



The Mysterious Cyclades and Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean Sea (#18165)

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Overview

Visit the beautiful Greek islands. Discover ancient Greece on an exciting trip to Athens and its Acropolis. Discover contrasts in Syros, the trendiest island in the Cyclades. Stop off at medieval Rhodes and take in the splendid landscape and picturesque villages in Santorini. The last stop will be Milos and its awesome volcanic terrain and spectacular beaches. What not to miss: Amorgos and its dramatic cliffs plunging into the emerald-colored sea—the backdrop for Luc Besson's 1988 film *The Big Blue*.

Trip Highlights

ATHENS - SYROS - AMORGOS - RHODES - SANTORINI - MILOS - ATHENS

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01**DAY 01: ATHENS**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner on board. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Meal: Dinner

Day 02**DAY 02: ATHENS**

This morning, the optional excursions are:

- **CLASSIC:** Athens and the Acropolis. The Acropolis in Athens sits majestically on a rocky outcrop overlooking the dense city below. The complex has had many uses, including a military base, housing for nobles, and religious center. Although it has been destroyed and rebuilt many times, today's restored and preserved ruins stir our imaginations as to the former splendor of famous buildings such as the Parthenon, Propylaea, Erechtheion, and the Temple of Athena Nike.

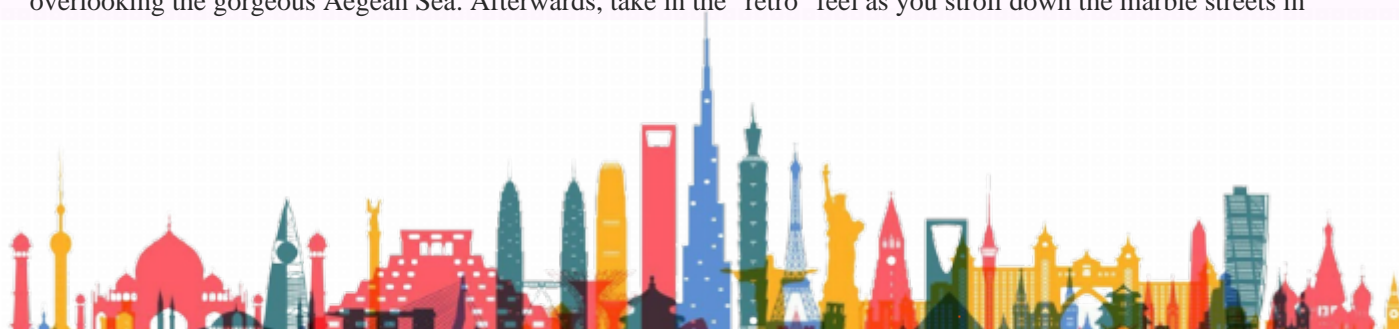
- **DISCOVERY:** The Kaisariani Monastery. This beautiful Eastern Orthodox monastery sits in the forest at the foot the Mount Hymettus, right outside of the city. The verdant slopes of Mount Hymettus are a haven from the hustle and bustle of Athens, especially in the hot summer. Monks first built the monastery in the 11th century over a shrine to the goddess Aphrodite. The frescoes on the ceiling of the church are a fascinating study of Eastern Orthodox art. We'll follow the trail through the garden to the small church above, a grotto-like chapel sanctuary covered from top to bottom with icons and religious objects.

After you return on board, LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE will cast off and head for the Cyclades. With a cocktail in hand, take advantage of the views from the Sun Deck. Later, there will be a presentation in the lounge. Spend this time catching some rays on the Sun Deck or taking part in the proposed onboard activities. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 03**DAY 03: SYROS**

This morning, the optional CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion is: Trendy Syros. Syros is home to contrasts in color and architecture. We'll head to the magnificent city of Ano Syros to take in the Venetian charm and Cycladic architecture overlooking the gorgeous Aegean Sea. Afterwards, take in the "retro" feel as you stroll down the marble streets in



Ermoupolis. The City Hall, designed by Ernst Ziller, sits majestically in the main square. Enjoy some free time on your own before heading back to the ship.

The ship will cruise the Aegean Sea in the afternoon. The legends and myths surrounding this beautiful body of water date back to Ancient Greece and we still enjoy them today—from The Odyssey to Atlantis. Take part in our onboard presentation.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 04

DAY 04: AMORGOS

This morning, the optional CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion is: Amorgos, the backdrop to The Big Blue. The first stop will be the monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa to take in the beauty of the cliffside structure and its panoramic view of the sea. Built over a millennium ago to house a precious Virgin Mary icon, the monastery can only be seen from the sea—as a bright white monolith clinging to the cliff hundreds of feet above sea level. We'll climb the 269 steps to the monastery, where we'll enjoy the monks' hospitality of a few Turkish delights and a glass of Raki or water. Our next stop will be Agios Georgios Valsamitis, a monastery built in the 8th century on the site where locals found an icon of Saint George. In ancient times, the site was a temple with a famous oracle who was almost as revered as the Oracle of Delphi. Pilgrims traveled to hear her in hopes of finding lucidity and responses to their questions. To wrap it all up, enjoy some time on your own in picturesque Chora, the island's capital.

