




Heavenly Adriatic Cruise

**ATHENS | KEFALONIA | DUBROVNIK |
KOTOR | BARI | CORFU | KATAKOLO**

AT A GLANCE

-  12 Days. Cruise liner docks daily.
-  Group Tour
-  All Meals on Board
-  Dubrovnik Excursion

FAMILY FRIENDLY

FUN CRUISE

PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

LOCAL CULINARY

CRYSTAL CLEAR WATERS

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TOUR DETAILS

PREMIUM PACKAGE

INCLUDED

- Flights to and from O.R Tambo International Airport
- All sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Plaka Hotel, Athens, 2 nights – Bed and Breakfast
- Exterior Cabin (either XBO or XD category)
- All Meals on Board
- Late-night snacks on deck
- All entertainment on board
- Daily Activities on board
- Transfers to and from Plaka Hotel
- Transfers to Piraeus Harbour from Airport
- Transfer to Airport to Piraeus Harbour
- Port charges and Gratuities
- Dubrovnik Excursion
- 250meg Wifi on board daily
- Soft drinks, beer and wine with meals

EXCLUDED

- Travel and Medical Insurance.
- Additional Services.
- Food & Drinks – not mentioned.
- Schengen Visa Expenses.
- Tipping.



PHYSICAL RATING – LEVEL 3

We encourage a decent level of fitness



ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART SA – MEALS ON FLIGHT (ALL)

▶ Depart OR Tambo Airport – Qatar Air – Flight QR 1364 at 11:55am – Layover in Doha.

★ Please try to sleep on board – we will hit the ground running as we land in Athens, to make the most of our 2 days there.

👤 Request please :

We have a long layover in Doha. Please check with your bankers if your credit card allows international lounge access. I suggest that we shower and freshen up at Doha airport, and then power nap on the short journey to Athens, after a meal. Please pack a change of clothes in your carry-on luggage.

DAY 2: ARRIVE ATHENS, EXPLORE THE CITY

▶ Arrive Athens – Qatar Air – Flight QR 211 at 08:30am.

▶ Transfer to the Plaka Hotel, Athens, store our luggage in holding area as check-in is only at 2:30, leaving us with free time to explore the city.

★ **Suggestion** – this is **your** free time, everything is optional.

▶ Visit the Acropolis, and Mars Hill. The cost for the Acropolis is approximately R600 and must be pre-booked. No cost for Mars Hill.

▶ Have lunch in the Plaka area – preferably on the go.

▶ Return to the hotel, be allocated to our rooms. freshen up.

▶ **I will be doing this – you are welcome to join me. Take the evening hop on hop off bus. Amazing photo's from the bus.**

▶ Walk up to Syntagma Square. See the tomb of the unknown soldier.

▶ Board a train up to Lycabettus Hill. Costs are approx. €2 each way.

▶ Lycabettus Hill – Take a trolley cart to the top in 3 min for beautiful views and a restaurant. You are also welcome to walk up or down. A one-way ticket is €9, and a roundtrip ticket is €12.

▶ Train back to the Monastiraki – Flea Market – Plaka area. Shop for souvenirs. 🍴 Have Dinner. I usually get a meal on the go.

▶ We return to hotel, for a shower and a good nights rest. Or for the energetic ones, you can stay out and enjoy Athens lively night life.

★ Take lots of pictures

DAY 3: LEISURE DAY IN ATHENS

🍴 Breakfast at the Plaka Hotel – This is a leisure day in Athens.

✳️ Option 1

▶ 1 day, 3 islands cruise – Visit Poros, Hydra and Aegina. Pick up and drop off point at Elektra Hotel at 7:15am, so have an early breakfast if you choose to do this.

Delicious lunch on board as well as light entertainment – Greek dancing.

★★ Highly recommended – a bit pricey at R2600 but well worth it. I will book for you – and take you to the drop off point, if the entire group does not join in.

✳️ Option 2

▶ Hop – On, Hop Off Bus in Athens – Costs about R300.

★★ In my opinion, a bit of a waste of time, sometimes the traffic is so dense in Athens, it is quicker to walk and enjoy the bustle of Athens.

