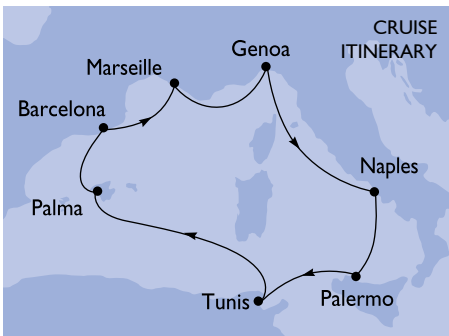


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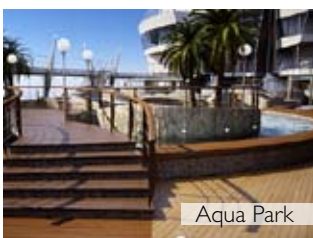


Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	Genoa (Italy)		17:00
2	Naples (Italy)	11:00	19:00
3	Palermo/Sicily (Italy)	07:00	18:00
4	La Goulette/Tunis (Tunisia)	08:00	13:00
5	Palma/Balearic Is (Spain)	14:00	
6	Palma/Balearic Is (Spain)		01:00
6	Barcelona (Spain)	09:00	18:00
7	Marseille (France)	07:00	18:00
8	Genoa (Italy)	08:00	



Group departs Australia 18 April 2009

Inside cabins from \$6660*pp | Outside cabins from \$6920*pp | Balcony cabins from \$7300*pp



Fly/tour/cruise fares include:

- Return economy airfares from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth to Frankfurt with Qantas. Connecting flight from Frankfurt to Milan with Lufthansa.
- The services of a professional escorting Tour Director 19 - 26 April inclusive
- All transfers
- 1 night accommodation Hotel Sole (4 star) – Riva del Garda – Lake Garda (or similar)
- 2 nights accommodation Hotel Como (4 star) – Lake Como
- 2 nights accommodation Hotel La Palma (4 star) – Stresa
- 2 nights accommodation Hotel Bristol Palace (4 star) – Genoa (or similar)
- 7 continental buffet breakfasts
- Welcome dinner and wine in Riva del Garda
- Modern air-conditioned coach for land services as per the program
- Local guide on Isola Bella
- Entrances to Villa Carlotta, Isola Bella, Isola Madre
- Cruise Lake Garda and Lake Como, Borromean Island excursion
- Boat and train tickets for exploration of Cinque Terre
- Portage of 1 bag per person at all hotels
- 7 night cruise on board MSC Fantasia departing 26 April, visiting Italy, Tunisia, Spain and France
- All meals and entertainment on board ship (including Captain's cocktail party and gala dinner)
- Port charges

See over for full day by day tour details



Genoa



Lake Garda



Cinque Terre



Lake Maggiore

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SATURDAY 18th April 2009 - DEPARTURE FROM AUSTRALIA

Arrive at the Qantas terminal, ready for your international flight to Milan.

SUNDAY 19th April 2009 - MILAN – LAKE GARDA (1 night's accommodation)

Upon arrival at Milan's Malpensa airport meet your Tour Director, who will be with you until your departure on your cruise. As the group leaves Milan for the stunning Italian Lakes District the first stop is enroute at the home of Romeo and Juliet, Verona. View the famous "balcony" setting where many immortal phrases were uttered before strolling to the ancient Roman amphitheatre. The tour continues onto Riva del Garda and your hotel for the evening. Tonight relax and enjoy a welcome dinner of local specialties and wine as you get to know your travelling companions. (D)

MONDAY 20th April 2009 - LAKE GARDA – LAKE COMO (2 night's accommodation)

After breakfast spend the morning cruising Lake Garda, the largest of the Italian lakes and delight in the glimpses of the beautiful lakeside villas and gardens not visible from the coastal road. We rejoin the coach and journey on to see our first glimpse of the wish-boned shaped Lake Como, a marvel of idyllic rugged mountains cascading down to a crystal clear lake, which has attracted visitors for centuries. Dinner this evening is in our Lake Como hotel. (BD)

TUESDAY 21st April 2009 - LAKE COMO – VILLA CARLOTTA

Today we cruise the stunning Lake Como revelling in her majestic beauty and enjoy the contrast of the intimate lakeside towns with their elegant promenades and cafes. During the cruise enjoy a visit to the stunning Villa Carlotta, an 18th century summer house renowned for its majestic gardens and collections of sculptures. At the end of the cruise there is time to relax and further explore the lake and towns and enjoy dinner at your leisure. (B)

WEDNESDAY 22nd April 2009 - LAKE COMO – LAKE MAGGIORE (2 night's accommodation)

Mid morning the tour commences along the most incredible scenic drive from Lake Como, twisting around the coastal lake areas and capturing the charming local towns until our arrival at the most romantic of the Italian Lakes, Lake Maggiore. Nestled against the mountains and stretching up into the alpine regions of Switzerland this lake provides some of the best viewing the Italian Lakes District can offer. This afternoon enjoy the chance to explore the villas and gardens of Stresa town before dinner at the hotel. (BD)

THURSDAY 23rd April 2009 - LAKE MAGGIORE – BORROMEAN ISLANDS EXCURSION

Today's morning cruise out to the Borromeo Islands within Lake Maggiore takes us first to Isola Bella (Bella Island) and Count Vitaliano Borromeo's baroque palace. The many treasures inside this palace include elegant tapestries, unique furniture and beautiful paintings, while outside the sparkling lake and lush alpine backdrop provides an amazing contrast to the palace gardens full of rhododendrons and azaleas. From here we move onto Isola Madre (Madra Island) and visit the residential home and gardens of the remaining Borromeo family. This afternoon upon our return, take the time to once again enjoy the town of Stresa. (B)

FRIDAY 24th April 2009 - LAKE MAGGIORE – MILAN – GENOA (2 night's accommodation)

From the beauty of the Lakes District today our travels take us to cosmopolitan Milan the capital of Italy. With the buzz and excitement of this fashionable city also comes the most amazing architecture including the famous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and Duomo, one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in the world. The visit to the Duomo provides an opportunity to view the Refectory and admire the world-famous "Last Supper" painting of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece. From Milan we travel along the enchanting Riviera di Levante on the Ligurian Coast to Genoa, the genteel port city of Italy. (BD)

SATURDAY 25th April 2009 - GENOA – CINQUE TERRE EXCURSION

Cinque Terre is a collection of five picture postcard fishing villages perched above the blue waters of the Mediterranean (Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso al Mare). Enjoy the whole day in this amazingly scenic area, marvel in the old world charm as you mix with the locals in the many village restaurants and cafes before returning to Genoa. (B)

SUNDAY 26th April 2009 - GENOA – EMBARKATION ON MSC FANTASIA

Enjoy the morning to take a last look around Genoa city and enjoy its quaint cafes before the Tour Director escorts the group on the transfer to the Genoa Cruise Terminal to join your Mediterranean cruise on MSC Fantasia.

SUNDAY 26th April to 3rd May 2009 - CRUISING ON MSC FANTASIA

Cruise on board MSC Fantasia for 7 nights, visiting Italy, Tunisia, Spain and France.

SUNDAY 3rd May 2009 - GENOA - DISEMBARKATION FROM MSC FANTASIA

Disembark from MSC Fantasia and transfer to Milan Airport for your return flight to Australia, or you may choose to extend your stay in Europe. Ask for details when booking.

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