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ENCHANTING GREECE, SICILY & MALTA - ATHENS TO VALLETTA 9 DAY CRUISE

As you journey from ancient Athens to the breathtaking landscapes of Malta, explore the best of the idyllic Greek Islands, with a dramatic transit through Nero's Corinth Canal. Call on the whitewashed Greek isle of Santorini, an idyllic respite in the Aegean Sea's Cyclades. Discover the charming harbor town of Hydra; historic Itea, your gateway to the UNESCO-awarded archeological site of Delphi; and the quaint fishing village of Fiskardo, Kefalonia. Sail to Sicily's Taormina, your path to Mt. Etna, and Gozo Island, defined by its green hills, turquoise-fringed pools, limestone cliffs, and ancient historical spots. Before disembarking, spend an evening in Valletta, the crossroads of the Mediterranean.



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Day 1 Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Piraeus, roughly translating to "the place over the passage", is an important Greek port located within the Athens agglomeration, in the Attica Basin. It is 12 kilometers from the municipality of Athens, considered the fourth largest and is the third most populous amongst all the municipalities of Greece. Now a peninsula, Piraeus, originally a rocky island, was developed in early 5th Century B.C. when it was initially designated as Athens' import and transit trade port. It is the largest marine-based shipping center of Greece, one of the largest ports in Europe, and considered the second largest passenger port in the world. Inhabited since the 26th Century, it wasn't until the 6th Century B.C. that Piraeus began catching attention. The land of Piraeus was essentially impassable, flooded by the sea most of the year until centuries passed and the flooding ceased. By the 5th Century B.C. it became a navy base for the Athenian fleet for the natural harbors and the strategic potential they carried. Athenian general and politician



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Themistocles fortified Piraeus' three harbors Kantharos, Zea and Munichia, created ship houses and completed his walls in 471 B.C., which led to the port becoming a great military and commercial harbor. There are many archaeological sites, points of interest and entertainment available in Piraeus. Most famous for its tavernas and cuisine, several popular events take place in Piraeus, such as the Ecocinema International Film Festival, the Maritime Festival, the Piraeus Rock Wave Festival and the Three Kings' Way Festival. There are also many theaters, including the Municipal Theater, the open air Veakeio Theater, and the Menandreio Theater. Museums in Piraeus include the Archaeological Museum of Piraeus, the Merchant Shipping History Institute Exhibition, the Panos Aravantinos Decor Museum, the Georgios Averof Museum Ship and the Museum of Electric Railways. Be sure to catch the panoramic views available from the hill of Kastella, overlooking Athens and the Saronic Gulf!

Day 2 Santorini, Greece

Santorini, officially named Thira, is the southernmost Greek island that is within the Cyclades archipelago, in the southern Aegean Sea. Part of the regional unit Thira, the municipality of Santorini is comprised of the island Santorini, Therasia, and other uninhabited islands of Christiana, Palaia Kameni, Aspronisi, and Nea Kameni. The geological history of Santorini is quite complex due to the area's volcanism and is currently a water-filled caldera: a rectangular lagoon that is surrounded by three steep cliffs. The name Santorini is a contraction of the name Santa Irini, which is based on an ancient cathedral found in the island's village of Perissa. This name was given by the Latin Empire in the 13th Century. During the Ottoman Empire, Santorini was called "Santurin" or "Santoron", and in early

times, it was named Kalliste, Strongyle, and Thera. Santorini is the site of the Minoan Eruption (also known as the Thera Eruption), one of the largest eruptions ever in recorded history. The origins of Plato's story of Atlantis is believed to have a connection to this eruption that destroyed the early settlements on what was formerly a single island. The descriptions found of Plato's Atlantis strongly resembles Thera, and with seismological, archaeological, and volcanological evidence, these claims are further supported. There is also speculation that the eruption is related to the Exodus of the Israelites, as well as causing the plagues described in the Bible in ancient Egypt. The economy is sustained by two principal industries: tourism and agriculture, and has recently been voted as one of the world's most beautiful islands in various outlets such as the Traveler's Choice Awards in 2015. The wine industry in Santorini is becoming more relevant as well, made up of Assyrtiko, Athiri and Aidani grape varieties, which is best exemplified in Vinsanto ("holy wine") which contains all three Aegean varietals. Although Santorini is highly arid, its unique ecology and climate allows it to grow unique and prized produce, such as cherry tomatoes, Lathyrus clymenum (a legume), and capers. Thus, tourists indulge in local specialties such as Brantada, Fava, and the traditional dish Santorinio Sfougato.

Day 3 Hydra, Greece

There is one main town on Hydra, known simply as "Hydra port". It consists of a crescent-shaped harbor, around which is centered a strand of restaurants, shops, markets, and galleries that cater to tourists and locals (Hydriots). Steep stone streets lead up and outwards from the harbor area. The charm of Hydra town certainly lies in her rich history, beautiful port and waterfront unspoiled by motorized vehicles. The island offers a



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rugged charm and some spectacular scenes and makes the perfect place for some self-exploration.

