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Destination **MEDITERRANEAN**Itinerary **Turkey, Greece, Italy**Ship **MSC SPLENDIDA**Departure port **Istanbul, Turkey**Departure date **1 July 2024**Arrival date **10 July 2024**Duration **9**

Istanbul, Turkey

Monday 1 July 2024

IST01 - CITY TOUR Full Day, Lunch Included.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

Straddling two continents, Istanbul is a fascinating city and one which proudly keeps the heritage of its past alive. We will visit the Blue Mosque with its internal panels of blue and white ceramic tiles and enjoy a panoramic view over the ancient Hippodrome that was once the centre of Byzantine public life. We will continue to St. Sophia Church to admire the wonderful Byzantine mosaics before stopping at the magnificent Topkapi Palace, centre of the Ottoman Empire between the XV and the XIX centuries and which also housed the Sultans and their Court; individual visit of Palace wings. We will have time for lunch before indulging the favourite Turkish past-time of shopping. Highlights of the day include a stop in a luxury jewellery or in a leather shop and the chance to watch a typical carpet demonstration. Next, you will have free time at the fabulous Gran Bazaar. Please note: drinks are not included in lunch; only water. If the visit falls on a religious holiday the visit to the Grand Bazaar will be replaced with a crossing the bridge uniting Asia to Europe or with a visit to the spice market. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. Only cameras without a flash allowed inside St. Sophia Church. For MSC Sinfonia 2015 2-day calls, this tour will be available on 25.09.2015 and on 19.10.2015. During the Ramadan period (16.06.2015 - 17.07.2015) the internal visit to the mosques will be reconfirmed during your cruise.

Adult: € 127.00**Child: € 89.00**

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**IST02 - TOPKAPI PALACE AND SHOPPING** Approx. 4 Hours 45 Minutes

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Don't leave Istanbul without having visited the world-famous Topkap? Palace, the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans for nearly 400 years of their 624-year reign. Your excursion begins with a fascinating guided tour of the Topkap? Palace, after which you can explore the different sections of the Palace and admire the beautiful view of the Bosphorus Strait at your own pace. The Palace also contains important holy Muslim relics, including the Prophet Muhammad's cloak and sword. After the Palace visit, the tour continues on to the Grand Bazaar for a chance to browse and purchase souvenirs. To round off your Topkap? experience, there will also be a stop in a luxury jewellery or in a leather shop and the chance to watch a typical carpet demonstration. Please note: if the visit falls on a Sunday or a religious holiday the visit to the Grand Bazaar will be replaced with a crossing the bridge uniting Asia to Europe or with a visit to the spice market. A helper to get on/off the coach must accompany wheelchair guests. Wheelchairs must be foldable, as the coach has no ramps or lifts. Once onboard, please contact Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements. For MSC Sinfonia 2015 2-day calls, this tour will be available on the second day.

Adult: € 112.00

Child: € 78.00

**IST10 - ISTANBUL BY LAND & SEA** Full Day, Lunch Included

CITY TOUR



Join this day-long excursion and discover the gems of Istanbul by land and sea. Your tour will begin with a transfer to the Ottoman R?stem Pasha Mosque designed by the architect Mimar Sinan for Grand Vizier Damat R?stem Pasha from 1561 to 1563. We will admire its interior characterized by exquisite tomato-red Iznik tiles set in a stunning floral and geometric design typical of the early Iznik period (1555 - 1620). The mosque was built on a high terrace over a complex of vaulted shops and boasts a double porch with five domed bays. We will continue to the "Cisterna Basilica", the largest of several underground cisterns beneath the city of Istanbul, with 336 marble columns. The name comes from a large public square, the Stoa Basilica, beneath which it was originally constructed. You will admire the face of Medusa, located in the northwest corner of the cistern and which is set upside down, apparently to diffuse the power of this Gorgon's gaze. The excursion also includes a visit to the fabulous Gran Bazaar. Enjoy free time for shopping, watch a typical carpet demonstration and/or shop in a luxury jewellery store. We will have time for a delicious lunch before enjoying a lovely cruise across the Bosphorus, the waterway that lies between the two continents of Europe and Asia. You can admire Istanbul from the sea and see how the different periods of history unfold in the city's monuments: witness the amazing Byzantine Anadolu Fortress and the Beylerbeyi Ottoman Palace, summer residence of the Sultans. Admire the ancient quarters of Uskudar and Kuzguncuk with their wooden villas and houses before continuing to Dolmabahce Palace, the Ortakoy Quarter and past Leander's Tower (also the "Maiden's Tower") on Kiz Kulesi island. Sail under the two bridges that link Asia and Europe. Please note: if the visit falls on a Sunday or a religious holiday the visit to the Grand Bazaar will be replaced with a crossing the bridge uniting Asia to Europe or with a visit to the spice market. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. For MSC Sinfonia 2015 2-day calls, this tour will be available only on 19.10.2015. During the Ramadan period (16.06.2015 - 17.07.2015) the internal visit to the mosques will be reconfirmed during your cruise.

