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ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH PONANT

Succumb to the pleasure of an 8-day Mediterranean brand new cruise between Greece and Turkey. PONANT invites you aboard Le Jacques-Cartier for an unforgettable journey to discover exceptional islands and cities. From Athens, you will discover the island of Hydra, famous for its incomparable light and the calm of its small streets on which all motorised traffic is banned. Le Jacques-Cartier will then set sail to the charming town of Nafplion, the departure point for visiting the famous Epidaurus Theatre and the Mycenae site, listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. The island of Syros is the next port of call on your cruise: the Cyclades capital will surprise you with its authenticity and neo-classical architecture. Next, you will sail to the island of Patmos. Known as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean Sea", this island, where Saint John is said to have written the Apocalypse, offers unique landscapes combining white sandy beaches and rocky coves. You will leave the Greek Islands for Turkey's Turquoise Coast and the magnificent Bodrum. Offering historical visits to the remains of the ancient Greek city of Halicarnassus or the famous Castle of St Peter or the Museum Of Underwater Archaeology, and the chance for a relaxing break on its stunning beaches, Bodrum is sure to win your heart. You will end your exploration of the Turkish coast with a call at Fethiye, a bustling city where miles of azure shoreline rest against the foothills of wooded mountains. From here, you'll have the opportunity to discover the Xanthos site, the old sanctuary of Leto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Before making your way to Antalya, your final destination.



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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

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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 HYDRA

This unusual gem belonging to the Saronic islands is located to the east of the Peloponnese. There are no cars here. Named after the island, the harbour town is layered up the slopes of a mountainous bay. You may be surprised to see beautiful stone mansions. These are traditional here, as are the multi-coloured caiques along the quays. Further along the shore, you will discover the Historical Archives Museum. Collections from Athens National History Museum are exhibited in the elegant villa Koundouriotis.

Day 3 NAFPLION

The engaging town of Nafplion is staggered up green hillsides of the Argolic Gulf, to the east of the Peloponnese. Do not be surprised by its extremely varied cultural heritage. Some of the must-see visits are the ancient agora on the plateau of Akronafplia, Italianate arcades in Syntagma square as well as the baroque fortress of Palamidi on a hillside of the same name. At the top of the hill, views of the gulf and the surrounding mountains are simply awesome. If you want to chill out by the water's edge, walk along the Arvanitia promenade to a beautiful creek in the shade of cedars and cypresses.

Day 4 SYROS

Located to the west of Mykonos, Syros is an attractive island in the Cyclades. It has been inhabited since early antiquity, as you'll discover by visiting the archaeological museum in Ermoupoli, its capital built in the shape of an amphitheatre and stretching out over two hills. Don't miss the historical district,

where the beautiful houses are evidence of the island's strategic location for trade, between the East and the West. Admire the superb Agios Nikolaos Church or the Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary. Further on, the medieval town of Ano Syros allows to admire charming stairways and arched passageways, as well as small, white houses decorated with bougainvilleas.

Day 5 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 6 BODRUM

Bodrum is located one of the bays of Mugla on the west coast of Turkey. At the harbour entrance, you'll can't miss The Bodrum Castle of The Knights of St. John, the town's emblem. Here you will be able to visit the Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology housed within the castle precincts. In the centre, the passages shaded by arbours abound with diverse craft shops and ice-cream cafés where you can sit out and enjoy refreshing citrus fruit sorbets. A few streets away, the archaeological site of the Halicarnasse mausoleum invites you to experience the old town's past, just as the old theatre does, built on the slopes of the hillside looking out over the bay of Bodrum.

Day 7 FETHIYE



In the south-west of Turkey, Fethiye is a small seaside paradise nestled along the Turquoise Coast. Its natural harbour is one of the most beautiful in the region, revealing a magnificent bay dotted with adorable small islands, while the hinterland exposes the Taurus mountain chain, stretching on to Asia. At the end of the bay, a pleasant atmosphere pervades the narrow streets, small shops and street stalls in the old town. The history of Fethiye can be discovered through the ruins of the ancient city of Telmessos, including the ancient amphitheatre and the Lycian tombs sculpted into the cliff face. Among these is the Tomb of Amyntas, dating back to the 4th century before the current era. The ruins also make a magnificent scenic lookout offering panoramic views of the bay below. The town is also the gateway to the exceptional Xanthos-Letoon site, sanctuary of the goddess Leto, mother of the gods Artemis and Apollo. The vestiges of the three Lycian temples where the gods were worshipped for eight centuries are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Itineraries are subject to change.

Day 8 ANTALYA

On the Turkish Mediterranean coast, discover the seaside resort of Antalya. While the city sports magnificent fine sandy beaches, it is also known for its significant historical heritage. Many vestiges bear witness to the importance of this former Roman port, such as Hadrian's Gate, built in the year 130 in honour of the visiting emperor. In the old town, it is possible to admire magnificent Ottoman houses with flowery gardens, as well as the broken minaret, built on the ruins of a former Byzantine church. The city's surroundings also provide an opportunity to discover major archaeological sites, such as that of the ancient city of Aspendos, renowned for its impressive Roman theatre.

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