



## Discover Ancient Greece and Venetian Republic - 15 Days (#17308)

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### Overview

Saturday Arrival

### Trip Highlights

Athens, Kalambaka, Ohrid, Tirana, Tivat, Dubrovnik, Elaphiti Islands, Slano, Mljet, Korčula, Biševo, Vis, Vvar, Stari Grad, Trogir, Np Krka, Split

### Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1 Athens – Arrival, Saturday (D)





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On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is free. Meet your fellow travellers tonight at a Welcome Taverna Dinner in the Plaka beside the Acropolis.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

#### Day 2 Athens, Sunday (B)

See the highlights of Athens this morning on a sightseeing tour. This cosmopolitan and bustling capital city is set amid reminders of a long and a glorious past: graceful temples, centuries – old monasteries and ornate Byzantine churches. Visit the immortal Acropolis, the Parthenon, said to be the most perfectly proportioned building of all time, Also, see the Erechtheum with the Porch of the Maidens, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Wingless Victory. Below the Acropolis lies the Ancient Agora and the Theatres of Dionysus and Herodes Atticus. Your afternoon and evening are free.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3 Athens – Kalambaka, Monday (B, D)

Your first stop this morning is Delphi, where the famous Oracle once foretold the destiny of men. The temple of Apollo in which the Oracle functioned, was built in the 6th century B.C. Also see the Sacred Way, the Stadium, and the Castilian Fountain, where pilgrims cleansed themselves in preparation for consulting the Oracle. Visit the Archaeological Museum of Delphi, which contains an impressive collection of finds from the site, including the beautiful “Bronze Charioteer”. We continue to Kalambaka.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 04

#### Day 4 Kalambaka – Ohrid, Tuesday (B, D)

After breakfast, admire the fantastic landscapes of Meteora, known as “the rocks that fell from the sky”, where monks built their rock – top monasteries far away from civilization. Out of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit’s cells, only four are now active. The most important is Megalo of Great Meteoro, of peculiar architecture with its tall and intricate dome, twelve sides and fine frescoes. Continue across the border to North Macedonia, and on to Ohrid.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



## Day 05

### Day 5 Ohrid – Tirana, Wednesday (B, D)

The lakeside resort of Ohrid is an important cultural and spiritual centre, classified as UNESCO's World Heritage site. Start morning sightseeing with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the old town. Visit the Cathedral of St. Sofia, containing some magnificent frescoes from the 10th century. In the early afternoon we travel to Tirana, capital of Albania.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 06

### Day 6 Tirana, Thursday (B)

On this morning sightseeing tour, see Sheshi Skenderbej (Skanderbeg Square) the Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero; the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, and the National History Museum with a mosaic on its façade portraying Albanian history. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring on your own, shop, or simply relax.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 07

### Day 7 Tivat, Friday (B, D)

After breakfast we leave Tirana towards town of Shkodra, nowadays a major cultural center. Shkodra was the center of the Illyrian tribe Labeat and was taken by the Romans in the year 168 B.C. We will see of the Rozafa Castle, magnificently situated on a rocky outcrop of limestone high above the city, before we cross the border to Montenegro and drive to Tivat. Dinner and overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 08

### Day 8 Dubrovnik, Saturday (B.WR, D)

After breakfast we leave Tivat towards town of Dubrovnik, where embarkation starts from 2pm. Enjoy Welcome Reception followed by a dinner that evening. Overnight onboard in Dubrovnik.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner





**Day 09**

**Day 9 Dubrovnik - Elaphiti Islands – Slano (Oyster Tasting), Sunday (B, L, T, CD)**

Start the day with a walking tour of Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of Adriatic”. Walk through Stradun – both a street and a square, the most famous place inside the town walls, enlisted as UNESCO’s World Heritage site, where your guide will show you the most interesting sights of Dubrovnik and visit the Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy. After returning to ship enjoy the magic scenery as the ship cruises around Dubrovnik city walls to continue to one of the Elaphiti islands for a swim stop. Afternoon arrival in Slano, a peaceful fishermen’s village and our starting point to Ston, situated on Peljesac peninsula and once fortified small village famous for its oysters. Peljesac peninsula is known as one of the best wine-producing regions in Croatia. After exploring the town, we leave to a small nearby village to enjoy the authentic local oyster tasting. Overnight and Captains Dinner on board in Slano.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 10**

**Day 10 Slano – Mljet National Park – Kor?ula, Monday (B, L)**

In the morning we head north to the Island of Mljet. Join the Cruise Manager for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park. Continue our cruise towards the Kor?ula Island, best known as a birthplace of Marco Polo. Afternoon arrival in Kor?ula followed by a guided walking tour of this enchanting town surrounded by walls, which is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Mediterranean. Overnight in Kor?ula where you can enjoy a gourmet experience at the multiple restaurants and bars.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 11**

