

## A JOURNEY BETWEEN MAGNIFICENT RUINS & MYTHS



**From:** €3,300.00

**Embarkation:** Antalya

**Disembarkation:** Istanbul

**Dates:** Thu, Oct 02, 2025 - Wed, Oct 08, 2025

**Duration:** 6 Nights / 7 days

**Ship:** EXPLORA I





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## 1      Enticing Antalya

Port: Antalya

Arrival Method: DOCK

Departure: 18:00

Perched on a limestone plateau at the foot of the Taurus Mountains, Antalya lounges on a sweeping bay that ebbs between ancient civilisation and contemporary cool. Here the breathtaking marble archways of Hadrian's Gate and vestiges of the Roman Empire meet lively cafes and boutiques in Ottoman-era townhouses, where coffee might fuel a meander of cobblestone streets in the harbour-front old town or bustling 15th-century covered bazaar. Beyond the city, ruins at Termessos, Perge and the sprawling ancient city of Aspendos beckon, as beguiling as this area's waterfall, cedar and pine-filled national parks, Palaeolithic caves and sun-baked beaches of the Turkish Riviera.



📍 DAY      CYPRUS

## 2      With Love in Paphos

Port: Paphos

Arrival Method: TENDER

Arrival: 08:00

Departure: 19:00

Aphrodite found love here, and you will too. Rise to explore lush fauna covering century-old sites; underground tombs, forts, museums, Byzantine painted churches and Aphrodite's rock. Meet monastery monks for a private singing concert, sculpt pottery, craft mosaics and learn local cooking skills. Encounter butterfly-filled valleys and gorges bursting with rare flowers and fruit, birds and butterflies – where the delicate balance of nature is intact. Head to hillside villages to wineries and tavernas offering Cypriot delicacies. And relax. From golden sands, snorkel into cool coves, sink into the crystal-clear blue lagoon, kayak along the coast or safari through deserted beaches to where turtles breed. Mindfully immerse into Aphrodite's natural spring-filled pool, known for rejuvenating powers. You'll have a deeper understanding of love here, as the purest ancient Greek mythology lives on.





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## At Sea

With more time to reflect, rejuvenate, and embrace the Ocean State of Mind, days at sea with Explora Journeys invite moments of unhurried exploration. Against a backdrop of endless blue, indulge in a varied programme of wellness, dining and entertainment, enriching the mind and indulging the senses, designed to satisfy even the most curious of minds. These moments at sea offer a rare chance to disconnect from the outside world and reconnect with yourself and your loved ones. With so many onboard experiences, each day at sea is unique and memorable.



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## Kuşadasi – Koosh-ah-dah-see

Port: Kusadasi

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 08:00

Departure: 19:00

Prepare for an exclusive explosion of history, culture and carpets. Walk in Cleopatra's steps and pay homage to the Roman ruins of Ephesus. Journey through fields bursting with cotton, olives and peaches until the hills broaden and Ephesus arises. Dedicated to Artemis, visit monuments, shrines, columns and ruins. The place where Popes pray and pilgrims drink (holy water). Fully immerse yourself within this ancient spot of worship; wish for good health and meditate in the sacred thermal pools of Pamukkale. Travel out to Orthodox villages combining Turkish-Greek culture and feast on organic filo, feta and spinach. Learn about Turkish weavings, natural dyes and different materials; see looms in action, knotting carpets and kilims. Steeped in history and with terrain as diverse as the culture, it won't just be the traditional Turkish coffee that will make you sit up straight.



📍 DAY GREECE

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## Woody Wonders in Lesbos

Port: Mytilene (Lesbos)

Arrival Method: TENDER

Arrival: 09:00

Departure: 19:00

Lovely Lesbos is a lush, jade gem hidden in plain site — 10km (6 mi) from the Turkish coast — yet far from the maddening crowds. Life moves resplendently slow here and history hovers in millennia. Step ashore and ponder where the poet and muse Sappho loved and sang; where Odysseus paused; and Homer's Iliad stormed. Follow Mytilene's cosy cobbled lanes to its fortified castle that presides like a sentinel over all. An island of fishermen, forests (some petrified) and a bevy of birds singing praises to Orpheus, this Greek isle's culture leans closer to Antonia and tilts on utter enjoyment.



