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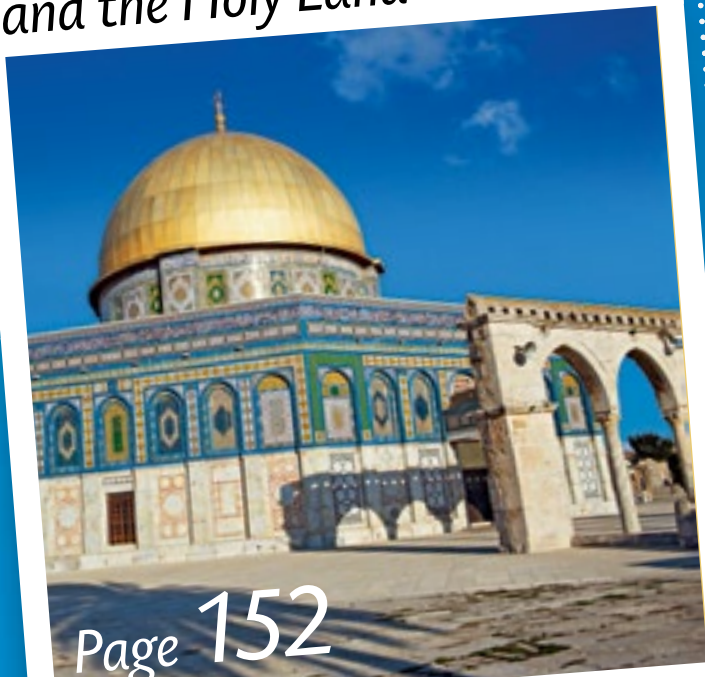
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KOURION

REF. LIM_PP · 8 - DAY CRUISE

An Exceptional Cruise:

Cyprus and the Holy Land,

Including Bethlehem and Jerusalem



DAY 1 | LARNACA

Boarding in **Larnaca**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. Dinner and entertainment on board.

DAY 2 | LARNACA · HAIFA

Buffet breakfast and dinner served on board. **Optional day-long excursion to Nicosia and Kyrenia**, with a visit to the Cyprus Archaeological Museum (approx. 8 hours including lunch in restaurant). Return to ship and cruise the Mediterranean toward **Haifa**. **Cypriot-themed entertainment in lounge.**

DAY 3 | HAIFA (Israel)

Buffet breakfast and dinner served on board. **Day-long excursion including Jerusalem and Bethlehem (lunch included; approx. 10 hours total, incl. 4 hours round trip).** Evening of entertainment given by the crew.

DAY 4 | HAIFA

After breakfast, **optional excursion through Galilee and Lake Tiberias** (lunch included; 9 hours total, incl. 4 hours round trip). Dinner and entertainment on board.

DAY 5 | HAIFA · LIMASSOL

All meals served on board. Leave for **guided visit including Nazareth**. Afternoon cruise towards **Limassol**. Evening of entertainment on board.

DAY 6 | LIMASSOL ⁽²⁾

All meals served on board. Optional excursion to visit **the ancient city of Kourion and Kolossi Castle**. Afternoon **optional excursion** to the old town of **Limassol and its medieval castle**. Evening of traditional **Cypriot folk entertainment on board.**



JERUSALEM



JERUSALEM

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

New and Exclusive Itinerary

Unique Cruise

Excursions in the Holy Land INCLUDED

Jerusalem and Bethlehem

Nazareth and its eastern charm

Discover⁽¹⁾

- Galilee and Lake Tiberias
- Nicosia and Kyrenia
- The ancient city of Kourion and Kolossi Castle
- Limassol and its medieval castle
- Paphos and its mosaics



DAY 7 | LIMASSOL · LARNACA

All meals served on board. Morning **optional excursion to visit Paphos**. Afternoon spent cruising to Larnaca. **Gala dinner and evening on board.**

DAY 8 | LARNACA

Breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m.

➔ See excursion details on page 158.

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NB: Navigational problems linked to weather conditions can interfere with the scheduled itinerary and in certain cases, intermediary stops can be cancelled. If this happens, CroisiEurope will do our best to find a solution according to passenger expectations. For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

(1) Optional excursions.

(2) On December 25, 2014 and January 1st, 2015 the excursion to Kourion/ Kolossi and the Limassol castle will be replaced by visit to the Saint Neophyte Monastery and Odomos.