[Day 4 Corinth Canal \(Transit\), Greece & Itea \(Delphi\), Greece](#)

So narrow! So dramatic! You'll understand why SeaDream says "expect the unexpected" as your yacht transits the Corinth Canal. The canal was first completed in 1893, despite previous attempts from ancient times; the first plans being from 602BC. The Roman Emporer Nero actually started construction in 67AD, making the first cut himself with a golden pick. The canal we transit is 6.3 kilometres (3.9 mi) in length. Before the canal, ships sailing between the Aegean and the Adriatic had to circumnavigate the Peloponnese Peninsula adding about 185 nautical miles to their voyage. Itea is a small town situated on the north coast of the Gulf of Corinth, 2 km west of Kirra, 8 km southwest of Delphi. The town has a nice beach along with some shops, cafes and restaurants. It allows the closest access to the incredible sight of Delphi which is within the top three archeological attractions in Greece and in 1987 was inscribed as a UNESCO Heritage Site. It is believed the Zeus wanted to find the center of the Earth so he sent two eagles flying from the eastern and western extremities and where they met was Delphi - becoming the "navel/center of the earth". SeaDream has arranged the very best guides and vehicles from Athens to enhance this incredible visit further. Your guided visit highlights the ancient Sanctuary of Apollo, where Pythia, the celebrated Oracle dwelt, the Temple of Apollo, the Sacred Way, the amphitheater, the best-preserved stadium of Greece, and the Castalia Spring, where in ancient days the pilgrims had to wash before they were allowed to consult the Oracle. In the Delphi Museum, see such treasures as the Omphalos, which marked the center of the world, and the magnificent bronze Charioteer,

one of the finest pieces surviving from the 5th century BC. After the museum, there will be free time to visit the village of Delphi. SeaDream has the option of docking along the small pier in Itea or anchoring off to provide water sports options. This is dependent on availability as well as a number of guests visiting the archeological site.

[Day 5 Fiskardo, Kefalonia, Greece](#)

Fiskardo is a village located about 54 km north of Argostoli and a district of the city of Erisos. The coast around Fiskardo is mainly rocky with numerous pebble-beached coves. There are numerous viewpoints in the area around the village that offer panoramic views of the Ionian Sea including Daskalio island, Ithaca, northwestern Aetolia-Acarnania and the island of Lefkada.

[Day 6 At Sea](#)

[Day 7 Taormina \(Etna\) Sicily, Italy](#)

SeaDream yachts anchor in the bay of Giardini Naxos and offer fantastic views of recently awarded UNESCO Natural Site of Mt. Etna (2013) as well as Taormina perched on the cliffside. Shuttle bus service has been arranged to transport guests from Giardini Naxos to the entrance gate of Taormina town. For the SeaDream active guests, office led hikes and bike rides could also transport you to Taormina town or continue up to Castelmola which provides amazing views of the surrounding areas. Perhaps the "must do" adventure here would be to ascend Mt. Etna with your fellow SeaDreamers. Kindly check the Land Adventure tab for the specifics. Other options include an incredible and authentic feast at the Godfather Villa. This "SeaDream Exclusive" Land Adventure requires a high minimum to operate, but it's worth every penny! As we are anchored and



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if conditions allow, we will offer water sports both in the morning and in the afternoon. *Multo Bene!*

Day 8 Mgarr Harbour, Gozo, Malta & Valletta, Malta

Day 9 Valletta, Malta

Valletta, The Fortress City, is Malta's capital city: a living, working city, the administrative and commercial heart of the Islands. Valletta is named after its founder, the respected Grand Master of the Order of St. John, Jean Parisot de la Valette. The magnificent fortress city grew on the arid rock of Mount Sceberras peninsula, which rises steeply from two deep harbours, Marsamxett and Grand Harbour. Ottoman forces numbering 40,000 laid siege to the island from May to September 1565, without success. The heavily outnumbered army of 700 knights and around 8000 Maltese regular troops took refuge in the fortified town on the Grand Harbour. Started in 1566, the city of Valletta was completed, with its impressive bastions, forts, and cathedral, in the astonishingly short time of 15 years. The city is busy by day, yet retains a timeless atmosphere. The grid of narrow streets boasts some of Europe's finest art works, churches and palaces. Walking around Valletta you'll come across an intriguing historical site around every corner: votive statues, niches, fountains and coats of arms high up on parapets. Narrow side streets are full of tiny quaint shops and cafes, while Valletta's main streets are lined with larger international branded shops for fashion, music, jewelry and much more.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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surprise you with your favorite dessert. Your crew is passionate about delivering highly personalized and anticipatory service. Once you experience SeaDream's inimitable service, you will be, "Splendidly Spoiled" and you may never want to go on a cruise ship again. A Gastronomical Experience Experience what wining & dining on your very own yacht would be like with our expert chefs and sommeliers. We are dedicated to offer the best experience possible for each of our guests, including excellent gourmet dishes and the finest wine selection at sea. Our multi-course menu is specially designed with elegant, light portions in mind so that an entire service may be enjoyed, from introductory first courses, to decadent desserts, to expertly paired wines. It's a gastronomical experience that will have you indulging in every bite. Bon Appetit! Watersports Marina Platform What is yachting without the proper toys? SeaDream's Marina is equipped with all of the water sports equipment required for a proper yachtsman's vacation. Multiple Marina days allow for more time to enjoy the Personal Sailboats, Hobie Cat™ Catamarans, Kayaks, Banana Boat, Tube, Wakeboards & Waterskis, Snorkeling Gear, Floating Island & Trampoline, Stand-up Paddleboards and Wave Runners/Jet Skis. The Marina crew is always available to ensure your safety and enjoyment (weather permitting). Balinese Dream Beds Take time to watch the world go by on SeaDream's Signature Balinese Dream Beds. These specially designed beds are the perfect place to catch the views, read a book and sip your favorite beverage. Select a cozy corner of the yacht and take that little catnap you have missed all year. Our comfortable outdoor platform beds are designed with afternoon naps and sunbathing



