















2010 MSC SHORE EXCURSIONS - MED WONDERS 11NT SPENDIDA

Legenda

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|  Lunch or dinner included |  Long walking tours |
|  Drink |  Long bus trip |
|  Level of difficulty: easy |  Filming and photographs prohibited, or surcharge for photography and filming required |
|  Level of difficulty: moderate |  Walking on rough terrain: comfortable walking shoes advised |
|  Level of difficulty: difficult |  There may be opportunities to take a swim. It is advisable to bring a beach towel, bathing suit, sun protection cream, and a hat |
|  Panoramic Tour | |
|  Tastings | |
|  Limited availability! | |
|  Snack | |

Port Description - Katakolon



Venture to the birthplace of the Olympic Games with the stadium, the temples of Hera and Apollo. Visit the Olympic museum, whose most popular attractions include Paineios famous Victory and Praxiteles Hermes.

Shore Excursion

KAT01 - OLYMPIA & SHOPPING-3.5 HRS



After leaving the port we will drive to Olympia to visit the site whose excavations were begun in the XIX century by Germans. Olympia, according to the legend, was built as a wish of the king of the gods to promote the cult among the Greek. We will admire the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, capable to welcome up to 40.000 spectators. Free time for shopping. *Note : long walking involved. Shopping is not foreseen on holidays or Sundays.*

Prices valid from March 22, 2010 and until November 22, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 74 Adults - \$ 52 Children

KAT03 - TRANSFER TO THE BEACH (about 3 hours)

After about 30 minutes bus transfer to Kourouta beach you will have free time to relax under the sun and swim in the breathtaking scenery. *Note : the tour is planned from June throughout September. No guide service included.*

Prices valid from March 22, 2010 and until November 22, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 33 Adults - \$ 23 Children

KAT04 - OLYMPIA & MUSEUM-HALF DAY



Olympia is the town where the Olympic Games were held for the first time. After leaving the port we will drive to Olympia to visit the site whose excavations were begun in the XIX century by Germans. Olympia, according to the legend, was built as a wish of the king of the gods to promote the cult among the Greek. We will admire the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, capable to welcome up to 40.000 spectators. The tour also includes a visit the Archaeological Museum. *Note : This excursion is not foreseen for calls falling on Monday morning as the Archaeological Museum is closed.*

Prices valid from March 22, 2010 and until November 22, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 86 Adults - \$ 60 Children

KAT05 - THE TASTE OF ANCIENT GREECE-3.5 HRS



After leaving the port we will drive to Olympia to visit the site. Olympia, according to the legend, was built as a wish of the king of the gods to promote the cult among the Greek. We will admire the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, capable to welcome up to 40.000 spectators. The tour will continue to a restaurant in Katakolon where we will enjoy a typical folkloric show with a snack tasting.

Note: limited seats and long walking involved.

Prices valid from March 22, 2010 and until November 22, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 97 Adults - \$ 68 Children

Port Description - Piraeus/Athens



PIRAEUS is the port of Athens, capital of Greece and the countrys largest city. Athens is dominated by the flat-topped hill of the Acropolis site of the Parthenon, one of the most famous classical monuments in the world. The centre of modern Athens, most notably the chic area of Kolonaki, has many designer boutiques, smart restaurants and international-class hotels. Athens has always exuded a unique charm, its lively character winning over tens of thousands of visitors every year. Street markets, vine-covered taverns, souvenir stalls and ancient monuments are all part of Athens.

Shore Excursion

PIR01 - CAPE SOUNION (about 4 hours)



Enjoy this pleasant panoramic tour along the southern coast of the Attican region to reach Cape Sounion. The ancient Greeks considered it the ideal place to build a temple dedicated to Poseidon. The seamen could pray to the god and get his blessing before sailing on the high seas. Admire a wonderful view over the Cyclades and visit the famous temple, destroyed by the Persians in 480 B.C. and re-built during Pericle's kingdom. Only six columns are left standing, today. Free time.

Prices valid from November 20, 2009 until March 19, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 73 Adults - \$ 51 Children

PIR02 - ATHENS, ACROPOLIS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM-6 HRS



Every touristic itinerary to Athens must include a visit of the Acropolis, the rocky hill that rise 80 metres in the middle of the Attica basin, above the city. Symbol of the city is the Parthenon, it was first a church and then a mosque. Sightseeing tour of the city by coach. The excursion includes also the visit of the National Archaeological Museum, one of the largest and most important museums of ancient Greek art. Stop at Plaka, the most ancient and picturesque part of Athens in neoclassical style. Return to the ship.

Note : the tour includes a long, difficult walking on even and uneven ground.

Prices valid from November 20, 2009 until March 19, 2010.