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BETHLEHEM



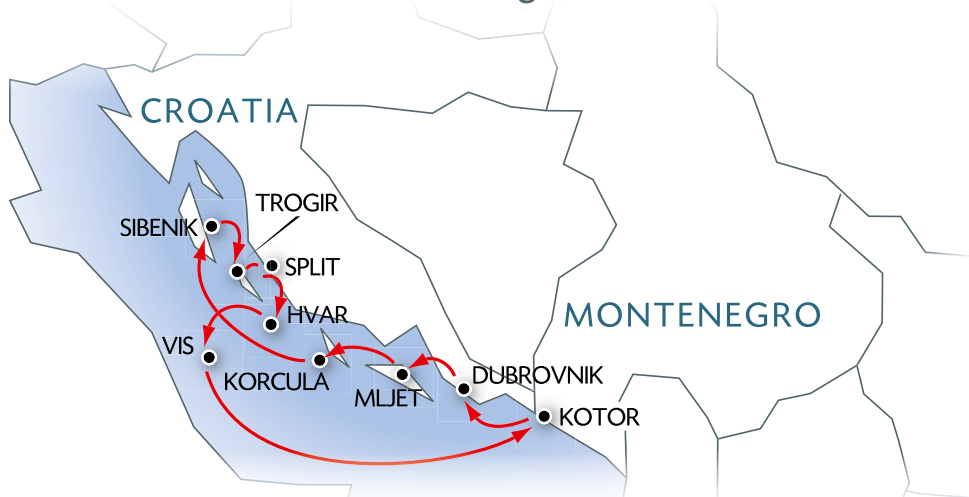
PAPHOS



REF. DHD_PP · **8 - DAY CRUISE**

Croatia and Montenegro:

The Adriatic, its Enchanting Islands, and the Kotor Estuary



DAY 1 | DUBROVNIK

Boarding starts at 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. Free evening to explore and relax.

DAY 2 | DUBROVNIK · MLJET

All meals served on board. After breakfast on board, join us on an **optional guided tour of Dubrovnik**. Free afternoon to explore Dubrovnik as you wish. We recommend a promenade around the ramparts⁽¹⁾. Evening of entertainment. Our boat will depart to begin our cruise around midnight.

DAY 3 | MLJET · KORČULA

All meals served on board. You can join us as we first depart on foot for an **optional excursion** by boat to visit the **monastery at Mljet Island**. This



KOTOR



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Dazzling landscapes

Architectural diversity in pure Veneto-Byzantine tradition

The paradise islands of Mljet, Korcula, Vis, and Hvar



afternoon, **optional guided tour of Korkula**. Traditional "saber dancing" evening.

DAY 4 | KORCULA · SIBENIK

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. This afternoon, **optional guided tour of Sibenik** and **Krka Falls**. Evening with the crew.

DAY 5 | SIBENIK · TROGIR · SPLIT

All meals served on board. This morning, **optional guided tour of Trogir**. In the afternoon, **optional tour of Split**. We'll take you to the **Titova Obala**, a vast walkway overlooked by the southern facade of the palace. Free evening to explore or relax.

DAY 6 | SPLIT · HVAR · VIS

All meals served on board. This morning, **optional guided tour of Hvar**. You'll have the rest of the day free to explore Vis. **Gala dinner** followed by an evening of entertainment.

DAY 7 | KOTOR · DUBROVNIK

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. This afternoon, **optional guided tour of Kotor**. Free evening in Dubrovnik.