Adult: € 99.00

Child: € 70.00

**IST28 - DINNER CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS STRAIT**

SOMETHING SPECIAL



Adult: € 130.00

Child: € 91.00

**IST30E - PRE-BOARDING EXCURSION TO DISCOVER ISTANBUL**

CITY TOUR



Adult: € 49.00

Child: € 34.00



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**IST18 - MYSTIC DERVISHI SHOW & DINNER Approx. 4 Hours**

SOMETHING SPECIAL



Delve into the world of whirling dervishes and the 13th-century Sufi mystic known as Mevlânâ (or Rumi) on a fascinating night out in Istanbul. On your way to the venue to watch the "Whirling Dervishes Performance", you will also have a chance to see the outside of the Süleymaniye Mosque complex. Characterised by great architectural beauty, this amazing feat of early structural engineering is one of best-known sights in the whole of Istanbul. As followers of Mevlânâ, these Sufi ascetics of the Mevlevi Order take part in a formal ritual, called Sema, that involves 4 states of whirling. Each of these 4 stages represents a transition from an original state of being God's unknowing servant to a state of acquired knowledge and perfection. This enlightened state can only be achieved through receiving God's love and truth as well as by allowing oneself to engage in spiritual communion with God. Watching the dervishes elevate themselves into a state of religious ecstasy - revolving at tremendous speed in time with the music, heads bent, eyes closed, arms and legs flailing wildly, colourful skirts swirling - is truly inspirational. Following the Sema ritual, you will make your way to the restaurant section in Süleymaniye Mosque - the former soup kitchen of the larger mosque complex designed by the architect Sinan - for a taste of Turkish specialities. Your return to the pier and your ship marks the end of the tour. Please note: as the restaurant is located in the Süleymaniye Mosque complex, alcoholic drinks are prohibited by Islamic rules. Only soft drinks, natural fruit juices or water will be served during dinner. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair and is available only on MSC Sinfonia 2015 2-day calls.

Adult: € 197.00**Child: € 138.00****IST30 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF ICONIC ISTANBUL LANDMARKS**

SCENIC ROUTE

**Adult: € 49.00****Child: € 34.00****IST36YC - FROM THE COLOURS OF THE SPICE MARKET TO THE GRANDEUR OF DOLM**

CULTURE AND HISTORY

**Adult: € 180.00****Child: € 126.00****IST06 - CULTURE, ART & SHOPPING IN ISTANBUL Approx. 5 Hours**

CULTURE AND HISTORY



The excursion will begin with a transfer to the Blue Mosque where we will admire the interior panels of blue and white ceramic tiles. Built between 1609 and 1616, the Blue Mosque contains the tomb of its founder, as well as a madrasah (school) and a hospice. After the visit we will enjoy a panoramic view of the ancient Hippodrome that was the centre of the Byzantine public life before continuing to St. Sophia Church to admire the wonderful Byzantine mosaics and learn how this building evolved from a church to a mosque and which has since become a museum. You will have the opportunity to shop at a luxury jewellery store/leather shop or to see a carpet demonstration before enjoying free time in the fabulous Gran Bazaar. Please note: the order of the visits may vary. If the visit falls on a Sunday or a religious holiday the visit to the Grand Bazaar will be replaced with a crossing the bridge uniting Asia to Europe or with a visit to the spice market. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. Only cameras without a flash allowed inside St. Sophia Church. For MSC Sinfonia 2015 2-day calls, this tour will be available on the second day. During the Ramadan period (16.06.2015 - 17.07.2015) the internal visit to the mosques will be reconfirmed during your cruise.

