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Following your time at the summit, you will travel back down the mountain and visit the superlative Acropolis Museum that was opened in 2009. There is an immense amount of exhibition space and the way it has been laid out coupled with expansive windows can give the impression of crossing the ancient settlements nestled on the slopes of the Acropolis. Next, travel to the Plaka, the colorful old quarter of Athens that is rich with neoclassical architecture, ancient monuments and Byzantine churches, not to mention a plethora of shops and cafés. Following lunch here, there will be free time to do some shopping and explore on your own before transferring back to the hotel where you will enjoy dinner and then have the remainder of the evening to do as you please. **Day 3** After breakfast, change things up and head toward the Athens Riviera. Once here, it’s time to climb aboard a bike and be introduced to this other side of the city. As you bike along colorful side streets, soak in the local ambience and experience an uplifting bond with the surrounding sea. Mid-day stop for lunch by the beach and enjoy some free time to take a dip in the ocean or bask in the warmth of the sun before transferring back to the hotel.

Your final night takes you to the picturesque Mikrolimano area of Piraeus where you will be treated to dinner at the Varoulko restaurant. The restaurant’s menu was created by Lefteris Lazarou, Greece’s top-awarded Michelin-Star chef, so you can expect an extraordinary dining experience. Later, with a satisfied palate and sense of contentment, head back to the hotel for the night. **Day 4** The morning is at leisure and then you will join your transfer to the ship for embarkation.

*Special Note: This tour includes three days of moderate to physical activity that includes steps, inclines, natural and cobblestone surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other physical limitations or health concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition and comfortable riding a bike. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes with a closed toe that can get wet, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. For water activities, we suggest wearing a swimsuit under your clothes and bringing a towel. All safety equipment will be provided. Those who take part in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility.*
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KUS301: INTENSE EPHESUS: THE ICONIC ATTRACTIONS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - JULY 29, 2021 | $105.00

6.5 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

Spend a wonderful day exploring all the main highlights of Ephesus and later, enjoy an authentic Turkish lunch.

Your day begins with a drive to the Virgin Mary's House. Archaeological evidence dates the small house back to the sixth century; however, the foundations date back to the first century. Although there is no conclusive evidence Mary ever lived here, it has become a Catholic shrine and been visited by several Catholic popes and Catholic pilgrims.

Next, make your way to the Ephesus ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates to the third century BC. One of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the area, it was also where the Temple of Artemis once stood, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Today, you are able to see the numerous remains of the city which include the spectacular two-story Library of Celsus, the Odeon Theater and the 24,000-seat Great Amphitheater where St. Paul once preached. The perfect acoustics of this theater still make it a viable venue for magical musical performances today.

The next stop is the Ephesus Archaeological Museum in Selcuk. The small museum houses an incredible collection of Hellenistic and Roman statues, carved reliefs and numerous artifacts unearthed from the ruins of Ephesus. It is also home to the famous statue of Artemis (goddess of fertility).

Leaving the museum, you'll be treated to a traditional Turkish lunch before continuing on to the ruins of the Basilica of St. John. The Basilica was constructed with four domes along a longitudinal axis and a pair flanking the central dome to form the arm of the cross. Beneath the central dome was the grave of St. John.

Returning to Kusadasi, there will be time for exploring on your own, shopping or an optional carpet demonstration.

Special Note: This tour includes nearly three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering the Virgin Mary’s House. All shopping and/or carpet demonstrations are optional and at the guest’s discretion.

KUS302: EPHESUS LANDMARKS AND THE TERRACE HOUSES - HOMES OF THE WEALTHY EPHESIANS - JULY 29, 2021 | $85.00

4 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Enjoy a visit to the Ancient Roman provincial capital and as a bonus, visit newly excavated dwellings that were home to the wealthy and important people of the city as evidenced by how finely they were decorated with exquisite mosaics and frescoes.

Ephesus was an important religious center, second only to Athens and later, Jerusalem. It kept its importance due to its well-placed port and its religious significance, which the locals were not above exploiting. Following Emperor Augustus’ proclamation that Ephesus was the capital of the Asian Province in 27 BC, the city became one of the most important in the extended Roman Empire. The majority of the buildings you will see date from the era when Ephesus had nearly one quarter million inhabitants.

Your visit to the Ephesus site begins at the Magnesia Gate where your guide will then lead you on a leisurely downhill walk through the marble streets of the city. The significance of the sites you are seeing will be explained by the guide and those include the Gymnasium, Odeon, Fountain of Trajan, Temple of Hadrian, Upper Agora, Town hall, Roman baths, a Byzantine house, and surprisingly efficient public toilets. And of course, no visit to Ephesus is complete without seeing the Library of Celsus. This two-story edifice is finely decorated with columns and sculptures and was erected in 135 BC.

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A short walk away you will find the 24,000-seat Great Amphitheater where it is believed St. Paul preached to the Ephesians, imploring them to give up their worship of Artemis and embrace the Christian faith. The perfect acoustics of the theater still make it a viable venue for magical musical performances today.

The highlight of your visit may well be entry into the newly opened portion of the historic Terrace Houses which are located on the slopes behind Ephesus, opposite the Temple of Hadrian. These houses were inhabited by wealthy Ephesians and were finely decorated. Archaeological evidence points to them being built in the period of Augustus and continued to be inhabited until the seventh century AD.

Returning to Kusadasi, there will be time for exploring on your own, shopping or an optional carpet demonstration.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps and uneven surfaces. Some of the steps are glass. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties or those with a fear of heights. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering religious sites. All shopping and/or carpet demonstrations are optional and at the guest's discretion.

KUS306: DINNER UNDER THE STARS AT EPHESUS - A PRIVATE EVENT - JULY 29, 2021 | $299pp

3 HOURS | MEAL: DINNER

This magical and exclusive evening event at the Celsus Library in Ephesus is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Opened to us by special permission, your after-hours white glove dinner may well become your favorite holiday memory.

On arrival, walk the world-famous Marble Road down to the Harbour Street location where white linen-clad tables are set up against the backdrop of an ancient amphitheater. As you are seated, you will no doubt agree that while the magnificent historic landmarks of Ephesus are incredible sights to behold in daylight hours, when seen lit up under the stars, they simply become both ethereal and breathtaking.