DAY 8 | DUBROVNIK

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

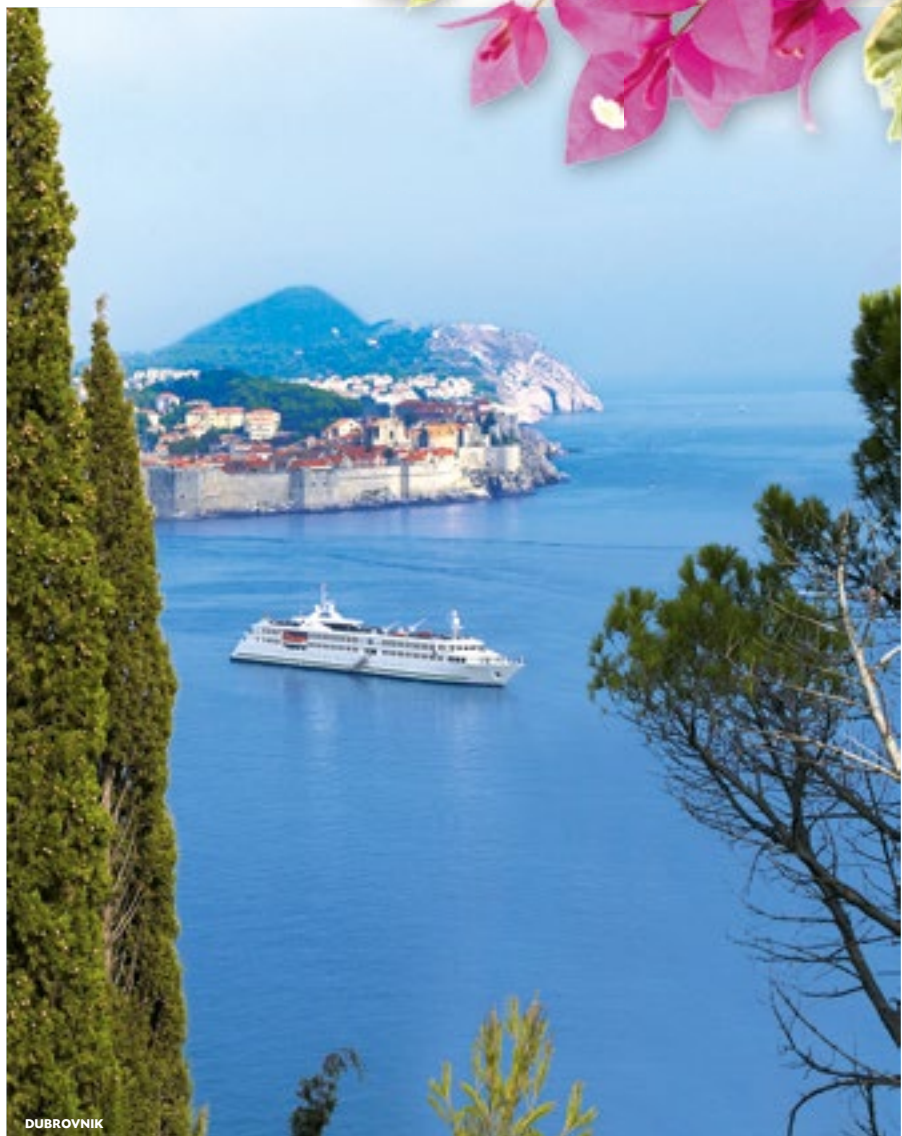
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(1) Not included.

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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

New and exclusive itinerary

Discover legendary ancient Mediterranean sites⁽¹⁾:

- Paphos and its mosaics, Perge and Aspendos, Ephesus, the archeological site of Khirokitia and Lefkara, Athens and the Acropolis
- The medieval city of Rhodes⁽¹⁾



REF. LAT_PP · 7 - DAY CRUISE

Limassol to Athens along the Turkish Coastline



DAY 1 | LARNACA (Cyprus)

Boarding in **Limassol**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. **Evening of Cypriot folklore.**

DAY 2 | LARNACA · ANTALYA (Turkey)

All meals served on board. This morning, **optional excursion to Khirokitia and Lefkara**. Afternoon spent cruising. Evening of entertainment.

DAY 3 | ANTALYA · RHODES (Greece)

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. This afternoon, **optional excursion to Perge and Aspendos**. Evening of entertainment.

DAY 4 | RHODES · KUSADASI (Turkey)

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. Set off for an **optional excursion to visit the ancient and medieval town of Rhodes**. Evening of entertainment.

DAY 5 | KUSADASI · ATHENS (Greece)

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. Departure by coach for an **optional excursion to Ephesus**. **Gala dinner** and evening on board.

DAY 6 | ATHENS

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. This afternoon, join us for an **optional excursion to Athens and the Acropolis** by coach. **Evening of folklore on board.**

DAY 7 | ATHENS

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

➔ **See excursion details on pages 158 and 159.**

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⁽¹⁾ Optional excursions.

