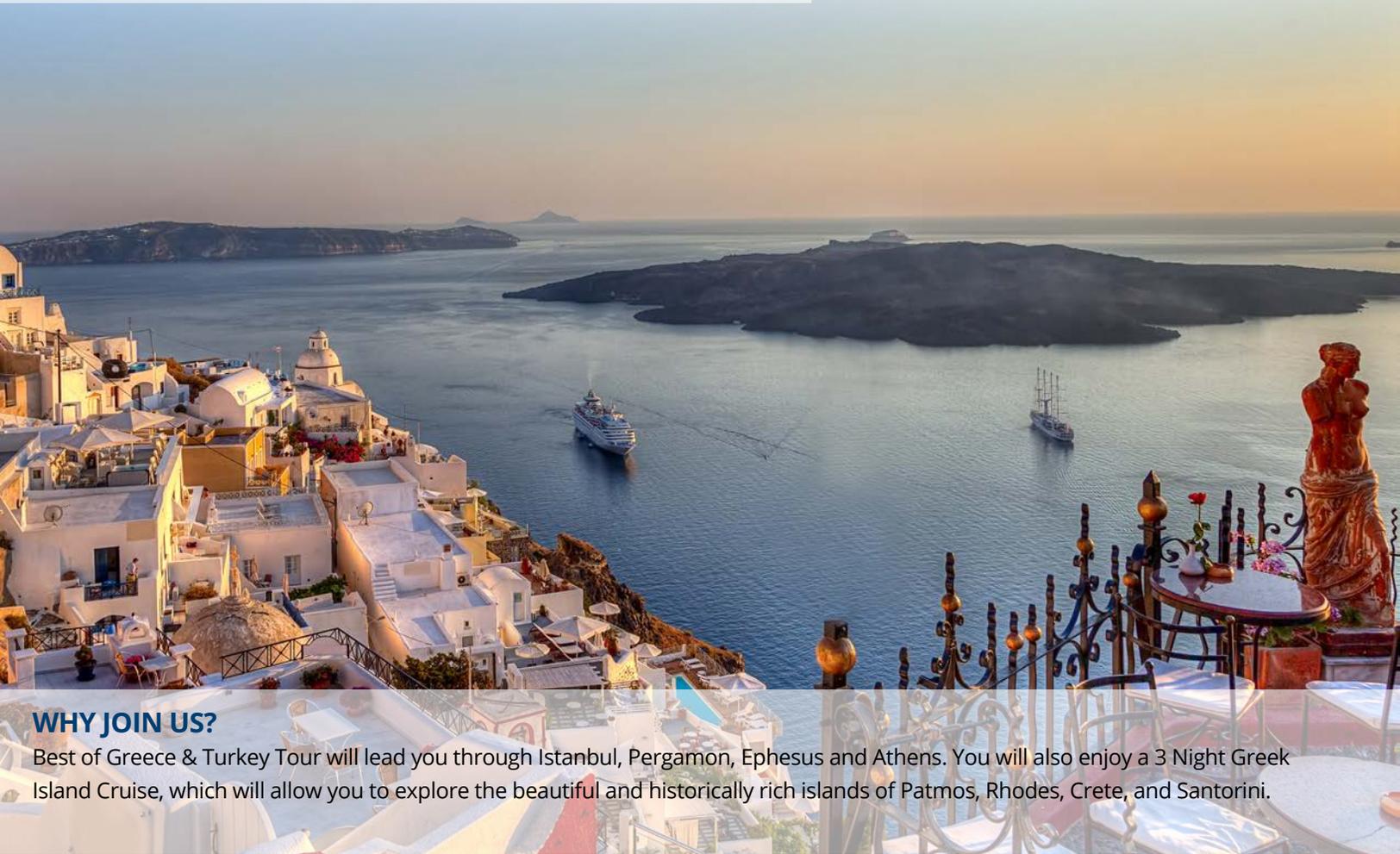


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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 | WEDNESDAY

#### DEPARTURE

Our tour starts today as we depart on our way to Turkey. Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight.

### Day 2 | THURSDAY

#### ARRIVE IN ISTANBUL / WELCOME TO TURKEY

Today you will arrive in Istanbul, the only city in the world built on two continents. Upon arrival at Istanbul Ataturk Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your Istanbul hotel. The afternoon will be free to spend at your leisure.

