

# **VALLETTA TO ATHENS - 10 DAY GREEK ISLANDS SAILING CRUISE**

Embark on a captivating 10-day sailing adventure through the Greek islands, starting from Valletta in Malta. Explore the historical city of Syracuse in Sicily, with its fascinating ancient ruins. Experience the thrill of sailing beneath full sails, immersing yourself in the serenity of the open seas. Discover the charming town of Fiscardo on Kefalonia Island and indulge in the picturesque beauty of Monemvasia in the Peloponnese. Explore the captivating town of Nauplio and its rich history before venturing to Syros in the Cyclades, known for its charming architecture and vibrant culture. Marvel at the stunning landscapes of Milos before concluding your journey in the vibrant city of Athens, where ancient history and modernity blend seamlessly. This sailing cruise promises unforgettable experiences and the opportunity to uncover the beauty and allure of the Greek islands.



## **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 | VALLETTA/MALTA

Departure 07.00 pm Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. The First Officer will provide deeper insights into the fascinating world of a tall ship.

DAY 2 | SYRACUSE/SICILY

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Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm The municipal area of Syracuse boasts relics from cultural history going back more than three millennia. In ancient times, the city was the most powerful in the known world and was famed for its splendour. The island of Ortigia, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was where Syracuse began its rise as an ancient city. The huge cathedral is at the heart of the old town, magnificent palaces line the Piazza and wide promenades invite you to take a stroll. The archaeological park brings Greek and Roman history back to life. Yet Syracuse exudes southern Italian charm, with washing drying outside the windows.

#### DAY 3 | DAY BENEATH FULL SAILS

Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

DAY 4 | FISCARDO/KEFALONIA

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm

### DAY 5 | DAY BENEATH FULL SAILS

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

#### DAY 6 | MONEMVASIA/PELOPONNESE

The Small Cruise Ship Collection Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm The little town of Monemvasia nestles closely against a rock that lies just off the coast. This impregnable fortress was an important trading center in Byzantine times. Today it is a retreat for wealthy Athenians who spend their weekends here. Behind its walls you can discover the beautifully restored lower town, where you simply want to drift along the tranquil narrow lanes. This picturesque little town on a rock transports you back in time to the romantic Middle Ages, when it was exceptionally modern and lively.

### DAY 7 | NAUPLIO/PELOPONNESE

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 11.00 pm The old town of Nafplion has a picturesque peninsula setting and three Venetian fortresses guard the pretty town. In ancient times, the excavation site of Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was one of the most important towns in Greece. Its legendary king, Agamemnon, has a large role in Homer's Iliad. The palace grounds were surrounded by a cyclopean stone wall. Now you can only gain entrance through the famous Lion Gate. In Epidaurus, also protected by UNESCO, the impressive 14,000-seat theatre is one of the most important buildings in this archaeological site.

## DAY 8 | SYROS/CYCLADES

Arrival 04.00 pm, Departure 11.00 pm Although the capital of the Cyclades is situated on the tranquil and traditional island of Syros, outside of the town this seems the most remote island of



them all. Ermoupoli, one of the most beautiful island towns in Greece, was built majestically on two hills. Its architecture is exceptional and the numerous monumental neo-classical buildings give the impression of a large, elegant town. Passing over the hill, the spaciousness and vastness transform into a maze of lanes and give a medieval impression. world's most modern archaeological museum, the new Acropolis Museum, has been here since 2009.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

# DAY 9 | MILOS/CYCLADES

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm The unique character of Milos' landscape was formed by volcanic activity. Hot springs, spectacular cliffs and distinctive rock formations give the various beaches their own individual character. The colors of Milos are most obvious where the water meets the stone and forms the coastline. Minerals have colored the sand and stones and each rock along the coastline seems to glow in a different color. Plaka, the picturesque old capital with its typical dazzling-white houses, is overlooked by a mighty castle which offers a superb view over Adamos Bay and the surrounding islands.

#### DAY 10 | ATHENS (PIRAEUS)/GREECE

Arrival 06.00 am "A ship will come...", declared the singer Melina Mercouri to the port of Piraeus. Later, as Greek Minister for Culture, she made Athens the first European Capital of Culture in 1985. The city is considered the birthplace of Europe, of philosophy and of democracy, and is the embodiment of the Olympic ideal. World-famous and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987, its landmark is the magnificent Parthenon temple, lying high up on the Acropolis in all its glory. At the foot of the Acropolis hill is the Plaka, the oldest quarter of Athens, and the





# YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD II

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VESSEL TYPE:	Tall Ship (Sailing)
LENGTH:	105 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	96
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2001

Launched in 2001, Sea Cloud II is a stunning vessel, built along traditional lines, but offering deluxe accommodation. She combines timeless elegance of sailing ships of the past with the highest safety standards and the luxurious comfort of modern cruise ships. Just like her legendary sister ship Sea Cloud, the 29,600 square feet of sails is set by hand which is a truly magical sight. Built to accommodate 96 passengers in five star luxury, she offers a range of beautifully appointed suites and cabins which are furnished with great style. All accommodations have outside views and the bathrooms, in light marble, are unusually spacious and extremely comfortable. The finest, carefully chosen fabrics, combined with leather, rattan and other materials, brass and gold, precious woods and marble together create an impressive ensemble. No expense has been spared to create a sympathetic ambience in both the accommodations and public areas and this is reflected throughout the vessel. Public areas include an elegant lounge, library, fitness centre, boutique, lido bar and hospital. The single sitting dining room is airy and modern and the quality of the cuisine and service will be to the highest of standards, as one would expect on a Sea Cloud cruise. Relax on the Lido deck and experience the natural

grandeur of travelling under sail, rekindling memories of a



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