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EPHESUS



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Exceptional visits to⁽¹⁾:

- Athens and the Acropolis, Cape Sounion, Mycenae, Nafplion and Epidaurus, Delphi, Corfu and Achilleion Palace, Dubrovnik by night
- Greek Folklore evening on board



REF. ADV_PP · 7 - DAY CRUISE

Homer's Ancient Greece to Croatia and Its Rich Cultural Heritage



DAY 6 | DUBROVNIK (Croatia)

We'll spend the entire day at sea, so take time to admire the beautiful Mediterranean coastlines while enjoying all your meals on board. This evening, **optional guided tour of Dubrovnik by night.**

DAY 7 | DUBROVNIK

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

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J1 | ATHENS (Greece)

Boarding in the Port of Piraeus. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. Evening of entertainment on board.

DAY 2 | ATHENS

All meals served on board. This morning, **optional excursion to Athens and the Acropolis.** In the afternoon, **optional excursion of the Apollo Coast and Cape Sounion.**

DAY 3 | ATHENS · CORINTH CANAL CORINTH (Greece)

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. Feel free to join us for an **optional excursion to Mycenae, Nafplion and Epidaurus** (lunch included in a local restaurant).

DAY 4 | ITEA (Greece)

After breakfast, feel free to join us for an **optional excursion to Delphi** (full day with lunch included).

DAY 5 | CORFU (Greece)

All meals served on board. Morning spent cruising. This afternoon, **optional guided visit of Achilleion Palace, Kanoni Beach and the city of Corfu.** **Gala dinner** and evening of dancing.



COASTAL CRUISES OUR EXCURSIONS

Cyprus

■ KOURION AND KOLOSSI

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Your journey will take you to the archaeological site of Kourion. Here you can admire the Greco-Roman theatre, originally built in the 2nd century BC and added to during the 2nd century AD. The excavations still continue and have already uncovered the House of Eustolios, consisting of a complex of baths and a number of rooms with superb 5th century A.D. mosaic floors. You will continue to Kolossi Castle, a fine example of military architecture dating from the 13th century, which was the seat of the Supreme military commandment of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Knights Hospitallers) and then later under the control of the Knights Templars. Arriving at the old port in Limassol, you will be able to admire the medieval castle (outside only) where Richard the Lionheart was said to have married Queen Berengaria of Navarre. There is free time in the old town before returning to the boat.

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■ KYRENIA AND NICOSIA

LENGTH: 7.75 hours.

We leave our ship by bus to go to Northern Cyprus. Once over the "green line" we get to the coast and the city of Kyrenia, the main seaside resort in northern Cyprus. Why not have a walk along the pretty harbour near to the Venetian castle. You will also visit Bellapais, the Gothic Abbey of Peace built in the 12th century by the de Lusignans. We'll then drive to Nicosia. Located almost in the exact centre of Cyprus, Nicosia is a very rich cultural centre. When you arrive in Nicosia, join the panoramic tour of the town to take in the Archbishop's Palace, St John's Cathedral, the Venetian walls and the port of Famagusta. You will then visit the Cyprus Archaeological Museum and marvel at exhibits dating back as far as the Neolithic period. During the excursion today, there will be a stop for lunch in a restaurant. Back on board at Larnaca.

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■ PAPHOS

LENGTH: 5.25 hours.

Departure by coach from Limassol to Paphos. You will visit the two principal sites of the archaeological site of Kato Paphos, which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site since 1980. The visit will begin with the Tombs of the Kings, a huge underground necropolis, then closer to the port, the main attraction of the site and the most well-known of the island – the Mosaics. These mosaics are among the finest in the entire Mediterranean region. You will also visit the houses of Dionysos, Theseus and Aion. A few kilometres further on, you will stop in the village of Yeroskipou, dedicated to the goddess Aphrodite, to visit a small workshop where Loukoum (Cyprus Delight) is made, followed by a tasting session.

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■ LIMASSOL AND ITS MEDIEVAL CASTLE

LENGTH: 3 hours.

Set off for a guided visit of the medieval Byzantine castle of Limassol. The current building, dating from the 13th century, was built on top of the ruins of a Byzantine castle and has been restored and destroyed many times during the history of Cyprus. The reception hall of the castle was where Richard the Lionheart, king of England, married Berangaria of Navarre in 1191. In addition, he proclaimed himself to be the king of Cyprus in this very hall and made his wife the queen of England. There will then be some free time in the old town. Return on board.