### Day 3 | FRIDAY

#### ISTANBUL: ST. SOPHIA MUSEUM / TOPKAPI PALACE / BLUE MOSQUE / HIPPODROME SQUARE / GRAND COVERED BAZAAR

Today we will enjoy a full day historical Istanbul tour. We will visit the St. Sophia Museum, built in the 6th century and once the largest Christian Church in the world. Next we will go to Topkapi Palace. This was once the Imperial Residence of the Ottoman Sultans and displays a priceless world-class collection of artifacts, jewelry, and rare porcelain. We will then see the Blue Mosque, a unique structure famous for its 6 minarets and blue Iznik tiles. Next we will see the Hippodrome Square, where ancient chariot races were held. Then we will finish our tour by shopping at the world famous Grand Covered Bazaar.

### Day 4 | SATURDAY

#### BOSPHORUS & ASIA TOUR: EGYPTIAN SPICE MARKET / BOSPHORUS BOAT TOUR / PALACE OF BEYLERBEYI

After breakfast we will begin our touring with a visit to the Egyptian Spice Market. We will then embark on a Bosphorus Boat Tour, allowing us to see the beauty of the European and Asian shorelines on either side. After lunch we will visit the Palace of Beylerbeyi, which is considered to be the most elegant of the late Ottoman palaces. After our tour we will proceed to Istanbul Airport for your flight to Izmir. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

### Day 5 | SUNDAY

#### PERGAMON: ACROPOLIS / TEMPLE OF ATHENA / LIBRARY / ROYAL PALACES / TEMPLES OF PERGAMON / ALTAR OF ZUES / ASCLEPION

Today we will enjoy a Pergamon day tour. We will visit the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena, the famous Library, the Royal Palaces, the Temple of Trajan, the steepest Theater in the world, the Temple of Dionysos, the Altar of Zeus, and the Red Basilica (St. John's Church). After lunch, we will visit the ruins of Asclepiion, the Medical Center of the ancient world.

### Day 6 | MONDAY

#### EPHESUS: SHRINE OF THE VIRGIN MARY / RUINS OF EPHESUS / ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM / TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS

Today we will explore Ephesus, the veritable cradle of early Christianity. Here you will visit the Shrine of the Virgin Mary, where she was believed to have spent her later days. Next we will proceed to the spectacular ruins from the time of St. Paul, some of which have only recently been excavated. We will see the Odeon, the Bouleterion, the Fountains, the Temples, the Brothel, the Library, the Agoras, the Great Theater, the Roman Baths, and the Gymnasium. After lunch we will visit the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts.

### Day 7 | TUESDAY

#### PATMOS: MONASTERY OF ST. JOHN / GROTTA OF THE REVELATION

Today we will embark on our 3 Night Cruise to the Greek Islands. We will sail for Patmos, Greece at noon and arrive at Patmos around 4 PM. This beautiful and almost mysterious rocky island is where the apostle John was exiled and wrote the Book of Revelation. You may explore the island on your own or join an optional tour where we will tour the island and visit the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist. Here we will enjoy a spectacular view of the island. We will also visit the Grotto of Revelation. After some free time for browsing, we will return to the ship and sail for Rhodes at 9:00 PM.

### Day 8 | WEDNESDAY

#### RHODES: TEMPLE OF ATHENA / ACROPOLIS OF LINDOS

At 7:00 AM we call at Rhodes. This stronghold was built by a Crusading Order, which originated from Palestine, and in older days, it boasted of another achievements of the then known world – The Colossus of Rhodes! Our optional morning half-day excursion takes us to visit the Temple of Athena on the majestic rocky Acropolis of Lindos, with the blue Aegean Sea beneath it and the sophisticated, whitewashed artists' colony at its foot. Local tradition has it that on his way to Rome, Paul's vessels spent some time here in the small harbor (Acts 21:1). We will have the afternoon free in Rhodes for a most delightful experience. Stroll around the medieval walled city and enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere from one of the elegant cafes in the marina. At 6:00 PM we will sail for Heraklion, Crete.

