

CRUISE OFFERS VALUE HOLIDAYS
invite you to join them on board Explorer of the Seas

BEST OF
Italy, Greece
and Croatia
19 Day Land & Cruise Package



From
\$6399
per person twin-share

Unbelievable
Value!

Departure Dates: 8 May 2024 and 4 September 2024



Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy;
Santorini, Mykonos, and Athens, Greece;
Split, Croatia

INCLUDES



Flights, Cruise, Centrally located Hotels
and Sightseeing in Italy



Like no vacation on earth.™

BEST OF Italy and the Greek Islands



Experience the very best of Rome, Florence and Venice in Italy and Mykonos, Athens and Santorini in Greece on this spectacular land and sea journey. We will enjoy leisurely three night stays in Italy so that you can really explore each city. Highlights include Rome and its iconic attractions such as the Colosseum, Pantheon and Trevi Fountain. In Florence see the impressive Duomo and Michelangelo's David. Wander the narrow alleyways of Venice from St Mark's Square to the Rialto Bridge. While on the cruise soak up the sun on the beautiful Greek Islands of Santorini and Mykonos. We hope that you can join us!



Itinerary

Day 1 Depart Australia

Today we board our flight to Rome, Italy.

Meals included: In-flight

Day 2 Rome, Italy

This afternoon we arrive into the eternal city of Rome. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and transferred to our centrally located hotel.

Meals included: In-flight

Day 3 Rome, Italy

This morning we will enjoy an overview sightseeing tour of Rome with a local guide. We will see the famous Colosseum, the Spanish steps, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and more. We will also see the Trevi Fountain, where you can throw two coins over your shoulder into the fountain and wish to return to Rome.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Rome, Italy

A free day to explore Rome. You may wish to visit the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Florence, Italy

This morning we travel north to Siena, where we will see the magnificent Piazza del Campo renowned for the famous Palio horse race held in the Campo and its splendid civic tower and the enormous, partially completed Duomo. We continue our journey to Florence, known as "The Cradle of the Renaissance" which will be your base for exploring the region over the next three days.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Florence, Italy

This morning we will enjoy a walking tour to see Florence's highlights with a local guide. We will see the Piazza del Duomo, one of the largest cathedrals in the Christian world. Together with

Brunelleschi's wonderful dome, we see the Campanile and the Baptistry. We also wander through the Piazza della Signoria, which contains the Loggia della Signoria, the Palazzo Vecchio and nearby, the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno River.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Florence, Italy

A day for individual exploration of this historic city. Florence's museums, palaces, and churches house some of the greatest artistic treasures in the world. Visit the Uffizi Gallery, with its unsurpassed collection of art, the Accademia di Belle Arti, with Michelangelo's statue of David, the Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Venice (Mestre), Italy

This morning we travel to Ferrara in the popular Emilia-Romagna region. Ferrara is a tranquil town with streets lined with red-brick houses, palaces and squares. A splendid cultural centre during the Renaissance, these days Ferrara is a young and vibrant town and



one of the major artistic and cultural centres in Italy. In the afternoon we continue to Venice. Built on 117 islands, Venice was once the head of the Mediterranean empire. We will have three nights in Mestre before the cruise to enjoy the canals, Renaissance palazzos and of course, the fabulous food and wine from the Veneto region.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Venice (Mestre), Italy

This morning we will enjoy a walking sightseeing tour of this beautiful city. We visit St Mark's Square, see the Grand Canal, St Mark's Cathedral, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. We will wind our way through the narrow alleyways to the market square of the Rialto.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Venice (Mestre), Italy

A free day to explore Venice. Perhaps take a tour to the island of Murano, known as the glass-making island. Venetian glass is world-renowned for being colourful, elaborate, and skillfully made. Many of the important characteristics of these objects had been developed by the thirteenth century. Or take a ride on a gondola, relax and be transported back in time as you take in the uniqueness of this beautiful city.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Venice - Begin 7 night Greek Is. Cruise

Today we are transferred to Ravenna, Italy by private coach to board the Explorer of the Seas. Be up on deck as the ship slips her moorings at 5:00pm for the start of our fabulous cruise.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 12 At Sea

