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## ANCIENT PATHS - 8 DAYS PELOPONNESE & IONIAN CRUISE

Steeped in awe-inspiring ancient civilization, filled with history, wisdom, myths and passions, the route around the Peloponnese, Ithaca and beyond is a captivating journey. The Peloponnese, a mythic land of Gods and heroes and unsurpassed natural beauty. Sprinkled with cypress trees, olive groves, vineyards, beautiful sandy beaches and emerald blue waters. Littered with Mycenaean palaces, Byzantine cities, Ottoman, Frankish and Venetian fortresses. Zakynthos, with its iconic Navagio cove, repeatedly voted best beach in the world. Ithaki, the epic homeland of Odysseus, still as romantic and seductive as ever. The impressive narrow Corinth Canal, it's crossing plain mesmerizing. This is the stuff of legends, an experience that will stay with you forever.

### Day 1 Lavrion - Hydra

Embarkation at Lavrion port between 14:00-15:00. Enjoy a refreshing welcome cocktail during your check-in. Evening arrival at the Saronic island of Hydra. Hydra is an architectural reserve, free of motor vehicles, and summer home to many international celebrities. Dinner on board the Elysium and overnight at Hydra.

### DAY 2 Fokianos - Monemvasia

In the morning we set sail for the Peloponnese. Swim stop at Fokianos, a beautiful sheltered bay with crystal-clear waters. Lunch on board the Elysium. Late afternoon we arrive in the uniquely preserved medieval town of Monemvasia. Explore its fairytale-like beauty and walk its narrow, pebbled alleys. Join our optional historical tour and opt to hike up to the church of Hagia Sofia, among the oldest Byzantine churches in Greece. The windswept panorama of the Aegean sea from atop the cliff is mesmerising. Overnight in Monemvasia.

### DAY 3 Pavlopetri - Elafonisos

Morning arrival off the coast of southern Laconia at Pavlopetri, one of the oldest submerged cities in the world. Snorkelling or diving at the spectacular UNESCO Bronze age city site is an impressive addition to any true traveler's journal. Just across from Pavlopetri lies the tiny Elafonisos, a dream of an island, with sand hills and turquoise tropical waters. Swim ashore or let our tender take you to this magical beach, a NATURA protected habitat. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight at sea.

### DAY 4 Ancient Olympia - Zakynthos

## ITINERARY

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Early morning arrival at Katakolon port, our base to explore the birthplace of the Olympic Games. The UNESCO world heritage site of ancient Olympia will transport you to a different era. To this day the Olympic flame is lit from the rays of the sun, at the Temple of Hera and passed on by a high priestess. Take our optional historical tour to visit its archaeological sites and museums. Late afternoon we set sail for Zakynthos. Enjoy a swim at Vasilikos beach, visit the authentic villages in the area or opt for a horse-riding experience before we sail to the main port of Zakynthos. Discover the famous vibrant town, also known as Zante. Dinner on board the Elysium and overnight at port.

#### DAY 5 Navagio beach - Ithaca

Morning arrival at the stunning world-famous “Navagio” beach. Also known as “smuggler’s” cove, it has repeatedly been voted most beautiful beach in the world. Jump off the Elysium platform into the milky blue waters or let us take you onshore to enjoy the soft white sand beach and have a close-up look of the shipwreck. Lunch on board. Late afternoon we depart for Ithaca, the mythical island of Odysseus. Enjoy a chilled glass of wine or a cocktail next to the waves at the port of Milos, the heart of the nightlife in Ithaca. Overnight at Vathy port in Ithaca.

#### DAY 6 Ithaca - Gidaki

Wake up in Ithaca. Optional excursions to the Archaeological Collection of Stavros, which houses findings from excavations in the wider region of Stavros and northern Ithaca or to the small and peaceful Kathara Monastery high up on a mountain. The views on the way back to Vathy port are staggering. In the afternoon we set sail to Gidaki, a stunning beach with emerald green waters, one of the most beautiful in the Ionian sea. Late evening departure for Itea. Dinner on board the Elysium and overnight at sea.

#### DAY 7 Itea-Delphi - Galaxidi

Early morning arrival in Itea, the perfect base for exploring Delphi and the beautiful Galaxidi, with our optional historical tours. The ancient sanctuary of Delphi, dedicated to the God Apollo, was considered the “navel of the world” and from there the Oracle and high priestess Pythia gave her prophecies. The romantic and tranquil town of Galaxidi has a rich maritime history and was once one of Greece’s wealthiest ports and shipyards. Beautiful neoclassical architecture and pebble covered courtyard are immaculately preserved to this day. Return to the Elysium and enjoy a cocktail as you experience the unforgettable crossing of the narrow Corinth Canal. Farewell dinner on board.

#### DAY 8 Lavrion

Disembarkation at Lavrion port after breakfast, until 10:00.

#### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: ELYSIUM

**YOUR SHIP:** Elysium

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

With only 25 luxuriously cocooning cabins a spa, a gym, a deliciously healthy Mediterranean cuisine, an array of cultural experiences and wellness activities, the Elysium will pamper you, spoil you and transform you. Your time on board the Elysium will be nothing short of spectacularly unique, nothing like you have ever experienced before on a cruise. A fusion of relaxation, wellness, discovering and fun. Visit pristine coves and beaches only accessible by private yacht, discover old civilisations, learn a new craft, have a massage, meditate at sunset, enjoy a chilled drink, hike a volcano, fish with locals, snorkel, stargaze, read a book. You decide. The Elysium awaits to soothe your soul and excite your senses. **CABINS** 25 spacious, stylishly decorated cabins - 5 different categories depending on location and size. All cabins are flexible, converted to twin or double. **MAIN DECK & BAR** At daytime relax and read your book under the shade sails or simply feel the sea breeze in your face. Alfresco meals are served here, while you may order food and drinks from the all-day menu at the bar. In the evening, the music sets the mood as you unwind and socialise with your fellow travellers. **WELLNESS SUN DECK** Enjoy morning or sunset yoga sessions, Pilates classes or a meditation

session on the Phos Wellness Deck. Bask in the sun or under a summer full moon. Equipped with comfy sun-beds, a jacuzzi, a large slumber sofa and a telescope for romantic stargazing, it is an inviting spot day or night. **DINING EXPERIENCES** Our farm-to-table refined cuisine is served at our indoor dining room or alfresco at our outdoor dining area. You may enjoy nibbles and finger food along with fresh juices, mocktails, cocktails, a chilled glass of wine, or champagne anywhere on the Elysium. We also accommodate special food requests and will be happy to throw your own catch of the day on



the grill.

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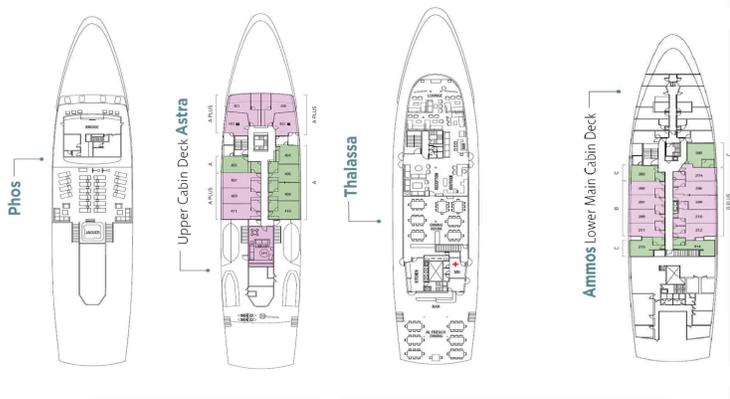
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