✳️ Option 3 (The Group has agreed to do this)

▶ Lake Vouliagmeni: A scenic, swimming spot with warm, mineral-rich, turquoise waters. It is a former cave with a temperature of about 22°C Has Natural mineral springs, scenic rocky landscape, and amenities like changing rooms and showers. Taxi from Athens for 4 people – €28. Entrance about €20.



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DAY 4: CHECK OUT OF HOTEL- TRANSFER TO PORT - BOARD CRUISE - SAILAWAY PARTY (DINNER)

▶ After Breakfast, with packed bags we transfer to Piraeus harbour for check-in. The cruise ship sails at 13H00. Meet on Deck for the Sailaway Party. We meet for the safety drill after lunch.

🍴 After checking in and being allocated to your cabin, feel free to enjoy the facilities and shows on board.

DAY 5: KEFALONIA (GREECE) - ARRIVE 09:00 | DEPART 18:00 (ALL MEALS)

▶ About: Fir covered lands dotted with charming villages meet a sparkling coastline on Kefalonia, the largest Ionian island. See the Melissani Cave and the lake within. Or watch yachts jostle as you sip a drink and enjoy the sunset on the harbour of one of the fishing villages.

★ OnShore Excursions (not included - Additional cost)
The captivating Drogarati Cave is the perfect place to start your tour of the jewel of the Ionian Sea. Immaculate stalactites and stalagmites have stretched across this cave over hundreds of millions of years, leaving a beautiful trail of natural wonders to enjoy. Our next stop is the fabulous Cave of the Nymphs and the dancing colours of the Melissani Lake, where we take a rowing boat across the still waters of this cave where the ancient god Pan was worshipped.
fir-covered Aenos and sun-kissed views of the Koutavos Lagoon.

▶ Be sure to get back to the cruise liner in time for departure.

🍴 Enjoy a meal and entertainment on board while we set sail for Croatia.

DAY 6: DUBROVNIC (CROATIA) - ARRIVE 12:00 | DEPART 02:30 (ALL MEALS)

We have a leisure morning on the cruise liner today. Why not have a late breakfast, enjoy the jacuzzi or sauna.

📍 After lunch, we dock and enjoy **The Game of Thrones** locations tour. Our excursion takes us through the Old Town and up to key city forts that served as King's Landing.

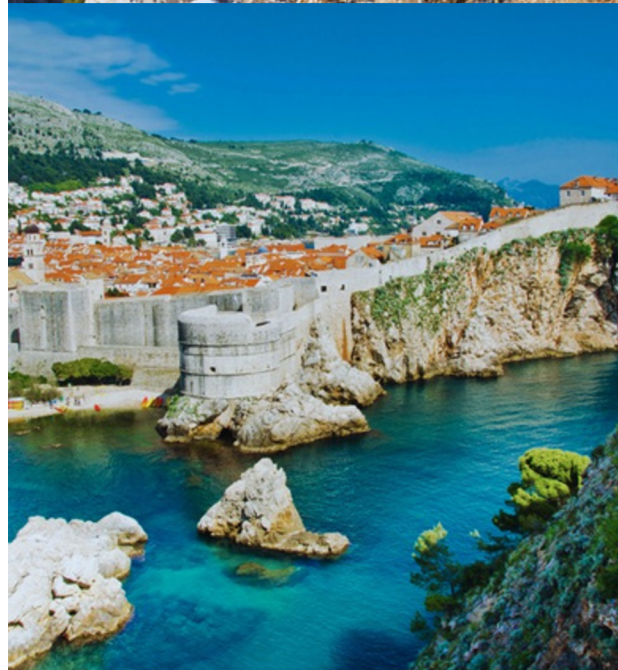
You'll see the Red Keep, the Jesuit Steps (Walk of Shame), and the Battle of Blackwater Bay. The tour involves:

- ▶ Exploring UNESCO-protected fortress walls and the House of the Undying's dungeon.
- ▶ Sailing along the Dalmatian coast on a replica of Daenerys's ship.
- ▶ Taking photos on the iconic Iron Throne.

▶ About: As we draw closer to Dubrovnik, all eyes will be on the towering city walls. Walk along them and enjoy the limestone streets, baroque architecture and the turquoise waters. Then head further into the city's myriad streets to soak up the atmosphere in seemingly endless bars, cafes and restaurants.