A free day while the Explorer of the Seas cruises the Mediterranean. There will be time to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Highlights

- Discover the best of Italy and Greece
- Explore Rome, Siena, Florence and Venice
- Discover the beauty of Florence on a walking city tour and see the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and more
- Wander through the historic towns of Siena and Ferrara
- Discover the ancient highlights of Rome on a sightseeing tour and see the Colosseum, the Spanish steps, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and more
- Soak up the history of Athens
- Relax on the stunning islands of Santorini and Mykonos
- Visit Split, the second largest city in Croatia
- Wind your way through the narrow alleyways of Venice
- Take a relaxing ride on a gondola



Explorer of the Seas

Is it adventure you seek, or a restful retreat from life on land? Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas is home to an array of innovations that give you whatever type of vacation you desire. Climb a rock wall that overlooks the sea, or find your adventure on the basketball court, ice-skating rink or mini-golf course. If it's zen you seek, achieve it poolside or at the relaxing Vitality Spa. Liven up your nights on the Royal Promenade, with parades, dancing, and duty-free shopping deals. There are spacious public areas, enhanced staterooms, and a spectacular three-story dining room, this ship has room for your everyone.



Day 13 Santorini, Greece

A day to explore Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean", one of the most spectacular landscapes in Greece and in the world. The traditional villages of the island, built on tall cliffs, offer a breath-taking view over the submerged volcano. They represent the most beautiful island view you have ever seen! Enjoy free time to explore this magnificent port

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 14 Mykonos, Greece

Today we arrive in the scenic Greek island of Mykonos. Mykonos is one of the smallest islands of the Cyclades complex, but is definitely the most famous, thanks to its treasure of natural beauty, rich history, cosmopolitan character combined with plenty of local colour. Chora, the islands capital is spectacular with its narrow, whitewashed streets and white cubicle houses with their tiny balconies, coloured windows lined by bougainvillea and posts of basilicum. Numerous little churches and chapels, hidden minuscule piazza's and water wells, as well as the multitude of colourful shops makes this a fabulous place to explore at leisure. We will have a free day to explore the quaint streets of this beautiful island.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 15 Athens, Greece

Today we call into the ancient city of Athens, capital of Greece. Athens is the home of the Acropolis and the ultimate in ancient Greek architectural perfection, the Parthenon, built to honour the goddess Athena and one of the wonders of the ancient world. A highlight of Athens is the Acropolis, still dominating the frantic bustle of modern Athens.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 16 At Sea

A free day while the Explorer of the Seas cruises the Mediterranean. There will be time to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 17 Split, Croatia

Today you visit Split, the second largest city in Croatia. The old town grew up around the Emperor Diocletian's vast Roman Palace. Take a morning sightseeing tour, during which you can visit the interior courtyard of the Roman complex and the Golden Gate, the main entrance to Diocletian's Palace. Then visit the Baptistry of St John a small, beautiful building consecrated in the sixth century. See the Renaissance Town Hall on People's Square surrounded by Venetian buildings.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 18 Venice, Italy - Australia

This morning we arrive back in Ravenna and after disembarking the ship we travel to Venice airport for your flight home after a spectacular trip-of-a-lifetime.

Meals included: Breakfast & In-flight

Day 19 Arrive in Australia

You will arrive back in Australia. The tour concludes.

September Departure

The order of port visit will be different for the September departure as follows:

Day 12: Dubrovnik, Croatia

This morning we call in to the historic city of Dubrovnik. Known as The Jewel of the Adriatic, the city is situated on a promontory surrounded by the beautiful waters of the Adriatic Sea. It is renowned for the beauty of its monuments, its magnificent city walls and welcoming atmosphere.