### Day 9 | THURSDAY

#### CRETE / MINOAN PALACE OF KNOSSOS / SANTORINI

At 07:00 a.m. we will arrive at Heraklion, Crete (Acts 27:7-13). Our optional excursion will take us from the lively bustling city to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, legendary home of the Minotaur (half bull and half man). We will sail for Santorini at 11:00 a.m., where we arrive at 4:30 p.m. Take a mule or the cable car up to the white-washed town of Thira, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano, the eruption of which (1,600 BC) literally buried a flourishing Bronze Age town which has now been excavated at Akrotiri. We will sail for Piraeus at 9:00 p.m.

### Day 10 | FRIDAY

#### PIRAEUS / CORINTH / ARRIVE IN ATHENS

At 7:00 a.m. we will arrive at Piraeus. After breakfast we will disembark, transfer to Athens center and depart to Ancient Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) for a half day tour. It was to this megalopolis where the apostle Paul came and worked, established a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles now part of the New Testament. See the ruins of early Christian 5th Century Basilica at the ancient port of Cencreae before departing to Athens.

### Day 11 | SATURDAY

#### ATHENS: ACROPOLIS / PARTHENON / PANATHENIAN STADIUM / TEMPLE OF OLYMPIAN ZEUS / ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

Today we will enjoy a half day tour of Athens. We will climb up to the marble-capped Acropolis and visit the famous Parthenon and the Erechtheion. We will see the highlights of modern Athens as we pass by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Parliament House, Presidential Palace, Panathenian Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Academy, the University, and the National Library. Also we will visit the new Acropolis Museum.

### Day 12 | SUNDAY

#### ATHENS DEPARTURE / FLY HOME

After breakfast and check out you will be transferred to Athens Airport for your departure flight home.

## DATES & RATES

This tour is operated weekly between March and October. Thursday arrivals in Istanbul.

Per person based on double occupancy: \$2,595 based on 4 star hotel level / cabin or \$2,795 based on 5 star level / cabin

A minimum of 2 passengers is required to book this tour.

Optional upgrade to outside cabin \$170 per person

## INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE:

- 10 nights excellent 4 or 5 Star hotel accommodation
- 2 nights Istanbul - 4 Star Hotel Level: Germir Palas Hotel (or similar) OR 5 Star Hotel Level: Elite World Hotel Istanbul (or similar)
- 2 nights Izmir- 4 Star Hotel Level: Kaya Prestige Hotel (or similar) OR 5 Star Hotel Level: Wyndham Izmir Ozdilek (or similar)
- 1 night Kusadasi - 4 Star Hotel Level: Pine Marina Hotel (or similar) OR 5 Star Hotel Level: Korumar Hotel Deluxe (or similar)
- 2 night Athens - 4 Star Hotel Level: Airotel Parthenon Hotel (or similar) OR 5 Star Hotel Level: Metropolitan Hotel Athens (or similar)
- 3 Night Greek Island Cruise
- 19 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners throughout the tour
- All entrance fees & attractions as per tour itinerary including (to name a few): Bosphorus Boat Tour, the temples of Pergamon, the ruins of Ephesus, the New Acropolis Museum, and much more...
- 9 days of touring and sightseeing with top professional, government-licensed, English speaking tour guides
- Private transportation in deluxe air-conditioned coach
- Arrival transfer from the airport to your Istanbul hotel (please check below for transfer remarks)
- Departure transfer to the Athens Airport (please check below for transfer remarks)
- Porter fees at all hotels
- All land service and local taxes

## TRANSFER REMARKS:

- Arrival transfers are provided FREE for travelers arriving at Istanbul Airport on all flights arriving Thursday ONLY.
- Departure transfers to the Athens Airport are provided for departure flights on the ending day of the tour (Sunday) ONLY.

## NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights: please call us toll free at (877) 248-8687 to arrange your flights
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Izmir
- Optional shore excursions during the cruise
- Shuttle bus to Mykonos (on cruise) 4 euro pp
- \$30 per person entry visa to Turkey – (for U.S Citizens – obtainable at the port of entry upon arrival)
- Tips to tour guide, bus driver and hotel staff
- All drinks and any other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended- please call us for travel insurance info)

