

The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International invite you
to join us on board **MS Oosterdam** for the

2023 FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE
**MEDIEVAL CITIES OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN**

Barcelona, Provence, Cannes, Florence,
Rome, Naples, Sicily, Corfu, Kotor, Dubrovnik,
Trieste & Venice

A choice of 2 departures

27 May to 14 June 2023

11 to 29 September 2023



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The Medieval Cities of the Mediterranean holiday will be a wonderful opportunity to cruise from Barcelona to Venice through the Adriatic and Mediterranean Sea's. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours in the ports of call. Also included are special activities for members of the group. We hope that you can join us.

Fantastic Value
- nothing more to pay

The Travelrite escorted MS Oosterdam cruise represents amazing value. There are no extras; everything is included in the one great price!

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DAY 1 Depart Australia

Today we board our flights to Barcelona.

DAY 2 Barcelona, Spain

This morning we arrive at Barcelona airport. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and transferred to our hotel. We will have time to freshen up before an overview sightseeing tour of exciting Barcelona.

DAY 3 Barcelona, Spain

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide of Barcelona. We will see the historic cathedral and the beautiful streets of the Gothic Quarter as well as the modernist Eixample district and see examples of Gaudi's stunning architecture, including the famous Sagrada Familia. We will visit Parc Guell, which is a combination of architectural and landscape features with mature and natural looking plantings. The park was commissioned by Count Eusebi Guell in the 1890s. By 1914, Antoni Gaudi had completed the famous features that are most enjoyed by the park's visitors today. Among them is the grand iron-balustrade entrance, with its mosaic tile work on the walls and the imposing staircase dragon. This evening we have an included welcome dinner to meet the group members.

DAY 4 Embarkation

This morning is free for individual exploration. In the early afternoon we are transferred to the cruise terminal. Make sure that you are up on deck as the Oosterdam sails out of Barcelona and we commence our 'Medieval Cities of the Mediterranean' cruise.



DAY 5 Marseille, France

Today we arrive in Marseilles. We board our coach to travel to Aix-en-Provence, the old capital of Provence for a sightseeing tour. Aix is a graceful city known for its beautiful sandstone buildings. We will see the Old Town with its attractive 18th and 19th-century squares, many of them with attractive fountains in their centre. There will also be time to explore the many interesting shops and cafés.

DAY 6 Cannes

This morning we arrive at the city of Cannes. We travel to the fairy-tale principality of Monaco to Monte Carlo, most noted for its glamorous atmosphere, as it is considered Monaco's wealthiest district. We see the Formula One Grand Prix circuit, the cathedral (built in 1878) where Princess Grace is buried and the Royal Palace, home to Prince Albert 2. We will travel along the Grand Corniche, the most famous panorama road in the world, and see the spectacular French Riviera with its numerous beaches strung together as we head back to Cannes via Nice.

DAY 7 Florence, Italy

Today we travel to Florence for a walking tour of the great medieval city, capital of Tuscany. Home of Michelangelo and the Medici family, the city was the cradle of the Renaissance. During our walking tour we 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. There will be free time to explore Florence.

DAY 8 Rome

This morning we arrive in the port of Civitavecchia and travel by coach to Rome. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the 'Eternal City' and see the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, where group members can throw a coin and make a wish to return to Rome one day. In the afternoon we will return to the Oosterdam.

DAY 9 Naples

We arrive in Naples this morning and have a tour of the beautiful resort town of Sorrento, with its spectacular views of the Bay of Naples. We then visit the ancient, perfectly preserved ruins of Pompeii, a wealthy settlement of the Roman Empire, destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD. We will have a tour of the ruins with a local guide to see the Forum, the House of the Vetti, a well-preserved aristocratic villa and much more.



DAY 10 Taormina

Today we call in to the island of Sicily. We travel to the famous resort of Taormina, spectacularly located high on a 200-metre-high rocky outcrop, with views to Mt Etna. The town, founded by the Greeks, has an ancient theatre that also overlooks the mountain. Since the 18th century, Taormina has been a popular travel destination. We will walk around the medieval centre and see the Terrace Piazza IX April, with its views overlooking Mt Etna and the sea. We will visit Torre dell'Orologio, a restored 12th-century clock tower and the famous Ancient Greek theatre, founded in the third century BC and rebuilt by the Romans at the end of the first century – it is spectacularly sited with views of Mt Etna in the distance.

DAY 11 Day at sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon test your knowledge with fellow group members at Trivia.

DAY 12 Corfu, Greece

This morning we arrive in Corfu, the most northern island of the Ionian Group, lying at the entrance of the Adriatic Sea. On our tour today, we will visit Corfu Town with its unique architecture influenced by Venetian, French and British occupation. The most notable examples are the Old and New Fortresses (Venetian) as well as the Palace of Saint Michael & Saint George (British) which now houses an impressive Museum of Asiatic Art. We finish our tour at the Liston, Corfu Town's traditional meeting place. The afternoon is free for shopping or sightseeing.

DAY 13 Kotor, Montenegro

Today we sail up the picturesque Bay of Kotor, a submerged river canyon. A fantastic landscape is created by the overhanging limestone cliffs of Orjen and Lovcen. The town was founded by the ancient Romans in 168 BC and conquered by the Venetians in the 15th century. The port of Kotor was built by the Republic of Venice and is surrounded by impressive city walls. There are many attractive Venetian buildings in the town. We will have a morning tour to explore this interesting city.

DAY 14 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. It was founded by fugitives from the Roman city of Epidaurum during the seventh century. We have a comprehensive tour of Dubrovnik and see the impressive Fort of St John and the Sponza Palace, which was built in the 14th century as the Mint for the city.