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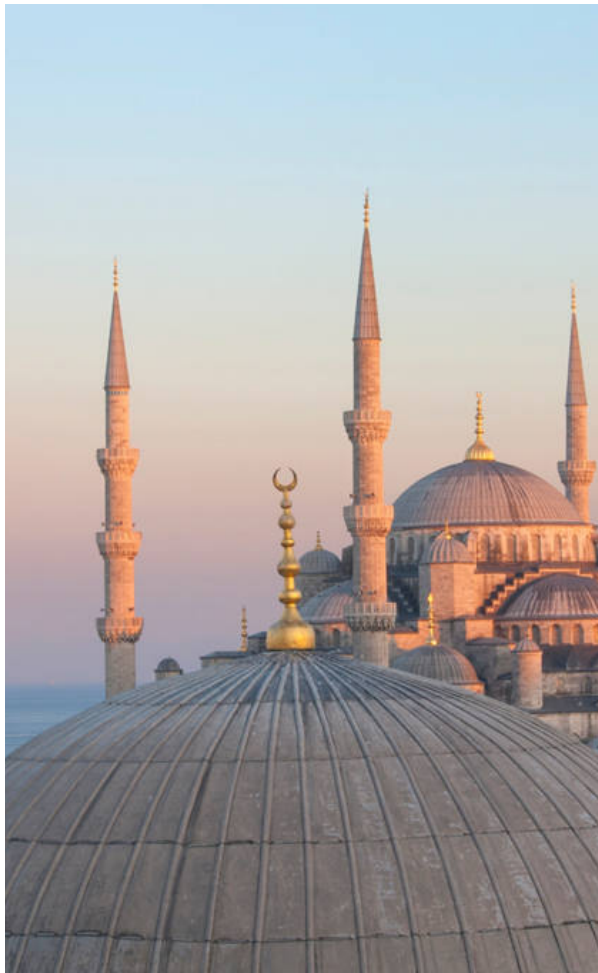
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## The Fusion of Istanbul

Port: Istanbul

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 07:00

Embark on a European and Asian adventure packed with a wealth of charm and cultural diversity. Roam the 'blue' mosque of Sultan Ahmet, the Grand Bazaar, opulent Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia or sink into a serene Turkish Bath experience. Embrace the city's vine-shaded homely district where ladies shop for butter-soaked baklava and freshly picked olives. Explore further to haggle for gold jewellery, linen and oriental antiques. Dine in the atmospheric old city or take a ferry to Asia for street-served food. Feast over rich platters of meze, moist grilled bluefish and succulent kebabs. Heighten your senses even further in the spice bazaar with enticing aromas and vibrant, colourful displays. After such a sensorial feast, indulge in a restorative raki, whichever continent you're in. By night parties don't start until late, but expect to dance till dawn. Join the late crowd spilling into the streets overlooking the Bosphorus. Sway at European rooftop bars, shimmer by ferry over to the Asian suburbs or remain ensconced in old-fashioned folk venues. An eclectic fusion of east and west, this city is conservative at heart with a truly modern soul.



## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

33 Experiences

STRATTON CRAIG

### A Culinary Journey Through Western Cyprus

Discover the essence of Cypriot life on a deliciously immersive journey through the island's western villages. Begin with a drive to Letymbou, where age-old rituals of making sourdough bread and halloumi come to life in a local home. Sip authentic Cypriot coffee and savour freshly made *loukoumades* (Greek doughnuts with honey syrup) before walking to the beautifully painted 11th-century Byzantine Agios Kyrkos church. Continue to Makarounas Vineyards to sample rare, local wines. Then, tuck into a true Cypriot *meze* lunch in Kathikas, with unlimited wine and a touch of *sirtaki* dance.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €110.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 6.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Gastronomic Experience, Arts & Culture

STRATTON CRAIG

### A Taste of Cyprus: Journey Through Tradition and Flavour

Immerse yourself in Cypriot culture, starting with a visit to the beautiful Byzantine Church of Panagia Podithou in Galata, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meander through Kakopetria's charming old mountaintop village and explore Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis—another UNESCO-listed church. Then, head to Silikou village for a hands-on cooking class, where an expert chef will guide you through classic Cypriot dishes, including *koupepia* and *tzatziki*. Enjoy your delicious creations over a *meze* lunch with an abundance of local wine and cap off the experience by practising the lively Greek dance, *sirtaki*.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €120.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture

