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THE OFFER

From the classical masterpieces of Florence to the chic streets of Paris and dazzling architecture of Barcelona; every corner of Europe has its own unique story to tell - all you need to do is listen. Experience these wonders and many more on this incredible 20 day land and cruise tour.

Tick off the iconic European cities of Paris, Rome, Florence and Barcelona, plus travel through the celebrated wine regions of Tuscany and Burgundy. View world-famous sights including Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, the Colosseum in Rome, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and so many more. Rub shoulders with the rich and famous on the French Riviera, wander the elegant canals of Venice, and gaze across scenic Lake Como, plus fall in love with the dazzling vistas of the Cinque Terre coast. As if this wasn't enough, set sail on a cruise of the West Mediterranean aboard the MSC Fantasia - a ship boasting a real stone piazza, chic restaurants, luxurious day spa, and more. This fantastic tour includes return international flights, 10 nights hotel accommodation on tour, a seven night MSC cruise through the West Mediterranean, 31 meals, private vehicles and more! If you've dreamed of seeing the many wonders of Europe, this once-in-a-lifetime trip makes it so easy.

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OCEAN VIEW CABIN

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BALCONY CABIN

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Day 1 Australia - Paris, France

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Paris, France! Fly with award winning airlines such as Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airways, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific to name a few (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Paris

Upon arrival transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy Paris.

Median Paris Porte de Versailles, Paris

Meals included: None

Day 3 Paris City Tour

Your experienced tour leader will be with you the whole day so you get more from this beautiful city. View Paris highlights including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Seine River bridges, Arch de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, and Place de la Concorde, plus visit the famous Saint Germain neighbourhood.

Median Paris Porte de Versailles, Paris

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Paris – Dijon City Tour – Fromagerie Gaugry (Approx. 315km day)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before starting the scenic journey south-east to the Burgundy region - famous for producing top quality wines. Arrive at Dijon and enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, taking in sights such as Notre Dame, the Place de la Liberation, and Cathedral to name a few. Continue to the famous Fromagerie Gaugry, where you have a wine and cheese tour and discover why their quality products are among the best in the world.

Hotel ibis Dijon Sud, Dijon

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Dijon – Lucerne, Switzerland – City Tour (Approx. 350km day)

Today you will travel eastbound from Dijon, passing through Mulhouse and Basel, and arrive in the city of Lucerne in the early afternoon. On arrival enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, which lies on the shore of Lake Lucerne. Enjoy views of the world famous wooden Chapel Bridge and Water Tower, the Musegg Wall, the Jesuit Church, the Mill Bridge, the Lion Monument and the KKL culture and convention centre.

Hotel Zum Hirschen, Lucerne

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Lucerne - Lake Lugano - Lake Como, Italy - Lomazzo (Approx. 195km day)

Leaving the beautiful city of Lucerne behind, continue north to Italy. En route see Lugano Lake at the Switzerland-Italy borders (approx. two hours). Enjoy a short visit of the vibrant city of Lugano, nestled on the lake's sunny north shore. This charming city offers visitors an array of restaurants and bars, plus the famous via Nassa shopping district which boasts of row upon row of boutiques and department stores. Continue to Como for a nice afternoon tour, starting from the lakefront and Piazza Cavour and continuing to Duomo, San Fedele church, the Broletto and Villa Olmo. This evening check-in at the hotel.

Just Hotel Lomazzo Fiera, Lomazzo

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Lomazzo - Verona – Venice (Approx. 326km day)

After breakfast continue onwards to Verona for a short stop to see Juliet's Balcony, inspired by the Shakespearean tale of Romeo and Juliet, and continue to the Venice area for the night.

