WONDERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE RED SEA

In Athens, join us aboard Le Bougainville for an unforgettable 9-day cruise to discover numerous famous ancient sites and landmarks.

It will be an opportunity to discover major ancient sites from the great civilisations that were spread across the Mediterranean and contributed to shape our modern world.

Le Bougainville will take you to Patmos, also known as the ‘Jerusalem of the Aegean Sea’. You will visit its monastery and the cave where Saint John is said to have received his visions. The next stop will be Rhodes, where you will fall under the charm of the Gothic architecture in the medieval city, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

You will cross the world-famous Suez Canal, built by Ferdinand de Lesseps and widened recently to facilitate trade, before arriving in Ain Sukhna, the gateway to the Great Pyramids of Egypt and the new Grand Egyptian Museum of Cairo.

Your last port of call will be Eilat in Israel. Nestling at the northern tip of the Red Sea on the Gulf of Aqaba, this popular resort is especially renowned for its sublime coral reefs, guaranteeing dazzling dives in warm waters brimming with life. It’s also an opportunity for a trip to the Dead Sea and the fabulous site of Masada.

Finally, you will reach Aqaba, in Jordan, the gateway to the
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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. Don’t miss anything of the city’s cultural past. Pay a visit to the National Archaeological museum, or the Cycladic Art Museum.

Day 2 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-the-Theologian 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. You’ll be drawn to the bustle in Skala harbour and its taverns, famous for their fish soup and tiropita, which is a type of pasty filled with fresh Patmos cheese.

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, its large walkways and its lively nightlife, perpetuating the myth of the famous Colossus, the legendary statue that is one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Day 4 CROSSING THE SUEZ CANAL
Without the waterway linking the Red Sea to the Mediterranean this part of the world would be an arid sandy desert inhabited by a few nomads. The Suez Canal slices through 162 km of desert and was inaugurated in 1869 in the presence of Empress Eugenie, then nationalised by Nasser in 1956.

Day 5 CROSSING THE SUEZ CANAL & AIN SUKHNA
Ain Sukhna, which means “hot spring,” is located in the Gulf of Suez, facing the Red Sea. Around fifty kilometres from the entrance to the Suez Canal, and less than two hours from the Egyptian capital, it is an elegant seaside town that is popular with wealthy families from Cairo. Ain Soukha is an ideal base for discovering the marvels of Ancient Egypt.

Day 6 AIN SUKHNA

Days 7 - 8 EILAT

Day 9 AQABA
Located in the Red Sea within the eponymous gulf, Aqaba offers Jordan its only access to the sea. At the crossroads of the land and sea routes that linked Asia, Africa and Europe, the town is rich with more than 5,000 years of history. The warm waters of the Red Sea attract holidaymakers and divers to this seaside destination; the underwater sites home to coral and fishes are some of the most beautiful in the world. Aqaba is also the gateway to the magnificent desert of Wadi Rum and the marvellous site of Petra.

Please Note:
Itineraries are subject to change.
YOUR SHIP: LE BOUGAINVILLE

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed cabins, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, this new limited-capacity yacht boasting just 92 cabins and suites will offer you a truly unique cruising experience.

As the first ship in a new series that remains true to the Ponant spirit, Le Bougainville will embody the unique atmosphere that is the cruise line's hallmark: a subtle blend of refinement, intimacy and comfort.

Aboard this ship that flies the French flag, you will experience the incomparable pleasure of an intimate cruise, with the possibility of exploring an ever-increasing range of destinations in an ethnic-chic ambiance with luxury service.

Experience a luxurious setting where the accent is on authenticity and passion for travel.

RESTAURANTS

As it is an essential part of French culture, gastronomy will naturally have pride of place aboard this new ship. Through its two restaurants, Le Bougainville will invite you on a journey to elegance and epicureanism.

In a relaxed atmosphere, a first dining area located on Deck 3 and able to seat 70 will serve grilled meats daily, along with a variety of salads and desserts.

To the back of Deck 4, you will find a 260 m² panoramic restaurant which can accommodate all of our passengers in a single sitting. Designed differently to that on our other ships, this dining area, which opens onto the outside, will have a buffet of salads, desserts and cheeses at your disposal. Our discreet and attentive crew will provide table service for hot meals.

PUBLIC AREAS

Like Le Boreal and its sisterships, Le Bougainville has many common areas that are designed and equipped to meet all of your needs while preserving the intimacy of each passenger.

A 140 m² reception area includes:

A reception/concierge desk, An excursions desk, The ship's administrative services, The sales office, manned by our Guest Relations Officer, Our 50 m² boutique which sells clothing,
jewellery, beauty products, postcards and various accessories,
Toilets accessible to passengers with reduced mobility.
A new hydraulic platform with adjustable height provides: Easier
boarding than on any other cruise ship, Easier Zodiac
embarkation and disembarkation for expeditions, Easier access
to the sea for swimming and practising various water sports
such as kayaking or paddle-boarding.
A pool deck offering: A pool with a panoramic view, equipped
with a counter-current swimming system, A pleasant solarium,
An outdoor bar and lounge with armchairs and sofas.
A 200 m² main lounge which can accommodate all of our
passengers to share convivial moments and to host activities
organised during the day or evening.
Lastly, a theatre that seats 188, equipped with: The latest
sound and lighting technology, A LED wall as the stage
backdrop, for the projection of high-resolution images and
videos.
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Deluxe Suite

Grand Deluxe Suite
Owner's Suite

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Prestige Stateroom Deck 5
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