DAY 15 Trieste, Italy

Trieste has a rich historical and cultural background that played a strong role for the economy of the Hapsburg Empire and later the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. On our sightseeing tour we see some beautiful Catholic and Orthodox churches and one of the most beautiful synagogues in Middle Europe, built in a Syrian style. We will see palaces of remarkable architectural value in Neo-Classical style and Italy's largest square overlooking the sea, Piazza Unità d'Italia. We will also visit the castle of Miramare, the residence of Maximilian from Hapsburg and his wife Charlotte from Belgium. Surrounded by a wonderful park of 22 hectares with rare botanical species, the castle is an example of a noble residence of the mid-seventeenth century. We overnight aboard the Oosterdam in Trieste

DAY 16 Venice

This morning we transfer to Venice and our hotel. Built on 117 islands, Venice was once the head of the Mediterranean empire. We will have two nights here to enjoy the canals, renaissance palazzos and of course, the fabulous food and wine from the Veneto region. The rest of the day will be free for individual exploration.

DAY 17 Venice

Today we will have a 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. The rest of the day will be free for individual exploration. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate our wonderful cruise.

DAY 18 Departure

This morning the group will be transferred to Venice airport for the flight back to Australia.

DAY 19 Arrival Australia

Tour members arrive back in Australia. The tour concludes.



Oosterdam is the second in Holland America Line's series of Vista-class ships. Launched in 2003 with a capacity of 1900 passengers she embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies and is the perfect, spacious, mid sized ship. The centerpiece of Oosterdam is a magnificent Waterford crystal globe, prominently displayed in the three-story atrium. She features an extensive use of crystal, marble, inlaid woods and brass, lovely flower arrangements, priceless artwork and antiques and a full wraparound teak promenade deck with padded deck chairs. Throughout the ship there are restaurants to suit every mood, from authentic Italian cuisine to a legendary experience at Le Cirque to a perfectly grilled porterhouse steak. Savor the many diverse restaurants and delicious menus inspired by the latest trends. Evenings on board brim with choices. Take in a thrilling show in the lounge, try your luck in the Casino, or sing along in the piano bar. Explore the varied gathering places to suit every taste. A highlight is the BB King' Blues Club. Direct from Beale Street, the B.B. King All-Star band brings the best of Memphis music to sea.

Clothing on board MS Oosterdam

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the restaurants. During the evening on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is required in the main restaurants. Casual nights require a collared shirt for gentlemen. The self-service restaurants are casual.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people up in twin-share cabins when available – saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day.

The advantages of the MS Oosterdam cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening dine with the group on our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time.

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TOUR 1: 27 May to 14 June 2023

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Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description		Deck	TOUR 1		TOUR 2	
			Twin Share	Single	Twin Share	Single
L	Interior	4,5,6,7	\$ 8990	\$ 11790	\$ 9290	\$ 12390
K	Interior	1,4,5,6,10	\$ 9090	\$ 11990	\$ 9390	\$ 12490
J	Interior	1	\$ 9190	\$ 12090	\$ 9490	\$ 12590
G	Obstructed Outside	4	\$ 9690	\$ 12590	\$ 9990	\$ 13190
F	Outside	1,6	\$ 9790	\$ 12690	\$ 10090	\$ 13290
E	Outside	1	\$ 9890	\$ 12790	\$ 10190	\$ 13390
DD	Outside	1	\$ 9990	\$ 12890	\$ 10290	\$ 13490
D	Outside	1,4	\$ 10090	\$ 12990	\$ 10390	\$ 13590
C	Outside	1	\$ 10190	\$ 13090	\$ 10490	\$ 13690
VD	Balcony	6,7	\$ 10590	\$ 14690	\$ 11190	\$ 15790
VC	Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 10690	\$ 14790	\$ 11290	\$ 15890
VB	Balcony	4,5,6,7,10	\$ 10790	\$ 14890	\$ 11390	\$ 15990
VA	Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 10890	\$ 14990	\$ 11490	\$ 16090
SY	Suite	5,8	\$ 12290	\$ 17890	\$ 12990	\$ 19190
SS	Suite	6	\$ 12490	\$ 18190	\$ 13190	\$ 19390
SC	Suite	6,7,8	\$ 13990	\$ 20990	\$ 14590	\$ 22290
Included port and handling charges			\$ 750	\$ 1142	\$ 750	\$ 1142
Included ship gratuities			\$ 220	\$ 220	\$ 220	\$ 220
Included air taxes as at 1/6/2022			\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

Extending: You can stay longer in Europe for minimal additional cost. Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.

Included in Medieval Cities of the Mediterranean Cruise

- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/ Brisbane/Perth to Europe
- Travel on MS Oosterdam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on MS Oosterdam
- Private group activities on board
- 2 nights' centrally located 4-star accommodation in Barcelona including breakfasts
- 2 nights' centrally located 4-star accommodation in Venice including breakfasts
- Sightseeing tours in Barcelona, Provence, Monaco, Florence, Rome, Naples, Taormina, Corfu, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Trieste and Venice
- Cruise management by Travelrite International
- Port and handling charges on MS Oosterdam
- Cruise taxes
- Air taxes as of 1 June 2022
- Onboard gratuities

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Gratuities when not on the ship

General information and booking conditions

International 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 COSTS: The tour costs are based on airfare, shipping, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rates at 1 June 2022. Travelrite International 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: A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the Holland America Line on line check in. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the Oosterdam fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before departure.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 day	50% of full fare
60 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 with six month validity. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended 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 20kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

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, Travelrite International 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS A10538) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these fly/cruises, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruises as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State

of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the Oosterdam cruise passage contract with Holland America, detailed on their web site <https://www.hollandamerica.com/>. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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