As you bask in the extraordinary ambience of this truly special evening, you will be served an elegant five-course, white-glove dinner, all while enjoying music performed by a trio from the Aegean Chamber Orchestra. It just doesn't get much better than this. When your evening draws to a close, you will walk back to your transportation and return to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 30 minutes of moderate walking over a slight incline and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Those with walking difficulties should contact the Excursions Desk to arrange alternate transportation. We recommend evening attire. This is not an Ephesus site visit. Each guest will receive a complimentary photo to commemorate the evening. July 26th date is held at the Harbour Street location within Ephesus.

KUS309: EXCLUSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR OF EPHESUS WITH AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERT - JULY 29, 2021 | $119pp

5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Explore behind-the-scenes at Ephesus with an archaeological expert as your guide and see areas not usually included in the public tours.

Travel from the pier to St. Paul's prison, which is also known as the Watch Tower. Built by the Romans, its location on a hill by the seaside made it an ideal place to protect the surrounding peninsula. It is unclear if it served as a prison for St. Paul, but it is believed he was held here to protect him from the protests against him taking place in the Great Theater. Your visit here is exclusive in that this area is not open to the general public. The 10-minute walk up the hill is well worth the effort as it affords you a wonderful panoramic view of Ephesus and the surrounding area.

From here, drive to the upper gate of Ephesus where you will commence your guided walking tour of the site conducted by an archaeological expert. See the Grand Theater and Celsus Library and then continue on to the Agora, Domitian Temple, and Curetes Street. The information imparted by the archaeologist gives added insight into what you are viewing as it goes beyond the normal tour narration.

Continuing on, make your way to the Terrace Houses using a less-traveled path up the slope to the houses. Situated across from the Hadrian Temple, these homes of the wealthy Ephesians provide a significant look into their daily lives during the Roman period. Next, your behind-the-scenes walk will pass near St. Paul's Cave, unearthed secret locations in Ephesus along with showcasing some incredible views of the site.

Leaving Ephesus behind, you will next drive to the House of the Virgin Mary. Archaeological evidence dates the small house back to the sixth century, however, the foundations date back to the first century. Although there is no conclusive evidence Mary ever lived here, it has become a Catholic shrine and been visited by several Catholic popes and Catholic pilgrims. Afterwards, you will drive back to the pier in Kusadasi.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate to vigorous walking/standing that includes a significant incline, numerous steps, and uneven surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with other walking difficulties or mobility concerns. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; walking shoes with a closed toe and non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. We further recommend bringing a bottle of water from the ship. Shoulders, legs, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. All shopping and/or carpet demonstrations are optional and at the guest's discretion.
KUS310: HISTORIC SIRINCE VILLAGE AND THE HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY - JULY 29, 2021 | $85pp

While any visit to Kusadasi usually includes time at Ephesus, there are a multitude of wonderful attractions to see beyond there. This tour introduces you to two of those that are equally worth exploring and well-suited for those who have visited Ephesus in the past.

Leaving from the port, you will first set out for the House of the Virgin Mary. It's a pleasant drive out to Mt. Pagus where a small, tree-lined path leads to a small stone cottage. Clinging to the side of Bulbul Mountain, it is believed to be the last home of the Virgin Mary, who traveled there in the company of St. John sometime around 40 A.D. near the end of her life. The home was officially recognized by the Vatican in 1896 after being described in visions by a German nun who had never seen it. In fact, it had yet to be discovered at that time. Today, both Christians and Muslims make religious pilgrimages to the site. Beside the house you will find a fountain where a sacred spring feeds three founts that each bestow a unique blessing upon visitors.

Continue from here through the countryside to the nearby village of Sirince which is a perfect blend of Turkish and Greek cultures. Enjoy free time here to explore on your own, strolling its narrow streets with their quaint village homes and soaking up the atmosphere of authentic village life. Famous for its fruit wines, you will be given an opportunity to sample some of them at a local café.

Following your time in Sirince, you will transfer back to Kusadasi where you will have the option of being dropped off in the center of town or returning directly to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites.

KUS311: THE ANCIENT IONIAN CITY OF MILETUS AND THE SANCTUARY OF DIDYMA - JULY 29, 2021 | $79pp

Spend time discovering two important and historical cities in the Kusadasi region, Didyma and Miletus.

Start with a scenic one-hour drive from the pier to Miletus, thought to be the oldest of the Ionian cities. The city was home not only to explorers and traders, but many well-known intellectuals as well, such as Anaximenes who contemplated the heavens; Anaximander, the father of geography; Thales, a pioneer of astronomy and geometry who calculated the height of the Pyramids in Egypt; and Hippodamus, the ancestor of modern city planners whose work you can observe in Miletus’ organized, grid-like pattern of streets. Once a great seafaring city, visitors today may wonder how that was given it is five miles from the sea. The answer is the Meander River which over the course of time left large deposits of silt that gradually built up the shoreline and distanced the city from the sea. Your visit here will last approximately one-hour, during which you can wander its ancient streets and the ruins of the amphitheater.

Continuing, travel to Didyma and see its famous Temple of Apollo. For as long as one can remember, there has always been a challenge to build the next “world’s tallest building” and that seems to be what the past inhabitants were striving for as they built the temple. Taking over 500 years to build, it was still never completed due to huge costs and engineering setbacks. Travelers from around the ancient world came here to seek the counsel of an oracle who was the voice of Apollo, the god who could not tell a lie. While only three of the original 100 columns remains, it is still possible to imagine the impressive beauty of the site that was the third largest man-made structure in the ancient world.

Returning to Kusadasi, you will have the option of being dropped off in the center of town or returning directly to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes just under two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
Come explore the ancient site of Metropolis, which dates back to the Neolithic period. Later, enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at one of the area's most renowned vineyards.

Travel approximately one hour from the pier to Torbali, location of the Metropolis ruins. Excavations here which began nearly 30 years ago, have revealed a history that dates back to the Classical Age; Hellenistic Era; Roman, Byzantine, Beylik and Ottoman periods. Found during the excavations were a Hellenistic theater, a council building, columned gallery, two Roman bathhouses, a sport area, mosaic tiled hall, houses, stores, toilets, and many streets. Other notable items that have been found are a cistern that provided water to the city and a temple dedicated to the war god Ares, one of only two known such temples. Metropolis was at one time a part of the Hellenistic kingdom of Pergamum and during this period the city reached its zenith of cultural and economic life. What is visible today is primarily a Hellenistic city heavily Romanised, and with Byzantine remains.