We'll then cruise through the Dodecanese towards Rhodes. The archipelago is a fabulous vacation area known for its medieval architecture and celestial beaches.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 05

DAY 05: RHODES

This morning, the optional CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion is: Medieval Rhodes. Rhodes is famous for gorgeous beaches and awesome weather, but it is also jam-packed with history, especially noteworthy medieval tales. The island is home to one of the largest medieval centers still thriving today. Don't miss this opportunity to enter the city walls and wander the labyrinth of streets. The fort, bastion, walls, gates, minarets, old homes, fountains, and peaceful squares are as if King's Landing has come alive. You'll visit the Kos Town Castle at the entrance of the harbor. The Knights of Saint John built the fortress and stronghold we see now during their rule from 1314 to 1522.

The optional excursions this afternoon are:



- **CLASSIC:** Lindos. We'll cross the island to visit the charming fishing village of Lindos. For many tourists, the natural landscape, astonishing views, and impressive archaeological site are second to none in the islands. As we walk the streets towards the Acropolis, you'll see ruins from the variety of civilizations who have called this island home. You'll have a superb view of the whitewashed village against the yellow rock and blue sea below from the top of the hill.

- **DISCOVERY:** Kick back at Tsambika Beach (sunlounger and umbrella rental included). Spend the afternoon in a little corner of paradise. Swim in the turquoise water and catch some rays on the pristine beach.

Tonight's meal and entertainment will have genuine Grecian flair!

Our ship will cruise through the night.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 06

DAY 06: SANTORINI

We'll spend the morning cruising the Aegean Sea through the gorgeous Cyclades, known for its gorgeous beaches, white and blue architecture, and traditional lifestyle.

This afternoon, the optional **CLASSIC/DISCOVERY** excursion is: The legendary island of Santorini (travel to and from the island will be done in rowboats). Jacques Cousteau once set sail for Santorini in search of the mythical island of Atlantis. The volcano shaped the land into what we see today, and it remains one of the greatest attractions. The volcanic caldera extends over a large part of the island and even plunges into the sea. You'll enjoy a panoramic tour to see the different landscapes and visit iconic sites, such as Profitis Ilias Mountain. Stroll down the labyrinth-like cobblestone streets in Oia, a stunning whitewashed village. The gorgeous village of Fira, perched on the edge of a high caldera that faces west across the sea, will be our last stop. We'll watch the sun set slowly along the horizon as the colors change to fiery orange, purple, and pink hues.

This evening, we'll enjoy a Greek dinner on the Sun Deck. Tonight's entertainment is the warm air and nature's grandeur as the sun sets.

Our ship will cruise through the night.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 07

DAY 07: MILOS



Take advantage of some free time in the village of Adamantas, on Mios, this morning. Everything slows down on vacation, so enjoy a leisurely stroll along the small streets or indulge in a treat at a café facing the harbor.

The optional CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion this afternoon is: Historic Tour of Milos (approximately 6 hours). This panoramic tour will take you to all of the must-sees on the island, where you'll learn about its history and culture. Don't miss the moonscape atmosphere at Sarakiniko Beach or the ancient Roman Theater set on the hillside, offering splendid views of the bay. Klima is a beautiful fishing village with dazzling colored homes. And lastly, enjoy a bit of free time strolling the streets in Plaka, the island's historic capital.

Our ship will cruise to Piraeus Harbor overnight. Tonight is our festive gala evening.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 08

DAY 08: ATHENS

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

The cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the wine lists or drinks from the bar) - accommodations in double-occupancy cabin with shower in private bathroom - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard multilingual host/hostess - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

Exclusions

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

Note



*Price based on double occupancy.

Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request).

Ships available for this cruise - MV La Belle de l'Adriatique

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

No shore excursion on the non listed days (Rates available on request).

Valid passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- An exceptional itinerary through the cradle of Greek civilization
- The Cyclades, a Greek Eden in the Aegean Sea
- The enchanting Dodecanese archipelago
- THE MUSTS:
 - Athens and the Acropolis, symbol of ancient Greece(1)
 - Syros, capital of the Cyclades(1)
 - Cosmopolitan Rhodes(1)
 - Beautiful Santorini(1)
 - Milos and its spectacular scenery(1)

THE GGTS DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

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Fixed Departure



22 May, 2024

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05 Jun, 2024

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