Adult: € 105.00**Child: € 74.00**



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IST24 - DE LUXE ISTANBUL

SCENIC ROUTE



Adult: € 317.00

Child: € 222.00

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Corfù, Greece
Wednesday 3 July 2024**COR55ANN - PANORAMIC SIGHTS OF CORFU**

SCENIC ROUTE

Adult: € 0.00
Child: € 0.00**COR36YC - EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE BOAT TOUR OF CORFU'S NATURAL BEAUTY**

SEA & SUN

Adult: € 180.00
Child: € 180.00**COR13 - PROTECTOURS: CORFU CITY TOUR**Adult: € 34.00
Child: € 23.00**COR15 - JEEP SAFARI & TIME AT THE BEACH**

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

Team up with a few friends and prepare for a wild, self-driven ride through Corfu's appealing interior on this jeep-based exploration. The scenic route, replete with gorgeous views, will take you through quaint mountain villages along winding roads en route to the village of Doukades, located in northwest Corfu, for a first photo stop. Then it's on to Allimatades, another pretty village where you'll have some time to explore on your own and take photos of both sides of the island, which can be seen from here. Next up, you'll drive back down the mountain to reach the southern tip of Corfu and the 10-km/6-mile stretch of sand known as Agios Georgios Beach, one of the island's loveliest. After some time to relax, enjoy the sun and go for a swim, you'll make your way back to the port and your ship. Please note: the tour is self-drive only; guests wishing to drive must be in possession of a valid international driving licence, which they must have held for at least two years. Each jeep can accommodate a maximum of 4 guests, incl. the driver. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same jeep, depending on the available space as all jeeps must be occupied for its entire capacity. Moreover, only 1 guest per jeep will drive the vehicle. The tour is considered to be unsuitable for pregnant women, guests with back/neck problems or using a wheelchair. Vehicles all feature a manual gearbox; the driver must know how to operate a manual gearbox and be capable of starting the vehicle on an incline or in an off-road situation. Guests must sign a waiver before taking part in the tour. Periods of driving will not be narrated, but information will be given at the various stops by your guide. Since the beach does not feature any changing facilities or showers, guests are recommended to wear a swimsuit under their clothes and to bring high-factor sunscreen. The tour is subject to weather conditions and is available only from June to mid-October. All vehicles are fully insured with a Collision Damage Waiver (CDW), excess according to the vehiclerental contract's terms and conditions.

Adult: € 89.00
Child: € 67.00

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**COR20 - SCENIC BOAT CRUISE**

SEA & SUN



An exploration of Corfu's beautiful northern shoreline is on the itinerary of this relaxing half-day pleasure boat cruise. The route will first take you past Corfu's historical quarter and the tiny nearshore islet of Vido before passing the seaside resorts of Dassia, Barbati and Nisaki. The bays of Agni, Kalamí and Kouloura follow, the last of which once featured as a location in the James Bond film "For Your Eyes Only". Also keep an eye out for a villa of the Rothschild family and another where the Durrell family lived in the mid- to late 1930s, which Gerald Durrells humorous "My Family And Other Animals" put on the map. After sailing past Agios Stefanos bay, you'll head for Limnopoula beach for a break to go swimming, take photos and enjoy a barbecue with homemade Greek sides and refreshments. Once back on board your boat, there'll be a chance to indulge in Greek dancing and fresh fruit. The return route may even deliver sightings of dolphins or sea turtles, while the on-board bar is available to serve snacks, beer and cocktails all day. Please note: this tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair. The tour is subject to weather conditions and is available only from June to September.