AGIOS NEOPHYTOS MONASTERY & THE BATHS OF APHRODITE

### Agios Neophytos Monastery & The Baths of Aphrodite

Begin your experience at Agios Neophytos Monastery, an extraordinary 12th-century retreat nestled into the rocky mountainside. With the help of an insightful guide, you'll discover exquisite Byzantine frescoed walls, intricate courtyards, and arched arcades all offering a serene escape with dazzling views. Continue to the mythical Baths of Aphrodite, where crystal-clear pools and dense greenery set a magical scene. Enjoy leisure time at the nearby beach, where you can meander along one of the nature trails. Next, we'll travel to Kathikas village, where you'll enjoy refreshments before returning to your ship.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €75.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Wonderful Nature

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## Coastal Hike and Eco-Garden Exploration

Start your day in harmony with Mother Earth at Petra tou Romiou, a fabled shorefront sea stack just down the road from Paphos. From this starting point, you'll be led on a guided coastal hike alive with thriving plant life and swoon-worthy ocean views. After your hike, continue to the village of Episkopi, where you'll visit an impressively well-cultivated eco-garden. Stroll between berry bushes and herbaceous plants amidst their tempting scents, as the garden owner—also a chef—shares the garden's many delights. Then enjoy a delicious meal of entirely vegetarian and vegan dishes.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €120.00

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 6.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Wonderful Nature

DISCOVER ANCIENT KOURION AND OMODOS

## Discover Ancient Kourion and Omodos

Begin your experience amongst the Greco-Roman ruins of Ancient Kourion. Here, the remaining mosaic-clad floors and the grand, 2nd-century theatre stand as reminders of a bygone era, perched upon cliffs with sweeping views over the dazzling sea. After soaking in the archaeological splendour, we venture to Omodos village. Explore the Monastery of the Holy Cross (also known as Timios Stavros Monastery) with its intricate wood carvings and old icons, meander through narrow lanes lined with artisanal shops, and observe Cyprus's winemaking heritage at an old stone press. Unwind with a coffee in the village square before we return to Limassol.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €75.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 5.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture

EXPLORE ANCIENT PAPHOS

## Explore Ancient Paphos

Journey through Cyprus's ancient landscapes on a cultural exploration of Paphos. Begin with a drive past Phassouri's citrus groves and vineyards to reach Petra tou Romiou, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty. Venture into Paphos, once a Hellenistic capital and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meander through historic sites, including the Tombs of the Kings, a 4th-century BC necropolis. Then, discover the renowned, colourful mosaics at the House of Dionysos. We'll conclude at Limanaki's harbour, where you'll have time to shop and stroll the island at your own pace.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €65.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture

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## Follow the Wine from Ancient time to today

