



## MSC Sinfonia Greek Islands Eastern Mediterranean Cruise Shore Excursions

### ALBEROBELLO

Port: Brindisi, Italy

After leaving the port of Brindisi, you will travel by bus for about 1 hour to the town of Alberobello, located in the picturesque Apulia region. Characteristic of the city are the round houses known as Trulli, which were built from natural stone without the use of mortar and topped with a conical roof. The roofs of the Trulli are often whitewashed at the top and have a ball or another symbolic keystone, which serves as a good luck charm. This distinctive architecture was also the reason why Alberobello was included in 1996 in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Also found in the city is the only "trullo" church in the world, St. Antonio, with its monumental entrance, two side chapels and a bell tower. Your tour includes a guided walking tour of the charming streets of this unusual village. The tour ends with a return to the port. Note: Traffic conditions may affect the duration of transfers to and from Alberobello.

- Adult / Youth: €67
- Child 3-13 years: €47
- Booking Code: BDS01

## **SIGHTSEEING LECCE**

### **Port: Brindisi, Italy**

A 40-minute bus ride takes you south of Brindisi to the Apulian city of Lecce, often referred to as the “Florence of the South”. Here you will find 2,000 years of history with Roman, Greek, Orthodox and Norman influences and beautiful baroque buildings. Explore the city's sites on a walk that takes you from the beautiful Piazza S. Oronzo in the heart of the city to the Roman Amphitheater, then to the church of the Holy Cross, which was completed in 1695 after a grueling 345 years. Visit the Castello Carlo, right next to a baroque convent and the grand Piazza del Duomo in the city center. After a meal and the guided city tour, there is time to shop for traditional products made here, take the opportunity for tasting of olive oil, accompanied by savory and sweet “taralli”. Note: Wheelchair users can take part in this excursion, but please note that you have to climb some steps on foot to get to the church. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by another paying guest who will help you get in and out of the bus. Wheelchairs must be foldable, as the bus has neither a ramp nor a lift. Please wear clothing appropriate for religious places that covers the shoulders and knees. Guests with food intolerances will be welcome, but we kindly request you inform the excursion office of this at least two days before embarkation.

- Adult / Youth: €58
- Child 3-13 years: €42
- Booking Code: BDS03

## **OSTUNI, THE WHITE CITY AT SEA**

### **Port: Brindisi, Italy**

Together with a local guide, you leave the city towards Ostuni. “The White Lady” is enthroned on three hills in the Murgia region and was an important Greco-Roman city in the first century AD. This picturesque medieval city of white houses, winding alleys and cobblestone streets is visible from afar and forms a nice contrast to the reddish-brown colors of its main buildings. In the town center, see the baroque buildings and the cathedral with its beautiful late Gothic facade from the 15th century, the size of which reflects the unique importance of the city. Visitors are always very impressed by the story of Delia, a lady who died 25,000 years ago. She was pregnant and her skeleton was discovered together with that of the fetus in Ostuni in 1991. Architecturally, Ostuni is one of the most impressive cities in Puglia. The excursion also includes a visit to an oil mill and with olive oil tasting. Note: Please wear appropriate clothing that covers the shoulders and knees when visiting the cathedral. Guests with food intolerances are kindly asked to inform the excursion office of this at least two days before embarkation. This tour requires extensive walking, some uphill, therefore guests with limited mobility are asked to assess their personal fitness and mobility level, before taking part in this excursion.

