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COLORS OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN - GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE

Embark on a journey through the magic of the Aegean Sea. From the bustling port of Piraeus to the charming town of Monemvasia and the picturesque island of Milos, this cruise will take you on a journey through some of Greece's most beautiful and historic destinations. As you sail through the Aegean Sea, you'll have the opportunity to explore the ancient ruins of Rethymnon and Chios, stroll through the picturesque streets of Symi and Rhodes, and soak up the sun on the beautiful beaches of Nisyros and Mytilene. And when you're ready to relax and unwind, you can enjoy a leisurely day at sea as you take in the stunning views of the Mediterranean.



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DAY 1 PRE CRUISE

DAY 2 PIRAEUS

Greece's buzzing cosmopolitan capital is served by Piraeus port and is an exciting mix of ancient and modern. Walk the Grand Promenade that winds beneath the city's most famous landmark, the Acropolis. This walkway, built during the 2004 Olympic Games, links the city's main archaeological sites. No visit to Athens is complete without seeing the Acropolis itself of course. Start with the Acropolis Museum for some informative context and then walk the marble path up Filopappou Hill for

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majestic views of the 'high city' with the iconic Parthenon perched on top (a temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, patron of the city).

DAY 3 MONEMVASIA

On a small islet attached to the mainland, the preserved 6th-century medieval castle town of Monemvasia sits under a cliff at the edge of the sea. Ramble around the cobblestone alleys of this storied castle, before stopping for a rooftop lunch at one of the houses.

DAY 4 MILOS, ADAMAS

Adamas is a port town located on the island of Milos in Greece. Adamas showcases many ancient ruins and historical sites to explore. Some popular attractions include the Church of the Holy Trinity, the Catacombs of Milos, and the Ancient Theatre of Milos.

DAY 5 RETHYMNON, CRETE

First inhabited by the Minoans, the Venetians and then the Turks, this romantic port has seen many styles of occupation through the ages. The city's multicultural history is immediately evident as you begin exploring its enchanting lanes. Venetian fortifications intersperse orthodox and catholic churches and mosques. Ancient mansions with floral canopies and ornate monuments adorn the charming Venetian-Ottoman quarter. The harbour area offers an atmospheric setting for an evening meal, and just above the imposing Fortezza castle stands guard over the town. If you are feeling energetic, take a walk to the castle up Palekastro Hill for spectacular views of the sparkling Mediterranean below.

DAY 6 RHODES

Rhodes' archeologic crown jewel, is dominated by its remarkable Acropolis. The Apostle Paul landed in St Paul's Bay, located at the foot of the Acropolis. Further below old, whitewashed buildings line a warren of alleyways where the mansions of long-vanished sea captains now house tavernas, bars and cafes.

DAY 7 SYMI & MANDRAKI, NISYROS

Symi is a small island of the Dodecanese group between Rhodes and mainland Turkey. Its main village is considered one of the most beautiful and picturesque ports of Greece, with its houses in vivid colors perched on the slopes of a high hill. Popular attractions include the Monastery of Archangel Michael Panormitis, the Symi Museum, and the Castle of Symi. An enchanting city that divides two continents, we'll approach Istanbul from the Bosphorus Strait, one of the world's most important maritime routes. With the shores of Asia to the east, the first Bosphorus Bridge to the north and 'old Istanbul' to the south, few other ports offer such an immersive welcome. After disembarking, you'll soon discover that the city is a vibrant, inclusive and friendly place that blends its tradition and modernity with ease. The history here is diverse and far-reaching. The city's strategic location attracted many conquering forces over the years including the Greeks, Romans, Venetians and Ottomans. Istanbul was also the final point on the legendary Silk Road, attracting traders from the world over, and paving the way for the culturally diverse Istanbul of today.

DAY 8 PATMOS, PAMOS

Patmos, an Aegean island in the Dodecanese islands, is an important sacred site for Christian pilgrims. It is here that St. John, or John of Patmos, was believed to have written the Book of Revelations in the Cave of the Apocalypse, above the port of

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Skala. Visitors also walk to the top of the hill to the 11th-century Monastery of Saint John, which overlooks the picturesque white-washed capital of the island, Chora.

DAY 9 KUSADASI

Kusadasi is the gateway to Ephesus, one of the ancient world's most legendary cities. Remarkably well preserved, Ephesus is a UNESCO listed world heritage site and the best place in the Mediterranean to learn about past civilisations. A short distance from Ephesus, the Temple of Artemis (also known as the Temple of Diana), one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, once stood. Although the temple is no longer there, it is still possible to walk amongst its foundations. After the Romans arrived in 129 BC, Ephesus became the capital of western Asian Minor. Wander through its ancient streets and step back in time into one of Rome's most important commercial hubs.

DAY 10 CHIOS

Located in the beautiful Aegean Sea, Chios is the birthplace of the Greek poet Homer and is known for its incredible beaches and fascinating medieval villages. Pyrgi and Olympi stand out for their elaborate architecture and intricate geometrical patterns. When the Roman Empire fell, Chios joined the Byzantine Empire. Castles, villages and strongholds were built, most of which remain today. Chios remains largely untouched by mass tourism and walking through the narrow streets of the villages and along the harbour is an authentic, sensory experience.

DAY 11 MYTILENE, LESBOS

Mytilene is the capital of the Greek island of Lesbos. It is built on seven hills and is dominated by the Gateluzzi castle and the church of St Therapon with its impressive dome. Visitors can

enjoy The Commander of Lesbos Monastery, Olive Wood House, Mytilene Castle, Theriade Library and Museum of Modern Art, and Ktima Oinoforos.

DAY 12 CANAKKALE & CRUISING DARDANELLES

The culturally important seaport of Çanakkale is the gateway to the Dardanelles (known in classical antiquity as the Hellespont), which connects the Sea of Marmara to the Aegean Sea. Alongside the Bosphorus, these are the two historically significant and legendary Turkish straits. And there is no better way to explore this historical waterway than by small ship cultural cruising. Cruising into the Dardanelles we'll pass the site of ancient Troy (Biga Peninsula) and the Gallipoli Peninsula, the place of the epic World War I battle. The Dardanelles is the strait separating the Aegean Sea from the Sea of Marmara, between the European portion and the Asian portion of Turkey at the northeastern end of the Mediterranean basin. Cruising through Dardanelles is a unique experience that offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

DAY 13 ISTANBUL

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Itinerary changes and surprising experiences are part of expedition cruise life. The world has a habit of amazing us with incredible things when we yield to the unexpected. Join us with an open mind and a sense of adventure and you'll find that this can pay off in the most rewarding ways.



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PASSENGER CAPACITY:

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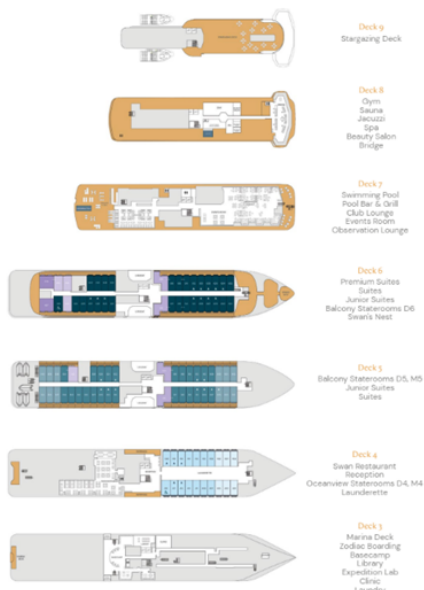
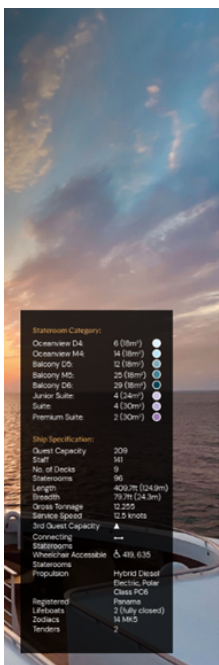
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