



**MINNA TRAVEL'S**

# MEDITERRANEAN MEDLEY

## INCLUDED FEATURES

**AIRFARES** to Rome via Dubai and depart from Barcelona on Emirates.

**STOPOVER** 2 night stopover in Dubai with city sightseeing tour and Dhow dinner cruise.

**PRE-TOUR** 1 Night accommodation in Rome with Day tour to Pompeii and Naples.

**COSMOS** 18 Night "Gems of Italy, France & Spain" coach tour.

**CRUISE** 7 Night MSC Preziosa (brand new ship) Mediterranean Cruise – Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa, Naples, Messina, La Goulette (Tunisia).

Confirmed Ocean View Cabins or Upgrade to Balcony \$130 pp. extra.

**POST TOUR** 1 Night accommodation in Barcelona.

## INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

**Florence** - Uffizi Gallery.

**Venice** - Venetian Night out & dinner.

**Nice** - Monte Carlo by night & dinner.

**Paris** - Soiree Parisienne.

**Barcelona** - Dinner & Flamenco on Ramblas.

**Madrid** - Madrid by night & Tapas.

**SIGHTSEEING** Visits to Montecatini, Venice, Verona, Eze, Avignon, Amboise, Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pamplona, Bilbao, Valencia, Cuenca, Aranjuez.

**SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS** Emilia-Romagna region, Po Valley, Italian & French Rivas, Loire Valley, Landes region, Basque Country.

**GUIDES** Local Guides for city sightseeing in Dubai, Rome, Pompeii, Florence, Parma, Milan, Lyon, Paris, Barcelona, Madrid. Services of a professional Tour Director while touring.

**TRANSPORTATION** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motor-coach. Canal boat ride in Venice, Wooden Dhow boat in Dubai, first-class train journey in Spain and luxury ship for the Mediterranean Cruise.

**HOTELS** Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips, and service charges.

**OPTIONALS** Choice of optional excursions available at reasonable prices to customise your own experience.

**GRATUITIES** Prepaid gratuity included.

**JOURNEY'S CLUB** Discount included.

## DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

Deposit \$1000 per person

Balance due 12 June 2013.

## BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

### Deposit and final payment

**PAYMENTS:** \$1000 pp. deposit due within 7 days of booking. Balance due no later than 12 June 2013. Price is based on payment by cash or direct deposit. Credit Card payments may incur a processing fee.

**PRICES:** Prices are per person, twin share. Single Supplements are available on request.

**INSURANCE:** Travel Insurance is compulsory. Please ask Minna Travel and Cruise agent for more details.

**HOLIDAY EXTENSIONS:** Extensions are available, please ask Minna Travel and Cruise for options.

**CANCELLATIONS & AMENDMENTS:** Deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation after 15 July 2013 is 100% cancellation fee. Amendment fee of \$60 per person applies for each amendment.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport, Vaccinations, Travel Insurance, Meals & beverages not specified, phone calls, laundry, mini bar etc; optional excursions, sightseeing tours other than specified in itinerary, portorage at airports, excess baggage fees (Airline or tour), any extensions, any additional visa's, and all other items of personal nature.

**CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:** Minna Travel and Cruise is a Travel Agent only and enters into contracts as the Agent of its various clients for the provision of services by carriers, hotels and tour operators. Such carriers, hotels and tour operators are unconnected with Minna Travel and Cruise

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**FURTHER CONDITIONS:** Refer to Cosmos Tours 2013 brochure.



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From Rome to Madrid this exciting new tour encounters countless gems as it meanders through Italy, France and into Spain. First is Rome where your guided sightseeing includes a visit to the Roman Forum and impressive Colosseum. Enjoy the spa town of Montecatini and iconic sights of Florence with its Piazza Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. Next are the Emilia-Romagna region and the marvels of Venice with its lattice work of canals, vibrant gondolas, sumptuous palaces and quaint Piazzas. See Juliet's balcony in medieval Verona followed by a short sightseeing in the capital Milan. Travel along the Italian and French Riviera, stop in Avignon and UNESCO World Heritage Lyon. In Paris see the iconic Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame cathedral. Through the Loire Valley and the Champagne wine-growing area, via Bordeaux and Biarritz you'll arrive in the Basque capital Bilbao. Catalonia's beautiful city of Barcelona is next where you'll marvel at Gaudi's architectural masterpieces at the Paseo de Gracia. Pass through fragrant orange groves on the way to Valencia, stop in historical towns of Cuenca and Aranjuez to arrive in Madrid, followed by a 7 night MSC Mediterranean Cruise.