**Day 11 Kor?ula – Biševo – Vis, Tuesday (B, L)**

Early in the morning we sail to small island Biševo to visit the Blue Cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon. Possibility of our visit will depend on weather conditions, however you will be notified of this on time. Cruise towards the island of Vis once a strategic naval Yugoslav base and restricted to the public. Due to this isolation, Vis has a special charm – “the Mediterranean as it once was” making it interesting to visit. Taste some exquisite wine sorts in one of the Vis traditional wineries. If interested, visit the remains of the Roman thermal place, City Museum or simply take a walk to enjoy the views. Overnight in the port of Vis.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch



**Day 12**

**Day 12 Vis – Hvar – Stari Grad, Wednesday (B, L)**

In the morning head further towards Hvar, the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic, with a swim stop and lunch on board. Afternoon arrival in Hvar town followed by a tour of the town - visit the many historical sights of the town, such as St Stephen's Square, the largest piazza in Dalmatia and the main town square, see St Stephen's Cathedral, the first public theatre in Europe, renaissance-style loggia and its clock tower, the Franciscan monastery. Above Hvar Town is the impressive fortress Fortica/ Spanjola offering magnificent views over the bay and Pakleni islands. After the tour set sail towards Stari Grad on the island of Hvar, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Overnight in Stari Grad.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 13**

**Day 13 Stari Grad – Trogir (Krka National Park excursion), Thursday (B, L)**

Early morning departure to the old Dalmatian town Trogir. Trogir is sometimes referred to as “miniature Venice” or a “mini-Dubrovnik” because of its ancient walls, or a “floating museum town” - as it has a masterful architecture including some stunning Venetian palaces. Afterwards, you will discover the beauty of the Krka National Park and the small access port of Skradin where the flora and fauna are exceptional. Overnight in Trogir.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 14**

**Day 14 Trogir – Split, Friday (B, L)**

In the morning join tour of Trogir with a local tour guide. Set sail to Split with a stop along the way to swim and relax, if weather permits, with lunch on board. In the late afternoon we arrive at Split to spend the night. Arriving in Split, join a guided tour of the city, visit the seafront promenade and Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace. The historical center of the city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your evening is free in Split.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 15**

**Day 15 Split – departure, Saturday (B)**





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After breakfast it's time to disembark. You will be transferred to Split airport for your flight home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Inclusions

Arrival shared transfer from Athens Airport to hotel and departure shared transfer from Split port to Split Airport on the first and the last days of the tour.

Breakfast daily and 5 dinners.

Service charges and hotel taxes.

Luggage handling (1 pc per person).

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach.

Professional English-Speaking Tour Director throughout. Licensed Local Guides.

Complimentary whispers with sightseeing tours.

7 nights cruise from Split to Dubrovnik.

Supreme category ship in a cabin with private facilities, A/C & TV.

Daily buffet breakfast.

6 lunches (3 course meal and salad bar).

Welcome dinner and Captain's dinner with live music during cruise.

Water dispenser during cruise.

Complimentary coffee, tea, and fresh fruits available daily during cruise.

Professional English-speaking Cruise Manager throughout.

Whisper technology.

Daily cabin servicing, fresh bed linen and towels midweek during cruise.

Luggage handling.

One beach towel per person per week.

Complimentary Wi-Fi on board.

#### SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

Professional English-speaking guide for sightseeing tours of Athens, Kalambaka, Ohrid, Tirana, Kotor.

Entrance fees to Diocletian's Palace, Franciscan Monastery and Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik; Acropolis, Temple of Apollo, Archaeological Museum of Delphi, Megalo of Great Meteoro, Cathedral of St. Sofia, the National History Museum, Rozafa Castle.

City tours of Split, Trogir, Hvar, Kor?ula and Dubrovnik.

Guided tour and entrance to Krka National Park and Mljet National Park.





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Oyster tasting in Ston.

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Drinks, extra meals.

Port tax AUD 145 per person (to be paid by on board).

All other entrance fees not mentioned in the inclusions.

### Note

#### HOTELS USED OR SIMILAR

ATHENS: Stanley (F)/ Titania (F) or similar

KALAMBAKA: Grand Meteora (F) or similar

OHRID: Hotel Granit (F) or similar

TIRANA: Hotel Colosseo (F) or similar

TIVAT: Palma Hotel (F) or similar

#### SUPPLEMENTS (OPTIONAL):

Additional beach towel AUD 17 per person on request.

Entrance to Blue Cave to be paid on the spot.

Private car transfers available on request (Vehicle transfers are not available in the pedestrian areas).

#### DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (LOWER DECK CABIN ON A SUPREME BOAT)

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B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner, WR-Welcome Reception, CD-Captain's dinner, T-Tasting

### Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

### Fixed Departure





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First Class Hotels

AUD 7,248 P P twin share

AUD 10,581 P P single

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