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■ JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM

LENGTH: 10 hours (of which approximately 4 hours is spent on the transfer there and back).

We set off from the port of Haifa and travel through the Judea Mountains and the entrance to the valley which was besieged during the 1948 War of Independence. In Jerusalem, you will visit the Mount of Olives and the Church of Gethsemane, where Jesus Christ was betrayed by Judas Iscariot and captured by the Romans. In the afternoon you will have a discovery tour of Bethlehem, City of David and Jacob, and the famous Church of the Nativity. We return to Jerusalem and have a discovery tour of the Old Town. First you will visit the colourful markets where people of the three main religions (Christianity, Judaism and Islam) live side by side before we reach the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest Christian site in the world believed to encompass both the Calvary where Jesus Christ was crucified as well as the cave where his body was placed after his death. The tour then continues along the Via Dolorosa to the Wailing Wall, the most sacred place of worship for Jews, where they write their wishes on slips of paper which are then placed in the wall. Finally, you will visit Mount Zion, where Jesus Christ ate the Last Supper with his disciples, which inspired the Cenacle. In the middle of the day, there will be a stop in a local restaurant for lunch. Return on board at the end of the afternoon.

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■ GALILEE AND LAKE TIBERIAS

LENGTH: 9 hours (of which approximately 4 hours is spent on the transfer there and back).

Set off by coach for the excursion to Galilee and Lake Tiberias, a freshwater lake known also as the Sea of Galilee or Kinneret in Hebrew. The excursion will first take you to Cana (or Kafr Cana), where Jesus performed the miracle of transforming water into wine. Continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes, from where there are wonderful views of Lake Tiberias. This is the hill where Jesus is believed to have delivered his "Sermon on the Mount". You will also visit the Church of the Beatitudes. Next you head for Tabgha, which was the scene of many gospel stories. You will also visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes which is said to contain the stone on which Jesus placed the five loaves and two fishes that he multiplied in order to feed a crowd of 5,000 people. You will also visit the Church of the Primacy of St Peter. Continue to Capernaum, which was the base camp for Jesus during his Galilean ministry. It was here that he was said to have preached to the synagogue and healed the sick, and where he chose his first four disciples. Visit the Synagogue and the house of St Peter. Travel next to Jordan where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. During the return transfer to Haifa, you will have a wonderful panoramic view of the village of Poria. Return on board.

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■ NAZARETH

LENGTH: 5 hours.

Set off for the included guided visit to Nazareth. There will be a discovery tour of Nazareth, travelling through the lovely hills of Upper Galilee and the historic Jezreel Valley until you reach the spot where the Angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah. Visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest Catholic church in the Middle East and one of the holiest shrines in the Christian world. Continue to the Greek Orthodox Church of St Gabriel, where the

water from an underground spring flows through the apse and into the adjacent Mary's Well which you will also see. Then you will visit St Joseph's Church, built in 1914 on the very spot believed to be the workshop of Joseph the carpenter.

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■ KHIROKITIA AND LEFKARA

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Set off by coach on an excursion to Khirokitia and Lefkara. The visit will begin with Khirokitia, an archeological site dating from the Neolithic age, which was occupied from the 7th until the 4th millennium BC. It is one of the most important prehistoric sites in the eastern Mediterranean and listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Continue to the village of Lefkara, famous for its silver handicrafts and its lace, known as "lefkaritika". According to tradition, during a visit to Lefkara, Leonardo da Vinci was said to have purchased a lace cloth for the main altar of Milan Cathedral. There will be free time to stroll along the village alleyways and discover the local arts and crafts. Return on board.

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Croatia

■ DUBROVNIK

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Transfer by coach and guided tour of Dubrovnik. Nicknamed "the pearl of the Adriatic", the city is spread out along the sea at the foot of a jagged chain of limestone cliffs. The ancient city of Ragusa is famous for its ramparts, which date from medieval times, and its numerous pre-Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque buildings. You will be able to explore the Dominican monastery (13th century); the Rector's palace, once the seat of government, now converted into a museum; and the Cathedral on Marin Drzic square, rebuilt between 1672 and 1713 on the ruins of a Romanesque church. Our tour will also take you past the two Onofrio Fountains (1438 and 1441) in front of the St Blaise church (18th century) and the Sponza palace, a superb edifice which mixes Gothic and Renaissance styles.