★ **Suggestion** : Take a 4-minute cable car ride to the summit of Mount Srđ for panoramic views of the entire region. It is the perfect spot to watch a spectacular sunset. We ascend to the top of Srđ Hill by cable car for incredible views of the city and the glittering turquoise of the Adriatic beyond. The war museum is the perfect place to explore exhibitions on the invasion of Croatia during the 1990s.
Cost €30 return for an adult.

🍴 Enjoy a meal and entertainment on board as we sail for Montenegro.



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DAY 7: KOTOR (MONTENEGRO) ARRIVE 08:00 | DEPART 17:00 (ALL MEALS)

We dock at 8am.

▶ About: Where red rooftops contrast with crystal blue waters and towering peaks. Kotor's spectacular bay is an awe inspiring backdrop to a medieval maze of stunning architecture, Venetian palaces, ornate churches, museums and squares sprinkled with cafes, bars and restaurants.

As agreed with the group, we will be doing a private excursion at this time. We will visit :

- ▶ The Blue Cave
- ▶ Mamula Island
- ▶ Our Lady of the Rock Island

The cost is €40 – you will pay the provider at the end of the tour.

We will meet our tour operator at 8:30am, so enjoy an early breakfast.

★ On Shore Excursion (Optional – at a cost) : When a town is two thousand years old like Kotor there are plenty of stories to tell, its ancient Roman beginnings; its Middle Ages struggle of ownership between Goths, Saracens and Serbians; its Venetian past. With a history like this, it's no surprise Kotor has got itself a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. And what better way to explore it than with a guided walking tour? In every stone of its timeworn walls, on every fresco painting and every hidden alley, you'll relive its glorious past. The old town centre is still really well preserved and the crisscrossed narrow streets and squares have monuments at every corner.

★ On Shore Excursion (Optional – at a cost) : The port of Kotor finds a home on the world's southernmost fjord – or the 'Bride of the Adriatic', as it's also known. As places go, it's beautiful. Think blue seas. A stony shore. Green mountains. All drenched in the heavenly scent of lemons, oranges, mimosas and camellias. And here's your chance to explore this gorgeous part of the world. First you'll stop at the mountain village of Njegoski to taste the region's delicious prosciutto ham and cheese. Stomach full, you're ready for Cetinje. Known as the 'Valley of Gods', it was once the smallest European capital and it's filled to bursting with beautiful buildings. Passing Cetinje, you'll continue your drive to Kotor via Budva – the most popular tourist destination on Montenegro's map. Your tour will end with a coach ride back to Kotor where you will have introductory tour of this unique town. Walk back to the ship at leisure.

▶ Be sure to get back to the cruise liner in time for departure.

🍴 Enjoy a meal and entertainment on board while we set sail for Bari.



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DAY 8: BARI (ITALY) – ARRIVE 08:00 | DEPART 17:00 (ALL MEALS)

📍 This morning after breakfast we start our day in Bari Puglia, Italy.

▶ **About :** Explore its ancient streets and marvel at its architectural wonders. Wander through the bustling local markets, enjoy the scent of freshly baked focaccia and the lively chatter of locals, offering a tantalising glimpse into the authentic Puglian lifestyle.

★ Top free experiences in Bari include:

- **Lose yourself in Bari Vecchia:** Wander the labyrinth of medieval cobblestone streets in the old town, where you can watch local women making fresh orecchiette pasta right on their doorsteps.
- **Visit the Basilica of San Nicola:** This magnificent Romanesque basilica houses the relics of Saint Nicholas (free to enter).
- **Stroll the Lungomare:** Walk along Lungomare Nazario Sauro, one of Italy's longest and most beautiful seaside promenades. The perfect spot for catching a Mediterranean sunset over the Adriatic Sea.
- **People-watch in the historic piazzas:** Hang out in the adjacent Piazza Mercantile and Piazza del Ferrarese. They are the pulsing heart of local life and feature historic landmarks like the 16th-century Column of Justice.
- **Visit the Bari Cathedral (Cattedrale di San Sabino):** This beautiful Puglian Romanesque cathedral is free to explore and features a stunning rose window and ancient crypt.
- **Relax at Pane e Pomodoro Beach:** Take a walk from the city center to Spiaggia Pane e Pomodoro, Bari's most popular urban beach. It is free to lay on the sand or swim in the clear waters.
- **Old Port (Porto Vecchio):** Head to the historic harbour to watch local fishermen haul their daily catch and play cards.
- **Walk the Old City Walls:** Climb the stairs near the Basilica of San Nicola for a scenic stroll along the medieval fortified walls, which offer great views of the sea and the old town.

