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## HIDDEN GREECE: UNEXPLORED GREEK ISLANDS

Let us show you our home, off-the-beaten path. These 10 stunning island destinations offer a more nourishing side of Greece, a taste of true Greek culture. These are places where people take pride in offering hospitality - in line with the ancient custom of filoxenia, love of strangers - and where things are done with meraki, love and soul. A cruise voyage unraveling the most authentic Cycladic and Dodecanese islands of Greece. Discover unknown gems with rich history, incomparable light, translucent water, and heavenly beaches. Whether Greece has always been on the top of your bucket list or whether you are returning for yet another visit, Greece is a magical land with an endless supply of beauty and knowledge, so be prepared to experience it all with new eyes.



## **ITINERARY**

Day 1 (Friday) Athens, Marina Zeas (Piraeus) - Cape Sounion

Embark at 2:00-3:00 pm, on this unique trip part of Variety Cruises Limited Collection Voyages and set sail for the most authentic and unexplored Greek islands! Our first stop is the nearby Cape Sounion, where we will enjoy our sunset cocktails and welcome dinner al fresco under the ancient Greek temple of Poseidon. Overnight at sea to the island of Ikaria.

## Day 2 (Saturday) Ikaria

In the morning, we stop for a refreshing swim at the Seychelles beach of Ikaria island, accessible best by yacht. Enjoy the

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translucent blue waters and bright white pebbles covering the sea bottom. BBQ lunch on board and our ship docks in Ikaria's quaint port. Ikaria is an island-phenomenon unlike anywhere else in Greece or the world. People here live much longer than the population on other islands and on the mainland. In fact, people here live on average 10 years longer than those in the rest of Europe and America. Join our tour discovering authentic villages that march to a different drummer, enjoy a hike in wild landscapes followed by a dip in one of the eight natural thermal springs. Or join a cooking class in a family's country home, kitchen and garden in an ancient village for a personalized experience cooking and learning about life and the secret to the inhabitants' famed longevity in Ikaria, the Blue Zone Greek island. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure, or at one of the village

#### Day 3 (Sunday) Patmos - Lipsi

traditional fairs.

Early morning sailing and arrival in Patmos, an island revelation with a touch of the divine. Surrender yourself to the mysticism and tranquility of the island of the Apocalypse. Morning discovery of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Grotto and Monastery of St. John and the historic centre of the medieval town of Chora, filled with grandeur and serenity. Patmos has been frequented by intellectuals, artists, royalty and discerning visitors from all over the world. Small and secluded yet spectacular all the same, it is the "Jerusalem of the Aegean". Afternoon sailing to Lipsi island, a time capsule of authenticity in the Dodecanese. Lunch al fresco and swimstop in one of the glittering necklace of 24 islets await, protected by the Natura 2000 network making an ideal refugee for the shy Mediterranean Monk seal. Evening at leisure to enjoy the setting of the local harbour at sunset, and a seaside dinner with home-cooked traditional recipes made of local produce. Overnight in Lipsi.

### Day 4 (Monday) Kalymnos

Early morning sailing to Kalymnos with a swimstop on the way. Kalymnos is a hidden gem island for those who crave simplicity and authenticity. Home of the famous sponge divers, this island in the Dodecanese is ideal for modern-day adventurers with 1,300 market hiking routes to be explored. Join our tour to engage with the locals harvesting sponges and producing about 30,000 sponges annually, witness the numerous species of sponge and the various stages they go through before reaching the market. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy a hike or marvel at the Esperidon fjord, perhaps the most beautiful fjord in Greece. Overnight in Kalymnos quaint port.

## Day 5 (Tuesday) Levitha - Amorgos

The ship sails towards the white and blue Cyclades. Enjoy a stop at Levitha island, inhabited by a family of four, raising animals. In the summer the family also runs a small but spotless restaurant for the visiting yachts. They grill to perfection fresh fish and meat. Enjoy a hike on one of the island's goat paths. On top of the island there is an abandoned World War II Italian outpost. Midday sailing to Amorgos, the island of Luc Besson's "Big Blue". Mellowed with traditions, firewater and laid-back villages, Amorgos will make you forget the 20th century, never mind the 21st. Enjoy an afternoon with locals learning how to

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make the island's famous "Psimeni Raki", a local homemade liquor with the flavor of honey and clove made since ancient times on Amorgos. Evening at leisure to enjoy the breathtaking medieval capital, situated 400m above sea level. Overnight in Amorgo's quaint port of Katapola.

