

## Greece with Cruise 3 day Cruise at Greek islands Jul 31 – AUG 6 , 2024

**Places visited: Athens, Mykonos, Kusadasi (Turkey), Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini**

### Jul 31: Athens

Arrival in Athens. Our assistant will be waiting you for the transfer from the airport to the Hotel. Take advantage of your assistant local tips and start a stroll through the center of Athens for a first taste of the city.

### Aug 1: Athens – City tour

The Athens city tour will be passing through the main highlights of the city. We start from Hadrian's Arch and continue visiting the Panathinaiko Stadium (also known as Kalimarmaro), which was originally built in 329 BC, and where the first Olympics of the modern era were held in 1896. We continue to the main square of the city named "Syntagma " square (Constitution), where the presidential guard is located. With its typical costumes, the so called" Evzonos " make the change of guard in front of the Greek parliament and the Tomb of the unknown soldier. After we continue the panoramic tour visiting the Neoclassical buildings of Athens such as the College, the library and the Academy, and finally we will visit Acropolis and Parthenon, this magnificent monument built in 447 BC during the golden age of Pericles dedicated to Goddess Athena. We will appreciate the Propylaea, temple of Athens Nike, Erechtheum and all its magnificent constructions. After Acropolis we will visit the Acropolis Museum, a building of a modern architecture, hosting the unique antiquities from the Acropolis.

Enjoy the free afternoon to discover the center of Athens around Acropolis, strolling through Monastiraki, Plaka and Thissio, enjoying the pleasant sites of the ancient city.

### Aug 2: Mykonos

In the morning check out from the Hotel and transfer to the port to board the cruise ship. First stop the wonderful island of Mykonos. The picturesque center of the island with its characteristic cobbled streets is called "Hora" and is the place where you can shop day and night, but also experience the famous nightlife of the island that lasts until sunrise. Late afternoon departure for Kusadasi.



### Aug 3 : Kusadasi and Patmos

First stop of the day Kusadasi (Turkey), known for the historic sites of Ephesus and Virgin Mary's house, besides famous beaches and the view of the Aegean Sea.

The second destination is the island of Patmos, world famous for hosting the monastery of St. John and the cave where the Revelation was written, which occupies a central role in the Christian religion. Besides its religious importance, the island has beautiful beaches and unique features being a favorite destination.

#### **Aug 4: Crete and Santorini**

The first destination of the day is Heraklion on the island of Crete, the largest island of Greece, where the Minoan civilization existed and the palace of Knossos which was the political and economic center of that time. Enjoy the morning to walk around the ancient city of Heraklion, with the old Venetian harbor, and enjoy the wide variety of restaurants and bars, where you can venture out and experience the typical Cretan cuisine which is the basis of Mediterranean cuisine. Or visit the Museum of Heraklion and see the famous Pheistos disc that with its mysterious symbols stamped on it conceals its meaning until today.

In the afternoon the last stop Santorini, famous for its spectacular views of the Caldera, the typical white houses with stunning views of the Aegean Sea. Around 1600 BC the island was the site of the Minoan eruption, which left a large crater named Caldera and was possibly the cause of the extinction of the Minoan civilization of Crete with a giant tsunami caused by the eruption. Another theory says that this was the origin of the legend of Atlantis. In the afternoon don't miss the famous sunset seen in the typical village of Oia (pronounced Ia), where the sun seems to sink into the blue of the Aegean sea.

#### **Aug 5: Athens**

In the morning arrival at Piraeus port, check out from the cruise ship and transfer to the hotel.

Free day in Athens. Start the morning experiencing a typical Greek coffee and explore the ancient and modern city. Walk the streets of the traditional neighborhoods of Plaka, Monastiraki and Thissio, where modern buildings blend with the old. Experience the spectacular Greek cuisine that is the basis of the Mediterranean diet and follow with a typical greek drink "ouzo" or a good Greek wine and discover the real nightlife that Athens offers.

#### **Aug 6 : Return**

At a designated time, transfer from your hotel to the airport.



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