Price per person starting from: \$ 100 Adults - \$ 70 Children

PIR03 - CORINTH CANAL BY BOAT (about 5 hours and a half)

Leave the port and drive to Corinth Canal and short stop where you are likely to see a ship passing through the canal which is 6 km long. Transfer on a boat to sail inside the canal. Snack included during the sailing.

Note : limited seats. The tour includes a transfer by bus to the Canal which takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes. This excursion is foreseen for calls until the middle of October 2010

Prices valid from March 30, 2010 until October 26, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 88 Adults - \$ 62 Children

PIR04 - ATHENS & ACROPOLIS-4.5 HRS



Panoramic tour through the main streets and squares of this dynamic town. Visit to the Acropolis which stands at 80 metres above the town. For thousands of years the Acropolis has been the symbol of Athens, the sacred rock. Brief stop to buy some souvenirs before returning to the ship. *Note: The tour includes a long walking on even and uneven ground.*

Prices valid from November 20, 2009 until March 19, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 87 Adults - \$ 61 Children

PIR08 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF ATHENS (3,5 hours)



Meet your guide at the port and board the bus to enjoy an excursion that will feature major points of interest of the Greek capital city. You will drive from Piraeus to Athens as your guide will point out the main ancient and modern sites. Comfortably sitting in your coach you will admire the Hadrian's arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and pass by Constitution Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then you will proceed with sights of the National Gardens, the Panathinion Stadium, the Academy, the University and the National Library. Distant views of the Acropolis and photo stop at the Olympic Stadium will be also part of this orientation excursion before proceeding to Glyfada to have a view of marinas and seaside resorts.. An excursion designed for those who cannot afford climb and steps to the Acropolis but want to have an overall impression of the Greek capital city. *Note: no shopping stops are foreseen on this tour, only photo stops. All sites will be seen from outside.*

Prices valid from March 30, 2010 until October 26, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 44 Adults - \$ 31 Children

PIR09 - A VOYAGE TO ANCIENT GREECE (5,5 hours)



Meet your guide at the port and board the bus to begin an orientative tour through the main streets and squares of this dynamic town. After reaching the centre of Athens we will arrive at the famous Acropolis which stands at 80 metres above the city; for thousands of years Acropolis has been symbol of Athens, the sacred rock. The visit will give you the possibility of admiring the masterpieces of the golden age of Greece. A winding path with about 150 steps will lead you to the top of the hill where you will see the Erectheum, the Temple of Wingless Victory and the symbol of Greece: the Parthenon. The temple, dedicated to the patron goddess of Athens, Athena, is the largest and most impressive temple of all Greece. Your tour will then continue by walking down the acropolis pedestrian zone to reach the recently opened new Acropolis Museum. You will be impressed during your 1,5 hour visit of the new modern museum building which contains all statues, sculptures and marbles of the Parthenon. Short stop to buy some souvenirs before returning to the ship. *Note: limited seats. The tour includes a long walking on even and uneven ground. This tour is not foreseen on calls falling on Monday. The feasibility of this tour for 2010 calls will be reconfirmed during your cruise.*

Prices valid from March 30, 2010 until October 26, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 100 Adults - \$ 70 Children

PIR10 - ATHENS, ACROPOLIS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM (about 6 hours with snack box)

Leave the port and drive to the centre of Athens to reach one of the most visited sites in the world : the Acropolis. Every touristic itinerary to Athens must include a visit of the Acropolis, the rocky hill that rise 80 metres in the middle of the Attica basin, above the city. Most of the major temples were built under the leadership of Pericles during the Golden Age of Athens, from 460 to 430 BC. The Parthenon is considered the symbol of Athens and of Athenian democracy; it was first a church and then a mosque. The excursion will also offer possibility to enjoy a short sightseeing bus tour of Athens by coach. Next stop will be a visit to the National Archaeological Museum, one of the largest and most important museums of ancient Greek art. Stop at Plaka, the most ancient and picturesque part of Athens in neoclassical style where you will have free time to stroll around or to taste the snack box (included). Return to the ship.

Note : the tour includes a long, difficult walking on even and uneven ground. Limited seats.

Price per person starting from: \$ 103 Adults - \$ 72 Children

Port Description - Rhodes



Home of Helios, God of the Sun, Rhodes is enchanting from its walled city to the Temple of Lindos overlooking the sea.