Hotel Villa Stucky, Mogliano Veneto (Venice Area)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Venice Walking Tour

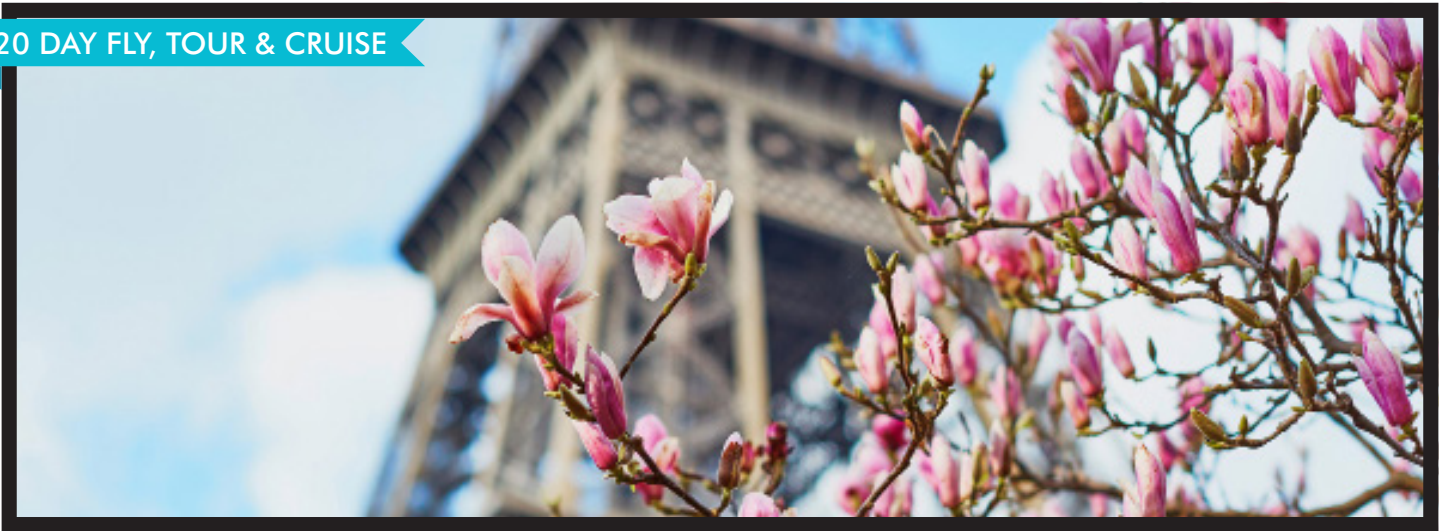
Enjoy a full day in Venice, beginning with a walking tour along to



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the canals. Exploring the cobbled laneways and grand squares, you'll soon understand why this city is considered among the most romantic in the world. See famous sights including the Rialto bridge, Doge's Palace, and St Mark's Clocktower, and take a vaporetto (waterbus) down the Grand Canal (vaporetto not included, approx. €7.50 per person/each way).

Hotel Villa Stucky, Mogliano Veneto (Venice Area)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Venice – Florence Walking Tour (Approx. 270km day)

Departing Venice, drive south-westbound to the picturesque Tuscany region. Its landscape, artistic heritage, and stand-out cities, chief among them the Renaissance city of Florence, make Tuscany one of the most picture-perfect regions of Italy. Enjoy a short walking tour in Florence, viewing among others Ponte Vecchio, Piazza del Duomo with the famous Santa Maria del Fiore Duomo and Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

B&B Hotel Firenze Novoli, Florence area

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Florence – Siena (Approx. 75km day)

In the late morning, drive to the hilltop town of Siena. It is a magnificent city of art with charming laneways, wards and towers, artisan shops and buildings. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this medieval town, before enjoying a group dinner at a traditional Ristorante-Pizzeria Malborghetto.

Hotel Moderno, Siena

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 11 Siena - Civitavecchia (Rome) - Begin 7 Night MSC Mediterranean Cruise (Approx. 183km day)

Enjoy the morning at leisure in this beautiful Tuscan town. Take the opportunity to see Piazza del Campo, the Duomo, Palazzo Pubblico and Torre del Mangia, before meeting back at the hotel to transfer to Rome's Civitavecchia Port (approx. a two-hour journey) to embark on your MSC cruise. The magnificent 'MSC Fantasia' will

depart at 7:00pm.

MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 12 La Spezia (Cinque Terre) - 7:00am to 7:00pm

La Spezia sits at the head of the majestic Gulf of La Spezia, an impressive area of islands and rough headlands. A major naval and shipbuilding centre, it has a fine art gallery, the Museo Amedeo Lia with probably the finest collection of medieval and Renaissance art.

MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 13 Genoa, Italy - 8:00am to 6:00pm

Genoa is marvellously eclectic, vibrant and full of rough-edged style - a great cruise excursion. The city was nicknamed la Superba, 'the proud one', thanks to its glorious past and impressive architectural landmarks.

MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 14 Cannes, France - 8:00am to 6:00pm

Cannes is the symbol of the French Riviera. With its immaculate seafront hotels and exclusive beach concessions, glamorous yachts and designer boutiques, Cannes is in many ways the definitive Riviera resort, a place where appearances count, especially during the film festival in May. The seafront Palais des Festivals is the heart of the film festival but also hosts conferences, tournaments and trade shows.

MSC Cruises – 'MSC Fantasia' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 15 Palma de Mallorca, Spain - 2:00pm to 12:30am

Palma is a vibrant coastal city, a world away from the heaving tourist enclaves of the surrounding bay. Finding your way around Palma is fairly straightforward once you're in the city centre.



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The obvious landmark to see in Palma is the Cathedral, which dominates the Mediterranean Sea waterfront and backs onto the oldest part of the city, a cluster of alleys and narrow lanes whose northern and eastern limits are marked by the zigzag of avenues built beside – or in place of – the city walls.

MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 16 Barcelona, Spain - 9:00am to 6:00pm

Barcelona – Spain’s second city, and the self-confident capital and port of Catalunya. No other city in the country can touch it for sheer style, looks, or energy. A cruise excursion to Barcelona city centre (not included) will take you to discover its world-class art museums and its fashionable designer restaurants, bars, galleries and shops. And in Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary church of the Sagrada Família and the world-famous boulevard that is the Ramblas.

MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 17 Ajaccio, France (Corsica) - 12:00pm to 7:00pm

Ajaccio is a relaxed destination with an exceptionally mild climate, and a wealth of smart cafés, restaurants and shops. The heart of the old town - a cluster of ancient streets spreading north and south of place Foch, which opens out to the seafront by the port and the marina - holds the most interest.

MSC Cruises – ‘MSC Fantasia’ ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 18 Arrive at 7:00am - Civitavecchia Port – Rome Walking Tour (Approx. 70km day)

The cruise ends this morning, docking back in Civitavecchia. Disembark by 9:00am. A tour representative displaying a TripADeal sign will be waiting for you at the port to drive you to Rome.

This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of Rome, the Eternal City. Heading to Rome’s centre, pass the Santa Maria del Popolo Church and hear tales of how the Emperor Nero was buried near

this church. Continue to the Spanish Steps, which lead elegantly down from the church of Trinita dei Monti, before taking a break by the Trevi Fountain. Continue with a stroll through Piazza Colonna, a stylish square considered by the ancient Romans as the centre of the city. Then, enjoy a photo opportunity at the world-famous Colosseum and Pantheon, a unique historic temple with sleek marble columns. Follow your guide through bustling Piazza Navona, typified by its ornate fountains, Baroque architecture and lively sidewalk cafés.

Holiday Inn Express San Giovanni, Rome

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 Rome, Italy - Australia

Today transfer to the airport for your flight home to Australia after one amazing trip-of-a-lifetime!

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 20 Arrive in Australia

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of France, Italy, Spain and Switzerland
- Explore Paris, Dijon, Lucerne, Lake Como, Verona, Venice, Florence and Siena
- Dock in La Spezia, Genoa, Cannes, Palma de Mallorca, Barcelona and Ajaccio
- See the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame on a Paris city tour
- Drive through the scenic Burgundy wine region
- Enjoy a wine and cheese tasting tour at the famous Fromagerie Gaugry
- Tour Dijon, capital of the historic Burgundy region
- See the famous Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, Switzerland
- Marvel at the beautiful Lakes Lugano and Como
- See Juliet's Balcony in Verona, inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
- Travel through the spectacular Tuscan countryside
- Discover the beauty of Venice and Florence on city tours
- Explore the UNESCO listed city of Siena, Tuscany
- Visit La Spezia on the stunning Cinque Terre Coast
- Soak up the sunshine in Palma de Mallorca
- Enjoy the Corsican sun and buzzing cafes in Ajaccio
- Explore colourful city of Barcelona, Spain
- Visit glamorous Cannes on the Côte d'Azur
- See the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain on a walking tour of Rome