Next, drive to the nearby Arkas Lucien vineyards. The wine here has a distinctive flavor, due in large part to the Aegean soil, rainfall amount, climate, and dominant winds throughout the year. These things along with tender care and patience, have produced a wonderful product. 'Ecocert' certified organic viniculture methods are used during cultivation; and the harvests are carried out during the night chill, a method that helps to preserve the authentic fruity aroma of the grapes. After touring the property, you will enjoy a delicious lunch and wine-tasting of some of their wonderful products before driving back to the pier in Kusadasi.

**Special Note:** This tour includes just under three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and natural, uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe; sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
### NESSEBAR, BULGARIA

#### NES501: STRANDZHA MOUNTAIN BY JEEP AND ECO TREKKING ADVENTURE - JULY 31, 2021 | $129 pp

8 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

Travel by jeep into the magical Strandzha Mountain Nature Park for an up-close look at Bulgaria's natural beauty.

Your jeep transports you from the pier to the green slopes of Strandzha Mountain and the nature park, an area that is tucked away from civilization, enabling it to maintain its pristine splendor.

Reaching the park, commence an energizing one-hour hike along a forested nature trail that follows the river's edge. The crystal-clear babbling waters of the river add to the tranquility and sense of wonder that envelopes you in this truly special place.

After this regenerative experience, you will re-board your jeep and drive to the village of Brashlian, declared an architectural reserve for its well-preserved homes and buildings that date back to the 17th century. Your guided walk of the village includes visiting a 200-year-old house, the village church and the 17th-century schoolhouse that is now home to an interesting museum. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional lunch followed by a singing performance featuring local women from the village.

Traveling back through the forest to the pier in Nessebar, a stop will be made to capture some beautiful photos at a nearby waterfall.

**Special Note:** This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps and natural, uneven terrain. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with walking difficulties or other physical limitations. Participants should be in good health. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, sturdy walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites.

#### NES302: EXPLORE NESSEBAR'S OLD TOWN ON FOOT – A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE - JULY 31, 2021 | $75 pp

8.5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

This fascinating walking tour will give you an up-close view of the delightful Byzantine town of Nessebar, one of the most charming places in Bulgaria.

Replete with narrow, cobblestone lanes, quaint houses and churches of various styles and architecture, it's no wonder the Old Town of Nessebar has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your guided walking tour has you experiencing first-hand its remarkable medieval atmosphere and uncovering all of its treasures which include its most impressive churches which are the heart of the town's unique atmosphere.

Start by meeting your guide in the port and walking to St. Stefan's Church which was built at the end of the 10th century and has been restored several times. Within its walls you will find 258 exceptional murals and original paintings from the 16th century, along with a wood carved pulpit from that era. Today, the church is also a museum and considered one of Bulgaria's most significant cultural monuments.

Continue on down narrow cobblestoned streets with their two-storied period houses that exude a sense of romanticism. As you make your way to the Old Metropolitan Church, pass small town squares and quaint shops. A profusion of sidewalk vendors offers up a wide array of artwork and handicrafts, reminiscent of the spirit of the Agora. Continuing your stroll to the main gates of the Old Town, see the churches of Blessed Savior, St. John the Baptist and the Christ Pantocrator with its fine example of ornamental architecture. By the main gates, find the Archaeological Museum where you will enjoy a visit. Housed within its walls are fine collections of jewelry, coins, pottery, statues, plaques and magnificent icons. Afterwards, stop for refreshments before returning to the pier. Those who wish may stay behind in town and return on their own to the ship.

**Special Note:** This tour includes approximately two hours of mild to moderate walking/standing that includes steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties or other physical limitations. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites.

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You have spent the day discovering captivating Nessebar, now spend the evening partaking of its excellent cuisine, local wines, and authentic entertainment.

A short drive from the pier brings you to one of the Black Sea Coast's best restaurants where you will be treated to a delicious dinner of traditional Bulgarian dishes, updated with a modern twist. Your gourmet dinner will be paired with premium Bulgarian wines, making for an even more enjoyable dining experience. And if that wasn’t enough, an exclusive, live instrumental performance of popular Bulgarian and international music will definitely add to the atmosphere and help create what will surely be an unforgettable night.

Afterwards, return to the ship and perhaps have a nightcap on deck as you bid farewell to delightful Nessebar.

Special Note: This tour includes a limited amount of mild walking. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who are able to make their own way on and off the transportation and have a companion to assist them. We recommend country club casual clothing with a light sweater or jacket as evenings can be cool, and comfortable shoes.

Discover the charms of Nessebar, a UNESCO World Heritage designated village on this delightful tour that showcases its history and traditions. Situated on a picturesque rocky peninsula, this museum-like town possesses an atmosphere not found anywhere else along this coast.

Meet your guide at the pier and take a short walk into the heart of the village for a visit to St. Stefan’s church. Sections of this rustic stone church date back to the 11th century and within its walls you will find murals depicting figures from the New Testament that date back to 1599. Your walking tour continues, taking you past numerous historical sites within the village and including exterior visits of some of its most significant and beautiful churches.

Next, board a coach and travel inland to Orizare, location of the authentic ethnographic complex that serves as a guardian of Bulgarian traditions. Behind stone walls and heavy gates, lies a fascinating complex that authentically exhibits the lifestyle and traditions of a typical Bulgarian family from the past century. Step inside a small, whitewashed house for a glimpse into domestic interior decoration. Glimpse into the private chapel with its beautiful wood carved iconostasis and colorful murals. It's easy to imagine what daily life might have looked like.

Afterwards, sit back and relax with a glass of local wine while watching a demonstration of “banitsa” preparation. Banitsa is a popular Bulgarian cheese pie made by wrapping phyllo sheets around a filling of yogurt, eggs, and feta cheese. Then be treated to tastings of other traditional Bulgarian specialties while enjoying a lively folklore performance.