Adult: € 68.00**Child: € 58.00****COR52 - RELAX ON BARBATI BEACH**

SEA & SUN

**Adult: € 51.00****Child: € 41.00****COR55 - PANORAMIC SIGHTS OF CORFU**

SCENIC ROUTE

**Adult: € 44.00****Child: € 30.00****COR56 - PANORAMIC CORFU & PALEOKASTRITZA MONASTERY**

CULTURE AND HISTORY

**Adult: € 55.00****Child: € 43.00**

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Bari, Italy
Thursday 4 July 2024**BAR20 - SPLENDOURS AND FLAVOURS OF OLD BARI**

CITY TOUR

Discover the architectural wonders and delicious specialities of beautiful Bari in this leisurely half-day excursion. A short shuttle transfer will take you from the pier to the port gates, where you'll board a very comfortable little train to explore the city in all its glory. This guided tour of Bari will also bring you the opportunity of a stroll around the historical quarter of "Bari Vecchia" and its medieval architecture. A visit to the Basilica of St. Nicholas is included, built in honour of Bari's patron saint. Founded towards the end of the 11th century A.D., the basilica has been an important religious pilgrimage site for nearly a thousand years. An exterior viewing of Bari's old Norman castle will form a further focal point of your tour itinerary, as will a break for a tasting of delicious local products accompanied by a glass of wine. Your excursion will continue with a guided walking tour and some free time to spend as you wish before you return to your ship. Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Conservative attire recommended for visiting places of religious importance. Guests may choose to return to the port soon after the guided tour or to remain in Bari's city centre to have free time and come back to the port by shuttle bus later.

Adult: € 45.00
Child: € 32.00**BAR36YC - POLIGNANO A MARE ON A "APE CALESSINO" VEHICLE AND TASTING**

CITY TOUR

**Adult: € 199.00**
Child: € 189.00**BAR02 - ALBEROBELLO**

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Leave the port of Bari for a scenic 1-hour coach ride through the Italian countryside to Alberobello, a town in the Apulia region that forms the top of the "heel" of the boot of Italy. Thanks to its distinctive mortarless round stone houses with conical roofs, known as "trulli", the town was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1996. Your tour includes a guided walk through the delightful streets of this most unusual village - plus a visit to St. Antonio, the only "trullo" church in the world. Many of these "trullo" houses are topped by a so-called "pinnacolo" - a sort of white cap or sphere - and all of them have curious symbols, possibly good-luck charms, painted on the roofs. If there is time, you will also go on a short sightseeing tour of Bari by coach before you return to the port and your ship. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Adult: € 73.00
Child: € 51.00**BAR04 - THE "SASSI" IN MATERA**

NATURAL WONDERS

Enjoy a 1-hour drive to Matera, the city of the weird and wonderful "Sassi", caves and the first town in the world to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your journey will be enhanced by some information you will receive by an assistant before reaching this amazing location. These caves were inhabited from the Neolithic times right up until 1952. Perhaps because of its unique and tangible history, the atmosphere here is extraordinary and the place exudes a mystic air. We will either visit a furnished Sassi cave museum house and one rocky church that are symbol of the local culture. Many film directors have chosen to set films in Matera, as it is such an evocative place and Mel Gibson's controversial film, "The Passion of the Christ", was shot here. Please note: guests will meet guides in Matera; the bus drive is unguided. This tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair; long periods of walking.

Adult: € 77.00
Child: € 53.00



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BAR07 - THE CAVES OF CASTELLANA & POLIGNANO A MARE

NATURAL WONDERS

Leave the port for an hour's drive to the Caves of Castellana where we will meet our guide for a fantastic subterranean journey through the cave complex. The caves were first explored in 1938, although their existence had been known since the XVIII century. At 60 metres deep, marvel at the cave chambers and the myriad of alabaster stalagmites and stalactites encrusted with calcite crystals. Back above ground we will travel on to Polignano a Mare, a lovely town perched high on a rock with wonderful views over the sea. You may choose a guided tour of the village or to explore the whitewashed streets on your own, meandering under the flowered arches and enjoying the hillside terrace that overlook the sea. Please note: excursion not recommended for guests who are claustrophobic or with walking difficulties. The itinerary inside the caves is on uneven, slippery path.

Adult: € 59.00

Child: € 42.00

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Trieste (Venice), Italy

Friday 5 July 2024

**TRS08 - THE MAGICAL WORLD OF THE POSTOJNA CAVES**

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



Experience a magical landscape of subterranean mountains, murmuring rivers and vast halls, exploring a 24.12 km cave system made up of four caves connected by an underground river, 5.3 km of which are open to the public. Greeted by a local guide, you'll enjoy an expert tour of this extraordinary subterranean land, world-famous for its massive "Brilliant" stalagmite and "baby dragon" salamanders or olms. A portion of the caves have been illuminated to provide a stunning optical show, highlighting the rocks' transparency and giving the illusion of a wall of water.