▶ Be sure to get back to the cruise liner in time for departure.

🍴 Enjoy a meal and entertainment on board while we set sail for Corfu.

DAY 9: CORFU (GREECE) ARRIVE 08:00 | DEPART 17:00 (ALL MEALS)

▶ **About:** Corfu has a rich multi-cultural heritage, historic monuments, a stunning landscape, and a UNESCO Old Town with a mix of architectural styles.

Discover the most beautiful spots in the city of Corfu walking through Spianada, the largest square in the Balkans, is the centre of the city, adorned with 19th-century remarkable works of French architecture. Here you can watch cricket games, or attend in musical concerts organised throughout the year. Visit Liston, the city's trademark, where the aristocrats used to enjoy their evening promenades. Explore the smart suburbs Mandouki, Garitsa and Saroko.

★ Free things to do in Corfu :

- **Corfu Old Town:** Lose yourself in the charming maze of narrow, cobblestone alleys (kantounia) and grand Venetian architecture.
- **The Liston & Spianada Square:** Stroll down the famous, French-built Liston arcade and relax in Spianada Square, the largest public square in Greece.
- **Church of Saint Spyridon:** Visit this 16th-century church, a famous pilgrimage site that holds the relics of the island's patron saint.
- **New Fortress:** While the Old Fortress charges a small fee, the 16th-century New Fortress is free to enter, offering incredible panoramic views of the terracotta rooftops and Ionian Sea.

▶ Be sure to get back to the cruise liner in time for departure as we sail to Kataloko.



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DAY 10: KATAKOLO (GREECE) ARRIVE 08:00 | DEPART 15:00 (ALL MEALS)

▶ About: As you dock in the sleepy fishing village of Katakolo, you would never imagine the secret gem it guards. Nearby, the ancient city of Olympia bears a wealth of priceless artefacts and sculptures. Feel the awe that remains in the world-famous home of the Olympic Games. Here you also have the chance to unwind on a 50-mile sandy beach with crystalline blue waters.

★ Free things to do in Katakolon

- **Stroll Katakolon Port:** Wander the colorful, yacht-lined waterfront, watch the local fishermen, and browse local shops without spending a dime.
- **Relax at Plakes Beach:** Just a short 5-to-10-minute walk from the cruise port, this shingle beach features a laid-back vibe, clear waters, and grassy spots perfect for unwinding.
- **Hike to Katakolon Lighthouse:** Take a short, scenic hike up the hill behind the port to reach a working lighthouse built in 1865. It sits in a lush landscape with stunning panoramic views of the Ionian Sea.
- **Visit Agios Nicolaos Church:** Step into this picturesque, whitewashed Orthodox church in the village center to admire traditional Greek architecture and peaceful interiors

▶ Be sure to get back to the cruise liner in time for departure.

🍴 Enjoy a meal and entertainment on board while we set sail for Athens.

DAY 11: ATHENS (GREECE) – ARRIVE 07:00 | DEPART 08:00 (BREAKFAST)

This morning after breakfast, with passports and luggage in tow, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight home.

▶ See you on another exciting trip soon.

DAY 12: OR TAMBO (SOUTH AFRICA) – ARRIVE 07:00 | DEPART 08:00 (MEALS ON BOARD)

Arrive back home with a treasure trove of memories, bags of laundry, gifts, happy hearts, sore feet and a new circle of friends.

▶ Lets stay in touch as you share with friends and family.

IMPORTANT !! PLEASE NOTE

📌 The Cruise Liners excursions are all quoted in Euros or GBP.

I will leave the cruise liner everyday and use local routes, and buses, and perhaps shared taxis.

There are cheaper ways of seeing everything. You are welcome to join me, I will be sharing some of the plans prior to departure.



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