



# BEST OF ATHENS & GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE

08 DAYS



TOUR DATE: 25 May, 2019

Twin Sharing price per person

C\$ **3899**

Single Supplement

C\$ **899**



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## TOUR LODGING INFO:

06 Night Hotel/Cruise + 01 Night on board flight

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	HOTELS
Athens	02 Nights	Titania Hotel
Cruise	04 Nights	Celestyal Aegean Cruises

(If any of the above mentioned hotels are not available we will provide a similar alternative)

## TOUR ITINERARY:

### DAY 01/SAT: EDMONTON DEPARTURE

Make your way to your gateway airport to board your flight to Athens. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Overnight onboard the flight.

### DAY 02/SUN: ATHENS (ARRIVAL)

Upon arrival in Greece's capital city of Athens today you will be met by our company representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Athens

### Optional: Half day sightseeing tour of Athens including Acropolis CAD 120 per person (On SIC Basis)

This tour starts with a short stop to Panathinaiko Stadium where the first Olympic Games took place in 1896. Continue with a panoramic drive passing by ex Royal Palace, Zappion Hall, Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus, National Temple of Hadrian Arch, St. Paul's church, Tomp of the Unknown Soldier, Schliemann's House, Catholic Cathedral, academy, University and National Library. Make our way to the archaeological site of Acropolis, an UNESCO's world heritage monument and visit Propylae, Temple of Athena Nike, Erechtheion with its porch of Maidens and of course the Parthenon. Continue with a pleasant short walk passing by herodion and Dionysus Theatre, in order to visit the Acropolis Museum. Main attractions such as votives, artefacts of every day life, statues from archaic period, Caryatids, and of course the Parthenon hall with the metopes, the pediments and the frieze will impress you.

### DAY 03/MON: PIRE PORT, ATHENS (EMBARKATION) - MYKONOS (B/L/D)

**Athens Cruise Departure:** 11.30 am

**Mykonos Cruise Arrival:** 6.00 pm | Cruise Departure: 11.00 pm

Today you will be transferred to the port in Pireasue to embark on a cruise that will take you out into the Aegean Sea to the beautiful island of Mykonos. Spend your evening at leisure exploring this magnificent island. Mykonos boasts splendid beaches, historic churches and quaint narrow streets laced with whitewashed houses, where artists and jetsetters alike mingle. Windmills give an extra romantic touch to this lovely island as do the open air tavernas, offering an array of Greek delicacies. It is truly an island paradise. Overnight on board

## TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation at listed hotel or similar
- 4-night accommodation in an Inside cabin on listed cruise line or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 04 lunches
- 04 dinners
- Port and Service charges on the cruise (including gratuities)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Transportation as per the itinerary
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Shore excursions in Kusadasi & Rhodes
- Unlimited standard alcoholic beverage package (under 18 years of age will receive a non alcoholic beverage package)
- International return flights from Edmonton
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All currently applicable taxes

### DAY 04/TUE: MYKONOS - KUSADASI - PATMOS (B/L/D)

**Kusadasi Cruise Arrival:** 7.30 am | Cruise Departure: 1.00 pm

**Patmos Cruise Arrival:** 5.45 pm | Cruise Departure: 9.30 pm

The first port of call today is the Turkish port of Kusadasi where you will participate in the Ancient Ephesus through the Ages - Hellenistic/Roman tour. The journey begins from Kusadasi to Ancient Ephesus along fragrant roads lined with olive trees. One of the 12 cities of Iona, this is a stunning marvel in the hills above the Aegean coast, one of the world's largest open-air archeological museums. Founded by the ancient Greeks circa 2000 BC. Ephesus was dedicated to the goddess Artemis, and its Artemision, a temple in her honor, took 120 years to complete and was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You can wander through the Odeon and the Prytaneion, then stroll between the marble colonnades of Curetes Street to visit Trajan's Fountain, Hadrian's Temple, the Scholastica Baths and the astonishing Terrace Houses. Nearby, where Curetes Street becomes Marble Street, is the spectacular Library of Celsus, which has been almost entirely reconstructed, and the Agora. Every step here takes you deeper into the Hellenistic, Roman and early-Christian eras; you'll notice inscriptions on many of the city's columns. The Great Theater of Ephesus, where St. Paul once preached, was carved into the side of Mt. Pion in the 4th century BC. Before returning to the cruise time permitting you will be able to walk through the Covered Bazaar in Kusadasi. where, you will be able bargain for jewellery, Turkish carpets, cosmetics or leather products at the little shops. The cruise will then sail on to the Greek island of Patmos, where you will have the option to visit the Monastery and Grotto of St. John, where he lived and recorded the Book of the Revelation. After the tour, you will re-join your cruise ship in time for a delicious dinner. Overnight on board

### DAY 05/WED: PATMOS - RHODES (B/L/D)

**Rhodes Cruise Arrival:** 7.00 am | Cruise Departure: 6.00 pm

Early this morning call in to the magnificent island of the roses for the Medieval tour - Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights. On

this half-day walking tour you will explore the city's medieval history and the fascinating story of the Knights of St. John. We will walk among two centuries of Knights' history in Rhodes as we explore the Street of Knights. At the top of the street we will enter a world of architectural and political might, as we visit the impressive, Gothic-style Grand Master's Palace, the seat of power during the occupation of the Knights of St. John. We will end our walking tour with free time in Rhodes' Old Town, giving you the chance to enjoy a refreshment, take photographs or search for the best souvenir from magical Rhodes. Overnight on board

**DAY 06/THU: RHODES - CRETE (HERAKLION) - SANTORINI (B/L/D)**

**Heraklion Cruise Arrival:** 7.00 am | Cruise Departure: Noon

**Santorini Cruise Arrival:** 4.30 pm | Cruise Departure: 9.30 pm

Today's first port of call is the Cretan port of Heraklion, where you will have the opportunity to participate in an optional tour to the Palace of

Knossos, to visit the center of the Minoan Civilization. The ship will sail on this afternoon to the most breathtaking island, Santorini, believed to be the lost continent of Atlantis. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure exploring the island. Overnight on board

**DAY 07/FRI: PIRAEUS - ATHENS DISEMBARKATION - ATHENS (B/-/-)**

**Cruise Arrival:** 7.00 am

After breakfast on board, disembark in Piraeus and transfer to your hotel in Athens. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Athens.

**DAY 08/SAT: ATHENS - EDMONTON DEPARTURE (B/-/-)**

After breakfast you will be transferred directly to Athens International Airport for your onward flight.

**END OF OUR SERVICES**