Day 13: Cruising

Day 14: Athens, Greece

Day 15: Mykonos, Greece

BEST OF Italy, Greece and Croatia

Departure Dates:

8 May 2024 and 4 September 2024

Tour inclusions:

- Economy flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth to Rome and return from Venice
- 9 nights' accommodation in three-star centrally located hotels (3 nights in Rome, Florence & Venice (Mestre), Italy) including daily breakfast
- 7 night Greece Islands cruise aboard Explorer of the Seas
- All meals, entertainment and accommodation aboard Explorer of the Seas
- Port and handling charges aboard Explorer of the Seas
- Journeys through beautiful Italy in a luxury coach
- Sightseeing tours in Rome, Florence and Venice with a local guide
- Enjoy 30 meals including daily breakfast
- Professional English-speaking tour manager
- Cruise taxes & air taxes (any surcharges will be added to your final account)

Price per person in Australian Dollars

| Stateroom | Category | Deck | Twin-Share Fare (PP) | Single supplement |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Interior | 4V | 3,6,7,8,9,10 | \$ 6399 | \$ 2649 |
| Ocean View | 2N | 2,3 | \$ 6699 | \$ 2799 |
| Balcony | 2D | 6,7,8 | \$ 7499 | \$ 3519 |
| Included port & handling charges | | | \$ 468 | \$ 818 |
| Included air taxes as at 10/3/23 | | | \$ 210 | \$ 210 |

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Sightseeing tours when on the ship
- Onboard gratuities



General Information and Booking Conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Cruise Offers (a division of Travelrite International Pty Ltd), (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Explorer of the Seas is operated by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and the Best of Italy and Greek Islands fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines brochure.

TOUR ORGANIZATION: Cruise Offers reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on airfare, shipping, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rates at 20 May 2023. Cruise Offers Value Holidays reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: All Cruise Offers Value Holidays are heavily discounted and available for a limited time only. For this reason we require a deposit of \$1500 at the time of booking. This payment is non-refundable. The deposit should be sent with a completed Cruise Offers booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the online Royal Caribbean Cruise Line cruise personaliser at <https://www.royalcaribbean.com.au>. Final payments are due to be paid to Cruise Offers 90 days prior to the commencement of the Explorer of the Seas fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added all credit card payments. Any changes made to a booking after purchase may incur fees.

AIRLINES USED: Etihad Airways, Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways, Qantas Airways, Thai Airways, Cathay Pacific plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability)

AIR TAXES: From Brisbane/Sydney/Melbourne/Adelaide/Perth as listed in the itinerary. Please contact us for air taxes from different cities. Air taxes are valid as at 20 May 2024. If they change due to government and airline charges and currency variations, Cruise Offers Value Holidays reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

ACCOMMODATION: Accommodation has been booked at the following hotels:

Rome – Hotel California – 3 stars
Florence – Hotel de Lanzi or Hotel Bigallo – 3 stars
Venice Mestre – Leonardo Royal Hotel – 4 stars

If you would like to upgrade your accommodation to Venice Island, please contact Cruise Offers for more information.

EXTENDING: You can stay longer in Europe if you wish to extend your holiday. Please contact Cruise Offers on 1800 630 343 for more information.

CANCELLATION CHARGES:* Number of days before sailing

| Days prior to Departure | Cancellation Fee |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Over 90 days | loss of deposit |
| 90 days or less | 100% of full fare |
| Non-appearance/no written notice: | 100% of full fare |

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder, check with Cruise Offers for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is required to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

GROUP AIRLINE SEATING: Please note; you will be booked as part of a group booking with the airline, this means we are unable to confirm any seating requests. Pre purchasing of flights and payment of airline seat booking fees allows allocation of specific seats. Additional costs will apply.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Cruise Offers reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Cruise Offers (a division of Travelrite International Pty Ltd) to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Cruise Offers acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Cruise Offers may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Cruise Offers your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Cruise Offers any cost thereof and you indemnify Cruise Offers in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Cruise Offers advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

TRAVEL VACCINATION POLICY: While highly recommended, COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are no longer required for guests traveling with us. It is your responsibility to comply with specific vaccine and/or booster requirements imposed by airlines, cruise lines and/or authorities in the destinations visited, as well as requirements for accessing restaurants and venues, which may be more restrictive than the above. No refunds will be given if you are unable to undertake some or all of their vacation due to failure to comply with these requirements.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$1500 per person to:

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