

The Argonaut

Istanbul • Mykonos • Patmos • Kusadasi • Rhodes • Santorini • Crete • Athens

Cruise to cosmopolitan Mykonos, medieval Rhodes, ancient Ephesus, the Island of Patmos and the fascinating island of Santorini. Enjoy a blend of modern comfort and ancient history and culture as you tour the magical islands of Greece. Experience the many cultural influences found in Turkey, the only country in the world straddling two continents. Get an up close look at the ruins of ancient Greek, Minoan, Byzantine and Ottoman civilizations, and see how they have evolved into exciting, modern cities.



Day 1 USA - Athens

Depart on your flights to Athens, Greece.

Day 2 Athens

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel for the evening. D

Day 3 Mediterranean Cruise

Board your Mediterranean cruise ship and depart for Istanbul, Turkey. Enjoy the numerous onboard amenities as well as spectacular ocean vistas and delicious meals. B, L, D

Day 4 Mediterranean Cruise: Istanbul

Istanbul with its blend of East and West has resulted in some of the most magnificent architecture in the world such as Agia Sofia, Blue Mosque and furthermore the Topkapi Palace with its treasures of the Ottoman Empire. You may take an optional Istanbul by Night excursion to take part in the entertainment and night life at one of the finest night clubs in the city. Enjoy a variety of Turkish specialties while you are entertained by Turkish musicians, belly dancers and folk dancers, performing dances from different regions of Turkey. B, L, D

Day 5 Mediterranean Cruise: Istanbul

Choose from four optional excursions today. Tour all the highlights of Istanbul and get a taste of both the historic and the modern sides of this multi-faceted city. See stunning architecture, experience typical Turkish cuisine and peruse impressive examples of Turkish carpets, jewelry and crafts. B, L, D

Day 6 Mediterranean Cruise: Mykonos

Beneath Mykonos' sophisticated surface lies the quintessential Greek island. Hundreds of tiny chapels dot this blue and white-washed island with its beautiful windmills. Find a table on the waterfront and bask in the serenity of sunset over its picturesque harbor. You may opt to take a guided tour of Delos, once a Sacred Island. It is the legendary birthplace of the Sun God Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. Tonight you are offered the chance to enjoy authentic native cuisine and wine while experiencing folk dance and music of the region. B, L, D

Day 7 Mediterranean Cruise: Patmos - Kusadasi

Patmos is known as the site of the apocalyptic revelations of St. John the Divine, written here during his exile from the Roman Empire. You may choose to take a scenic island tour, or visit St. John's Monastery and Grotto. Continue on to Kusadasi, Turkey and choose from two optional sightseeing tours, taking you to significant ancient ruins such as the Temple of Diana in Ephesus, the Great Theatre and the Temple of Hadrian. B, L, D

Day 8 Mediterranean Cruise: Rhodes

The beautiful "Island of Roses" has a rich and varied history. On a hill above the charming town of Lindos rises an ancient acropolis dedicated to the goddess Athena. You may choose to spend your day at a modern beach front luxury hotel and relax by the pool, or tour ancient sites like the Temple of Apollo, the stadium of Diagoras and the port. It was once guarded by the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. B, L, D

Day 9 Mediterranean Cruise: Crete - Santorini

Agios Nikolaos, the capital of Lassithi, is a picturesque town in the eastern part of Crete, built on the northwest side of the peaceful bay of Mirabello. An optional tour offers the chance to enjoy traditional Cretan food, drink, music and dance on a nearby farm. You may also choose to tour Agios Nikolaos and Spinalonga, or take an excursion to Knossos Palace. See the ruins of a civilization dating back to 4000 BC, when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. B, L, D

Day 10 Athens - USA

Board your return flight to the USA. B

Custom tour options:

Tour dates:

Priced at: \$ **participants**

Early booking discount:

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