities. You can have your dinner at one of the restaurants offering international cuisines, including Czech, Chinese, Indian and Italian. After, return to the hotel.

Meals: None

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 3

Prague

Today we will visit the capital, Prague, the Baroque jewel of Europe. Our local expert will provide an informative city tour, which will include outstanding monuments. During the visit, we will walk through Prague Castle (admission included). Subsequently, we shall take a boat tour on the Vltava River. In the afternoon enjoy some free time to explore the city. In the evening, we will enjoy more time in the historic city center and there will be an opportunity for you to take dinner. Return to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 4

Prague Pilsen Rothernburg Frankfurt

We will have an early departure from Prague and stop in PILSEN, in the region of West Bohemia, a city renowned for its beer. Time for a walk through its historic center where we find the Great Square, the cathedral, the Plague Column and a Renaissance-era town hall. We will then cross into Germany where we will follow a section of the so-called "Romantic Route". Next, we will visit ROTHEMBURG, a town that seems to come straight out of a fairy tale, and is considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in the country. Afterwards, we will head to FRANKFURT. Arrival in the financial capital of Germany in late-afternoon. Free time in the historic city center where there is a wide variety of restaurants to choose from (from Indian cuisine to Oriental, Italian, international and so on).

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 5

Frankfurt 🚊 Rudesheim 🚊 St. Goar 🖨 Cologne 🖨 Amsterdam

Today we will take a small Cruise on the Rhine, between the villages of RUDESHEIM and ST. GOAR, undoubtedly the river's most picturesque section. After this, we will travel to COLOGNE, a city which stands out for its immense gothic cathedral. Then on to the Netherlands. Arriving at AMSTERDAM in the late afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast



Amsterdam

Today we have a very exciting day in the Netherlands. We will go to Zaanse Schans with its mills, canals and typical houses. Next is VOLENDAM, a very picturesque fishing village. A short boat trip from Volendam will take us to MARKEN (an island that was joined to the mainland by a fixed dike), where the houses there are built on stilts. After this, we travel to AMSTERDAM where we will enjoy a panoramic visit of the city to see its narrow canals, its official buildings and parks. We will also see the technique of diamond cutting. A large part of the visit will be done on foot, the information will be given through headphones. Time for dinner in Rembrandtplein, an area with many restaurants from all corners of the world and near the red-light district with its liberal values. Return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 7

Amsterdam A Brussels Bruges Paris

Today we will leave for Belgium's Capital, BRUSSELS, taking time in the Grand Place and making a stop to photograph the Atomium. Continuing to BRUGES, the marvelous Flemish city known as the Venice of the North. Our journey will take us to France. Arriving in PARIS at the end of the day.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 8

Paris

Early in the morning, we will leave for Versailles, the immense palace of the kings of France. After that, we will return to Paris at lunch time where we provide a transfer to the Montmartre district. We will ascend by funicular to the hill and admire the spectacular view of Paris from the top. Thisneighborhood is known for its painters, artists, and its cabarets... Sit down for lunch and enjoy a magical atmosphere. Then, a scenic guided tour to discover the history, main boulevards and breathtaking monuments of Paris will take place. Return to hotel. Optionally you can attend a variety show.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 9

Paris

We go to the center of Paris, starting by the Eiffel Tower area. You will have the opportunity to go up to the second floor of this remarkable metal monument (ticket included). Then, we enjoy a boat cruise along the River Seine, which divides the north of Paris from the south. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore as you choose.

Meals: Breakfast



Paris 🖨 Semur en Auxois 🖨 Beaune 🖨 Lyon

Today we travel to the center of France, to the Bourgogne region, famous for its wines. Making a stop in SEMUR EN AUXOIS, a small medieval town surrounded by impressive walls. After this, we will visit BEAUNE, located in the center of the Bourgogne region, with its streets full of flowers, hospice and wine museum all points of interest. Continuing on, we will arrive to LYON in the mid-afternoon, the capital of Roman Gallia on the banks of the Rhône (its historic center has been declared a World Heritage site). We include a funicular climb to Notre Dame de Fourvière where we have a great view of the city. Enjoy some leisure time to walk around. Part of the groups will be accommodated in Chambery, a city near Lyon. In these cases, we will leave at the end of the afternoon for CHAMBERY and accommodation. We will then have some time early in the morning to visit the capital of Savoy, a medieval-style city with a beautiful historic center and a large castle.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 11