**FOLLOW THE WINE FROM ANCIENT TIME TO TODAY** The Cypriot Wine....A History of 5500 years! The Cyprus wine is a tradition that counts over 5500 years! According to the ancient tradition, Cypriots are probably the oldest wine producers in the worlds, who produced wine before the Ancient Greeks for 1500 years. The Cyprus wine has its roots in Ancient Greek Roman and Egyptian years. The Cypriots wines have enjoyed all Cypriots residents and have an important role for the local community and history. The main wine vineyard is on the Southern slopes of the Troodos Mountain, which is as high as the sun is warm. The sun-filled grapes on the island make delicious world-famous wines, such as Commandaria, port, sherry etc, as well as other white, red, and rose wines. Cyprus produces two varieties of grapes, black or "red" and "xynisteri" or white, which is the only one in Cyprus. Varieties of Grapes: Xynisteri the most important variety in Cyprus which white grape gives exceptionally light white wines. Maratheftiko or Vamvakaki is the only major category of red grape variety that gives wines with great aging potential. Yiannoudi a variety of red grapes, but it's planted to a limited extent. This beautiful wine region comprises 20 scenic villages that decorate the southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains. The wineries scattered along this route, each in its own way generously reward the visitor seeking a unique and eclectic wine experience. We begin our tour with the transfer of app 55 minutes to the first winery. Gerolemos winery. The family has a long tradition (500 YEARS) of wine making. Here run experiments with new varieties and cultivation methods which is possible due to huge funds given to rediscover indigenous grape varieties that date back to classical times. We visit a vineyard, 'The bank of the Cyprus varieties' with the oldest varieties such Maratheftiko , Yiannoudi , Kanella , and Omoio. Enjoy tasting of some delicious wines like Xynisteri or Maratheftiko, Morokanella and of a very special dessert wine Commandaria. This type of wine dates to the Crusade and was introduced and produced first by the knights residing in Limassol. As surprise the daughters of the owner will play piano or violin during our wine tasting. The next winery on our tour is Zambartas Winery in Agios Amvrosios. Akis Zambartas started the family history in wine when he went to France in the 1970s to study chemistry and enology. Back on the island he decided to conduct research and recorded 13 lost indigenous Cypriot grape varieties which changed the Cyprus wine industry dramatically. When his son Marcos decided to quit the corporate world and studied wine maker in Australia, Akis followed his dream and established his own boutique winery with focus on producing quality wine from the indigenous varieties. Father and son teamed up to run this family business and today it is the son and his wife that took it over. Get the opportunity to taste different indigenous wines with a panorama view and Cyprus specialities. Next visit will be Kolossi Medieval Castle. Serving as a fine example of military architecture, Kolossi castle was originally built in the 13th century, and rebuilt in its present form in the 15th century. After the fall of Acre in 1291, it served as the Grand Commandery of the Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and in the 14th, century came under the domain of the Knights Templar. During their stay in Cyprus, the Knights produced and exported a sweet wine, which became known as the 'vin de Commanderie'. Today, Commandaria wine is one of the island's traditional wines and one of the oldest named wines in the world, having had the same name for eight centuries. Next to the castle located a fantastic fruit Plantation that also cultivate table grapes and non-alcoholic grape juice. Under the crape in nature, you will be rewarded with the taste of traditional specialties cooked by Chrystalla the plantation owner. Most of them having as basic ingredients wine and vine leaves. Unlimited wine and water are also included.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €110.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Gastronomic Experience



PRIVATE PAPHOS ADVENTURES (FULL DAY)

## Private Paphos Adventures (Full Day)

Whether you're interested in water parks, nature parks or archaeological parks, this is your chance to indulge your curiosities in the utterly gorgeous coastal city of Paphos. Accompanied by a guide, you and a maximum of eight other guests will have private use of a van for up to eight hours during this destination experience. Plan your itinerary in advance and make certain bookings, adding your own input to the adventure—or leave it up to us to create the perfect day in Paphos for you and your group. Whichever you choose, the outcome promises to be seamless, stress-free and sun-soaked.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €1,320.00

**Activity Level:** Effortless

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

PRIVATE PAPHOS ADVENTURES (HALF-DAY)

## Private Paphos Adventures (Half-Day)

During this private experience designed for up to nine treasured guests, you'll spend half a day exploring the picture-perfect waterfront city of Paphos on your own terms—with the helpful accompaniment of an English-speaking expert guide. For up to four hours, you'll have private use of a vehicle that can take you in and around the city as you desire. From diving into ancient history at Kato Paphos Archaeological Park to shopping for souvenirs amongst vibrant-hued street market stalls, the day is yours to shape (and your group can have as much or as little input into planning as they want!).

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €1,095.00

**Activity Level:** Effortless

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

TAILORED TRAVELS: FULL-DAY CAR EXPERIENCE FOR TWO

## Tailored Travels: Full-Day Car Experience for Two

Enjoy a day designed entirely around you and your companion on this private, eight-hour car adventure. From the comfort of your own vehicle, explore your chosen itinerary at your own pace with an English-speaking guide ready to share local insights and insider knowledge. Customise your route or leave it in our hands—we'll take care of entry fees, reservations, and special mobility requests. This is an experience for those who seek a truly personal experience wrapped in style, ease and unforgettable moments.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €840.00