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■ DUBROVNIK "BY NIGHT"

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Set off by coach from the port of Gruz for the town centre. Accompanied by your guide, you will have a discovery tour of the pearl of the Adriatic by night. You will be able to admire many fine sights, including Pile Gate, the Fountains of Onofrio, the Franciscan Monastery and the old port. During the course of this walking tour, you will also discover the nocturnal atmosphere of this splendid port city. There is free time in the old port before returning to the boat by coach.

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■ MLJET

LENGTH: 3.5 hours.

Amongst all the islands of Mediterranean, Mljet is the most attractive. The island is covered by forest (72%) and has preserved a wild appearance. After having followed a walkway with your guide, you will board on boats that will take you to the Benedictine monastery of the 12th century, located in the middle of Veliko Jezero, a salt lake located in the national park of Mljet. Return by boat and on foot.

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■ KORCULA

LENGTH: 2 hours.

It is said that Korcula is the birthplace of Marco Polo... Guided tour of the city on foot, medieval city surrounded by ramparts. The Saint Marc cathedral and its museum, the All Saints Church and the maze of streets will seduce you.

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■ SIBENIK AND THE KRKA FALLS

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Guided visit of the cathedral of Sibenik, classified in the global heritage by the UNESCO, amazing masterpiece entirely built in rock. Then, continuation by coach to the national park of the Krka falls, wild and impressive, that you will have the chance to admire from different point of views.

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■ TROGIR

LENGTH: 3.5 hours.

Erected on the island that it recovers, Trogir is a little jewel with intricate alleyways, enamelled with stairways and vaulted passages. Its treasures of Roman and Renaissance architecture have led the town to be classified in the global heritage by the UNESCO. Visit on foot of the Saint Laurent cathedral, the city hall and the old town.

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■ SPLIT

LENGTH: 2 hours.

The city of Split with its population of 140,000, is the largest in Dalmatia as well as being an active university and artistic centre. You will visit in particular Diocletian's Palace, built by a simple soldier who became Emperor. Diocletian chose to end his days in this palace after his abdication in 305 AD. You will also see the Temple of Jupiter and the Cathedral built on the site of the mausoleum.

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■ HVAR

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Guided tour on foot of this historic and dynamic city, renowned for its lavender. Its estival animation reminds Saint Tropez. You will visit the Franciscan Monastery and the Saint Etienne cathedral which have a Renaissance style.

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■ KOTOR

LENGTH: 2 hours.

It is estimated that Kotor owns 70% of the historic and cultural monuments of Montenegro. That is why Kotor is classed as a world heritage by UNESCO. Guided tour of the old town on foot, including the Saint Tryphon cathedral and the maritime museum.

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Greece

■ ACHILLEON PALACE AND CORFU CITY

LENGTH: 3.5 hours.

Departure by coach with your guides to visit the sights of the island of Corfu. First of all you will visit the Achilleon Palace, built in 1889-1891 the palace in the neo-classical style is dedicated to Achilles and the Iliad. The visit will continue by coach through

the Kanoni peninsula, an extraordinarily beautiful site. Off the coast of Kanoni there is an island on which there stands the Vlacherna monastery and the famous Pontikonissi island (Mouse Island), with the Church of Pantokrator. The visit will end with a walking tour of the maze of winding streets in the island's capital, Corfu City, whose Old Town developed in a limited space, between two fortresses and encircled by ramparts. You will visit in particular St Spyridon church, the city's most famous monument, built at the end of the 16th century and whose interior will stun you with the splendour of the Byzantine icons.

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■ ATHENS ACROPOLIS

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

By coach accompanied by your guides, you will go to the Athens Acropolis. You will have the chance to discover the different temples on the site including the Parthenon, built in the 5th century BC and dedicated to Athena, whose gold and ivory statue stood in the sanctuary. You will also visit a number of other remarkable monuments still standing such as the Erechtheion, an elegant little temple dating back to the 5th century BC; the Temple of Athena Nike, known in Ancient Greece as the "temple of victory"; the Propylaea, the monumental entrance to the Acropolis; the ancient Theatre of Dionysos and the Odeon of Herodes Atticus... You will then return to the coach to complete the excursion with a panoramic tour of the modern city of Athens, also taking in the Agora, the centre of public life for the ancient Athenians. This square open space served a variety of purposes: political, religious, economic, commercial and cultural.

