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GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE ITINERARY

**ATHENS | RHODES | KUSADASI
| CRETE | SANTORINI |
MYKONOS | MILOS**



AT A GLANCE



Days. Cruise liner docks daily.



Group Tour



All Meals on Board



International Flights from SA

FAMILY FRIENDLY

FUN CRUISE

PROFOUND HISTORY

LOCAL CULINARY

CYCLADIC ARCHITECTURE

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TOUR DETAILS

INCLUDED

- Flights to and from O.R Tambo International Airport
- All sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Interior Cabin Accommodation - to upgrade, email for a quote
- All Meals on Board
- Late-night snacks on deck
- All entertainment on board
- Daily Activities on board
- All airport transfers
- Port charges and Gratuities
- Knossos Palace Crete Excursion

EXCLUDED

- Travel and Medical Insurance.
- Additional Services.
- Food & Drinks - lunches.
- Visa Expenses.
- Tipping.



PHYSICAL RATING - LEVEL 3

We encourage a decent level of fitness as there is a fair amount of walking, somedays it will be 2-3 hours.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ATHENS – BOARD CRUISE

17:00 (DINNER)

📍 Arrive in Athens. Transfer to the harbour for check-in. The cruise ship sails at 17H00.

🚩 After checking in and being allocated to your cabin, check your itinerary for the safety drill instructions.

★ You are welcome to meet up on deck for the sail away party.

🍴 Feel free to enjoy dinner and shows on board.

DAY 2: KUSADASI (TURKEY) – ARRIVE 13:00 | DEPART 20:00 (ALL MEALS)

📍 This afternoon after lunch we start our visit in Kusadasi.

🚩 About: Kusadasi has been an important port for centuries, hosting a variety of civilizations and for a time some of the most infamous pirates of the Mediterranean. Sizzling beaches next to sparkling blue water, lively bars and a bustling Grand Bazaar add up to exciting times in this buzzing Turkish city, but above all, it is the chief point of entry to the magnificent ruins of Ephesus.

★ Suggested OnShore Excursions:

1. Ancient Ephesus and the Terrace Houses – Explore the ancient city of Ephesus, once a vibrant centre of commerce, art, and early Christianity, through a guided bus tour that showcases its iconic landmarks, including the Terrace Houses, Great Theatre, and Library of Celsus. Walk through the ruins to glimpse the opulent lifestyle of wealthy Romans and shop for local goods, all while soaking in the rich history of this remarkable city.

2. House of the Virgin Mary and Ancient Ephesus – Explore the ancient city of Ephesus, home to remarkable Greek, Roman, and Hellenistic architecture, on a half-day tour that includes a visit to the House of the Virgin Mary, a significant pilgrimage site. Wander through the impressive ruins of Ephesus, including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre, before shopping for local goods in Kusadasi's vibrant bazaar.

3. Adaland Water Park – A water world of adventure awaits guests at Adaland, something of a contrast with our more sedate tours. If a little adrenaline and excitement is what you crave, it's an experience tailor made for you. This is Turkey's biggest themed water park and one of the largest and best regarded in Europe. There are 10,000 square metres of slides, wave pools, waterfalls and rides with facilities and thrills for all age groups. The heart-stopping 'big rides' include the Screamer, Black Thunder and the Anaconda. The names say it all. At a more gentle pace, there are boat rides in the lazy river that stretches for 300m through the park and on Treasure Island younger visitors can slide through the 25m Pirate Tunnel or test their balance on the Lily-Pad Raft Walk. There are more than 20 family friendly rides, plenty to keep everyone busy. Also featured are the children's pool and slides jacuzzi pool, wave pool, activity pool. The little ones get their own separate areas.

There are also a number of unspoilt sandy beaches near the harbour to visit if you would like to swim.

🚩 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 Crete.



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DAY 3: RHODES (GREECE) – ARRIVE 08:00 | DEPART 18:00 (ALL MEALS)

📍 This morning after breakfast we start our day in Rhodes.