**Activity Level:** Effortless

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

TAILORED TRAVELS: FULL-DAY VAN EXPERIENCE FOR SIX

## Tailored Travels: Full-Day Van Experience for Six

Discover a new level of freedom with our fully bespoke private van experience. For up to six guests (and lasting for up to eight hours), take the reins of your itinerary while our English-speaking guide brings local knowledge and expertise to every stop. Alternatively, let us handle every detail. From curated recommendations to pre-booked tickets and special access, we've got you covered. Relax and explore with your group in sophisticated comfort, style and privacy. Accessible vehicle options are also available upon request, promising a smooth journey for all

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €1,075.00

**Activity Level:** Effortless

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

TAILORED TRAVELS: HALF-DAY CAR EXPERIENCE FOR TWO

## Tailored Travels: Half-Day Car Experience for Two

Embark on a four-hour, half-day car experience specially crafted for you and a companion, where every detail is tailored to your preferences. With an English-speaking guide by your side, discover local spots and must-see landmarks, all in the comfort of a private car. Design your own itinerary—or let us provide carefully curated suggestions. From securing entry fees to handling reservations, we can take care of it all. If you require special mobility accommodations, just let us know. Relax, explore, and create memories together on your own terms.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €585.00

**Activity Level:** Effortless

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

TAILORED TRAVELS: HALF-DAY VAN EXPERIENCE FOR SIX

## Tailored Travels: Half-Day Van Experience for Six

Set out on a journey crafted entirely around you and your chosen companions, exploring at your own pace in a private van for up to four hours. With an expert English-speaking guide at your side, you'll gain genuine insider access, from bespoke routes to curated sights and local gems. Prefer to leave the planning to us? We're ready with inspired recommendations. Plus, we'll handle every logistical detail seamlessly, from entrance fees to reservations. Vehicles are also available for special mobility needs upon request.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €850.00

**Activity Level:** Effortless

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

#### TASTES OF CYPRUS: HONEY, HALLOUMI, AND DONKEY'S MILK

### Tastes of Cyprus: Honey, Halloumi, and Donkey's Milk

Head east from Paphos until you spot Odou on the hillside. Next to this postcard village is Melini, where you'll find the Oros Maxaira honey farm. Explore the factory, sample divinely sweet nectar and experience a unique apitherapy wellness activity. Continue to Skarinou and Golden Donkeys Farm, where you'll see nearly 200 friendly donkeys. Then, you'll learn about the nutritional benefits of their milk. You'll also have the chance to visit the Farm's wax museum, botanical garden and antique olive press—before capping off your day of culinary curiosity with a deliciously fascinating halloumi cheese workshop.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €110.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 7.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Wonderful Nature, History & Heritage, Gastronomic Experience

#### WALK THROUGH ART AND CULTURE IN PAPHOS

### Walk Through Art and Culture in Paphos

Culture and art await when you are picked up from the port for a drive to Paphos Town Hall—the place where all important decisions for the municipality are made. Discover a feeling known well on Cyprus, the 'Playground of Gods'—an sense of duality between spaces where time comes to a halt and spaces that are floating in the new age, keeping up with the speed of development. The fascinating art and culture of Paphos awaits you during this walking experience through lively streets, ancient landmarks and cherished local customs. From Town Hall, visit the Municipal Library, home to 26,000 volumes of rare editions and historical documents, and admire local art at Kivotos Arts and Crafts Gallery. Then, the Paphos Old Market, known to the locals as the Agora, invites you to embrace community spirit, whilst the Ottoman Baths and age-old churches represent stories of endurance and faith. Conclude at Paphos Castle, pausing for Cypriot coffee and ice cream.

**Port:** Paphos

**Price From:** €75.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 3.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture



#### A JOURNEY THROUGH MILETUS AND DIDIM

### A Journey through Miletus and Didim

Journey to Miletus, once a hub of ancient Greek civilisation, where the grand theatre tells tales of bygone ages. Continue to Didim's luxurious marina, relaxing with a glass of fine wine against the scenic backdrop of the glimmering Turkish coastline. Visit the Temple of Apollo, a marvel of ancient engineering and the fourth-largest temple in the ancient Greek world; it originally had 120 upright columns.

