ANCIENT TREASURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN LUXURY CRUISE

Fall under the spell of the ancient shores of the eastern Mediterranean , between Greece and Turkey , where sun-drenched islands, villages of whitewashed houses, ancient remains and crystal-clear waters combine to create a journey imbued with history and Mediterranean charm. From the volcanic landscapes of the Aegean Sea to the Venetian fortress of Heraklion, each port of call will reveal a fascinating heritage shaped by Greek, Byzantine and Ottoman civilisations. Between wild bays, small medieval streets, mythical ancient sites and shores drenched in sunshine, the cruise offers a unique immersion in the heart of Mediterranean cultures. The crossing of the Dardanelles Strait represents one of the highlights of this escapade, between spectacular panoramas and millennial heritage connecting East and West.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Athens

The Greek capital city is located on the edge of the Saronic gulf, in the east of the country. It bears a plural name in reference to the first villages that surround the **Acropolis.** You will be enchanted by the rocky plateau presided by its monuments listed as UNESCO World Heritage. In the city below, you can visit some of the liveliest districts in Athens: **Plaka,** with its maze of colourful streets, and where, in the evenings the drifting aroma of moussaka and garlic prawns will tickle your taste buds. The **National Archaeological museum** and the Cycladic Art Museum are also some of the city's key attractions and allow visitors to discover Athens' cultural past.

Day 2 - Heraklion, Crete

Heraklion , the capital of **Crete** , is the island's most populous city. The hustle and bustle of this seaport is an integral part of its charm. It is built on a hillside overlooking the port and is encircled by **impressive Venetian walls**. From the top of these, you will be able to enjoy one of the most beautiful views of the city. The old town is teeming with small shops, squares, cafes and vibrant architectural evidence of the city's long history. The **Palace of Knossos** illustrates the wealth and power of its legendary sovereign, King Minos. The **archaeological museum** houses one of the largest collections of Minoan artefacts and is worth a visit.

Day 3 - Rhodes

With its particularly agreeable climate, the island of **Rhodes** invites you to walk its pathways and discover its immaculate villages and sumptuous medieval city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. At the centre of the island the mountains are covered in forest and on the western slopes we find vineyards and crops. Rhodes also owes much of its charm and its character to the **Knights of St John** who reigned over the island from 1310 to 1522 and built impressive defensive walls punctuated with majestic gateways. Do not miss this delightful island with its peaceful beaches and its large walkways, perpetuating the myth of the famous Colossus, the legendary statue that is one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Day 4 - Patmos

Patmos is one of the legendary must-see islands in the Dodecanese. This is where Saint John resided, presumed author of the last book in the Bible. The **cave of the Apocalypse** and the **Saint John Monastery** are dedicated to him. These sites, which are listed by UNESCO as World Heritage, are located at the top of a hillside planted with vines and orchards. On the shore, the crystalline coves of Kambos and Lampi offer absolutely gorgeous swimming areas.

Day 5 - Kusadasi

The attractive **seaside resort of Kusadasi** is located in a gulf on the western coast of Turkey. You can bathe there in clear waters or stroll along the coastal walk, in the shade of palms. In the historical district, you can take a mosey down the narrow streets and explore the colourful shops in the bazaar. Close by, the **Ephesus archaeological site** in the hillsides provides an opportunity to discover the ruins of one of the most famous cities of Antiquity.

Day 6 - Dikili

The charming harbour city of **Dikili** is located on the west coast in the province of Izmir. It's shoreline of turquoise waters is an invitation to come. In the shade of maritime pines, the streets in the town centre will win your favour with their fresh fruit juice stands and honey cakes. You can also go on a wander inland and visit the **Pergamon acropolis.**

Day 7 - Istanbul

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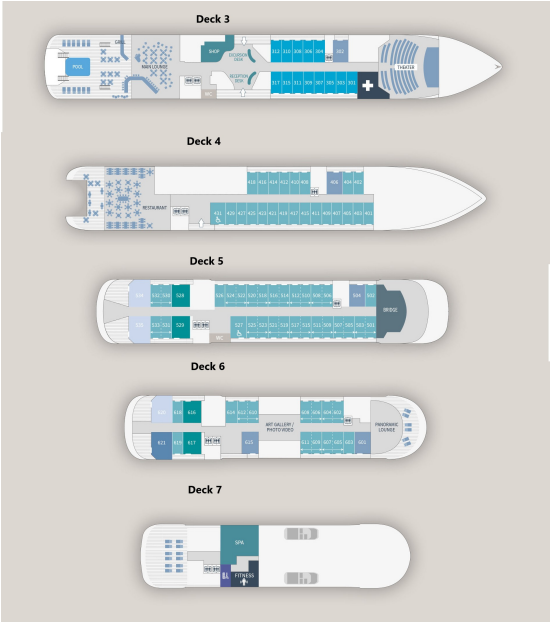

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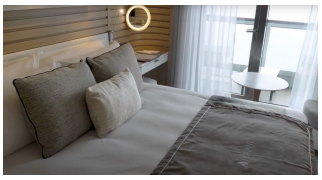

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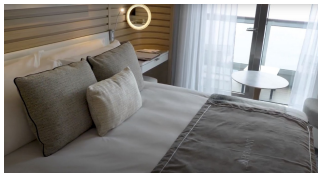

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