Shore Excursion

ROD01 - ANCIENT RHODES AND LINDOS (about 8 hours with lunch onboard)

Leave the ship and enjoy a panoramic drive of the city of Rhodes until reaching “D’amboise Gate” and enter the old town. Enjoy a walking tour along the Knights’ Street flanked by ancient Knights’ hostels whose names derived from their guests’ homelands. We will then reach the Grand Master Palace of the Knights of Rhodes built in the XIV century by the Knights of Rhodes. The original Palace was largely destroyed by an explosion and rebuilt in a medieval style in 1912 when the Italians occupied Rhodes. Return to the vessel to have lunch. The excursion will continue in the afternoon with a drive south of the city of Rhodes, heading for Lindos. Here we will visit the Acropolis where we can admire the Doric Temple of Athena Lindia, the Hellenistic staircase and remains of Roman temple, among the others. Free time for shopping and time to see a demonstration by local craftsmen in a ceramic factory.

Note : you will have to walk up several steps to get to the Acropolis. The tour includes some walking on even and uneven ground. The bus ride to Lindos takes about 1 hour. This tour is not suitable for passengers who experience mobility problems.

Price per person starting from: \$ 102 Adults - \$ 71 Children

ROD02 - LINDOS (about 4 hours)



Lindos, founded by the Dorians, is 50 kilometres far from Rhodes town and is located on a rocky promontory overlooking the bay. We will visit the famous Acropolis, a citadel standing above the modern town of Lindos, with lovely views over the harbor. In classical time the main building of the acropolis was the temple of Athena Lindia, dating to 300 BC and built on the site of an early temple. Free time for shopping and time to see a demonstration by local craftsmen in a ceramic factory before returning to the ship.

Note : You will have to walk up several steps to get to the Acropolis. The bus transfer to Lindos takes about 1 hour. This tour is not suitable for passengers who experience mobility problems.

Prices valid from November 21, 2009 until March 20, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 78 Adults - \$ 55 Children

ROD04 - DISCOVERING THE CITY OF RHODES (3.5 hours)



The excursion is centered on a pleasant walking in the old part of the city of Rhodes including a visit to the magnificent Grand Master Palace. The original Palace was largely destroyed by an explosion and rebuilt in a medieval style in 1912 when the Italians occupied Rhodes. Continue on the famous Street of Knights, flanked by “hostels” in which the Knights of the Order used to lodge.

Note : This tour is not suitable for passengers who experience mobility problems. Long walking included.

Prices valid from March 30, 2010 until October 26, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 57 Adults - \$ 40 Children

ROD06 - SNORKELING (4 hours)

Leave the port and drive by bus to the port of Mandraki to board a local boat. Sail then to the beach of Kalithea where we will have free time to swim and to explore the beautiful underwater world.

Note : limited seats ; a short medical test will be done ; this tour is feasible from late May to September and will be reconfirmed directly onboard

Price per person starting from: \$ 65 Adults - \$ 46 Children

ROD08 - CITY TOUR BY TRAIN (3 hours)

Board a nice tourist train and enjoy this excursion to discover the beauty and the architecture of the city of Rhodes. We will have a guided walking tour inside the old town and some free time for shopping.

Note : this tour is operated from April to middle November.

Price per person starting from: \$ 64 Adults - \$ 45 Children

ROD10 - CITY TOUR & BUTTERFLIES VALLEY (5 hours)

Leave the port and drive to the inland of the island to reach a green gorge full of butterflies. These small creatures migrate to this valley to mate in late spring and summer every year. The gorge has small lakes and waterfalls and a system of wooden staircase and natural trails along which you can get to the highest part of the valley. A real plunge into nature. The excursion also foresees a visit to the old part of the city of Rhodes. Free time for shopping. *Note : this tour is operated from middle May to middle September.*

Price per person starting from: \$ 65 Adults - \$ 46 Children

Port Description - Alexandria



[Greek](#) architect Dinocrates (332-331 BC) on the site of an old village, Rhakotis, at the orders of [Alexander the Great](#). The city, immortalizing Alexander's name, quickly flourished into a prominent cultural, [intellectual](#), political, and economic metropolis, the remains of which are still evident to this day. Alexandria lies [north-west of the Nile delta](#) and stretches along a narrow land strip between the Mediterranean Sea and [Lake Mariut](#) (Mareotis). It is linked to [Cairo](#) by two major highways and a railroad line. It is one of the most notable summer resorts in the [Middle East](#).

Shore Excursion

ALE01 - CAIRO-12 HRS WITH LUNCH



Drive through the Desert Road to Cairo. Visit to the archaeological site in Gizah for an external view of the magnificent pyramids of Cheops, Chefren and Mykerino. You will also see the Valley Temple and the Sphinx. Visit to the Egyptian Museum to admire the collection of ancient findings dating back to the pharaonic age and Tutankhamun's treasure. The tour includes a stop in a typical bazaar. Lunch included. Note: The bus ride from the port to Cairo takes approx. 3 hours each way; this tour is not suggested for passengers who experience mobility problems. Walking on uneven ground. The use of cameras and video cameras inside the Egyptian Museum is forbidden. Late lunch can be foreseen during autumn / winter calls. The return to the port will be without guide.