**Price From:** €190.00

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage





#### DISCOVER ANCIENT EPHEBUS

### Discover Ancient Ephesus

Discover the enchanting city of Ephesus, an ancient architectural marvel steeped in the influences of ancient civilisations. Your expert guide will lead you through historic ruins, from the Odeon to the grand Celsus Library, and the silent grandeur of the Great Theatre of Ephesus. Kuşadası holds the promise of discovery. You can meander its warren of streets, indulge in some boutique shopping and admire the artistry of Turkish carpet-weaving, with its vibrant colours and striking patterns.

**Price From:** €175.00

**Experiences:** Destination  
Essentials

**Available In:** English

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Duration:** 3.30 Hrs

**Features:** Architecture, History & Heritage



#### IMMERSIVE EPHEBUS EXPERIENCE

### Immersive Ephesus Experience

Explore the ruins of the glorious ancient city of Ephesus in vivid, well-informed detail. The Ephesus Archaeological Site is not far from the coastal town of Kuşadası, and the moment you arrive at the open-air museum and step through the Magnesia Gate, you'll be journeying through streets of stone laid by ancient Greeks. Visit Celsus Library and enjoy a private viewing of the special section on Domitian works. See the vast, 25,000-person capacity Great Theatre of Ephesus, and the lavish Terrace Houses complex. Experience incredible examples of the era's intricate architecture.

**Price From:** €210.00

**Experiences:** Destination  
Essentials

**Available In:** English

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Features:** History & Heritage



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PANORAMIC DRIVE AROUND UNMISSABLE HISTORICAL SIGHTS

## Panoramic Drive Around Unmissable Historical Sights

Enjoy a panoramic coach ride along iconic spots surrounding the ancient city of Ephesus, starting at the Meryem Ana Evi (House of the Virgin Mary) chapel, where the saint is said to have lived out her last 11 years. Next, visit the Basilica of St John, a feat of Greco-Roman architecture that remains impressive and fascinating even in ruins. Continue past the 1300s Anatolian *beyliks* era İsa Bey Mosque to discover its storied past. Finally, discover Ephesus Archaeological Museum and view some of the finest artefacts and statues from the ancient city. Return to Kuşadası with time to explore at leisure.

**Price From:** €135.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination  
Essentials

**Duration:** 3.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage



VISIT THE HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND EPHEBUS

## Visit the House of the Virgin Mary and Ephesus

Embark on a journey where history and spirituality converge, starting at the revered House of the Virgin Mary, where the air is filled with scent of incense and the soft rustle of olive leaves. Explore the ancient city of Ephesus and feel the depth of history beneath your feet as you walk its cobblestoned alleyways. Marvel at the spectacular Great Theatre of Ephesus and meander Marble Road to the grand Celsus Library and the Temple of Hadrian, adorned with exquisite relics.

**Price From:** €190.00

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination  
Essentials

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Architecture, History & Heritage

ANCIENT EPHEBUS AND ITS TERRACE HOUSES, WITH A RUSTIC LUNCH IN RURAL CAFERLI

## Ancient Ephesus and its Terrace Houses, with a Rustic Lunch in Rural Caferli

Absorb ancient Greek history and sample the delights of Turkish cuisine in a single experience. At the UNESCO-recognised Ephesus Archaeological Site, you'll discover incredibly well-preserved remnants of the distant past. See the vast, 25,000-person-capacity Great Theatre of Ephesus and the elite Terrace Houses complex. Walk to Celsus Library and the Temple of Hadrian along a road of sun-warmed white marble. Afterwards, head south of Kuşadası to the rustic village of Caferli, where you'll sample a tasting menu featuring seasonal and regional specialities of the Aegean basin at Çiy Restaurant.

**Price From:** €430.00

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 6.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Gastronomic Experience

EXPLORING KUŞADASI AND ANCIENT EPHEBUS

## Exploring Kuşadası and Ancient Ephesus

From Kuşadası, journey to the Meryem Ana Evi (House of the Virgin Mary), a beautiful brick chapel held by Christians to be her final home. Continue to UNESCO-recognised Ephesus, where you'll turn back the clock and stroll through the well-preserved remains of an ancient Greek city. Walk the wide Marble Road from the Great Theatre of Ephesus to Celsus Library, and head over to Selçuk to see the intricate mosaics and frescoes that still adorn the ruins at the Basilica of St John. Conclude your ancient exploration with lunch and a folkloric show at a five-star hotel in the sun-soaked Turkish countryside.