## Day 6 (Wednesday) Amorgos - Koufonissia - Iraklia

Our early morning discovery will take us to the impressive monastery of Chozoviotissa built in 1088, inside the rocky cliffs of the mountain. We will visit monks' cells which are open to visitors and contain important heirlooms and artifacts. We are offered a glass of Psimeni Raki and a local sweet while we enjoy magnificent views of the Aegean. Return on board for a short sail to the Small Cyclades: enjoy a swim in Koufonissia, take out the ship's Kayaks and Paddle boards to explore sea caves only accessible by yachts. Afternoon scenic cruise around the nearby island of Schinoussa before we reach Iraklia, a tiny hidden island gem in the midst of the Aegean. Part of the Natura 2000 network of natural habitats, it enchants with the superb views offered by its mountainous footpaths, the variety of its coastline and its own, unique sights.. There is no supermarket on the island, and deliveries come by ferry from the nearby island of Naxos. Evening at leisure to enjoy the true laid-back greek island life. Overnight in port.

## Day 7 (Thursday) Serifos

In the morning we reach Serifos, a quintessentially Cycladic island of brilliant light, clear water and steadfast traditions. Enjoy a swim in one the island's remote beaches accessible

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best by small ship. Barbecue lunch on board, followed by an afternoon stroll to explore the island's picture-perfect "Hora" castle-village. Join our tour to a local winery offering unobstructed views to the Aegean, or get creative in the island's ceramic studio where you can master the basics of pottery, and bring as gifts back home. Farewell dinner reminiscing all the hidden gems of Greece. Midnight sailing back to Athens.

#### Day 8 (Friday) Athens - Marina Zeas (Piraeus)

Morning arrival in Marina Zeas, Piraeus. Disembarkation after breakfast at 9:00 am.

### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



# YOUR SHIP: CALLISTO

YOUR SHIP: VESSEL TYPE: LENGTH: PASSENGER CAPACITY: BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The elegant Motor Yacht Callisto is an elegant vessel that was fully refitted in 2015\. This classy Motor Yacht has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings, and has also sailed along the most interesting coastal sites of Europe, North and West Africa. The M/Y Callisto is of the "boutique" category of cruiser, and offers the highest standard of accommodation, comfort and safety. The yacht's public areas are homely and generous, decorated with rich fabrics, handsome woodwork, gleaming brass, antiques and fine works of art. During the day, life on board centres around the indoor and outdoor areas including the Upper deck lounge/bar and dining room as well as the cosy Library located on the Sun Deck. The lounge/bar and dining room on the Upper deck are connected by the gallery, displaying exquisite art and adding to the overall feeling of elegance and style. In the evening you can relax in the ship's lounge, enjoy a drink overlooking the stars or relax with a book in the library with its wraparound windows. The spacious lounge and bar area on the Upper Deck is surrounded by large picture windows and opens onto the Sun Deck. The yacht features two broad Sun Decks for sunbathing and the swimming platform on Callisto's stern enables you to swim off the ship when in sheltered bays.

Callisto

Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel



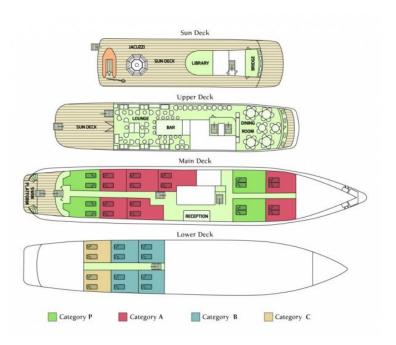
crew members.

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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



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Category C

Category P

Category B





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31-May-2024 to 07-Jun-2024		26-Jul-2024 to 02-Aug-2024	
Category C	£2571 GBP pp	Category C	£2571 GBP pp
Category B	£3096 GBP pp	Category B	£3096 GBP pp
Category A	£3569 GBP pp	Category A	£3569 GBP pp
07-Jun-2024 to 14-Jun-2024		02-Aug-2024 to 09-Aug-2024	l -
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Category A	£3569 GBP pp	Category A	£3569 GBP pp
21-Jun-2024 to 28-Jun-2024		16-Aug-2024 to 23-Aug-2024	L
Category C	£2571 GBP pp	Category C	£2575 GBP pp
Category B	£3096 GBP pp	Category B	£3099 GBP pp
Category A	£3569 GBP pp	Category A	£3569 GBP pp
28-Jun-2024 to 05-Jul-2024		23-Aug-2024 to 30-Aug-2024	L
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Category A	£3569 GBP pp	Category A	£3569 GBP pp
05-Jul-2024 to 12-Jul-2024		13-Sep-2024 to 20-Sep-2024	L
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Category A	£3569 GBP pp	Category A	£3569 GBP pp
12-Jul-2024 to 19-Jul-2024		Category P	£4045 GBP pp
Category C	£2571 GBP pp	Owner's Suite	£5995 GBP pp
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20-Sep-2024 to 27-Sep-2024		Category C	£2615 GBP pp
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Category B	£3185 GBP pp	18-Jul-2025 to 25-Jul-2025	
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13-Jun-2025 to 20-Jun-2025		Category A	£3655 GBP pp
Category C	£2615 GBP pp		
Category B	£3185 GBP pp	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	Port Charges. From 320 EUR
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