

10 Day Pilgrimage Cruise on the MSC Fantasia

Ports of Call: Venice, Dubrovnik, Corfù, Piraeus (Athens), Santorini, Katakolon & Bari



July 5th – 14th, 2014

YOUR PILGRIMAGE CRUISE INCLUDES:

- Round trip air from New York
- Cruise in Selected Category
- Roundtrip transfers to/from Cruise Ship
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily onboard the MSC Fantasia
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guides
- Porterage of luggage
- All taxes and service charges
- First Class Hotel in Venice
- Return transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport

INCLUDED TOURS ON THE MSC FANTASIA:

- DUBROVNIK CITY TOUR
- A VOYAGE TO ANCIENT GREECE – Tour of Athens & the Acropolis
- BARI CITY TOUR
- GONDOLA TOUR & GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Pilgrimage Cruise Tour Price: **Inside Cabin per person Double \$ 3,399.00**
Oceanview Cabin per person Double \$ 3,599.00
Balcony Cabin per person Double \$ 3,859.00

Itinerary

Sat, July 5th: New York/Venice

Depart on your overnight flight to Venice. Dinner served in flight.

Sun, July 6th: Venice - Your ship departs at 5:00 PM.

Upon arrival at Venice Marco Polo Airport, you are transferred to your cruise ship, **MSC Cruises, the MSC FANTASIA.**

When you step aboard you'll know why MSC Cruises are known as the most luxurious ships in Italy. Get to know your ship or take a walk around Venice. **Just remember we sail at 5:00 PM.**

Mon, July 7th: Dubrovnik Arrival 12:00 PM Departure 6:00 PM

"Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik" so wrote the famed British playwright, George Bernard Shaw when he first visited the town.

Dubrovnik is the capital of South Dalmatia, in Croatia and reputed to be one of the most beautiful places in the world. Many writers and holiday-makers remain enthralled by its charm and the town is fondly known as both the Adriatic Pearl and the Slav 'Athens'. Anyone who has the chance to visit at least once will surely agree.

Included Tour – DUBROVNIK CITY TOUR

Enjoy Dubrovnik in all its' historic splendor with this excursion that takes you through the narrow streets and along the ramparts of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through the city and admire the Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary – a masterpiece of stone with an interior adorned with Venetian paintings. The town was given its original name "Dubraca", meaning "grove of the oak", by the Slavs. You will admire the Rector's Palace, seat of the government and residence of the Prince (Rector) of the Dubrovnik republic. The building was constructed in the late Gothic style by Onofrio de la Cava, an architect from Naples who also built the waterworks and the two public fountains in Dubrovnik. Continue with a visit to the Monastery of St. Francis which boasts a magnificent cloister; the Monastery also houses the oldest pharmacy in Europe, which opened in 1317. At the end of the walking tour you will have free time to explore the old city at your leisure before returning to the port.

Tue, July 8th: Corfù Arrival 8:00 AM Departure 1:00 PM

After Cephalonia, the island of **Corfu** is the most northern and second largest of the **Greek Ionian islands**. Corfu spells endless natural beauty and is an island of song and music, of unending inspiration, a compelling combination of the cosmopolitan and the traditional.

The island will leave vacationers with unforgettable memories and unparalleled images. Corfu has been written about by so many illustrious writers and poets who were drawn here by the island's spectacular natural beauty. Even Ulysses stopped at Corfu on his return voyage to Ithaca and visitors will still sense the ancient atmosphere of this unspoiled island, as though one could magically step back in time at any moment. Today, though, we have a more contemporary program of sights and tours to offer cruise guests.

There are many ways to spend your time off ship, and to ensure we provide something for everyone, you can choose from our great selection of excursions that offer the best deals on sightseeing and days out. Why not laze on a picturesque Ionian beach or take a panoramic island tour.



Wed, July 9th: Pireaus (Port of Athens) Arrival 9:00 AM Departure 6:00 PM

“Athens, the eye of Greece, mother of arts and eloquence” so wrote Milton in his poem *Paradise Regained*, and Athens truly is a city of ‘art and eloquence’.

Your MSC cruise ship will dock in the port of Piraeus, which serves **Athens**, the capital of Greece. 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.

Athens has always exuded a unique charm, its lively character seducing thousands of visitors every year. Street markets, vine-covered taverns, souvenir stalls and ancient monuments are all part of Athens, making it a unique vacation destination.

Included Tour - A VOYAGE TO ANCIENT GREECE

Meet your guide at the port and board the bus for a sightseeing tour through the main streets and squares of this historically important city. After reaching Athens city center, we will arrive at the famous Acropolis which towers imposingly 150 metres above the city; for thousands of years the Acropolis has been symbol of Athens and our tour will enable you to view the other masterpieces from Greece’s “Golden Age”. Prepare yourself to climb to the top of the Acropolis Hill (150 steps) to view the Erechtheum, the Temple of Wingless Victory and the symbol of the Greek nation: the Parthenon. The temple is dedicated to the patron goddess of Athens, Athena, and is the largest and most impressive temple of all Greece. We will continue the tour through the Acropolis pedestrian zone to the recently refurbished new Acropolis Museum. Here we will enjoy a full 1 ½ hours in the museum, where you can admire the statues, sculptures and marbles of the Parthenon with time for souvenir shopping before returning to the ship.