**Price From:** €285.00

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 6.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture

INDEPENDENT EXPLORATIONS: PRIVATE LARGE VAN WITH GUIDE - FULL DAY

## Independent Explorations: Private Large Van with Guide - Full Day

For you and up to eight travel companions who wish to blaze your own trail with a fully bespoke experience, this private large van for nine people, for up to eight hours, also features an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise. Whether you wish to plan your own itinerary or let us offer suggestions and take care of all the technical details, entrance fees, and any required reservations in advance, you'll enjoy the utmost in style, privacy, and seamlessness so you can focus on creating memories together. Vehicles equipped for special mobility needs can easily be arranged in advance, too.

**Price From:** €1,860.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

INDEPENDENT EXPLORATIONS: PRIVATE LARGE VAN WITH GUIDE - HALF DAY

## Independent Explorations: Private Large Van with Guide - Half Day

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**Price From:** €1,310.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action



INDEPENDENT EXPLORATIONS: PRIVATE VAN WITH GUIDE - FULL DAY

## Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Full Day

For you and up to five travel companions who wish to blaze your own trail with a fully bespoke experience, this private van for six people, for up to eight hours, also features an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise. Whether you wish to plan your own itinerary or let us offer suggestions and take care of all the technical details, entrance fees, and any required reservations in advance, you'll enjoy the utmost in style, privacy, and seamlessness so you can focus on creating memories together. Vehicles equipped for special mobility needs can easily be arranged in advance, too.

**Price From:** €1,635.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

INDEPENDENT EXPLORATIONS: PRIVATE VAN WITH GUIDE - HALF DAY

## Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Half Day

For you and up to five travel companions who wish to blaze your own trail with a fully bespoke experience, this private van for six people, for up to four hours, also features an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise. Whether you wish to plan your own itinerary or let us offer suggestions and take care of all the technical details, entrance fees, and any required reservations in advance, you'll enjoy the utmost in style, privacy, and seamlessness so you can focus on creating memories together. Vehicles equipped for special mobility needs can easily be arranged in advance, too.

**Price From:** €1,145.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

INDEPENDENT EXPLORATIONS: PRIVATE VEHICLE WITH GUIDE - FULL DAY

## Independent Explorations: Private Vehicle with Guide - Full Day

For you and up to one travel companion who wish to blaze your own trail with a fully bespoke experience, this private car for two people, for up to eight hours, also features an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise. Whether you wish to plan your own itinerary or let us offer suggestions and take care of all the technical details, entrance fees, and any required reservations in advance, you'll enjoy the utmost in style, privacy, and seamlessness so you can focus on creating memories together. Vehicles equipped for special mobility needs can easily be arranged in advance, too.

**Price From:** €900.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

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**Price From:** €710.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Private Arrangements

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action

PAMUKKALE AND HIERAPOLIS

## Pamukkale and Hierapolis

Journey through the countryside to Pamukkale ("cotton castle"), where water from a thermal spring pours over travertine terraces and down the hillside. The visual is truly unique—pale blue pools glitter in the sunlight, made even more striking in contrast with the white rock. Continue by golf cart to the ruins of ancient Hierapolis, where you'll find incredible snapshots of history in its excavated tombs, statues and other artefacts. Enjoy time to explore, or perhaps revive and relax in a traditional thermal spa. Conclude your day with a lovely lunch of local cuisine at a five-star hotel.