## DEPARTING 05 SEPTEMBER 2013

- ✓ PERSONALLY ESCORTED
- ✓ AIRFARES WITH EMIRATES INCLUDED
- ✓ FULLY INCLUSIVE WITH ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED, 2 NIGHT DUBAI STOPOVER, 19 NIGHT EUROPE TOUR
- ✓ 7 NIGHT MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE ON THE BRAND NEW MSC PREZIOSA SHIP

FROM **\$7,950**  
per person twin share

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PARIS



MSC PREZIOSA



MADRID



ROME



FLORENCE



MILAN



NICE



**DAY 1 - DUBAI.** Arrive Dubai after lunch with free time to relax and explore. Overnight Dubai

**DAY 2 - DUBAI.** Optional City Sighting tour during the day and tonight we have included an enchanting moonlight cruise along the Dubai Creek aboard a traditional wooden dhow. Buffet Dinner included. (B,D)

**DAY 3 - ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY.** Morning flight on Emirates Airlines takes us to Rome. The rest of the day is free to explore this ancient capital. (B)

**DAY 4 - ROME-NAPLES-POMPEII-ROME** Today we will visit the bustling and lively city of Naples on our way to Pompeii, where time stopped for the rich, aristocratic town with the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. (B,L)

**DAY 5 - ROME** Rome, the "Eternal City," is steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! Sightseeing with a Local Guide starting in St. Peter's Square, followed by a visit to the Roman Forum and iconic Colosseum. (B)

**DAY 6 - ROME-FLORENCE-MONTECATINI.** Travel to Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance" and city of the powerful Medici dynasty. The included walking tour with a Local Guide features most of the city highlights. You will see the Piazza Santa Croce, beautiful Piazza Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, the Loggia dei Lanzi, and the impressive Piazza del Duomo with its cathedral housing the Giotto Campanile, and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistry, known as the "Gate of Paradise." Admire the world's greatest collection of Italian and Florentine art at the Uffizi Gallery. The gallery exhibits works by Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli and Michelangelo. Later, after a short drive we spend the night in the spa town of Montecatini. (B, D)

**DAY 7 - MONTECATINI-PARMA-VENICE AREA.** This morning, by way of Cisa Pass, head for Parma in the Emilia-Romagna region, made famous by its ham and parmesan cheese. Included sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the city's hidden treasures. Later, continue into the farmland of the Po

Valley for two overnights in the Venice area. Tonight enjoy a motorboat ride along the impressive Giudecca Canal and a leisurely walk to St. Mark's Square before being taken to a typical Venetian restaurant for an aperitif and four-course dinner. (B, D)

**DAY 8 - VENICE AREA.** Venice is more like a marvellous film set than a real live city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces, and quiet little piazzas. The included orientation starts with a boat ride to St. Mark's Square and is followed by time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian glassblowers fashion their delicate objects just as they did centuries ago. Don't miss out on the quintessential Venice experience: an optional gondola ride along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. (B, D)

**DAY 9 - VENICE AREA -VERONA-MILAN.** Stop in Verona, the medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. See Juliet's house and balcony, and stroll around the picturesque market square. Then, on to vibrant Milan, the hub of Italy's economic miracle and the capital of fashion. Enjoy a short city sightseeing tour with a Local Guide. (B)

**DAY 10 - MILAN-ITALIAN RIVIERA-EZE, FRANCE-FRENCH RIVIERA.** An early start this morning as you journey south with views of the Italian Riviera. Continue to France for a visit to a perfume workshop in Eze before travelling along the celebrated Cote d'Azur. A beautiful drive along the French Riviera- arriving in the Principality of Monaco, where you will have a delicious French dinner, followed by a tour of Monte Carlo by Night, ending at one of the famous Casinos where you can gamble or just relax and take in the atmosphere. (B,D)

**DAY 11 - FRENCH RIVIERA.** Take the opportunity today to enjoy all that the delightful French Riviera has to offer. Maybe join an optional excursion to the picturesque hilltop town of St. Paul de Vence. (B)

**DAY 12 - FRENCH RIVIERA-AVIGNON-LYON.** First, head to Avignon today for a visit to the magnificent Palace of the Popes (audio-guide included). Then, on to Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for an overnight stay. (B,D)

**DAY 13 - LYON AREA-PARIS.** Start the day with included guided sightseeing. Then, travel through the picturesque Burgundy vineyards and fields toward Paris, the French capital and "City of Light." Tonight, don't miss the optional cabaret outing-a true Parisian spectacle! (B)