Adult: € 91.00**Child: € 64.00****TRS05 - MAGIC OF OLD LJUBLJANA WALKING TOUR**

SCENIC ROUTE



Immerse yourself in the architecture, history, culture and people of this fascinating city on a leisurely walking tour of Old Ljubljana on the right bank of the Ljubljanica River, the only area of central Ljubljana to have survived the 1895 earthquake intact. Your day will begin with a comfortable 2-hour coach trip to Ljubljana, one of the most beautiful capital cities in the world, built on the confluence of three rivers with its soul in the Baroque Old City at the foot of Castle Hill and in its art Nouveau mansions. Your guide will take you on a walking tour through this area, which has the densest concentration of sights as well as cafés and bars in town, bringing you a true in-depth experience of the city. On the tour you'll see the outside of the Baroque Cathedral with its distinctive green dome and twin towers, the Bishop's Palace and the Seminary, the Vienna Secession-style Dragon Bridge, The Marketplace and elegant Preeren Square. Continuing past the Franciscan Church of the Annunciation, you'll see the unique Triple Bridge and Congress Square with the headquarters of Ljubljana University, the newly-restored Academia Philharmonicorum building and Ursuline Church of the Holy Trinity. You'll then enjoy free time to shop and explore as you please before returning to Trieste in the afternoon.

Adult: € 69.00**Child: € 48.00****TRS07 - VENICE AS YOU LIKE IT**

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Conveyed to Venice by comfortable coach and whisked into the historic centre on a panoramic trip by private charter boat upon your arrival, this beautifully personalisable tour lets you explore Venice in your own time, seeing what you want at your own pace. Heaven! Your day starts with a 2-hour trip through Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto in a comfortable modern coach to the Venice City Coach Park. Here, you'll board a private charter boat that will convey along the Giudecca Canal, famous for its views of Venice from the water, to the heart of the city. Once there, you'll have free time to enjoy the city just as you like, seeing anything from the Doge's Palace to the Rialto Bridge and bridge of Sighs, exploring the quaint winding streets, shopping or just relaxing with a coffee in the world-famous St Mark's square. After your tour we'll return by boat to the Coach Park and from there to Trieste.

Adult: € 95.00**Child: € 67.00****TRS10 - CITY TOUR & MIRAMARE CASTLE PARK**

CITY TOUR

Adult: € 55.00**Child: € 39.00**

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Katakolon (Olympia), Greece

Sunday 7 July 2024

**KAT36YC - VISIT TO OLYMPIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AND COOKING CLASS**

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Adult: € 162.00

Child: € 114.00

**KAT01 - OLYMPIA AND SHOPPING STOP**

CULTURE AND HISTORY

From the port of Katakolon, your coach first heads inland through the Greek countryside to Olympia, the archaeological site of the ancient Olympic Games. A team of German experts in the 19th century excavated the area, in the course of which many important artifacts were unearthed. According to legend Zeus, the king of the Greek gods, built Olympia. The tour includes a chance to view the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, which was constructed with a maximum capacity of 40,000 spectators. You will also have some free time to do a spot of shopping before the tour ends with your return to the port and your ship. Please note: this tour includes walking over uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to guests who use a wheelchair; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

Adult: € 62.00

Child: € 43.00

**KAT03 - TRANSFER TO THE BEACH**

SEA & SUN

Spend a few hours in pure relaxation mode and take advantage of this tour to Kouroúta beach, which forms part of the Amaliada municipality and is situated an approx. 30-minute coach ride from the port of Katakolon. The beach is an ideal spot to take in the beautiful views, enjoy the Greek sun, swim, lounge on the sand or go for a gentle walk. Do take some sunscreen, a hat and a bottle of water, although amenities can also be found at the beach. Your tour ends with your return to Katakolon and your ship. Please note: the tour operates from June until the end of September. Sun loungers and parasols are available free of charge for guests ordering food or drink.