- Adult / Youth: €53
- Child 3-13 years: €37
- Booking Code: BDS04

## **DISCOVER THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF BRINDISI**

### **Port: Brindisi, Italy**

During this relaxed city sightseeing tour, discover the wonderful Apulian city of Brindisi, whose origins date back to the 16th century. A comfortable, modern coach takes you first to the Romanesque church of Santa Maria del Casale, located just outside the city. The gigantic building from the late 13th century has an impressive facade made of gray and yellow stone and is decorated inside with frescoes from the 14th century. You will have some free time to explore the church's interior before the coach takes you to the old town center of Brindisi, where the tour continues on foot. The starting point of your tour will be the columns of the Via Appia, which crown a staircase that leads to the 12th century Romanesque Cathedral of Brindisi where both King Roger II and his son, Frederick II, were married. As you walk along the main street, you will also see the magnificent circular 12<sup>th</sup> century church of San Giovanni al Sepolcro. We will also make a stop at the archaeological site of San Pietro degli Schiavoni, which reminds visitors of times gone by in contrast to the modern architecture of the neighboring Teatro Verdi, just inaugurated in December 2006. Afterwards you will have some free time to explore the modern part of the city before boarding the bus for the return trip to the ship. Note: Wheelchair users can take part in this excursion, but must take into account that some steps have to be navigated on foot to get into the church. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by another paying guest who will assist with getting on and off the bus. Wheelchairs must be collapsible as the bus has no ramp or lift. Please wear clothing that is appropriate for visiting religious sites (shoulders and knees should be covered).

- Adult & Youth: €42
- Child 3-13 years: €29
- Booking Code: BDS02

## **MYKONOS ISLAND TOUR**

### **Port: Mykonos, Greece**

Mykonos is varied and diverse and the St. "Tropez of Greece" awaits its guests with countless different faces that you will explore on this relaxed bus tour. First you drive to the panoramic viewpoint, from where you have an enchanting view of Mykonos Town and the old port. During a photo stop you can see the wonderful endless view of the sea before continuing the route to the picturesque villages of Agios Ioannis, Kalafas and to the sophisticated beach of Ornos. In the heart of Mykonos, you will stop in the second largest settlement on the island, the town of Ano Mera, in the center of which is the monastery of Panagia Tourliani and the church of the same name. The Monastery here was founded in the 16th century and rebuilt in 1767, is one of the region's tourist magnets. After the visit you can relax and rejuvenate in the small tavern and enjoy the warmth and hospitality that the Greeks are known for while you enjoy a glass of ouzo, accompanied by tasty appetizers. On the way back to the port you can expect further fantastic views over the beautiful landscape of the island. Note: Guests with limited mobility are asked to assess their personal fitness

and mobility level before taking part in this excursion. The tour can have multiple departures, you will receive information about your departure time the day before. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by another paying guest who will help you get in and out of the bus. Wheelchairs must be foldable, as the bus has neither a ramp nor a lift. Please wear clothing appropriate for religious places that covers the shoulders and knees. Guests with food intolerances will be welcome, but we kindly request you inform the excursion office of this at least two days before embarkation.

- Adult / Youth: €61
- Child 3-13 years: €42
- Booking Code: MYK05

## **DELOS: THE ISLAND OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY**

**Port: Mykonos, Greece**

This entertaining excursion takes you to the heart of the Cyclades lies Delos, the “Island of Light”. After a short boat ride Your exploration begins where you will witness the eventful history and rich mythology of Delos. According to legend, Zeus took a liking to the beautiful Leto and took her as his lover. But when she became pregnant by him, it conjured a wrath from Hera, wife of Zeus, who forbade the Earth to give refuge to Leto. When all hope seemed lost, The island of Delos rose from the sea, where Leto finally gave birth to her twins Artemis and Apollo. Delos was founded by the ancients, reserved as a sanctuary by the Greeks and was one of the most magnificent and flourishing cities in ancient Greece. One of them is the Lion Terrace, which was named after the marble lions from the island of Naxos, which were used in the 7th century Guardians of the island where Leto is said to have given birth. The crowning highlight of your eventful trip is the climb to Mount Kynthos, where, according to legend, Zeus is said to have attended the birth of his twins. The summit may be strenuous, but you will be rewarded with a breathtaking view that is worth the climb. Before the journey back to the port, there will be free time to explore some of the island's other sights. Note: This excursion includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking over partly uneven and cobblestone paths. Guests with limited mobility are asked to consider their personal fitness and mobility level before you take part in this excursion.