Filled with newfound appreciation of all things Bulgarian, and a satisfied palate, you’ll drive back to the pier.

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Few events in life have such a profound effect that they become timeless, unforgettable memories. This eye-opening exploration of Chernobyl is one of those. Mere words alone are not enough to describe the influence of this tragedy nor the thoughts and feelings of those who visit this haunting reminder of what took place on April 26, 1986. Your once-in-a-lifetime experience also provides the opportunity of discovering the charming city of Kiev, the Ukraine's capital city.

**Day 1:** Shortly after the ship arrives in Constanța you will make the scenic three-hour drive to Bucharest. On arrival, enjoy a guided tour of the city and lunch before transferring to the airport for your chartered afternoon flight to Kiev. After touching down at the Boryspil airport, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel (Fairmont Grand Hotel or similar). Dinner this evening is either in the hotel or at a local restaurant. Following dinner, the evening is at your leisure.

**Day 2** (May be reversed with Day 3): After an early breakfast in the hotel, board your coach for the drive to Pripyat. Arriving at the Dytatky checkpoint, you will have your passport checked, be briefed on radiation safety, the rules of visitation, and receive your personal dosimeter. Once cleared, proceed within the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. There will be a second checkpoint at Pripyat. Within the city, you will have a panoramic tour of its abandoned buildings. For safety concerns, all visits are exterior within the city. Once populated with 50,000 residents, the town now sits in a silent testament to what was once everyday life here. Some of the sights you may see during your tour of the town is the almost buried village of Kopachi with its remaining kindergarten; a concrete reloading unit which was essential for the Sarcophagus erection in 1986; the hospital that received the badly injured firefighters and NPP workers; the river port and once prestigious Pripyat Café at the embankment; the Town Hall which served as the initial headquarters for mitigation; the Polissya Hotel which served as a staging area for the helicopters dropping lead bags over the Reactor 4 ruins; the Energetic Palace of Culture; the Ferris wheel at the never opened amusement park; Pripyat Stadium; and the Azure swimming pool which was still in operation after the accident.

Following your comprehensive panoramic tour, drive to the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) for an interior visit that includes the Administrative Building #1; the central block shield that controlled the third reactor control room; an integrated automatic system of control of the “Shelter” object which was the massive steel and concrete sarcophagus that covered Nuclear Reactor #4; and the reactor’s main circulation pump room. During this extraordinary visit, your guide will relate to you the story of the fire extinguishing efforts and evacuation of the residents on the night of the disaster. Before pausing for lunch in the Chernobyl NPP Canteen, you will see a fire station, the Sarcophagus, and the New Safe Confinement “Arch.”

In the afternoon, make the drive back to Kiev, passing back through the Dytatky checkpoint. On arrival, at the hotel, have some time to relax and reflect on the day before heading back out to a local restaurant for dinner (alternatively, dinner in the hotel). Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

After breakfast in the hotel, board your coach for a full-day tour of Kiev, Ukraine’s vibrant capital city. Some notable landmarks in the city include St. Sophia Cathedral that was built in the 11th century where an interior visit reveals amazing frescoes, mosaics, and beautiful church paintings. Nearby is St. Andrews Church where there will be an exterior visit before having some free time to shop for souvenirs.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, drive to the Kyiv-Pecherskaya Lavra Monastery which was founded in 1051 by two monks to help promote the spread of Christianity. Built primarily in the Ukrainian Baroque style, it makes for a majestic silhouette of Kiev from the Dnipro River. During your visit, explore its churches, the golden treasury, and a museum of micro miniatures.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and after some time to relax, head back out to a local restaurant for dinner (alternatively, dinner in the hotel). Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

**Day 3** (May be reversed with Day 2): After breakfast in the hotel, board your coach for a full-day tour of Kiev, Ukraine’s vibrant capital city. Some notable landmarks in the city include St. Sophia Cathedral that was built in the 11th century where an interior visit reveals amazing frescoes, mosaics, and beautiful church paintings. Nearby is St. Andrews Church where there will be an exterior visit before having some free time to shop for souvenirs.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, drive to the Kyiv-Pecherskaya Lavra Monastery which was founded in 1051 by two monks to help promote the spread of Christianity. Built primarily in the Ukrainian Baroque style, it makes for a majestic silhouette of Kiev from the Dnipro River. During your visit, explore its churches, the golden treasury, and a museum of micro miniatures.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and after some time to relax, head back out to a local restaurant for dinner (alternatively, dinner in the hotel). Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, check-out of the hotel and transfer to Boryspil airport for your flight to Odessa. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour of the city and a box lunch on the coach before arriving at the pier and re-joining the ship.

Special Note: Guests must be at least 18 years of age to participate. All visitors to Chernobyl must carry their valid passport and abide by The Chernobyl Dress Code: Pants Only (no skirts, leggings, or shorts). Long sleeve shirt (no tank tops or short sleeve shirts). Closed-toed shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Furthermore, it is prohibited to carry any kind of weapons; drink alcohol or take drugs; eat or smoke in the open air; touch any structures or vegetation; sit or place photo or video equipment on the ground; take any items outside the Exclusion Zone; stay in the Exclusion Zone without the officer/agent who is responsible for your group. The tour sequence may vary, and the sites visited altered without prior notice.

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CND303: THE LANDMARKS OF BUCHAREST – LITTLE PARIS OF THE EAST - AUGUST 1, 2021 | $199PP

11.25 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

The capital of Romania, Bucharest is a modern European City that is alive with a rich culture, colorful way of life and ever-expanding development.

While the drive from Constanta to Bucharest does take a bit of time (three hours each way), it is well worth the trip. Picturesque scenery and interesting narration will keep you engaged along the way and before you know it, you will find yourself arriving in this captivating city that is the 6th largest capital city in the European Union. Fondly referred to as “Little Paris of the East” because its architecture and lifestyle was very similar to Paris from 1900 – 1930, it was considered to be one of the most beautiful and modern cities in Europe.

Your exploration of Bucharest commences with a drive to Constitution Square and a visit to the Palace of Parliament, the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon in the U.S. This massive building was built at the order of the late communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and is a landmark site.