Prices valid from November 2009 until March 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 168 Adults - \$ 118 Children

ALE02 - GIZAH,SAKKARA AND MEMPHIS-12 HRS WITH LUNCH



Drive through the Desert Road to Cairo. Visit to the archaeological site in Gizah to admire from outside the magnificent pyramids of Cheops, Chefren and Mykerino. You will also see the Valley Temple and the Sphinx. Visit to the ancient pyramid of Sakkara and stop at Memphis where we will admire the huge statue of Ramses II. The tour includes a stop in a typical bazaar. Lunch included. Note: the bus ride from the port to Cairo takes approx. 3 hours each way; this tour is not suggested for passengers who experience mobility problems. Walking on uneven ground. Late lunch can be foreseen during autumn / winter calls. The return to the port will be without guide.

Prices valid from November 2009 until March 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 153 Adults - \$ 107 Children

ALE04 - THE CITADEL, THE PYRAMIDS AND CRUISE ON THE NILE RIVER-12 HRS WITH LUNCH

Leave the port and after a 3 hours drive you will reach for the biggest African town : Cairo. A first stop will be at Saladin's Citadel and at Mohamed Ali's Alabaster Mosque from where you will enjoy a lovely view of the town. Continue to the Nile shores and board a boat to start a pleasant cruise on the river Nile. A delicious lunch will be served during your cruise. The excursion also includes a bus transfer to the Pyramids plateau to admire the fabulous Pyramid of Giza. You will admire the pyramid of Chefren and the Sphinx, take pictures and have time for shopping in a Papyrus Institute to be certain of having a real Egyptian souvenir. Note: the bus ride from the port to Cairo takes approx. 3 hours each way ; this tour is not suggested for passengers who experience mobility problems. Walking on uneven ground. This excursion foresees late lunch. The return to the port will be without guide.

Prices valid from November 2009 until March 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 168 Adults - \$ 118 Children

ALE05 - ALEXANDRIA & IT'S ROMAN HERITAGE-5 HRS



Leave the port to start a charming tour back to the past to find out some of the marvels of Alexandria. Our first stop will be the Catacombs of Kom El Shokafa, originally a private crypt and later extended with more Roman burials. These Roman tombs dates back to the II century A.D. ; you will have the possibility to visit the tombs and go down 80 feet below the ground to discover a eerie and intriguing place at the same time. Our next visit will be at Pompeii Pillar, a pillar 27 metres tall that, in spite of its name, was actually raised in honor of Emperor Diocletian in 300 A.D. who saved the city of Alexandria from a frightful famine. The excursion will continue with a sightseeing of Alexandria with panoramic views of its mains sites and the Citadel. Shot stop for shopping before returning to the port. Note: to have access to the Catacombs you have to go down many metres below the ground on a spiral staircase and on slippery, often wet steps. Excursion not advised to Guests who experience mobility problems.

Prices valid from November 2009 until March 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 80 Adults - \$ 56 Children

ALE06 - THE HISTORY & BEAUTY OF ALEXANDRIA-5 HRS



Start your tour to discover the beauties of Alexandria; after leaving the port we will reach for the National Museum where you can admire many artifacts of past Greek and Roman civilizations. Our next stop will be a visit to the Roman amphitheatre which could accommodate 800 people. The tour continues to the beautiful Montazah Park where you will walk among pines and palms. Possibility to catch an outside view of the summer residence of the former king of Egypt, Farouk. Short stop for shopping before returning to the port.

Prices valid from November 2009 until March 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 80 Adults - \$ 56 Children

ALE07 - THE PYRAMIDS AND SAFARI ACROSS SAKKARA DESERT (about 13 hours with lunch)



Drive through the Desert Road to Cairo and after a 3 hours drive you will reach for the biggest African town: Cairo. Our excursion will start with a panoramic view of the three pyramids of Giza, the several funerary monuments and the Temple Valley with the Sphinx. Possibility to take amazing pictures and feel the atmosphere of grandeur and antiquity pervading the whole area. A short bus drive will transfer you to our next stop, the Country Club, where, onboard jeep we will start an adventurous safari across the desert. We will then reach a camel convoy; a unique possibility to experience a camel ride and know the habits of the ancient inhabitants of the desert. Time to taste a delicious buffet lunch at Sakkara Country Club and then our tour will continue with a visit to the imposing step pyramid of Sakkara. Shot stop for shopping before returning to the port of Alexandria. Note : The bus ride from the port to Cairo takes approx. 3 hours each way ; this tour is not suggested for passengers who experience mobility problems. Walking on uneven ground. Due to winter time, lunch may be served either early or later during the tour. The return to the port will be without guide.