- Adult / Youth: €69
- Child 3-13 years: €48
- Booking Code: MYK04

## **SUN AND SEA ON KALAFATI BEACH**

**Port: Mykonos, Greece**

Surrounded by a secluded bay on the south coast of Mykonos is Kalafa, one of the longest beaches on the island and your destination on this half-day excursion. To make the most of your time here, it is recommended that you put on your swimwear underneath your excursion clothes prior to departing the ship. A short 30 minute bus ride takes you to this idyllic spot where you can relax on a sun lounger and take in the views of this immaculate beach. The shallow and crystal clear Aegean

sea invites you to paddle and swim and the taverns on the edge of the beach give you the opportunity to enjoy the sea view with a cool drink. The free time on the beach is three hours, before our bus takes you back to the ship. Note: Sun loungers and parasols are available on the beach free of charge to each adult, children can share these amenities with their parents. The tour runs from June to September and depends on weather conditions. It is advisable to bring a hat, sunscreen and a beach towel. Although part of the beach is reserved for MSC guests, reserved seats may not be the first two rows near the shore.

- Adult / Youth: €69
- Child 3-13 years: € 48
- Booking Code: MYK19

## **PLAKA, ACROPOLIS AND ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM**

**Port: Athens, Greece**

Thanks to its perfect location not far from Athens, Piraeus is the perfect starting point for visiting the Greek Capital and world-famous Acropolis, an ancient citadel perched on a huge stone embankment 150 meters above sea. Don't be put off by the 80 steps that lead you to this magnificent site, or the long queues that form in front of the entrance. A visit to this masterpiece of ancient Greece will reward you for the effort and wait. The UNESCO World Heritage Site not only houses the archaeological remains of various buildings from ancient times, but also the Parthenon and symbol of Athens. The temple was built between 447 and 432 BCE originally dedicated to the Greek god Athena. However, in the 5th century AD it became a Christian church, which was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and ultimately converted into a mosque in the 15th century and added to the temple complex. Today the Parthenon is widely regarded as an enduring symbol of ancient Greece and birthplace of modern democracy. So that you don't get blisters on your feet, a modern coach will take you to most important sights of Athens. Of course you also have time to visit the Archaeological National Museum, an unparalleled archives with rare artifacts, and the meticulously restored Plaka district. The old neoclassical buildings located here, the narrow streets and the archaeological remains give this part of the city a very special ambiance. During a short stop you can shop for souvenirs before the excursion ends and the bus returns to your ship.

Note: This excursion includes a long, sometimes challenging hike on uneven terrain making this excursion unsuitable for those with limited mobility. Entrance tickets for the Acropolis and the Archaeological Museum are included. Because of Security Restrictions at the Acropolis guests are not permitted to enter with large bags and backpacks. The lunch is not included in the excursion price. Be prepared for numerous visitors and queues at the sights. We advise you to always stay close to your guide. Provided audio guides must be returned in perfect condition, any damage or loss will be charged to the guest.

- Adult / Youth: €96
- Child 3-13 years: €68
- Booking Code: PIR02

## **ATHENS AND THE VISIT OF ACROPOLIS**

### **Port: Athens, Greece**

Disembark the ship and make your way to Athens to discover a piece of its classic history including the magnificent Acropolis, which towers over the Greek metropolis. Athens is not only considered Cradle of Western civilization but also the birthplace of modern democracy, offering a wealth of sights not to be missed. The city's most important landmark is the mighty Acropolis which rises 150 meters above Athens, will be our first stop. Don't be put off by the 80 steps that lead you to this magnificent site, or the long ones queues that form in front of the entrance. A visit to this masterpiece of ancient Greece will reward you for the effort and reward the wait. The UNESCO World Heritage Site not only houses the archaeological remains of various buildings from ancient times. A visit to this masterpiece of ancient Greece will reward you for the effort and the wait. In addition to other Greek classical buildings, you will also find the world-famous Parthenon, a huge temple dedicated to the Greek god Athena and is one of the largest buildings in the world. With a short stop you can browse for souvenirs before the excursion ends with the return to your ship. Note: This excursion includes a long, sometimes challenging hike on uneven terrain making this excursion unsuitable for those with limited mobility. Entrance tickets for the Acropolis and the Archaeological Museum are included. Because of Security Restrictions at the Acropolis guests are not permitted to enter with large bags and backpacks. The lunch is not included in the excursion price. Be prepared for numerous visitors and queues at the sights. We advise you to always stay close to your guide. Provided audio guides must be returned in perfect condition, any damage or loss will be charged to the guest.