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■ DELPHI SITE

LENGTH: 10 hours.

Departure by coach with your guides for the Delphi site. On the Delphi site, you will have the opportunity to pass through the Sanctuary of Apollo, which will take you via the Sacred Road to the Temple of Apollo, which dates back to the 4th century BC. Before arriving at the temple, you will first of all pass through the Agora, reworked by the Romans, then past the Athenian Treasury, a Doric building in white marble. You will also see the site of the Theatre and the Stadium, where the Pythic Games took place in honour of Apollo's victory over the Python snake. You will then return to the coach, which will take you to the Monastery of Hossios Loucas one of the most beautiful Byzantine monasteries in Greece. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this monastery is famous for its 11th century mosaics on a gold background, its frescoes and the refinement of its decoration.

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■ CAPE SOUNION AND THE COAST OF APPOLO

LENGTH: 5 hours.

Cape Sounion and the coast of Attica are known for their beautiful countryside. Departure by coach from the port of Piraeus to reach Cape Sounion, south of Attica. You will then follow the coast of Apollo. At Sounion stands the ruins of the Poseidon's temple, overlooking the sea 60m at the end of a steep rock. After the visit of Cape Sounion, you will go and visit the Vassiliou property and enjoy wine tasting of three different sorts. The best grapes are chosen, as each variety is accorded to the best soil and climate. That's the reason why vineyards are scattered in the region of Attica. The winemaking is at Koropi.

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■ MYCENAE, NAFPLION AND EPIDAUROS

LENGTH: 9.5 hours.

Depart by bus from Corinth to Mycenae, described by Homer as "Mycenae, rich in gold". According to legend Perseus founded the city with the help of the Cyclops. The remains of the Acropolis the Gate of the Lions, named after the lions carved in relief on its huge drum, the royal tombs, the palace and the tomb of Agamemnon, relive the saga of the Atreides. Then Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece, dominated by the Palamedes fort. Nafplion set in a rocky peninsula cuts into the tranquil waters of the Gulf of Argolis. An ancient very picturesque town with lots of charm. Lunch in a restaurant. Finally, we will visit Epidaurus - the Sanctuary of the healer god Asclepius, the Pan-Hellenic Games were held in its stadium. The hillside theatre (3rd century BC) is remarkable for its size (It can accommodate 14,000 spectators) as much by its state of preservation and has exceptional acoustics. Discoveries made in the sanctuary of Asclepius are exposed at the Museum of Epidaurus. Back on board at Corinth.

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■ EPHEBUS

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

Ephesus is one of the oldest and most important ancient Greek cities in Asia Minor. Ephesus owes much of its renown to Artemis, the great sanctuary temple dedicated to Artemis, the Goddess protector of the town, which is considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. You will see some magnificent ruins, in particular Celsus Library, the Great Theatre and Hadrian's Temple. You will follow in the footsteps of Cleopatra and Mark Anthony as you walk along the Arcadian Way.

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■ PERGE AND ASPENDOS

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Set off by coach from the port at Alanya and head for Perge, which is one of the most attractive of the ancient towns and cities in the area. You will visit the ruins of Agora and the stadium, as well as the fortified Hellenistic gate tower, before continuing on to Aspendos, considered one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres of ancient times. Built during the 2nd century AD, the amphitheatre reflects the success of its creator, the architect Zenon. It is still used as a venue today for concerts, operas, ballets and other shows.

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■ RHODES

LENGTH: 8 hours.

You will visit Priene, Miletus and Didyma, three historically rich sites which flourished during the reign of Alexander the Great. Your coach will drop you off in front of the ancient ruins and paved streets of Priene. Among other sites, you will visit the theatre, Athena's temple and Alexander's house set in a superb, natural and unspoiled setting. You will then continue on to Miletus, situated opposite the Balat Plain. Destroyed several times by invaders and then by an earthquake in 1955, Miletus is home to a magnificent theatre which dominates the whole site. You will then continue to the final visit, Didyma, ancient sanctuary and an oracle temple of Apollo, located south of Miletus. Here you will enjoy lunch in a restaurant opposite Apollo's Temple before you visit the site. Return by coach to Kusadasi.

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