FLIGHTS

- Return International flights (economy class) from SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

ACCOMMODATION

- 10 nights hotel accommodation on tour

CRUISE

- 7 night MSC Cruise through the West Mediterranean
- Sail aboard the spectacular 'MSC Fantasia' ship

DINING

- Enjoy 31 meals including a traditional Italian dinner in Tuscany

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour leader (Day 3 to 11)
- Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport and cruise transfers



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BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation email. You will also be directed to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete your Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by TripADeal's standard Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information

Please Note: all additional charges are payable direct to TripADeal (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 18th September 2018

Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of applies

- Interior Cabin: \$2000
- Ocean View Cabin: \$2400
- Balcony Cabin: \$2600

Departure Dates

Please refer to the TripADeal website for current departure dates

Surcharges

Please note: dates/months with a * incur a cruise high season surcharge of \$300 per person

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

FLIGHTS

Airline(s) Used

Air France, KLM, Finnair, Etihad Airways, Alitalia, Emirates, British Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air Berlin, Czech Airlines, Thai Airways, Korean Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Air China, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines, plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability)

Arrive early in Paris, France

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking

Stay behind in Rome, Italy

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$450 per person/each way

Solo Traveller: \$700 each way

Locations:

* Abu Dhabi

* Singapore

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- An outbound and inbound stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used
- Stopover packages are subject to availability

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: starting from *2899 per person
- Business Class: buy now for \$6499 per person

Please note:

- *Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded)
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration

CRUISES

Cabins

All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Paris (France): Median Paris Porte de Versailles
- Dijon (France): Hotel ibis Dijon Sud
- Lucerne (Switzerland): Hotel Zum Hirschen
- Lomazzo (Italy): Just Hotel Lomazzo Fiera
- Mogliano Veneto (Venice Area, Italy): Hotel Villa Stucky
- Florence (Italy): B&B Hotel Firenze Novoli
- Siena (Italy): Hotel Moderno
- Cruise: MSC Cruises: MSC 'Fantasia' Ship
- Rome (Italy): Holiday Inn Express San Giovanni

*Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality.

Please note, some hotels are not located in the downtown area. Due to this reason, we cannot guarantee that transportation



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will be made available if requesting to travel between locations during free time. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Paris, France (Pre Tour): \$260 per room including breakfast
- Rome, Italy (Post Tour): \$260 per room including breakfast
Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents
- Strictly valid for Children 8 years old and over
Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed

Triple Share

not available

Bedding Configuration

- Land: Double or Twin Bedding
- Cruise: Twin bedding
Please note: all bedding is subject to availability

Adjoining Rooms (Interconnecting Rooms)

Not available

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 44 per vehicle

Optional Tours / Activities

Customers wishing to do any particular sightseeing where entrance fees may apply, are strongly advised to book these tickets online in advance, in order to avoid the queues.
- Entrance Louvre Paris: Approx €15 (\$22 AUD)
- Entrance Doges Palace Venice: Approx €19 (\$26 AUD)
Please Note:
- prices are based on per person, are

subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate
- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line prior to travel (subject to availability)
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability)

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (No visa is required for Europe if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Gratuities/tipping
*Land: Recommended at €5 per person/day payable on tour
*Cruise: Mandatory at €9 per person/day payable onboard cruise
- Mandatory City Taxes: Approximately €23 per person in total payable direct to hotels on tour
- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)
Please Note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised with TripADeal

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE vs TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to

passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all TripADeal travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CRUISE:

Disembarkation usually begins 2 hours after docking. Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing. Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice. Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

COACH TOUR:

Meals:
31 meals in total are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants whilst on the land tour. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and offloading of their luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the



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tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is €5 per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour. The cruise involves a compulsory €9 per person per day payable onboard 'MSC 'Fantasia' ship.

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile. Please note; a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

VISAS

A Tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport

Please Note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required

INSURANCE

TripADeal is proud to offer a range of travel insurance products in partnership with My Travel Insurance.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

· Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

· Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

· If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider will apply.



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