Prices valid from November 2009 until March 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 203 Adults - \$ 142 Children

Port Description - Heraklion



For 4,000 years, civilization has graced this island of Zeus, Zorba and its native son, the painter El Greco. A highlight of a visit to Heraklion is the tour of the ruins of the Minoan Palace of Knossos, believed to contain the original Labyrinth of the Minotaur.

Shore Excursion

IRK02 - KNOSSUS PALACE AND SHOPPING-4.5 HRS



The excursion includes a visit to the Palace of Knossos built on the ruins of a wider and more important Neolithic settlement. The remains of the building were brought to light with the excavations begun by Evans. Only 800 rooms, out of 1.300 which should have made the supposedly five-story Palace, are left today. Continue to Heraklion and free time for shopping. *Note: for calls falling on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, the time for shopping will be replaced by free time in town.*

Price per person starting from: \$ 60 Adults - \$ 42 Children

IRK03 - EXPLORING CRETE-4.5 HRS



Leave the port and drive south passing vineyards being there since the Minoan period; your first stop will be at a modern winery to see nowadays procedures of wine production and to taste Cretan wine. Then continue through villages to have a photo stop in Vathypetro, one of the oldest farmhouses of Crete belonging to the Minoan period. The tour continues through the island's hilly countryside, rich with olives orchards and vineyards before arriving at the village of Archanes, only 10 km south of Knossos Palace. You will have free time in this lovely village where you will sample Cretan food and drink. Short panoramic tour of Heraklion, pass by the ruins of the Minoan Palace of Knossos and return to the ship.

Price per person starting from: \$ 63 Adults - \$ 44 Children

IRK05 - FODELE VILLAGE & RETHYMNON TOWN (5 hours)



Leave the port and drive along the northern coastal road and reach the charming village of Fodele located in a pretty valley full of orange groves. The village is the birthplace of the famous painter El Greco in 1541; you will have a short walk in the village before continuing to Rethymnon. This town still maintains its old aristocratic appearance with buildings dating to the XVI century and with Byzantine and Hellenic-Roman remains. Rethymnon is a mixture of Venetian and Turkish influences dominated by a Venetian fortress. Time at leisure to walk the narrow streets with Turkish and Venetian architecture and shops.

Price per person starting from: \$ 63 Adults - \$ 44 Children

IRK06 - THE MINOAN PALACE OF PHAESTOS (4 hours)

During this tour you will pass through some of the most beautiful areas of Crete full of vineyards and olive trees. You will drive across Aghia Varvara Pass to the southern part of Crete and reach the traditional village of Aghia Varvara. Stop for a visit and reach the Messara Plain where we will discover the Minoan Palace of Phaestos. The Palace, situated in a magnificent location overlooking the Messara Plain and Ida Mountains, is second in importance and size after the palace of Knossos. The Palace was excavated by the Italian archaeologist Halbherr at the beginning of the XX century. The earliest settlements on the site date from the Neolithic Period and small settlements during early Minoan period were scattered over the hill where the Palace stood. Phaestos was the centre of whole south Crete, with two harbors, Matala and Kommos.

Price per person starting from: \$ 59 Adults - \$ 41 Children

IRK07 - THE VILLAGES OF CRETE (5 hours) 

Along the coastal road, drive through the spectacular ravine of Saint George to Kritsa. The whitewashed mountain village with blue and green doors and shutters, is famous for its woven handicrafts and its Byzantine church Kera with frescoes from the XIII century. Continue along the northern coastal road to reach the typical village of Aghios Nikolaos, with its small lake, located in the centre of the village and considered its landmark. Walk around and along the lake shores or in the narrow streets full of shops and stores with typical souvenirs. Time at leisure and return to the port.

Price per person starting from: \$ 63 Adults - \$ 44 Children

Port Description - La Valletta



Valletta is the capital city of Malta. The city has a population of 6,315 (official estimate for 2005). It is located in the central-eastern portion of the island of Malta, where Sceberras Hill juts out into the surrounding harbors. The mayor of Valletta is Paul Borg Olivier.