Adult: € 30.00

Child: € 26.00



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**KAT04 - OLYMPIA & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM**

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Spend a few hours off the ship and follow the trail of ancient Olympians on this fascinating tour to the archaeological remains of Olympia, only a short coach drive from Katakolon. Ancient Olympia is the town that gave rise to, hosted the Olympic Games in classical times, and is still the place where the Olympic torch is lit for our modern-day Summer Olympics, which were reinstated in 1896. Although Ancient Olympia was already re-discovered in 1766, excavation work only began in 1829 and responsibility for the site then passed to the "German Archaeological Institute at Athens" in 1870. Your trip around this UNESCO World Heritage Site will give you a chance to see the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, which was designed to hold up to 40.000 spectators. The tour also includes a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Olympia, which was opened in 1982 and is home to an astounding collection of artifacts found in the course of excavation work. Among the museum's most notable exhibits are particularly fine collections of beautifully detailed sculptures and bronzes as well as numerous terracotta artifacts and mosaics. The complex also includes a book and souvenir shop, which you may also like to visit. Your Olympic tour ends with a scenic return drive to the port and your ship. Please note: this tour includes walking over uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to guests who use a wheelchair; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Only cameras without a flash allowed inside the Museum.

Adult: € 72.00**Child: € 50.00****KAT05 - OLYMPIA, FOLKLORE SHOW & TASTING**

SOMETHING SPECIAL



Designed to give you a taste of ancient Greece, this tour takes you inland from the port of Katakolon to the site of ancient Olympia, which was excavated by a team of German archaeologists in the 19th-century, yielding a wealth of historical artefacts. Greek mythology has it that Zeus, the king of the Greek gods, built Olympia. Your tour around the archaeological site will take you past the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, which held up to 40.000 spectators quite a crowd even by modern-day standards. To round off your "Olympic" experience, you will also have a snack and watch a typical Greek folklore show in a pleasant restaurant in Olympia. The tour ends with your return to the port of Katakolon and your ship. Please note: this tour includes walking over uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to guests who use a wheelchair; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

Adult: € 79.00**Child: € 56.00****KAT11 - MAGNA GRECIA ESTATE & OLYMPIA**

SOMETHING SPECIAL



The ancient town of Olympia was the site of the very first Olympic Games and this tour gives you an opportunity to discover the archaeological remains of this iconic place. Excavated by a team of German archaeologists in the 19th-century, the site offers a unique look at the way these ancient Grecians lived. In line with Greek mythology, the king of the Greek gods, Zeus, constructed the city. Look forward to seeing the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the gymnasium, the hippodrome and the stadium, designed to hold up to 40.000 spectators. Next up is the beautiful "Magna Grecia" estate, a family-owned farm where wine and olive oil are locally produced. Enjoy a light snack as you watch a typical folk show; then, continue with a visit to the farm before boarding your coach and return to the port. Please note: this tour includes walking over uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to guests who use a wheelchair; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

Adult: € 79.00**Child: € 56.00****KAT18 - PROTECTOURS: OLYMPIA SECRETS OF SUSTAINABLE LIVING****Adult: € 86.00****Child: € 60.00**

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Piraeus, Greece**Monday 8 July 2024****PIR36YC - WINE TASTING AT THE "QUEEN'S TOWER"****SOMETHING SPECIAL****Adult: € 115.00****Child: € 81.00****PIR02 - PLAKA, ACROPOLIS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM****CULTURE AND HISTORY**

Situated only a short distance from Athens, the port of Piraeus makes a perfect starting point for a visit to the Greek capital and, of course, the world-famous Acropolis, an ancient citadel that sits atop a rocky hill that rises 150 metres above the city in the Attica Basin. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is not only home to the archaeological remains of several ancient buildings, but also the location of the amazing Parthenon, the symbol of Athens. Built between 447 and 432 B.C., the Parthenon temple was originally dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena, was then converted to a Christian church in honour of the Virgin Mary in the 5th-century A.D. and was finally turned into a mosque, for which a minaret was added to the complex, in the 15th-century. Today, the Parthenon is widely seen to be an abiding symbol of ancient Greece and as the birthplace of modern democracy. To save your feet, the scenic tour will take you to see all the main attractions of this profoundly historic city from the comfort of a modern coach. You will have time to visit the amazing National Archaeological Museum – an archive of rare artefacts that knows no rival – and the meticulously restored old part of Athens, the so-called Plaka district. The beautiful old buildings in Neoclassical style, narrow lanes and archaeological remains that characterise the district give the place an old-world feel that is sure to capture your imagination. A brief stop will be made at a local souvenir shop before the tour concludes with your return to the ship. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance tickets to the Acropolis and the Archaeological Museum included. Only cameras without flash allowed inside the Archaeological Museum. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Adult: € 101.00**Child: € 71.00****PIR04 - ATHENS & VISIT TO THE ACROPOLIS****CULTURE AND HISTORY**