- Adult / Youth: €82
- Child 3-13 years: €57
- Booking Code: PIR04

## **PANORAMIC TOUR IN ATHENS**

### **Port: Athens, Greece**

This shore excursion is ideal for guests who don't want to, or can't go up to the Acropolis, but can visit the Greek capital. Our guide will wait for you at the port and together you will board the bus that will take you to the most important sights. On the way from Piraeus to Athens, the guide will point out the most important historical places and modern buildings along the route, including Hadrian's Arch, the monument to Lord Byron, the Olympieion Temple, Syntagma Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our tour then leads past National Garden, the Panathenaic Stadium, the Academy, the University and the National Library. You will see the Acropolis from a distance and have the opportunity to take photos before stopping in Plaka for free time. Where your guide can provide suggestions for independent exploration. Note: The sights can only be viewed from the outside.

- Adult / Youth: €42
- Child 3-13 years: €29
- Booking Code: PIR08



## **A JOURNEY TO ANCIENT GREECE**

### **Port: Athens, Greece**

Our guide will wait for you in the harbor and together you will board the bus that will take you to the sights of this historic and important part of the city. After reaching downtown Athens, visit the impressive Acropolis, beloved symbol of Athens, that watches over the city from a rock outcrop 150 meters above. Don't be put off by the 80 steps that lead you to this magnificent site, or the long queues that form in front of the entrance. A visit to this masterpiece of ancient Greece will reward you for the effort and wait. You can see more masterpieces from this culture's golden age on this excursion such as the Erechtheion, built in honor of the goddess of Athena and finally The Parthenon, one of the most impressive temples in all of Greece. The tour continues through the Acropolis area, which now offers visitors a chance to see the new Acropolis Museum. You have 1.5 hours to leisurely explore the statues and marble plaques exhibited in the museum and purchase souvenirs before we depart and return to the ship. Note: This has long walks over paths that are sometimes very uneven and is therefore not suitable for guests with limited mobility. Entrance tickets for the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum are included. Because of Security Restrictions at the Acropolis guests are not permitted to enter with large bags and backpacks. The lunch is not included in the excursion price. Be prepared for numerous visitors and queues at the sights. We advise you to always stay close to your guide. Provided audio guides must be returned in perfect condition, any damage or loss will be charged to the guest.

- Adult / Youth: €90
- Child 3-13 years: €63
- Booking Code:PIR09

## **TIME ON THE BEACH OF KAŠJUNI**

### **Port: Split, Croatia**

This pleasant half-day trip provides a chance for you to enjoy a few hours of relaxation and fun on the beautiful Kašjuni. You will receive an overview during the approximately 20-minute bus ride to your destination via Split, one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic coast. When you reach the edge of the town at the foot of Marjan Hill, you can stretch your legs on a 15-minute walk to Kašjuni Beach. Where you have about 3 hours of fun free time to explore the rocky beach surrounded by pine trees. Lean back and relax on a lounge chair or go swimming in the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic. .Note: The path to the beach is steep and involves a descent on the way there and an uphill climb on the way back. Guests with limited mobility are asked to assess their personal fitness and mobility level before taking part in this excursion. This tour only operates from June to September and is subject to weather conditions. The use of sun loungers and parasols in a reserved area of the beach is included in the tour price. We recommend you wear a swimsuit and bring a beach towel, sunscreen and a hat.

- Adult / Youth: €86
- Child 3 – 13 years old: €61
- Booking Code: SPL09

## **THE WONDERS OF NATURE AT KRKA NATIONAL PARK**

**Port: Split, Croatia**

This half day trip takes you to explore the beautiful and dynamic landscapes of Croatia at the extensive Krka National Park. The 90 minute bus ride to the park takes you through some of the Šibenik-Knin's most breathtaking landscapes. Upon arrival at the park you will journey on foot to the most popular attractions in the park; the beautiful Natural Pools and the Skradinski Buk Waterfalls. The Krka River flows through the park and feeds the three Skradinski Waterfall Cascades, one of which can be admired in the park. There are numerous options on offer during a guided walk through the natural landscape, including an old mill, which serves as a ethnographic Museum. Before making our return trip to the port there will also be free time to explore on your own. Note: This excursion includes an approximately 2.5 hour hike in the park and is therefore not suitable for guests with limited mobility.