Thu, July 10th: Santorini Arrival 8:00 AM Departure 6:00 PM

Known as the Cyclades, these islands, of which **Santorini** (also called Thera) is the largest, are hugely popular with holidaymakers - indeed tourism fuels the islands’ economy. Santorini was formed as the result of volcanic activity 3600 years ago and part of a smoldering live volcano (the caldera) can still be visited today.

Step off your luxury cruise ship and discover a Greek paradise; beautiful Santorini, with its white-washed buildings, blooming flowers and azure seas is the Greece of holiday brochures and sunsets here are reputed to be among the best in the world!

The capital of Santorini, Fira, competes with the other main village, Oia, both of which are perched atop cliffs and ancient caldera hills. Bustling Fira has all kinds of shops, cafes and bars; whilst on vacation here be sure to sample some of the local wine made from the Assyrtiko grape and make a purchase of gold jewelry as Santorini goldsmiths are famous worldwide. Smaller Oia is equally charming and its black sand beaches are sure to tempt sun-worshippers.

Leave time to visit Akrotiri, which is known as ‘prehistoric Pompeii’ following a devastating ancient earthquake and is the most important prehistoric settlement in the Eastern Mediterranean. Whatever you choose, your excursion office can help you make the most of your day thanks to excellent excursions and great deals on top sights and attractions.

Fri, July 11th: Katakolon Arrival 8:00 AM Departure 2:00 PM

Katakolon is a small holiday port town in Ilia, in the western part of Greece. Katakolon is known as the ‘gateway to Olympia’ as it lies just east of the ancient city of Olympic, which was the birthplace of the Olympic games.

Katakolon really is a destination for everyone and all guests will come away with greater understanding of the ancient Hellenic civilizations.

After leaving your luxury MSC cruise ship, join us on an excursion package to Olympia and tour round the amazing stadium (capacity 40,000 spectators!) and the famous temples of the Greek gods Zeus, Hera and Apollo. It was only in the 19th century that European archaeologists first began excavating Olympia and a tour to this ancient destination is not to be missed, as it is exceptionally well preserved.

Enjoy the great deals on the extraordinary Olympia archaeological museum, which is the most important in Greece. Here you can view exhibits of pottery, bronzes, Roman sculptures, artifacts from the Olympic Games and terracotta sculptures dating from 480 BC.

At MSC we like to cater for everyone on board our ships, so our outings in and around Katakolon also leave plenty of room for shopping and relaxation, too; you can choose to simply relax at the nearby private Kourouta beach club and enjoy the age-old pastime of sun lounging!

MSC guests may also join us at a typical restaurant in Katakolon and take in a traditional Greek show of folkloric song and dance, providing lasting memories of your Greek vacation.

Sat, July 12th: Bari **Arrival 7:00 AM** **Departure 1:00 PM**

Situated in the 'heel' of the boot-shaped country that is Italy, **Bari** is famous for its beaches, old town and fabulous food.

An increasingly popular holiday destination, Bari is the commercial and administrative capital of Puglia as well as being a bustling university town. Bari offers much for the visitor to do and a fun day away from the ship with something for everyone, from families to couples looking for a magical romantic setting.

Included Tour - BARI CITY TOUR

This interesting tour of Bari gives you a chance to take a leisurely walk around the historical quarter of "Bari Vecchia" and its medieval architecture. A visit to the Basilica of St. Nicholas, which was built in honor of Bari's patron saint, is included. Founded towards the end of the 11th century A.D., the basilica has now been an important religious pilgrimage site for nearly a millennium. An exterior viewing of Bari's old Norman castle is also on the tour itinerary. You will have some free time to spend as you wish before the tour is rounded out with a quick trip around the city's modern district. The tour ends with your return to the ship.

Sun, July 13th: Venice **Arrival 9:00 AM**

Included Tour - GONDOLA TOUR & GUIDED WALKING TOUR

No visit to the romantic city of Venice could ever be considered complete if it failed to include a trip on a typical Venetian gondola, rowed by a traditional gondolier. To acquire a license to practice this old and venerable profession, a would-be gondolier must prove to have expert navigational skills, know the waterways inside out and be familiar with the city's history and landmarks. As you make your way from canal to canal, you can admire the beautiful bridges, the magnificent royal palaces and the typical narrow Venetian streets, called calli, from a unique perspective. The excursion includes free time in St. Mark's Square, home also of St. Mark's Cathedral, before a local guide takes you on an informative and comprehensive walk around the calli. The tour draws to a close with your return to your ship at the port.

After your tour, check into your hotel. Dinner on your own this evening.

Mon, July 14th Venice – Morning departure to Venice airport for your return flight to the USA.

Reservation Form

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