Aside from its large size, it is also the heaviest building in the world. Referred to as the People’s House, it now is home to the Romanian Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. The building also houses a museum, several conference and exhibition halls, and other rooms used for a variety of public and government purposes.

After your tour of the Parliament building, lunch awaits you at one of the city’s best restaurants and includes an entertaining musical performance. Following lunch, drive to the Ceausescu Mansion for a tour of this controversial home of the late dictator. At one time it was a well-kept secret of the regime and its opulence stands in stark contrast to the darker days of that era.

Next, travel to the Romanian Athenaeum for a photo stop. This stately concert hall located in the center of the city is another iconic Bucharest landmark. Your last stop before driving back to Constanta is the CEC Palace. This impressive neoclassical building is yet another of the city’s outstanding highlights and time will be afforded to take pictures before leaving Bucharest behind.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes a large number of steps/stairs to negotiate. The drive to Bucharest is three hours each direction. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the transportation and have a companion to assist them; however, the tour may not be suitable for those with other walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

CND304: ROMANIA'S INTRIGUING HISTORY AND CULTURE: CONSTANTANTA LANDMARKS, FOLK ART AND WINE TASTING - AUGUST 1, 2021 | $89PP

4.5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACKS

Discover this diverse region of Romania where history and traditions will intrigue and enchant, and later savor tasting some fantastic Romanian wines that have been produced since the Roman times.

Travel from the pier into the heart of the Constanta’s old town and Ovid Square. The square was named after the famous Roman poet, Ovid, who was exiled here by the Roman Emperor in 8 A.D. A statue of Ovid created by the famous sculptor Ettore Ferrari, was erected in the square in 1888, and faces the Sea. Directly behind Ovid’s statue lies the Archeology Museum where you will have a visit. The museum is one of the richest in the country, with excellent collections of prehistoric Greek, Roman and Byzantine archaeological pieces. Amongst the statues exhibited here, the most famous are that of Fortuna Goddess and Pontos God (protectors of the town), and the Glycon snake, the protector of the house and family.

Following the museum visit, see one of the largest known mosaics in Europe. Nearly 2,000 years old, the mosaic was once an immense decorative pavement used by the Romans. Today, a substantial portion remains of the thousands of multi-hued tiles that comprise this beautiful and extraordinary piece of history.

Leaving Ovid Square, it’s a short drive to the Folk-Art Museum where outstanding displays of traditional Romanian folk items and colorful costumes can be found on exhibit. A gift shop at the museum offers the opportunity to purchase some original handicrafts made by Romanian artisans.

Next, drive outside the city to Eforie Nord, one of the most popular resorts on the Romanian Black Sea coast. Here, at the Nunta Zamfirei restaurant, enjoy a Romanian folk show depicting a typical Romanian wedding while sipping Romanian wine and tasting some traditional snacks. Afterwards, drive back to the pier in Constanta.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes a significant number of steps to negotiate. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the transportation and have a companion to assist them; however, the tour may not be suitable for those with other walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
Just an hour's drive from Constanta lies the Ancient Citadel of Histria, at one time one of the largest Greek settlements on the shores of the Black Sea. Come explore this remarkable archaeological site that so wonderfully captures Romania's national heritage.

Travel up the coast through rural Romania, enjoying pastoral scenery while your guide shares his knowledge and prepares you for your visit to Histria. Founded on the shores of Lake Sinoe by Greek merchants and navigators 2,600 years ago, it served as a hub for trading items such as olive oil, honey, wax, beef skins, salted fish, and Greek valuables. A valuable asset that captures 14 centuries of the country’s past, the city was connected to all of the major events that took place in the Greek, Roman and Byzantine worlds. One of the first Greek colonies founded along the Black Sea, it is the oldest urban structure in the Romanian territory.

The town began to decline in the middle of the 7th century when the urban lifestyle of the area was replaced by a rural one. Largely forgotten, it was rediscovered in 1868 and archaeological research of the area began in 1914 continues today. Over time, sand began to build up in the bay, making access to the sea more difficult; however, trade continued until the 6th century. Its final demise came after an invasion by the Avars, which nearly completely destroyed the fortress and the residents left for safer locations.

Following your visit to the site, make your way to the museum next door where the exhibits showcase a unique collection of valuable archaeological discoveries from the surrounding area. Afterwards, transfer back to the port in Constanta.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and negotiating natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other mobility issues. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sun cap; sunglasses, sunscreen and flat walking or sport shoes with a closed toe.

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CND307: CONSTANTIA’S MARQUEE ATTRACTIONS - AUGUST 1, 2021 | $89pp

3 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Sit back and relax on this mostly panoramic tour of Constanta, Romania’s third largest city, as you view many of its landmark attractions.

One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Romania, it was founded by the Greeks around 600 BC and at that time, was called Tomis. It was one of the largest and most prosperous settlements on the Black Sea Coast. After being conquered by the Romans, the name was changed to Constantiana in honor of Constantia, the half-sister of the Roman Emperor – Constantine the Great.

Start with a short coach ride from the port to the Casino, perhaps Constanta’s most famous landmark. Built three separate times, with the first structure being erected of wood in 1880 and was originally designed to be a club and community center for the elite and upper-class socialites with money to spend. The most recent version was built in the Art Nouveau style and aside from being a symbol of the city, it is considered the most important Art Nouveau building in Romania.

After a photo stop here, continue on foot to the nearby Genovese Lighthouse. The original lighthouse was built around 1300 by the Genoese who traded in the port and was intended to guide ships at sea from a range of approximately two nautical miles. Later, it was rebuilt by French-Armenian engineer Artin Aslan by order of the British-owned Danube and Black Sea Railway Company.

Re-board your coach and drive to the Old Town and Ovid Square. Stop for photos here at the statue of the well-known Roman poet Ovid, who spent a god portion of his life here. You can also view the National History Museum, the Turkish Mosque and the Roman Mosaic.

Next, travel to Mamaia, the most famous of Romanian seaside resorts. Enjoy some free time here to walk on the beach and appreciate the beauty of the area before a rejoining your coach for a panoramic transfer back to the port in Constanta.