🚩 **About:** The stunning landscape of Greece's largest Dodecanese island, Rhodes, seamlessly incorporates dramatic ancient and historic sites with charming modern hillside villages. Here you will visit the majestic medieval fortification of the Acropolis at Lindos perched on the clifftop above the crystalline Aegean and explore the cobbled alleyways and narrow arteries in the Old Town where you will discover opulent architecture with Ottoman and Italian influence.

★ **Suggested OnShore Excursions:**

1. **Acropolis of Rhodes** – It dates from the Classical Greek period and sits proudly on the hill of St Stephanos. We wander through the ruins of the Hellenistic Temple of Apollo with its impressive columns. Below is the restored Ancient Stadium of Diagoras and theatre. We then head for Philerimos, one of the great tourist attractions of the island. The beautiful Monastery of Panagia Philerimos is located on a hill above lalysos, one of the three Rhodian cities that participated in the Trojan War. The Monastery, accessed by stone steps surrounded by Cypress trees, is dedicated to the Virgin Mary the Life-Giving Source and unusually is Gothic in style. It was built in the 15th Century by the Knights of St John. This is one of the most atmospheric and intriguing areas of Rhodes, where we delve into the very heart and soul of its history.

2. **Old City Tour** – We begin along the Street of the Knights in the Old City. It's one of the best preserved medieval thoroughfares anywhere. We will see the buildings that were home to the Knights, ranked by Order with the crests still in place today. The purpose of the Knights originally was to provide medical care for wounded crusaders but they soon became a military order and fought off attempts by the Ottomans to capture Rhodes (which they did eventually). The head of the Order was the Grand Master. We visit the splendid Palace of the Grand Master, the focal point and most important site of the Knights' Quarter. This magnificent structure is also called the Castello is a fine example of Gothic architecture. The Byzantine citadel was constructed in the 7th Century, the palace itself in the 14th Century. Where the palace sits today might have been the spot where once stood the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Our tour also takes in the Mosque of Suleiman the Magnificent, Turkish Baths, the Hospital of the Knights and the Church of Our Lady of the Castle, which has stood guard since the 11th Century.

3. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World once proudly stood here. He was the Colossus of Rhodes and is of course long departed, probably destroyed by an earthquake. Nevertheless as you arrive on this wonderful, historic island, you may just be able to imagine this statue of the Greek sun-god Helios in 280BC, standing 100 feet tall in celebration of Rhodes' victory over Cyprus. We travel first to Lindos, about 55km from Rhodes Town and high above the village sits the impressive Acropolis of Lindos with the Doric Temple of Athena, built in 300 BC. Captains' mansions constructed between the 16th and 18th centuries are dotted here and there and in the heart of Lindos is the Church of the Virgin Mary with lovely frescoes from the 15th Century. Back in Rhodes is where we are really immersed in the history of the island in the Knights' Quarter. We stroll through Gate d'Amboise to walk along the Street of the Knights and see where they lived, separated according to Order, their crests still visible today.

🚩 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 Crete.



ITINERARY

DAY 4: CRETE (HERAKLION) – ARRIVE 10:00 | DEPART 19:00 (ALL MEALS)

📍 This morning after breakfast we start our day in Crete.

🚩 About: Crete, the largest Greek island, is rich in history, myth, and natural beauty. It features the ancient Minoan palace of Knossos and mythological tales like the Minotaur. Present-day Crete offers vibrant markets, stunning beaches like Elafonissi, and a renowned cuisine. The island combines past and present to captivate visitors with its allure and charm.

🚌 Booked OnShore Excursion: We begin the tour with a scenic bus ride through the historic city of Heraklion, where you'll discover its proud Venetian heritage.

Stop at the iconic Koules Fortress, which stands proudly overlooking the harbour, followed by a visit to the Venetian Loggia, a 17th-century architectural masterpiece once used as an administrative and social centre.

We continue our journey to the Palace of Knossos, Europe's oldest city and the heart of the legendary Minoan civilisation. As you explore the ruins, immerse yourself in the history and myths of Daedalus, Theseus, and the Minotaur.

Walk through the Hall of the Royal Guard, the King's Chamber, and the Queen's Apartment, marvelling at the incredible art, architecture, and daily life of the ancient Minoan people.

In the afternoon you'll have free time in Heraklion to explore the vibrant streets at your leisure. You can visit the city's many museums, relax in busy cafes, shop at elegant boutiques, or take a walk along the fortified port, retracing the steps of its Venetian rulers.

In the city, visit some flea market stalls as well as The Morosini Fountain, adorned with intricate sculptures, is a vital historical landmark reflecting Heraklion's rich cultural heritage.

Sit beside the fountain in one of the many restaurants and enjoy a delicious crepe with a filling of your choice.

You can also visit some of the beautiful beaches and have a dip in the calm turquoise waters of the Mediterranean.

🚩 We will return to the cruise liner in time for departure.

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



ITINERARY

DAY 5: SANTORINI – ARRIVE 07:00 | DEPART 00:30 (ALL MEALS)

📍 This morning after breakfast we start our day in Santorini.

🚩 About: Santorini, a picturesque island in the Aegean Sea, is known for its stunning views, Cycladic architecture, and volcanic history. The island features iconic white buildings in Fira and Oia, with blue-domed churches and colourful doors. Its geological formation from a volcanic eruption adds to its allure, with a caldera and steep cliffs. Santorini offers adventure with an active volcano on Nea Kameni and culinary delights from locally sourced ingredients. Visitors can explore ancient ruins, volcanic beaches, and vineyards, experiencing a blend of history, beauty, and culture.

★ Suggested OnShore Excursions:

1. Spectacular Oia Village perched on the caldera rim – Begin by visiting the authentic village of Megalochori, known for its distinctive architecture, before passing through picturesque settlements like Kamari, Fira, and Imerovigli, with stunning views of the caldera and surrounding islands. The tour culminates in Oia, where you'll have time to explore its charming alleys, unique shops, and iconic cliffside architecture, including the captains' manors and Ammoudi at the foot of the caldera.

2. 4x4 Safari Adventure – This half-day 4x4 tour takes you off the beaten path through Santorini's rugged terrain, starting with the remote village of Akrotiri for stunning caldera views. You'll visit iconic spots like the island's oldest lighthouse, red-sand Vlychada Beach, black-sand Perissa Beach, and the Monastery of Prophet Ilias, finishing with a scenic stroll around the capital, Fira, perched high above the Aegean Sea.

3. The Essence of Santorini – This tour showcases Santorini's rich history, stunning beaches, and breathtaking beauty, starting with a visit to the Byzantine Church of Panagia Episkopi in Gonia. You'll explore the seaside village of Kamari, enjoy free time in Oia for wine tasting and scenic views, relax at Perissa Beach, and end the day in the capital, Fira, with its iconic clifftop location.

🚩 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 Mykonos.



ITINERARY

DAY 7: MILOS – ARRIVE 09:00 | DEPART 19:00 (ALL MEALS)

★ Suggested OnShore Excursions:

1. Nostalgic Milos – This full-day island tour of Milos begins at the stunning Sarakiniko Beach, where you'll explore its moon-like landscape and swim in crystal-clear waters. After visiting the charming village of Plaka and enjoying local sweets, you'll head to Kipos for a taverna lunch before cruising to Kleftiko for a swim in sea caves, ending with a refreshing dip at Gerondas Beach.

2. Step back in time – Milos, known as the "Island of Colours," offers a unique blend of natural beauty and historical treasures. This half-day bus tour takes you to the lunar-like Sarakiniko Beach, the fascinating Milos Mining Museum, and concludes with free time in the picturesque capital of Plaka, where you can explore its charming streets, colourful houses, and enjoy stunning views of Milos bay.

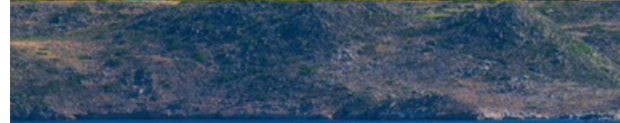
🚩 Be sure to get back to the cruise liner in time for departure.

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

DAY 8: ATHENS 07:00 – AIRPORT (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.



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