Lyon Geneva Zurich

A beautiful stage awaits us as we set off for Switzerland. Arrival in GENEVA. The guide will take us to the Palais des Nations (the European headquarters of the United Nations), the beautiful "Jardin Anglais" (with its quaint flower clock), and the "Jet d'Eau", the tallest fountain in Europe. After lunch, we will continue travelling through Switzerland by the beautiful Leman and Neuchatel lakes. We will drive the scenic road alongside the three large lakes, with their magnificent vineyards overlooking the mountains. We will stop in NEUCHATEL, where you can enjoy a walk by the lake, and the historic town center or visit its beautiful, 10th century castle. We will then head to ZURICH. Arrival in the late afternoon. Note: depending on the number of passengers travelling from Geneva to Zürich, this part of the trip might be done by train - in which case, there will be no stop in Neuchatel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 12

Zurich

With our guide, we will have a tour of ZURICH, the most populated city of Switzerland, and the country's financial and cultural capital. The city of the banks has twice been declared the city with the best quality of life in the world. Afterwards, we will include a cruise of almost two hours on Lake Zürich. The boat makes brief stops to allow us to see the villages on the way. We get off in RAPPERSWILL, a picturesque little village overlooked by its medieval castle. We go back to Zurich by train and appreciate the efficiency and punctuality of the Swiss railways. Note: Depending on the number of travelers, the transfers to the center and from the station may be made on public transport.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 13

Zurich Lucerne Zurich

Today's journey has beautiful landscapes with high mountains and lakes. Breathtaking scenery in the region of Interlaken. We will stop in GRINDELWALD where we will have time for a coffee before taking the cable car up to the mountain. We will walk along the winding path which will lead us to the suspended bridge. Dare to walk across the bridge amongst the fantastic scenery enjoying glaciers all around us. We will have lunch up in the mountain (included) before heading back down. We continue to LUCERNE, one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. In the evening we have time to stroll around enjoying the city. Return to ZURICH and free time in the city before going to the hotel. Note: The guide will offer you the possibility of a full-day optional visit, leaving in the morning and, after some free time to discover Lucerne, we take a rotating cable car to reach the top of Mount Titlis. At the alpine summit, at over 3000m above sea level, you will enjoy breathtaking views of the glacier and the Alps.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch



Zurich 🖨 Lugano 🖨 Morcote 🖨 Milan

We will leave Zurich early in the morning and cut across the Alps in order to reach the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. Alongside the route, we will get to see beautiful lakes and snow-capped mountains. LUGANO. Arrival in the cosmopolitan capital of Italian Switzerland built next to its beautiful lake. Time to have a stroll and grab lunch. Next, we will reach the enchanting little town of MORCOTE famous for its flowery stone houses. We will then travel to Italy. Arrival in MILAN where the guide will take us to the impressive Duomo Square. Here you will find a variety of local and international restaurants to have dinner at. Transfer to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 15

Milan Pisa Rome

Today we continue our journey towards PISA. On a little tourist train, we will travel to the Piazza Dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles), where there will be time to admire one of the most alluring and beautiful art complexes in Italy, including the well-known Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then, we continue to ROME, arriving at the end of the day.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 16

Rome

In the morning, we have a scenic tour, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal City". We will visit the tiny state of the Vatican, the epicenter of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter's Basilica. We include the entrance to the Imperial Forums, an impressive architectural complex formed by monumental buildings and squares, center of the political activity of Imperial Rome. At the end of the evening, we arrange a transfer to the Trastevere area for a stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the district with hidden treasures, such as some modest medieval churches, small shops with the most peculiar of objects, or scenes of daily life. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) imbued with the Italian spirit will be ready to serve you local dishes. Other restaurants serving Indian, Chinese and international food can be found in this area. Return to hotel. Note: on many occasions during the low season, as well as on some specific dates of the rest of the year, instead of the entrance to the Imperial Forums, we will enter the Roman Colosseum, a symbol of Rome.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 17

Rome Florence

Today we will leave Rome, heading north. This route has beautiful landscapes. Arriving in FLORENCE, we head straight to the impressive Piazzale Michelangelo. In the evening we take a tour with a local expert, walking through the historic center, and taking in places such as the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Plaza della Signoria. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Enjoy some leisure time to explore. In the evening you will have time for dinner, as, in this district, you can find many restaurants serving international cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast



Florence Venice

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the Apennine Mountains. We will arrive in VENICE and take the boat and cross the Giudecca to the Island of Venice. With a local guide, we will visit the marvelous St. Mark's Square and enter the Basilica (entrance included). Afterwards, we will visit the Murano Glass Factory. It is fascinating to see the technique of how this ancient glass is made. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore. Accommodation in the Mestre district.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 19

Venice

Today your coach tour comes to an end and you will bid your group farewell after breakfast. You have the rest of the day at leisure to continue exploring Venice.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBC on Booking Confirmation

Day 20

Venice

Today after breakfast, it's time to check out. When it's time, make your way to the cruise terminal where you will board your Cruise Ship.

The ship is set to depart at 4PM.