Special Note: This tour is primarily seated with limited easy walking/standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the transportation with limited assistance and have a companion to assist them. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

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After approximately three hours, you come to the Dytaytky Checkpoint. This is where you will have your passport checked, be briefed on radiation safety, the rules of visitation, and receive your personal dosimeter. Once cleared, proceed within the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, the area surrounding Chernobyl to which access was previously forbidden, and make your way to the Hotel Desyatka, passing the village of Zalissya and its abandoned houses and barns, and a decontaminated Red Forest which received the first and worst radioactive fallout.

In the afternoon, make the drive back to Kiev, passing back through the Dytaytky Checkpoint and enjoying a snack on the coach before arriving at Kiev's Boryspol Airport where you will check in for your flight back to Odessa. On arrival in Odessa, transfer directly to the ship for re-boarding.

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Special Note: This tour includes a mixture of mild to moderate physical activity over a two-day period that includes significant walking, steps, inclines, and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns such as heart, respiratory, back or neck issues or pregnant women. There is a mandatory dress code for Chernobyl and all visitors must wear long pants only (no skirts, dresses, leggings, or shorts), a long sleeve shirt (no tank tops or short sleeve shirts) and closed toe shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). All safety equipment will be provided where needed. Guests are required to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the Chernobyl portion of the tour and must make sure to have their passports and other tour documentation with them at all times.

### ODDS020OV: THE CHERNOBYL EVENT – EXTENDED STANDARD OPTION - AUGUST 2, 2021 | $3,250 (DOUBLE) / $3,400 (SINGLE)

#### 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | MEALS: YES

This extended option has you disembarking early from the ship and then catching your international flight home from Kiev, rather than returning to the ship in Odessa.

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**Day 1:** Your journey begins shortly after the ship arrives in Odessa, when you are transferred to the Grand Hotel Kiev where you will have dinner and spend your final evening.

Heritage of Ukraine. A brief stop for lunch is included.

After approximately three hours, you come to the Dytaytky Checkpoint. This is where you will have your passport checked, be briefed on radiation safety, the rules of visitation, and receive your personal dosimeter. Once cleared, proceed within the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, the area surrounding Chernobyl to which access was previously forbidden, and make your way to the Hotel Desyatka, passing the village of Zalissya and its abandoned houses and barns, and a decontaminated Red Forest which received the first and worst radioactive fallout. After check-in, have dinner at the hotel and enjoy a get-together with your fellow travelers on the outside deck before retiring for the evening.

**Day 2:** After an early breakfast, check-out and board your coach for the travel to Pripyat. After passing through the Pripyat checkpoint, you will first make a stop at the secret DUGA-1 radar station, one of three in Russia whose purpose was the early detection of ballistic missile attacks. On arrival in Pripyat, you will tour its abandoned buildings. For safety concerns, all visits are exterior within the city. Once populated with 50,000 residents, the town now sits in a silent testament to what was once everyday life here. Some of the sights you may see during your tour of the town is the almost buried village of Kopachi with its remaining kindergarten; a concrete reloading unit which was essential for the Sarcophagus erection in 1986; the hospital that received the badly injured firefighters and NPP workers; the river port and once prestigious Pripyat Café at the embankment; the Town Hall which served as the initial headquarters for mitigation; the Polissya Hotel which was the staging area for the helicopters dropping lead bags over the Reactor 4 ruins; the Energetic Palace of Culture; the Ferris Wheel at the never opened amusement park; Pripyat Stadium; and the Azure swimming pool which was still in operation after the accident.

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In the afternoon, make the drive back to Kiev, passing back through the Dytaytky Checkpoint and enjoying a snack on the coach before arriving at the Fairmont Grand Hotel Kiev where you will have dinner and spend your final evening.

**Day 3:** After breakfast in the hotel, check-out, and transfer to Kiev’s Boryspol Airport where you will check in for your international flight home.

Special Note: This tour includes a mixture of mild to moderate physical activity over a 2-day period that includes significant walking, steps, inclines, and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns such as heart, respiratory, back or neck issues or pregnant women. There is a mandatory dress code for Chernobyl and all visitors must wear long pants only (no skirts, dresses, leggings, or shorts), a long sleeve shirt (no tank tops or short sleeve shirts) and closed toe shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). All safety equipment will be provided where needed. Guests are required to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the Chernobyl portion of the tour and must make sure to have their passports and other tour documentation with them at all times.

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After making your way through Pripyat, you will arrive in the administrative capital of the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, Pripyat. Your guide will introduce you to the town's main circulation pump room. During this extraordinary visit, your guide will relate the story of the fire extinguishing efforts and evacuation of the residents on the night of the disaster. Before finishing for lunch in the Chernobyl NPP Canteen, you will see a fire station, the Sarcophagus, and the New Safe Confinement *Arch.*

In the afternoon, make the drive back to Kiev, passing back through the Dytaytky Checkpoint and enjoying a snack on the coach before arriving at the Fairmont Grand Hotel Kiev where you will have dinner and spend your final evening.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

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ODS306: A SPECIAL EVENING PERFORMANCE AT THE SPECTACULAR ODESSA OPERA HOUSE AND BALLET THEATER -
AUGUST 2, 2021 | $99

3.25 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Spend an unforgettable evening experiencing a classical opera or ballet performance at the beautiful Odessa National Opera and Ballet Theater.

Leave the pier and make the short drive to the city center and its crown jewel, the magnificent Opera House which has recently been restored. Built in the Vienna baroque style, inside you will find a magnificent hall, decorated with numerous adornments finished with fine gilt touches, and in the center of the ceiling, an immense chandelier dazzles with its prisms of light. The stage area is over 1600 sq. ft. and the unique acoustics of the theater make it possible to hear even a whisper on stage in every part of the hall.

In addition to its stunning architecture, the theater has a rich history and is primarily responsible for the development of southern Ukraine's musical culture. A wide range of internationally recognized theater actors have performed on its illustrious stage. On this evening, you will have the pleasure of experiencing a memorable performance that may well be a highlight of your trip. During intermission, enjoy a glass of complimentary champagne or a refreshing fruit juice.

Following the performance, you will meet your transportation and transfer directly back to the pier and your awaiting ship.

Special Note: This tour is primarily seated. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the transportation and have a companion to assist them. We recommend wearing smart, country club casual attire. The actual performance you will see is subject to the seasonal repertoire of the theater and won’t be confirmed until late Spring of 2021.