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in mind. These thick cushion beds, with throw pillows and individual reclining backs, are the perfect spot on the yacht to stretch out and enjoy unobstructed ocean views and cool sea breezes. Yoga, Pool & Golf Start the day off right with complimentary morning Yoga on deck. Offered daily, channel your inner yogi and inhale and exhale the fresh sea breezes. Led by our Thai-certified crew members, rejuvenate your mind and body. The generous teak decks and lounge chairs are waiting for you pool side. A saltwater pool and fresh water Jacuzzi®, fresh towels, refreshing drinks and cocktails served by SeaDream's award-winning crew will ensure you will enjoy your time spent on deck. In the mood to practice your golf skills? You may do just that on SeaDream's Golf Simulator on Deck 6. Equipped with his and hers clubs, select from over 30 world-renowned golf courses and enjoy them in air-conditioned comfort. Top of the Yacht Whether you are the first one to greet the day at the Early Risers Coffee or you enjoy a fine cigar and cognac after dinner, the Top of the Yacht Bar is the social heart of the yacht. Take in the sea breeze and 360° views. Before the sunrise, make your way to the Top of the Yacht Bar to greet the day at the Early Risers Coffee. Throughout the day, you may enjoy your favorite drink or request a special SeaDream cocktail from our expert bartenders. They are perhaps the most loved crew members on board. For those meals in between, order a light bite off the Insuite & Ondeck menu. Gourmet cheese platter anyone? Starlit Movies™ The pool deck becomes your cinema under the open night sky. Get comfortable in a reclining lounge chair and watch a concert or movie on the outdoor big screen. Your port of call becomes your grand backdrop. Pillows, blankets, fresh popcorn and bar service make this a movie experience like no other. Casino, Piano Bar & Library If you're feeling lucky, begin your evening entertainment with a hand at the Blackjack table in the

casino on Deck 4. Just steps away, enjoy an after dinner drink at the Piano Bar, a relaxed and social lounge area where you enjoy listening to live guitar and piano music. Request your favorite tune and feel free to sing along. Or should you wish for something more quiet, take refuge in the Library. Enjoy a good read from our large selection of books or challenge a fellow yachtsman in a selection of board games. Computer and printer are also available. Balinese Dream Beds at Night Our signature Balinese Dream beds may be transformed at night to sleep and gaze upon the stars. Curl up in luxurious comfort with plush belgian bed linens and admire the starry night sky on a clear night. The soothing sound of the sea and cozy setting make this a magical, unforgettable experience. Dessert Extravaganza An elegant, after dinner gathering. The star of this party is the delectable display of desserts including baked treats, tarts, pies, cakes, ice cream and bananas foster. Your favorite libation, music, fresh ocean air and the twinkle of candles and stars make this the perfect ending to another special SeaDream day. Top of the Yacht As day turns to night, enjoy the picturesque sunsets at the Top of the Yacht Bar. The night sky transforms the deck to a memorable night with accompanying music and a social atmosphere. Mingle with friends you meet on board for a night of cocktails, live guitar music, dancing and 360° views of the twinkling stars. SeaDream Spa & Salon Escape and unwind peacefully onboard with our very own version of paradise, the SeaDream Spa. Spoil your mind, body and soul with the only Thai-certified spa service at sea. A sanctuary of relaxation and tranquility, the SeaDream Spa is an indulgent experience to complete any SeaDream vacation. Our highly trained Thai-certified therapists offer an extensive range of spa favorites including Sisley Paris treatments, Radiant Facials, Detoxifying treatments, Soothing Aroma Massage and Traditional Thai



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Massage for men, women, and couples. Hair & Nail services are also offered in our full-service salon with our experienced beauty stylist onboard. We use the finest beauty brands to meet your desires including Sisley Paris, MOROCCANOIL®, Wella, and Essie® products. You may also enjoy some of our treatments in our open-air private massage area. Experience these exceptional services cooled by gentle sea breezes only possible on an exclusive mega yacht (weather



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