Take some time off the ship and head for Athens for a comprehensive sightseeing tour through the main streets and squares of a city steeped in classical history. Not only is Athens widely regarded as the cradle of western civilisation and the birthplace of modern democracy, it is also a cornucopia of visual delights you will not want to miss. After the city tour, you will continue on to Athens' premiere landmark: the imposing Acropolis, a plateau that overlooks the town at a height of 150 metres. Among various other examples of classical Grecian architecture, the site is home to the world-famous Parthenon, a huge temple dedicated to the ancient Greek goddess, Athena, and one of the world's greatest cultural monuments. A brief stop will be made for some souvenir shopping before the tour concludes with your return to the ship. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance ticket to the Acropolis included. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Adult: € 86.00**Child: € 60.00**

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**PIR08 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF ATHENS**

SCENIC ROUTE



This excursion is ideal for those unable to climb the steps to the Acropolis but who wish to gain an overall impression of Greece's capital city. We will meet our guide at the port and board the bus for an excursion that covers the key attractions. As we drive from Piraeus to Athens, our guide will point out the main ancient and modern sites including Hadrian's arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our tour will continue past the National Gardens, the Panathinion Stadium, the Academy, the University and the National Library. You will be able to see the Acropolis from a distance and we will break to take photographs before proceeding to Plaka. You will have some time for free exploration or for shopping; your guide will help you finding the perfect souvenir to bring home. Please note: exterior visits only of the sites. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach; wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Wheelchair users wishing to take part in this are requested to contact the Shore Excursions' Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

Adult: € 44.00**Child: € 30.00****PIR09 - A VOYAGE TO ANCIENT GREECE**

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Meet your guide at the port and board the bus for a sightseeing tour through the main streets and squares of this historically important city. After reaching Athens city centre, we will arrive at the famous Acropolis that towers imposingly 150 metres above the city; for thousands of years the Acropolis has been symbol of Athens and our tour will enable you to view the other masterpieces from Greece's "Golden Age". Prepare yourself to climb to the top of the Acropolis Hill to view the Erectheum, the Temple of Wingless Victory and the symbol of the Greek nation: the Parthenon. The temple is dedicated to the patron goddess of Athens, Athena, and is the largest and most impressive temple of all Greece. We will continue the tour through the Acropolis pedestrian zone to reach and visit the new Acropolis Museum. Here we will enjoy a full 1.5-hour in the museum, where you can admire the statues, sculptures and marbles of the Parthenon. A brief stop will be made at a local souvenir shop before the tour concludes with your return to the ship. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance tickets to the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum included. Only cameras without flash allowed inside the Acropolis Museum. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Adult: € 95.00**Child: € 66.00****PIR41D - VISIT TO THE ACROPOLIS & TRANSFERT TO THE AIRPORT**

CULTURE AND HISTORY

Adult: € 102.00**Child: € 77.00**



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Tuesday 9 July 2024



KUS01 - EPHEBUS

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Adult: € 75.00

Child: € 53.00



KUS05 - DELUXE BEACH TOUR

SEA & SUN



Adult: € 85.00

Child: € 60.00



KUS18 - PROTECTOURS: RURAL LIFE AND THE ECO-SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE OF KIRAZLI



Adult: € 98.00

Child: € 69.00



KUS36YC - LET YOURSELF BE PAMPERED AT JOJO BEACH CLUB IN FETHIYE

SEA & SUN



Adult: € 99.00

Child: € 70.00



KUS15 - ADVENTURE BY 4X4 THROUGH TURKISH VILLAGES

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



Adult: € 65.00

Child: € 47.00



KUS02 - THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF EPHEBUS & VIRGIN MARY HOUSE

CULTURE AND HISTORY

Adult: € 97.00

Child: € 68.00



KUS07 - BEST OF KUSADASI

CITY TOUR



Adult: € 135.00

Child: € 95.00

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