Shore Excursion

MLT01 - VALLETTA AND MDINA (half day)  

Visit the Barraka gardens with their wonderful panoramic view over the Great Harbor. On to the lovely St. John's Cathedral, rich in treasures and dating back to the ancient Knights of Malta. The Cathedral houses Caravaggio's masterpiece. On to Mdina, the "silent town", dominated by the Baroque St. Paul's Cathedral. Enjoy a walk through the narrow streets and visit to Paul's Cathedral. Return to the ship. Note: the visit to Mdina is entirely on foot.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 61 Adults - \$ 43 Children

MLT03 - MOSTA, MDINA AND SHOPPING (3 hours and a half) 

Visit of the “silent town”, Mdina, walking along the medieval streets and admiring the city's old Bastion. We continue to Rabat and stop at a handicraft centre where you have the possibility to buy souvenirs. The last stop is Mosta where we will visit the Cathedral with its splendid dome. Note: the visit to the handicraft centre can be replaced by a visit to a factory for the manufacturing of blown glass. The visit to Mdina is made entirely on foot.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 64 Adults - \$ 45 Children

MLT04 - HARBOUR CRUISE & WINE TASTING TOUR (half day) 

Leave the ship and board a motorboat to start a relaxing sailing along Malta coasts, passing off Senglea and Cottonera: a different way to approach this wonderful island. The tour includes a wine tasting session at Valletta Waterfront. Note: the feasibility of the excursion is subject to wind / sea conditions on the day of call.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 64 Adults - \$ 45 Children

MLT08 - ONE DAY ON COMINO ISLAND (about 7 hours with snack lunch onboard)

Comino is the smallest island of Maltese archipelago; with only 7 inhabitants and its enchanting natural bays it is the quiet and ideal place for sea lovers ! Except for a short bus drive to / from Marfa Harbor, this tour is run by boat and will give you the possibility to relax at sea. A light snack onboard the boat is offered to all guests. *Note : limited seats. This tour will be operated from June throughout September and includes a bus drive of about 40 minutes per way.*

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 131 Adults - \$ 92 Children

MLT10 - THE MEGALITHIC TEMPLES & MARSAXLOKK BAY (3.5 HOURS) 

Transfer to the south-east part of Malta to discover some of its megalithic temples which are on the World Heritage sites list; these sites are older than the pyramids. The tour continues to Marsaxlokk Bay, the second largest natural bay of Malta, with the prospect to admire the typical “Luzzus”, with the mythical eye painted on their bow.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 61 Adults - \$ 43 Children

MLT12 - JEEP TOUR (4 hours) 

This excursion will take you on a visit around the north part of Malta. The driver will give out information along the way. You will stop at Red Tower in Ghadira Bay, Mellieha from where you can admire the view of Gozo and Comino. You will enjoy a drive through the countryside and off road to Golden Sands Bay. Continue through various villages to have some photo opportunities on your way, one at Dingli Cliffs and at the Blue Grotto before returning to the ship.

Note: Limited seats. Participants must be at least 5 years of age, provided that they can be properly seated and wearing a seatbelt. The excursion does not include a guide; the safari leader will provide you with information during the trip. Comfortable shoes and casual clothing are recommended. The trip is not recommended for people with mobility problems.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 93 Adults - \$ 65 Children

MLT14 - EXPERIENCE WITH DOLPHINS (about 4 hours)

You will leave the pier to reach the Marine Park. After a briefing about dolphins and how to interact with them you will proceed to the dolphin pool. This experience will give you the opportunity to meet and interact with trained bottlenose dolphins for about 20 minutes. Then, enjoy some time in the Marine Park before returning to the vessel.

Note: Limited seats. The excursion does not include a guide. Guests must be in good physical condition and good swimmers in order to participate to this tour. Participants must be at least 8 years of age.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 225 Adults - \$ 203 Children

Port Description - Messina



MESSINA is a pleasant town located with the best harbor on the Strait of Messina between the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas, in northeast Sicily on the lower slopes of the Peloritani Mountains. A port city opposite the Italian mainland, Messina has industries producing silks, muslins, linens, and chemicals. As it is only five kilometres from the mainland, it is a common port for ferries and a frequent stop on Mediterranean trade routes.

Shore Excursion

MES01 - TAORMINA-4 HRS



After leaving the port, transfer by bus to Taormina, one of Sicily's jewels. Take a pleasant walk to reach the ancient Graeco-Roman theatre, a renowned monument built by the Greeks and re-built by the Romans. Enjoy the wonderful view before continuing to Corvaia Palace (outside visit), ancient building from the XV century and at one time home of the Sicilian's Parliament. We will also admire the Odeon (outside visit) and the Cathedral. Free time for shopping.

Note: shopping stop is not foreseen on calls falling on Sunday or holidays. On winter afternoon calls, the visit to the visit to the Graeco-Roman theatre will be replaced with a visit to the Treasure inside Messina Cathedral.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 71 Adults - \$ 50 Children

MES02 - ETNA-4 HRS



We will leave Messina towards Etna, the highest volcano of Europe, going through the town of Nicolosi. Arriving at the “Rifugio Sapienza”, we will visit the Silvestri craters.

