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AEGEAN AND ADRIATIC ODYSSEY (ISLAND SKY)

Come with us to some of the greatest ancient sites and charming islands as we make our way through the Aegean and along the Adriatic coast aboard the MS Island Sky. Our journey is perfectly timed to take advantage of the gentle temperatures and for us to witness the islands and coast at their springtime best. Wild flowers, lush scenery and an absence of high season crowds will all contribute to make this a memorable journey. From Istanbul, our journey to Venice includes the picturesque islands of Delos and Mykonos in Greece and Mljet and Hvar in Croatia, the fascinating ancient sites of Ephesus and Delphi, the stunning beauty of Montenegros Kotor Fjord and the historic and scenic wonders of Dubrovnik. This heady mix of islands and ports is certainly one of our most fascinating itineraries combining as it does some must see sites together with little known and rarely visited places that are perfectly suited for the MS Island Sky.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - London to Istanbul, Turkey.
Sail this evening.

Day 2 - Canakkale.

Arrive this morning at Canakkale where there will be a choice of excursions. There will be a full day tour to the Gallipoli Peninsula where you can see the many tunnels, trenches and memorials that remain as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the First World War. Alternatively, embark on a half day Gallipoli Peninsula experience, then later this afternoon, travel to the ancient city of Troy, the location of the legendary Trojan War and the famed Wooden Horse that was the downfall of this remarkable city. Visit the towns fascinating museum, which houses an interesting collection of Trojan artefacts, as well as a fascinating range of ancient fossils.

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Day 3 - Lesbos, Greece.

Spend the day in Mytilini, the capital of Lesbos. Admire the once grand 19th century mansions, the jumbled ancient streets, and the imposing Byzantine castle. This evening there will be an exclusive after hours tour of the Museum of Olive, where we will enjoy a delicious dinner and folk dancing performance.

Day 4 - Kusadasi for Ephesus, Turkey.

From the port of Kusadasi on Turkey's Anatolian coast, we will drive to the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, a stunning and partially excavated site where digging has been taking place for over a century. Broad streets are lined by impressive buildings including the library of Celsus and the temples of Serapis and Hadrian.

Day 5 - Delos & Mykonos, Greece.

Today we visit two of Greece's most picturesque islands. We will start the day in Delos which though the smallest of the Cyclades, was once the political and religious centre for the whole of the Aegean. Birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, it boasted an oracle second only to that of Delphi. After some time spent exploring the island we will sail to Mykonos for a gentle walking tour of the town followed by some free time to soak up the atmosphere, explore a little further independently or take the opportunity to relax on one of the many stunning beaches.

Day 6 - Athens.

Awake in the enchanting capital of Greece this morning, where there will be a choice of guided tours. Alternatively, gourmet lovers can delight in a Greek cooking class.

Day 7 - Corinth Canal & Itea.

This morning your ship will traverse the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like ours which can now make this journey. This afternoon arrive in the Greek port of Itea and set off on an excursion to the sacred site of Delphi, one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity with exceptional ruins.

Day 8 - Otranto, Italy.

After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive in the Italian port town of Otranto in the heel of Italy. Here, choose between a guided city tour of Otranto which was once an ancient Greek colony and later a Roman port or a visit to the historic town of Lecce. Often referred to as the Florence of Southern Italy because of its wealth of architectural treasures, Lecce's Roman heritage is evident in the amphitheatre which was built to accommodate 20,000 spectators. Return to the ship for dinner as we sail towards Kotor in Montenegro.

Day 9 - Kotor, Montenegro.

Cruise the stunning fjord of Kotor Bay in Montenegro. Upon arrival in Kotor, enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town followed by some time at leisure. Those feeling energetic may like to climb the 1350 steps to the top of the town's fortifications, or alternatively, delve into history at the Maritime Museum, gaining insight into the surrounding fortifications that were constructed during the Venetian period.

Day 10 - Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Arrive today in Dubrovnik the pearl of the Adriatic where you will have a choice of sightseeing activities. Perhaps embark on a cable car ride to the top of Srd Mountain to take in sublime vistas, or alternatively learn about the city's walls on a guided tour.



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Day 11 - Mljet and Korcula.