Meals: Breakfast and All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica

Day 21

★ Kotor, Montenegro

The ship will arrive at 230PM.

Kotor is one of the most atmospheric medieval towns on Montenegro's Adriatic coast, set against a backdrop of breathtaking mountains. It's an attractive destination for those with a love of history and architecture. Glimpse ancient churches, an array of rustic palaces, and a maze of streets and squares. Kotor is also a gateway for other extraordinary Montenegro destinations, such as the stunning town of Perast.

There are plenty of exciting things to see including:

- Cathedral of St. Tryphon
- The Elegant Town of Perast
- Blue Cave

The ship will depart at 830PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica

Day 22

🚊 Day at Sea

Today is a full day at sea. Take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the ship's facilities.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica



Mykonos, Greece

Today the ship will arrive at 9AM.

During the 18th century, Mykonos' maze of tangled lanes would confuse even the most well-traveled pirates. Nowadays pretending to get lost in these winding alleys makes for a day of entertainment! This destination is known for its romantic Greek Island glamour. See brilliant beaches, turquoise waters, and picturesque whitewashed villages.

There are plenty of exciting things to see including:

- The Famous White Windmills
- The Island of Delos
- 4X4 Adventure and Beach

The ship will depart at 2AM on day 24 of this itinerary.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica

Day 24

â Santorini, Greece

Today the ship will arrive at 730AM.

Approximately 200 km southeast of mainland Greece, lies Santorini, a Cyclades Island. This destination was formed from the remains of a volcanic caldera which is evident in its rugged geology. Santorini is famous for its sheer cliffs, red beach, and whitewashed houses that contrast strikingly against the blue Aegean Sea. The island is also home to ancient archaeological sites, hot spring swimming, and stunning wineries.

There are plenty of exciting things to see including:

- Oia Village
- The Archaeological site of Akrotiri
- Black Stretches of Volcanic Sand

The picturesque village of Oia lies on the edge of the volcanic caldera overlooking the shimmering Mediterranean Sea.

The ship will depart at 6PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica

Day 25

â Day at Sea

Today is a full day at sea. Take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the ship's facilities.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica



Ancona, Italy

The ship will arrive at 1PM.

Ancona, the capital of Italy's picturesque Marche region, is a bustling city overlooking the glittering Adriatic Sea.

This destination is packed with historical landmarks such as the Roman ruins, the Cathedral of Saint Ciriaco, and the Trajan Arch — a Turkish marble icon dating back to 114 A.D. Further inland, the walled city of Urbino stands as a jewel of the Italian Renaissance.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of Italy's best-preserved medieval centres, offering breathtaking views over the valleys.

There are plenty of exciting things to see including:

- Osimo Palaces and Museums
- The Imperial Town of Jesi
- The Frasassi Caves

The ship will depart at 8PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MSC Lirica

Day 27

Venice **X** Australia

The ship will arrive back in Venice today at 7AM. After breakfast, disembark and make your way to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast and Inflight Menu

Day 28

Australia

Welcome home! We trust you have enjoyed this Great European Adventure and we look forward to helping you plan your next getaway with Traveldream.



Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return International Economy Class Airfares to Europe from Australia with a premium carrier such as Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Emirates etc
- 7 Nights onboard the MSC Lirica in an Inside Stateroom
- All Meals onboard the Cruise
- 18 nights in quality hotel accommodation in twin rooms with private bathrooms
- Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room
- 18 Breakfasts and 1 Lunch whilst touring by coach
- Modern air-conditioned coach
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- A fully guided tour with an experienced tour leader

About the MSC Lirica: MSC Lirica brings you a distinctive cruise experience centred on elegance, comfort and hospitality in the finest MSC Cruises tradition. Magnificent internal vistas from the foyer and unimpeded ocean views from the lounges' floor-to-ceiling windows contribute to a sense of relaxed spaciousness, which is complemented by a variety of intimate lounges. MSC Lirica is the lead ship in her class of cruise ships, owned and operated by MSC Cruises. She was the first newly built cruise ship to enter service for MSC Cruises. She can accommodate 1,560 passengers in 780 cabins. Her crew complement is approximately 732. MSC Opera is an identical sister ship to the MSC Lirica.

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Exclusions

- Transfers to and from Airports and Cruise Terminals
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours/entrance fees
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Visa(s)/Visa fee

Flight Budget: There is a flight budget allocated to this deal. Should your selected date exceed this amount, a surcharge will be payable.

Single Supplement: The additional supplement for a single traveller is \$3350 and available on checkout. Please note this is based on the lead in price. Should you choose a date with a surcharge, an additional surcharge on your single supplement will be required and quoted by our Customer Service Team.

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Group Size: Minimum 2 people with a Maximum of 56 people.

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