Note: this tour is not suitable for passengers who experience mobility problems. In case of bad weather conditions the program of the tour will have an alternative routing that will be reconfirmed onboard. It is advisable to wear a wind cheater and comfortable shoes.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 70 Adults - \$ 49 Children

MES03 - TINDARI & THE SANCTUARY OF BLACK MADONNA (about 4 hours)



Bus transfer from Messina to Tindari, a small town rich in art and history and known for the worship of the Black Madonna. Visit to the Sanctuary where the statue of the Madonna is preserved. The tour will continue to the Greek archaeological site. Free time for shopping and return to the port.

Note : shopping stop is not foreseen on calls falling on Sunday or holidays.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 70 Adults - \$ 49 Children

MES05 - CITY TOUR (about 4 hours)



Messina was founded in 730 B.C. by the Greek who gave the name of Zancle; this city was destroyed several times by earthquakes, in particular by the ones in 1783 and 1908. The tour will depart by bus from the port to reach Ganzirri, a small fishing village situated near the Pantano Grande and Pantano Piccolo lakes, where seafood are actually grown. You will continue along the way to Capo Peloro, the nearest point to the coast of Calabria. Enjoy a panoramic tour in Messina, where you will admire Piazza Cairoli, the Court House and the University till Cristo Re Belvedere which dominates Messina’s harbor and Strait. Photo stop. The panoramic tour of the city will continue towards San Francesco Church, the Government Hall, Fontana del Nettuno, La Passeggiata, Viale della Libertá. Visit the Cathedral and the Treasure, where you will admire the famous Manta d’oro, studded with precious stones.

Prices valid from April 2010 until November 11, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 58 Adults - \$ 41 Children

Port Description - Naples



Naples It is said that when one thinks of Naples, one thinks of music and moonlight. While Milan may have its chic, Florence its art and Rome its historical grandeur, Naples can outdo them all on one count its sheer napoletanità. This is a mixture of heart-stopping beauty, life-threatening chaos and a strong sense of life being lived to its limits. Squeezed in between Europe's second-largest active volcano on one side and the sulphurous springs and boiling mud pools of the Flegrean fields on the other, all hemmed in by the blue bay around which the city clusters, Naples is a city to discover .

Shore Excursion

NAP09 - THE SOLFATARA & TASTE OF NAPLES (about 4 hours) 

Leave the port and drive towards Pozzuoli to visit the Solfatara Crater, the most interesting volcano in the area known as "Campi Flegrei". One of around forty craters scattered over an area of more than 33 hectares, the Solfatara is a natural oasis where you will have the opportunity to see volcanic phenomena such as fumaroles, mofettes and mud pools. You will then proceed to Pozzuoli, the ancient "Borgo Marinaro", which was a famous port in Roman times. While sitting in your bus, your guide will point out the most interesting sites of the ancient settlement. Return to Naples by bus and stop at a café where you can taste traditional Neapolitan cake and pastries.

Note : this tours involves 1 hour walking ; we suggest to wear comfortable shoes. This tour will be foreseen from November 26, 2009 until March 26, 2010

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 73 Adults - \$ 51 Children

NAP01 - POMPEII-4 HRS 

From the port we are driving towards Pompeii. During the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Pompeii was completely destroyed. The excursion includes a guided walking tour of this wide archaeological site which has been perfectly preserved under a layer of volcanic ash. We will be visiting the coral factory on the way back to the port.

Price per person starting from: \$ 70 Adults - \$ 49 Children

NAP02 - HISTORICAL CENTRE-4 HRS 

Departure from the port to the famous "Posillipo" hill. You will pass through the most important and beautiful streets of Naples, one of the most famous city's all over the its culture, art and the liveliness of its inhabitants. The excursion will proceed to the famous Principe Umberto I's Gallery, San Carlo Theatre and Piazza Plebiscito. Short free time for shopping and visit of the "Chiesa del Gesù" and of Santa Chiara's Basilica.

Note : the tour involves a long walking tour. The visit to the churches is subject to the Bishop's approval and the program will be reconfirmed onboard.

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 58 Adults - \$ 41 Children

NAP03 - CAPRI ISLAND TOUR (about 5 hours)

Transfer by ferry or by hydrofoil to the beautiful Marina Grande in Capri from where you board a minibus to the centre of Capri. The tour on the island is carried out by little public minivans. You will have free time to explore the little streets that surround the famous “Piazzetta” Umberto I. There is also a visit to the Axel Munthe’s villa, which is built next to the ruins of Augustus’ villa.

Note: the transfer may be carried out by public or private hydrofoil / catamaran. This excursion is not foreseen during the months from November to February (included).