**DAY 14 - PARIS.** Included sightseeing with a local expert starts with an inside visit to incomparable Notre Dame Cathedral and then takes in many of the must-see Parisian sights: the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Opera, La Sorbonne, Madeleine, the Pyramid near the Louvre, The Invalides, and Champs Elysees. The evening consists of a memorable four-course dinner with an aperitif and wine. After dinner you will enjoy a breathtaking orientation drive of the city. (B,D)

**DAY 15 - PARIS-LOIRE VALLEY-BORDEAUX.** Start the day by motoring south along the Loire River to Amboise for a visit to its splendid 11th-century castle that was a favourite of French kings. Continue through the Grand Champagne wine-growing area and head towards Bordeaux on the banks of the Garonne. (B,D)

**DAY 16 - BORDEAUX-BIARRITZ-BILBAO, SPAIN.** Leave the Landes region. Visit Biarritz, an ancient fishing village turned trendy seaside resort, before crossing the border into Spain. Overnight in the Basque capital and port town of Bilbao. (B,D)

**DAY 17 -BILBAO-PAMPLONA-BARCELONA.** Depart Bilbao this morning and stop in Pamplona, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Navarra, before reaching Barcelona, Catalonia's lively and beautiful capital. (B,D)

**DAY 18 -BARCELONA.** This morning's included sightseeing with a Local Guide features a drive around Montjuic to see the Olympic Stadium and a great panoramic view of the port and city. You arrive at the city centre's Plaza Catalunya and on to Paseo de Gracia to marvel at Gaudi's architectural masterpieces in the Houses Batllo and Mila and the Sagrada Familia (entrance fees not included). Evening out in the heart of Barcelona - enjoy a buffet dinner with Spanish specialities, including wine or soft drinks. Then see the best professional flamenco dancers, singers and guitarists in town. A glass of champagne is served during the show. (B,D)

**DAY 19 - BARCELONA-VALENCIA** Pass through fragrant orange groves and charming seaside resorts past Tarragona and on to Valencia. Join the optional excursion drive along wide avenues lined with fig and palm trees, and along the old quarter's narrow streets past fine gothic houses and typical patios. (B)

**DAY 20 -VALENCIA-CUENCA-ARANJUEZ-MADRID.** Leave the coast and head inland, stopping in the historic towns of Cuenca and Aranjuez, situated on the Castilian Plain. Travel on to Madrid, the Spanish capital, with time to enjoy a relaxed evening. (B)

**DAY 21 -MADRID.** Situated 665 metres (2,180 feet) above sea level, the Spaniards say Madrid is the nearest thing to heaven. Guided sightseeing starts with a full panoramic drive by way of the Avenida Mayor, Puerta Del Sol, Parliament Square, and a picture stop outside

the Royal Palace. The optional trip to Toledo is recommended. The splendid setting of this old walled city above the Tagus was made famous in El Greco's painting, and even now resembles a great open-air museum.

An authentic Spanish food experience in a tapas restaurant situated in the centre of the capital: typical gourmet food such as "pisto manchego" (vegetables) with egg, Iberian ham & cheese, Spanish omelette and many other specialities. After dinner, an orientation drive of Madrid to admire the city with its splendid avenues, illuminated fountains and beautiful promenades. (B,D)

**DAY 22 - MADRID-BARCELONA** We say goodbye to the coach as our journey now takes us by fast train for our first class trip back to Barcelona in preparation for our MSC Mediterranean Cruise. Overnight in Barcelona (B)

**DAY 23 TO 30 - 7 NIGHT CRUISE**

The next 7 nights we will be on board the brand New MSC Preziosa discovering the wonders of the Mediterranean by sea. Embarking the ship around midday (Daily B,L,D)

**DAY 23 - BARCELONA** Dep 1800

**DAY 24 - MARSEILLE** Arr. 08:00, dep. 19:00

**DAY 25 - GENOA** Arr. 08:00, dep. 17:00

**DAY 26 - NAPLES** Arr. 11:30, dep. 19:30

**DAY 27 - MESSINA** Arr. 08:00, dep. 16:00

**DAY 28 - LA GOULETTE** Arr. 08:00, dep. 17:00

**DAY 29 - AT SEA**

**DAY 30 - BARCELONA-DUBAI** Today we have to leave Europe and board our Emirates Aircraft for our flight home to Australia

**DAY 32 - MELBOURNE** Arrive home on 06 Oct 2013 at 0105 Melbourne local time.