ODS308: THE GEMS OF ODESSA: MONUMENTS, ARCHITECTURE AND CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS - DATE: AUGUST 2, 2021 | $75

4 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

This comprehensive highlights tour showcases Odessa's most notable sites and attractions and provides a wonderful overview of this historical city.

Drive from the port to Catherine Square where the new monument to Catherine the Great watches over the comings and goings. Your guide will impart the history of this Russian Empress and the meaning of this impressive statue. A short walk from here brings you to Prymorsky Boulevard and the statue of Duke Armand Emmanuel Richelieu, Odessa's first mayor. According to legend, the Duke wanted to build a city as beautiful as his native Paris. When Napoleon was exiled to Elba in 1814, the Duke ended his service in Odessa and returned to France where he later served two terms as Prime Minister. It is here you will also see the famed Potemkin Steps and learn about their history. This large stairway is considered the formal entrance to the city from the direction of the sea and is an iconic symbol of the city.

Continue walking along Prymorsky Boulevard where you can admire its beautiful 19th century buildings, a shady promenade and lovely park. Further along, in front of the colonnaded Odessa City Hall, you'll pause for photos near Pushkin Square and a British Tiger gun that was captured in 1854 during the Crimean campaign. Also nearby is the Archaeological Museum where you will have a guided visit. Established in 1875, it was the first museum of its kind in the former Russian Empire and houses a wide collection of artifacts from around the area. Your tour includes the marvelous Golden Room where you can view a display of ancient jewelry.

From here, it's on to the impressive and world-renowned Opera and Ballet Theater for an exterior view and then to the City Garden where there is a stop for refreshments. Re-energized, your walk continues through the Deribasovskaya Street and Passage which leads to the main temple of Odessa – The Transfiguration Cathedral with its marvelous architecture. Take a look inside at the recently restored wonderful interior and learn about its history.

The tour draws to a close with a visit to the Count Mikhail Vorontsov monument in Cathedral Square. Count Vorontsov was considered a remarkable man who served as the Governor-General of the area from 1823-1853. One of his most notable accomplishments was building the first steamship here and establishing steamship service for the Black Sea ports. It was during this time that Odessa began developing as a major port city.

Enjoy some free time in Cathedral Square to browse for souvenirs before driving back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.

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ODS309: DELVE INTO ODESSA'S JEWISH HERITAGE -
AUGUST 2, 2021 | $99pp

5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Discover Odessa's Jewish Heritage with visits to two synagogues, the Jewish Museum, and a walk through the Moldavanka District.

After departing the pier, first travel to Primorsky Boulevard where you will have a walking tour that highlights several monuments and the famed Potemkin Steps. Learn about their history as well as how Odessa gained the nickname "Gateway to Zion." Your walk along this delightful chestnut tree-lined boulevard continues to the revered Odessa Opera House and Ballet Theater where you will pause for photos.

Rejoin your coach and drive to the over 100-year-old Shomrei Shabbos Synagogue for a visit. Leaving here, pass by the impressive Brodsky Synagogue en route to Jewish Street where the old Main Synagogue with its imposing stone edifice now resides. After your visit here, make your way to a local Jewish restaurant for some snacks and a refreshment. Your tour then continues to the Moldavanka District and the Holocaust Memorial. Here, in a small park are two dark grey marble stones, one engraved in lighter shades with a menorah, and the other with a Magen David. The inscription states, "Remember in the name of the future.'

Your final stop before returning to the pier is at the Museum of History of Odessa Jews which was opened in 2002 as a private museum. The museum's extensive collection includes photos, documents and other memorabilia donated by the local Jewish community.

Special Note: This tour includes just over 2.5 hours of mild to moderate walking/standing that includes a few steps and some uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with other mobility issues. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing (no shorts); sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites and women should cover their heads.

ODS311: PANORAMIC ODESSA – CLASSIC SITES AND MONUMENTS -
AUGUST 2, 2021 | $75pp

4 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

This comprehensive panoramic tour of Odessa makes it easy to have a great overview of the city's main highlights with limited walking involved.

Start from the port with a drive to Prymorsky Boulevard where a short stop allows views of the new Monument to Catherine the Great, the statue of the legendary Duke Armand Emmanuel Richelieu and the iconic Potemkin Steps which are perhaps the most well-known symbol of Odessa. During the stop, your guide will share with you the history associated with each of these attractions.

Next, drive to the impressive Odessa Opera and Ballet Theater. Designed by Viennese architects in the 1880s, it is representative of the Habsburg Baroque style of the day with some Italian Renaissance features as well. A brief stop here will allow time for photos and to take a closer look before walking to the restaurant next door for a relaxing comfort and refreshment stop.

Continuing on, drive to the Arcadia area, en route viewing the city’s 19th-century architecture, Odessa churches and the railway station as your guide enlightens you about the modern development of the city. Then it’s down French Boulevard to Shevchenko Park where you will disembark the coach and make the short walk to the Unknown Soldier Memorial and the eternal flame that commemorates those who fell defending this hero-city during WWII.

Next up is Cathedral Square where you will stop to visit the Preobrazhensky Cathedral and see the monument to Count Mikhail Semyonovich Vorontsov who was the Governor-General of Novorossia (New Russia) from 1823-1853. A remarkable man, his achievements included building the first steamship to navigate the Dnieper River and establishing steam ship service in the Black Sea ports which was significant in the development of Odessa as a major port. His long list of accomplishments includes personally transporting a set of surgical instruments from Britain for use in Odessa's hospital.

Before driving back to the port, you will be afforded some free time to shop for souvenirs in Cathedral Square.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately one-hour of mild walking/standing that may include some steps, plus any additional discretionary walking during free time. Guests may remain on the coach during stops if they choose. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the transportation and have a companion to assist them. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

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This all-encompassing tour gives visitors to Odessa the perfect opportunity to become acquainted with the city's history, architectural and cultural heritage.