Price per person starting from: \$ 100 Adults - \$ 70 Children

NAP04 - VESUVIUS-4 HRS



We drive to the imposing Mount Vesuvius which dominates the Bay of Naples and is one of the symbols of the town. Guided walking tour from the eruptive dent to the crater where you can admire the bed of lava and the beautiful Gulf of Naples.

Note : it is suggested to wear comfortable walking shoes for 30 minutes climbing up to the crater. The excursion can be cancelled due to bad weather conditions on the day of call.

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 70 Adults - \$ 49 Children

NAP05 - THE ROYAL PALACE OF CASERTA-4 HRS



A 45 minutes bus transfer will take you to Caserta where you will visit the magnificent Royal Palace, built by Carlo the III of Bourbon. It is one of the most expressive of the '700 Borbonic period. You will visit the halls and rooms and have time at leisure in the wide park before returning to the ship.

Note : this excursion is not foreseen on falls calling on Tuesday.

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 54 Adults - \$ 45 Children

NAP06 - XVIII CENTURY VILLAS IN THE VESUVIUS SHADOW-4 HRS



We will drive to Ercolano to discover a unique itinerary, from the archaeological site to the XVIII century villas of the “golden mile”. The tour will start with the visit to “Villa Campolieto”, a magnificent noble palace, built with the help of Luigi Vanvitelli. Continue to the “Parco sul Mare” of “Villa Favorita”, built by Ferdinando Fuga and was a royal residence of Charles Bourbon. There is a stop to a coral factory.

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010
Price per person starting from: \$ 55 Adults - \$ 39 Children

NAP07 - SORRENTO-4.5 HRS



One of the pearls of the Gulf of Naples, Sorrento is surrounded by limestone hills, where olive trees and citrus plantations offer an amazing landscape to all those who come to visit this delightful town. We will leave the port of Naples and, passing the little villages at the foot of Vesuvius, we will reach Sorrento after one hour. Our walking tour will start in Piazza Tasso and, going through the ancient narrow streets of this very unique town, it will lead us to the “Sedil Dominova”, a IV century loggia. We will also visit the Cathedral and San Francesco's Church, with its charming cloister and the garden that offers a wonderful view over the Marina Grande harbor. Free time before coming back to Naples.

Note : this is only a walking tour and not suitable for guests with walking difficulties. The bus ride to Sorrento is about one hour each way.

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 55 Adults - \$ 39 Children

NAP08 - SORRENTO & POMPEII (about 7 hours with lunch)

We drive from the port towards Sorrento passing by the Vesuvian cities. In Sorrento, walking tour through the beautiful historical centre passing by the Cathedral (external visit) and the famous San Francesco's Church (external visit). Transfer to Pompeii that, during the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD was completely destroyed. The excursion includes a guided walking tour of this wide archaeological site which has been perfectly preserved under a layer of volcanic ash. Free time and lunch at restaurant. On the way back to the port, visit of a coral factory.

Prices valid from March 29, 2010 until November 01, 2010

Price per person starting from: \$ 123 Adults - \$ 86 Children

NAP10 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF NAPLES (4 hours)

Leave the port and enjoy a panoramic bus drive of the lively and bustling Naples to discover its colors, flavours as well as its monuments and historic buildings. We will reach Posillipo, a residential quarter on the top of a hill. This is the best place to have enchanting views of the Bay of Naples with the Vesuvius. Then we will proceed downtown with a stop at “Piazza del Plebiscito”, the largest square in Naples ; its name comes from the plebiscite which took place in 1870 bringing Naples into the unified kingdom of Italy. You will admire the elegance of “Teatro San Carlo” and of “Galleria Principe Umberto I”. Return to the port.

Price per person starting from: \$ 44 Adults - \$ 31 Children

NAP11 - HERCULANEUM (4 hours)

Leave the ship and meet your guide to start a bus transfer to the town of Herculaneum, at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. Together with Pompeii, the Roman town of Herculaneum was destroyed by the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD; its citizens were not buried under layers of ashes but were suffocated to death by poisonous fumes. You will walk inside the site with views of “Casa di Nettuno and Anfritrde”, the baths, the Gymnasium. Return to Naples.

Price per person starting from: \$ 70 Adults - \$ 49 Children

Note

Please note that the excursion prices will be in €uro during the cruise; the price in the currency stated on the website only applies to prepaid excursions by individual or groups before the cruise begins. For tours bought during the cruise the price in €uro will be converted to your currency at the rate of exchange applicable on each cruise.

The excursions mentioned in the above program are intended to give all MSC guests an idea of tours that can be organized in each port of call.

This program is merely indicative and varies according to the conditions prevailing in each port. Each excursion (with description and prices) will be reconfirmed during your cruise with full information in the onboard Tour Magazine.