Arrive in Mljet, one of the most secluded Adriatic islands. This afternoon wander the cobbled streets of Korcula's old town. Said to be the birthplace of Marco Polo, Korcula boasts crooked Medieval streets, and elegant squares which are flanked with palaces of the old nobility.

Day 12 - Hvar and Split.

Today explore the stunning island town of Hvar. The guided walking tour begins with a visit to the 15th-century Franciscan monastery and museum and will also include the old town and the opportunity to shop for lavender wares. This afternoon we sail to Split where our guided tour will include the Diocletian's Palace, one of the most famous buildings on the eastern coast of the Adriatic. The palace is today a bustling mini-city that serves as a residential and commercial hub. We will moor overnight.

Day 13 - Split and Sibenik.

Enjoy a free morning in Split before sailing to the historic town of Sibenik over lunch. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour including St. James's Cathedral.

Day 14 - Senj.

Our base today is Senj from where we can travel to the stunning Plitvice Lakes National Park, the oldest national park in southeast Europe. Famous for its beautiful cascading waterfalls and lakes, it is an enthralling piece of wilderness. Enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch in the national park, as you listen to the soothing sounds of the waterfalls. After a guided tour we will embark on a panoramic train ride to take in some of the world's most sublime vistas.

Day 15 - Venice, Italy to London.

Disembark the MS Island Sky after breakfast



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

With a maximum passenger capacity of only 116, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers- the friendly crew of 75 crew and Scandinavian captains are experienced mariners, having been in service aboard large 2000 plus passenger vessels and who now prefer a less frantic life aboard a small ship. If, like them and us, you prefer a more peaceful life at sea, you will find the MS Island Sky the perfect ship. When choosing the vessel for your next voyage of discovery, you can select a ship with endless entertainment and impersonal service or come with us where peace, high quality service and attention to detail are the order of the day. We promise there will be no organised entertainment, fancy dress, deck games or any of the usual big ship experiences. The atmosphere on board is more akin to a private yacht or country hotel. A little music in the lounge or bar after dinner, guest speakers, informative port briefings from our cruise director and of course good food which may be enjoyed leisurely in the attractive dining room. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well run and exceedingly

comfortable ship. Your Suite Onboard there are 57 exceptionally spacious and well designed suites. All feature a sitting room area and some have private balconies. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and all suites have outside views. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD player which can also play CDs and a telephone in each suite. Bottled water, towelling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted toiletries and individually controlled air-conditioning and heating. The suites on each deck have their own colour theme. Soft hues and blended tones enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be. Your Space The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large lounge where daily briefings and talks will be provided throughout the voyage and an elegant bar where a pianist plays periodically throughout the day. The bar also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. The onboard library is the perfect place to relax with a book and is stocked with reference books pertaining to the places the vessel is visiting along with a selection of games and two computers with internet access. Daily newspapers and magazines are also placed in the library depending on local availability. There is

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also WI-FI access throughout the vessel. Outside there is a rear sun deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade, a bar and comfortable deck furniture for sun bathing or relaxing with a book. On the top deck there is a Jacuzzi and further observation and sun deck. There is also a small hairdressers on board with appointments made on request. Your Dining Another benefit of a small ship is the quality of the cuisine. With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the galley is able to provide delicious meals. Where possible and when it meets his high standards, the chef will obtain local produce in markets or buy the catch of the day from a passing fishing boat. Such purchases enhance the well stocked larders and bring a local touch to the



varied menus.

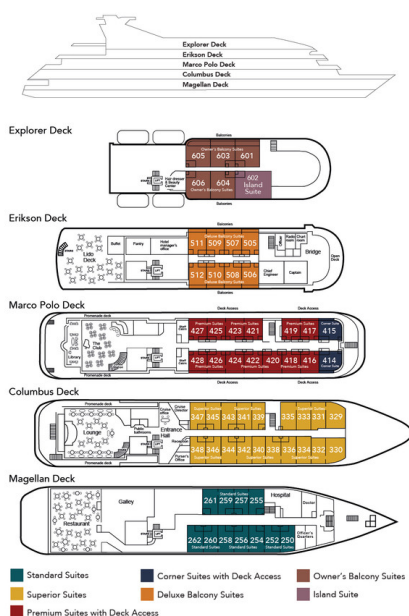
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