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GREEK ISLES & TURKISH SHORES CRUISE WITH ATHENS CITY STAY

Greek Isles & Turkish Shores with Athens City Stay - 12 day Small Ship Cruise from Athens to Istanbul aboard Caledonian Sky. SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE These once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options sure to leave you with lifelong memories



ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Athens

Welcome to Greece! Once you've arrived in Athens, we'll transfer you to your hotel. Tonight, you'll be treated to an authentic dining experience. Stay: Two Nights, InterContinental Athenaeum Athens or similar

Day 2 Athens

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing View the Corinth Canal from above, or learn the secrets of Greek cuisine during an engaging and tasty cooking class. Today, discover Athens' legacy of Greek antiquity with a guide on a sightseeing tour. Enjoy lunch at leisure, before selecting a sightseeing experience.

Day 3 Athens, Embark Ship

Visit the Acropolis of Athens, an ancient citadel situated high above the city. Here, see the incredible Parthenon, Propylaea, Erechtheion and the Temple of Athena Nike. Continue to the

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New Acropolis Museum and view its magnificent galleries, including the Gallery of the Slopes, which houses finds from the ancient sanctuaries that were founded on the slopes of the Acropolis. Later, transfer to your small ship and be welcomed aboard. This evening, begin your adventure with a glass of sparkling and a relaxed dinner. Stay: Nine Nights, MS Caledonian Sky

Day 4 Milos

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing Perhaps join a discovery of this volcanic isle with a guide. A scenic drive overlooking the Gulf of Milos transports you to the striking lunar landscape of Sarakiniko Beach before continuing to Plaka. Take a stroll past whitewashed houses, cobblestone lanes and bougainvillea flowers spiralling the walls. Your final stop is the port fishing village of Pollonia. Alternatively, if you'd prefer to take it easy, we'll transfer you to the crystal-clear waters of Paliohori Beach. You'll be ushered to a shaded area under a beach umbrella with a drink in hand. Drop anchor in Adamas where you'll be whisked to the Isle of Milos' harbour town by Zodiac. Enjoy a choice of sightseeing here. Break for lunch back on board with the luxury of time, this afternoon, to immerse yourself in local culture, thanks to a scheduled late departure.

Day 5 Mykonos

Enjoy a full day dedicated to an easygoing discovery of the isles of Mykonos and neighbouring Delos. First up this morning, skim across the water to nearby Delos, aboard local boats. The entire island is a World Heritage-listed site and the birthplace of Greek god Apollo, according to mythology. With a guide, explore the archaeological sites and museum of one of Greece's most historic sites. Lunch is then back on board your ship, ahead of an afternoon enjoying the island of Mykonos. Known for its

glamorous summer party scene, Mykonos is also an idyllic spot to see iconic thatched windmills and discover the island's cultural charm on a stroll through Mykonos Old Town. We've set aside time for you to shop or relax by the sea this afternoon.

Day 6 Naxos, Koufonisia

It's all about island discoveries today. Begin with an early arrival on the isle of Naxos, to explore the main port Naxos Town, and the old villa houses of Halki. Later, there's time for another island hop, as you enjoy lunch back on board and a cruise to the nearby island of Koufonisia. Here, make the most of the chance to jump in a Zodiac and enjoy a swim.

Day 7 Nisyros, Symi

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing In the port of Mandraki, perhaps wander through its whitewashed streets and visit the cliffside monastery of Panagia Spilianor or visit the archaeological museum. Alternatively, drive to the Polyvotis volcano. Learn of the Greek legend surrounding this landmark and walk into the volcano's caldera. Today takes you to the volcanic island of Nisyros where you can choose your activity. Later, continue to the island of Symi, which enjoys an old-world glamour and neoclassical architecture, a legacy of Italian rule almost a century ago. A local guide shows you around town, including Gialos Harbour with its pastel-shaded houses, ancient monastery and Customs House. With a late departure, use this time to explore the streets.

Day 8 Kos

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing Beyond the island's sweeping sandy beaches, you may like to taste your way through the local honey production process at a nearby factory, before sitting down to sample local loukamades (Greek honey

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donuts). Alternatively, see Kos by bike, exploring some of its most prominent classical landmarks including the Tree of Hippocrates, the site where, legend has it, the 'father of medicine' – Hippocrates' first taught his students. You'll also see the island's open-air Roman theatre and sleek marina. Kos welcomes you today with a choice of sightseeing options.

Day 9 Ku adasi, Ephesus

From the port of Ku adasi, drive to the ancient city of Ephesus, where you'll find one of the best preserved classical cities of the eastern Mediterranean. Ephesus is a stunning, partially excavated site in modern-day Turkey, which reveals archaeological findings from the 1800s, including the Temple of Artemis and the Library of Celsus, hinting at its past life as one of ancient Greece's most significant cities.

Day 10 Lesbos

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE Enjoy an after-hours tour of the Museum of Olive Oil Production, with an authentic dinner and a folk dance show. Lesbos has been a favoured haunt of artists and poets for generations, inspired by the island's most famous inhabitant, the ancient Greek lyric poet Sappho. The island is also regarded as the source of the nation's best ouzo, an aniseed-flavoured aperitif. Spend today in the island's port of Mytilene, known for its churches, museums and 'ouzeries'. Tonight, we've arranged a Signature Experience.

Day 11 Çanakkale

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing Discover the city of Troy, immortalised by the Greek epic poet Homer. Or, the harbour city of Assos, both brimming with archaeological finds and Greek mythology. Experience Anzac history during a morning on Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula. View memorials that pay tribute to

those who fought in World War I. Later, this afternoon delivers a choice of which ancient city you would like to discover. Tonight join fellow guests at a farewell dinner back on board.

Day 12 Istanbul, Disembark Ship

After breakfast we'll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight.

Please Note:

Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change

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