- Adult / Youth: €85
- Child 3 – 13 years old: €60
- Booking Code: SPL08

## **SPLIT PANORAMIC RICKSHAW TOUR**

**Port: Split, Croatia**

Experience the city of Split up close by rickshaw on this engaging half-day city tour. The route will take you to some of the city's most notable sites including Bačvice Beach, the Golden Gate, the Peristyle, Saint's Cathedral Dominus and the Dioclesan Palace. The palace, intended as a retirement retreat for Roman Emperor Diocle, covers a huge area of narrow streets full of archaeological highlights. After some time to explore the complex, we continue on to the Vidilica viewpoint on Marjan Hill, from where You can enjoy amazing views of the city. On the way back, make a stop at St. Stephen's Park, a green oasis of pine trees amongst the sophisticated villas and yachts. A final stop at Bačvice beach, ends the rickshaw adventure at Riva's waterfront. Note: The excursion is not suitable for guests with limited mobility as it includes crossing a 900m long tunnel in St. Stephen's Park and 750 m long footpath from Riva Promenade. back to the ship. The tour can have multiple departures, you will receive information about your departure time the day before.

- Adult / Youth: €76
- Child 3 – 13 years old: €65
- Booking Code: SPL12



## **DISCOVER SPLIT AND ITS TREASURES**

### **Port: Split, Croatia**

Split is one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic coast and is said to be around 1,700 years old, although some historians consider it to be even further back there and is seen as the successor to an old Greek colony. Your excursion begins with a panoramic bus ride through the city until you reach Split's oldest district, where the great Diocle's palace stands. This imposing fortress was built at the beginning of the 4th century AD at the instigation of the Roman Emperor Diocle, who had the palace built for a retirement home. Much of Split's old town was built either on or around the palace and the buildings preserved today have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979. After an hour of free time the bus will take you to harbor .Note: This excursion involves approximately two hours of walking over partly uneven and cobblestone paths. People with limited mobility are asked to assess their personal fitness and mobility level before taking part in this excursion.

- Adult / Youth: €65
- Child 3 – 13 years old: €46
- Booking Code: SPL16

## **SPLIT AND OMIS**

### **Port: Split, Croatia**

A short drive from Split takes you southeast along the picturesque Adriatic coast to Omis, a small town at the mouth of the Cetina into the Adriatic. From here you descend into a picturesque gorge carved by the Cetina River before you will soon reach the "Slanica" restaurant with its picnic area. This popular excursion destination enchants with its idyllic location in the countryside and near the river. So it's not just the ideal place to fortify yourself with local ham and... Not only to enjoy cheese with a glass of local wine, but also to take some nice photos. Your excursion back to Split, where you will explore the city's arakons on foot during a guided walk (1 hour). can. While you stroll through the market at your leisure or take a little rest on the sun-warmed stones, you can Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere where you easily forget that the modern harbor is just a stone's throw away. The contrast of old and new creates the unmistakable charm of Split. You have some free time before you return to the ship. Note: Guests with limited mobility are asked to consider their personal fitness and mobility level before you take part in this excursion. Guests with food intolerances are inform the excursion offices at least two days before embarkation.

- Adult / Youth: €79
- Child 3 – 13 years old: €57
- Booking Code: SPL19

## **WALKING TOUR OF SPLIT**

### **Port: Split, Croatia**

On this walk you will visit the beautiful old town of Split with the venerable Diocles Palace built of beautiful limestone and marble. The palace was built at the beginning of the 4th century by Emperor Diocle in preparation for his retirement and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. Located on a bay on the south side of a small peninsula that juts out into the sea from the Dalmatian coast, the old town of Split grew up around the palace and has numerous architecturally interesting buildings. Enjoy One hour of free time before returning to the ship. Note: This excursion includes approximately 2.5 hours on foot, over partly uneven and cobblestone paths, therefore guests with limited mobility are asked to assess their physical abilities before taking part in this excursion.

- Adult / Youth: €49
- Child 3 – 13 years old: €34
- Booking Code: SPL18