**Price From:** €240.00

**Activity Level:** High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 9.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Wonderful Nature



STRATTON CRAIG

## Vrana Olive Oil Museum, Taxiarchis Monastery & Aghios Therapontas



Depart port towards Taxiarchis monastery . Located in Lesvados, north of Mantamados, the Monastery of Taxiarchis Michael (Archangel Michael) is one of the most significant pilgrimage sites in Lesvos and Greece. Tradition holds that the monastery dates back to the 10th century, when it was attacked by Saracen pirates who slaughtered the monks. Only a novice, Gabriel, survived and created a miraculous icon of Taxiarchis from the blood of the monks and clay. The first historical record of the monastery is from 1661, and it is known that the original small church was replaced in the 18th century. The complex is fortress-like, surrounded by tall buildings and featuring a tower-steeple. The current church, a three-aisled basilica, was built in 1879. Inside, the unique relief icon of Archangel Michael, housed in a luxurious canopy made in 1766, takes a central place. The church also holds liturgical vestments of Patriarch Gregory V, gifted to his deputy, Porphyrios, who later became Metropolitan of Mytilene. A noteworthy tradition involves small metallic shoes dedicated by the faithful, symbolizing the belief that Taxiarchis wears out his shoes traveling the island at night. After the guided visit of the monastery you will enjoy a local treat of greek dumplings with honey and depart for Vranas Olive Oil museum . It is one of the first steam-powered factories of Lesvos Island and the Aegean. It was built in 1887 by the grandfather of Greek Nobel prize winner poet Odysseas Elytis, in a region with a centuries-old olive cultivation tradition. This industrial monument is of unique architectural value, operated continuously for about 90 years until the early 1970s, when it closed. At present this monumental ensemble of industrial and local history, has been preserved, restored, and showcased. Through its complete architectural and mechanical restoration, the old olive press was transformed into an attractive museum that narrates, in a direct and vivid way, its own story and the history of the region and its era. At the end of the tour of the premises you will reembark your coach and drive to Aghios Therapontas Church . The Church of Saint Therapon, an iconic landmark in Mytilene, began construction around 1850 on the site of a former chapel that served a nearby hospital. The church features a cross-in-square layout with Gothic architectural elements, the facade showcases Ionic and Corinthian columns, and the structure is topped with five domes. Inside, the church boasts a wooden iconostasis, archbishop's throne, pulpit, and reliquaries. It also houses the tomb of Metropolitan Ignatius, a Greek War of Independence hero, and a 1651 icon of Saint Therapon. Concluding the visit of the church you can retrace back to the ship or stay in the city for independent exploration.

**Port:** Mytilene (Lesbos)

**Price From:** €140.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination  
Essentials

**Duration:** 6.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture



STRATTON CRAIG

## Ancient History and The Spirit of Mytilene

Journey through time to ancient Lesbos at the New Archaeological Museum of Mytilini. This remarkable space contains well-preserved artefacts from the island's 5,000-year history, displayed across two buildings. With the help of an expert historian, you'll discover pristine mosaics, frescoes and sculptures that transport you to classical times. Next, visit the nearby Plomari Ouzo Distillery to learn the story behind this much-loved Greek aperitif. Discover how it's made and enjoy a glass of the warming spirit yourself before your return journey.

**Port:** Mytilene (Lesbos)

**Price From:** €125.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 3.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage

STRATTON CRAIG

## The History and Beauty of Agiasos

Arc around the blissful calm of the Gulf of Gera as you travel from Mytilene to the red-roofed streets of Agiasos. Tucked into the hillside, this relaxed rural village offers guests an immersive experience in Lesbos. Your guide will lead you past stone houses and flower-adorned balconies, through narrow streets soaked in sun, all the way to several fascinating stops—including the Folklore Museum and the Museum of Traditional Professions. At the latter, you'll learn about local jobs with important histories, such as blacksmithing, carpentry and tailoring.

**Port:** Mytilene (Lesbos)

**Price From:** €125.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage

STRATTON CRAIG

## The Medieval Beauty of Molyvos

Explore the slender alleys and steep, cobbled lanes of Molyvos, a captivating medieval village and the tourist heart of Lesbos—known today as Mithymna. As you stroll around the town with a guide, your senses will discover visual delights like exquisite stone buildings, churches and fountains, and other charms, like the scent of wisteria. Visit the Krallis Mansion, home to the Higher School for Fine Arts, to view ceiling murals and decorative niches before venturing underground to the lovingly restored Ottoman Baths of Mithymna, a museum displaying fascinating feats of engineering. Back at street level, climb up to the beautiful Byzantine castle that sits high above the town, and enjoy time to explore at your leisure.

**Port:** Mytilene (Lesbos)

**Price From:** €110.00

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture