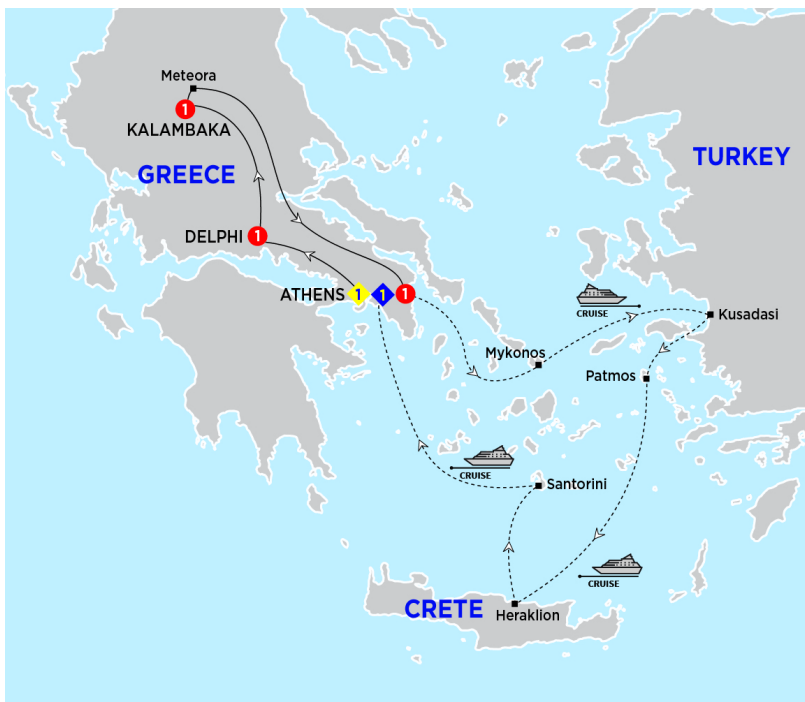


HIGHLIGHTS OF GREECE WITH 3-DAY AEGEAN CRUISE MODERATE C

8 DAYS, 6 CITIES

Travel back to a time of legends, gods and philosophers, as you journey from the ancient city of Athens to Crete, passing the Sacred Way at Delphi, mythical hilltop monasteries and the vibrant Aegean ports of Mykonos, Kusadasi and Santorini.



HIGHLIGHTS

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Athens
Sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist includes a visit to the magnificent Acropolis. View the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch
- Crete
Spend time in the port town of Heraklion
- Delphi
Visit the home of the Oracle and the Temple of Apollo with a Local Specialist
- Kusadasi
Visit the thriving Turkish port town
- Meteora
Visit one of the iconic rock monasteries with a Local Specialist
- Mykonos
Spend the evening exploring this lively island
- Patmos
Explore this idyllic island
- Santorini
Enjoy a relaxing evening in the cliff top town of Fira

DINING

- 7 Buffet Breakfast
- 3 Cruise lunches
- 4 Three-course dinners

UNBEATABLE FEATURES

- Audio Headsets Provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences
- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- Variety of Optional Experiences
- City orientation tours
- An expert Travel Director and a professional driver
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes

YOUR ITINERARY

1. ARRIVE ATHENS

Welcome to Athens. You are met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. After checking, spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring the city. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Meeting this evening.

2. ATHENS SIGHTSEEING – DELPHI

Your Local Specialist takes you on a morning sightseeing tour of Athens starting with a visit to the ancient Acropolis and the Parthenon, which is considered to be the most important building to survive from Classical Greece. View the Panathinaiko Olympic stadium, the Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a host of other famous sites including the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. This afternoon, leave Athens and travel north towards the stunning region of Mt. Parnassos for your overnight stay in Delphi.

3. DELPHI SIGHTSEEING – KALAMBAKA

Meet your Local Specialist this morning to tour Delphi and see the site of the most important oracle in the classical world. Walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo dating from the 4th century. It was here that, every four years, athletes competed in the Pythian Games, dedicated to Apollo and the arts. Drive this afternoon to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defence by King Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. Arrive later in Kalambaka, where you dine tonight at your hotel.

4. KALAMBAKA – METEORA – ATHENS

This morning, travel to Meteora, with your Local Specialist, and visit one of the largest and most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Greece, built on sandstone rocks above the town. Later, return to Athens.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Traditional Greek Taverna Meal With Entertainment

This is an evening excursion to a taverna in the centre of Athens. Enjoy excellent traditional Greek food in a lively atmosphere while being entertained by dances and music from all parts of the country. Wine, beer and soft drinks are also included. Although the venue does have an official ending time, guests are more than welcome to stay on in the taverna, to join in with the local residents! (Casual dress)

Enjoy a lovely dining experience at a wonderful restaurant located in the lively area of Psiri. Dining is “meze style”, giving you the opportunity to taste many Greek cuisine dishes, which are served in the centre of the table. Also enjoy the local free-flowing wine! Afterwards, see the Acropolis beautifully illuminated as you return to your hotel. (Casual dress)

5. EMBARK 3-NIGHT CRUISE – MYKONOS

Transfer to the port and cruise to stunning Mykonos. Spend time discovering this island paradise with its distinctive white-washed houses and maze of narrow cobbled streets before setting sail to Turkey.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Mykonian Countryside tour with Hora & Little Venice

The shore-experience with the coach and your local expert sets off from Chora. Next stop at the south, the leeward beach of Ornos, a picturesque fishing harbour which is a popular anchorage and then on to the small beach of Agia Anna and Kalafatis beach. During the trip back to Chora, you will visit the traditional village of Ano Mera and the monastery of Panagia Tourliani, founded in 1542. The pretty village square is perfect spot for a short break. Returning to Chora you will stop at Paraportiani. A few metres down you will meet the Mykonos Folklore Museum, which is housed in an old two-storied merchant baron's house. You continue towards the “Little Venice” of Mykonos, Alefkandra, with its windmills and the almost otherworldly sunsets.

6. KUSADASI – PATMOS

Arrive early in Kusadasi in Turkey and take in the incredible ruins of Ephesus, site of the famous Temple of Artemis, on your included shore experience. Continue your cruise to Patmos, where there is time to shop, relax on the beach or take an Optional Experience to the Monastery of St. John.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Patmos Countryside Tour with Hora And Grotto Of Apocalypse

We visit Patmos a UNESCO “World Heritage Monument” and enjoy a panoramic guided tour of the island, a magical visit to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, where it is said St John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation. We reach the medieval town of Hora to enjoy a leisurely walk, marvel at the views of the Monastery of St John the Evangelist, and culminate our tour at Scala the port of Patmos where we enjoy a welcoming coffee, tea or refreshment.

7. HERAKLION – SANTORINI

Wake this morning in Heraklion, on the island of Crete, and enjoy a complimentary shore experience visit to the Palace of Knossos. Continue to the spectacular volcanic island of Santorini, where you have the opportunity to visit the islands' spectacular Oia village.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Minoan Palace of Knossos - 1st European Civilization

The ancient city of Knossos the residence of the wise King Minos and the Minotaur, with constant habitation from the Neolithic era until the 5th century A.D., is beyond doubt the land that "gave birth" to the first civilization of Europe, the Minoans. The palace of Knossos spreads around a large Central Court. You will reach the awe inspiring Throne Room, the fresco of the "Prince of the Lilies", the imposing Grand Staircase, the Queen's Megaron. Walking through the apartments of Knossos Palace and observing the finds even as passers-by, and the information from your local specialist, will make you feel part of this cultural heritage. There is time for a stop in the city of Heraklion before boarding the ship again.

Spectacular Oia Village Perched On The Caldera Rim

Our drive through the crescent shaped island offers unsurpassable views of the lace-like caldera, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni. Our route takes us through Fira, the islands capital, past small traditional settlements of Firostefani and Imerovigli arriving at the beautiful and romantic village of Oia. Iconic Cycladic architecture of white washed houses, blue domed churches and blue shutters, buildings that look like they are trickling down the islands' cliffs await. Time at leisure in spectacular Oia, to stroll through the marble-paved alleys, to gaze at the gorgeous shops, find and capture perfect pictures moments. After our time at leisure, we return to the ship.

8. DISEMBARK – DEPART ATHENS

This morning, disembark from your cruise ship and transfer to the airport.

AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

DEPARTS	RETURNS	TWIN LAND ONLY	SINGLE LAND ONLY
11 Mar 2019	18 Mar 2019	1595 USD	1985 USD
25 Mar 2019	1 Apr 2019	1650 USD	2040 USD
8 Apr 2019	15 Apr 2019	1650 USD	2040 USD
15 Apr 2019	22 Apr 2019	1935 USD	2325 USD
22 Apr 2019	29 Apr 2019	1650 USD	2040 USD
6 May 2019	13 May 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
13 May 2019	20 May 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
20 May 2019	27 May 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
27 May 2019	3 Jun 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
10 Jun 2019	17 Jun 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
17 Jun 2019	24 Jun 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
8 Jul 2019	15 Jul 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
22 Jul 2019	29 Jul 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
5 Aug 2019	12 Aug 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
12 Aug 2019	19 Aug 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
26 Aug 2019	2 Sep 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
2 Sep 2019	9 Sep 2019	1795 USD	2185 USD
16 Sep 2019	23 Sep 2019	2095 USD	2485 USD
21 Oct 2019	28 Oct 2019	2045 USD	2435 USD

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