A short drive from the pier finds you in Catherine's Square where you will pause for photos at the monument to Catherine the Great – the Russian Empress who was the founder of Odessa. From here, stroll to Primorsky Boulevard and the statue of Duke Armand Emmanual Richelieu, Odessa's first mayor. According to legend, the Duke wanted to build a city as beautiful as his native Paris. The Boulevard is also where you will find the famed Potemkin Steps and learn about their history. This large stairway is considered the formal entrance to the city from the direction of the sea and is an iconic symbol of the city.

Continue walking this delightful chestnut tree-lined Boulevard where you can admire its beautiful 19th century buildings, a shady promenade, the sparkling sea, and a lovely park. Further along, in front of the colonnaded Odessa City Hall, you’ll pause for photos near Pushkin Square and a British Tiger gun that was captured in 1854 during the Crimean campaign.

Rejoining your coach, drive to the Fine Arts Museum. This former palace of Count Pototsky was built in 1805 and is a noteworthy museum. Housed in an exquisite setting of ornamental halls, painted ceilings, parquet floors and fine marble you will discover an impressive display of paintings dating back to the 18th century and an even more amazing collection of icons from the 14th and 15th centuries. There are also works by contemporary artists. During your visit, visit the Grotto where you will be treated to a unique private cello or violin classical music performance.

From the museum, drive to the main temple of Odessa – The Transfiguration Cathedral with its marvelous architecture. Take a look inside at the recently restored wonderful interior and learn about its history before traveling on foot down the Deribasovskaya Street and Passage to the City Garden where there will be time for a short stroll before enjoying lunch at a local Ukrainian restaurant.

Your final stop before returning to the ship will be the Shustov Cognac Museum. This interesting exhibit gives visitors a good insight into the history of the Shustov dynasty and the original distillation process. Of course, no visit here would be complete without sampling the product and you will be invited to partake in the sampling of four varieties of locally produced brandy.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately five hours of mild to moderate walking/standing that includes steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Shoulders, midriffs, and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.

Travel from Odessa to Belgorod-Dnestrovsky, a city deemed by UNESCO as one of the world's ten oldest cities which have existed non-interrupted since their creation, to see the renowned Akkerman Fortress. Later, visit a local winery for a wine tasting.

From the pier, it’s a scenic two-hour drive to Belgorod-Dnestrovsky, location of Akkerman Fortress. Before reaching the fortress, a refreshment stop will be made that includes a short folkloric performance. Akkerman Fortress is situated on the Dniester Estuary and is the only example of medieval military that has survived in southwestern Ukraine. Founded by Greek colonists from Miletus, the fortress features well-preserved remains of houses, stone-paved streets, water tunnels and a Roman garrison. There are also remains of an early Christian temple. Originally there were three gates, 20 towers, a defensive wall and defensive entrenchment. There are also examples of Turkish architecture found in the remains such as baths and a minaret.

Following a fascinating visit at the fortress, drive to a local restaurant for a traditional Ukrainian style lunch before continuing on to Shabo Winery. Wine grapes have been grown in the Shabo region since the 12th century and the famous Shabo settlement was founded by French and Swiss settlers in the 18th century. Today, Shabo Winery owns nearly 2,500 acres of vineyards and nearly 33,000 square feet of wine storehouses. At the conclusion of your winery tour, you will be invited to sample 6 varieties of their wines in the tasting hall.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of mild to moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
Odessa played a major role in WWII as a center for the Soviet Resistance against Nazi Germany in the Black Sea region. Visit the impressive underground labyrinth of catacombs that served as an underground fort for the Soviet Army and the Resistance Museum.

Travel by coach from the port through the scenic countryside that surrounds Odessa to the village of Nerubaiskoe. First settled by Ukrainian Cossacks as a fortress, the catacombs originally were where the city sourced its limestone. During the war, they became an underground fortress for the Soviet Army. These amazing catacombs that are spread over three levels are amongst the largest in the world, stretching an impressive 1,600 miles. After visiting the catacombs, view the WWII Command Post here and then walk to the nearby Resistance Museum where you will learn even more about the resistance movement and the defensive role the Catacombs played during the war.

Re-boarding your coach, travel back to Odessa and Shevchenko Park where you will walk along the Alley of Glory to the Unknown Sailor Memorial and the eternal flame that burns in memory of those who lost their lives here defending Odessa during WWII.

Following your time here, you will transfer directly back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes just under two hours of mild to moderate walking that includes some steps and negotiating some natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other mobility issues or those who suffer from claustrophobia. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing to include a light jacket for the catacombs; flat walking or sport shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

ODS307: ODESSA REMEMBRANCE – THE FAMOUS CATACOMBS AND WWII MONUMENTS - AUGUST 3, 2021 | $75

3.5 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Discover the highlights and rich cultural heritage of Odessa, which for centuries has been an inspiration to artists, poets, writers, and musicians on this comprehensive "special interest" experience.

It's a short, yet scenic drive from the port to the Palace of Count Tolstoy, which now houses the Scientists’ Club of Odessa. The exhibits here include a collection of photographs and furniture which once belonged to Count Mikhail Tolstoy, a cousin of the outstanding Russian writer, Leo Tolstoy.

Next, you will drive to the exquisite Gagarin's Palace which is home to the Literature Museum. During your guided visit you will learn about the development of literature as you absorb the atmosphere of the 19th century Russian noble family that once lived here. Following your tour of the museum, make your way to the Golden Hall of the Palace where you will be treated to a live musical performance while sipping on local sparkling wine. Afterwards, drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 75 minutes of mild to moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Shoulders, midriffs, and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.
Extend your holiday with a post-cruise experience that gives you a close look at the Ukraine's captivating capital city of Kiev, and an unforgettable, eye-opening exploration of Chernobyl, location of the tragic nuclear accident that took place in 1986.

After disembarking the ship, transfer to the airport for your flight to Kiev. On arrival, you will be met at the Boryspil airport and enjoy a panoramic drive of the city that includes seeing Maydan Square and the Independence Monument. During your drive, learn how Kiev was founded and pass by several historical sites. Your first stop is at a local restaurant for lunch and following lunch, your tour continues with a visit to the 11th-century St. Sophia Cathedral. An interior visit reveals amazing frescoes, mosaics, and beautiful church paintings. Continuing, have an exterior visit of world-famous St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery and then walk through Desyatynna Street and view St. Andrew’s Church. There will be some free time to shop on Adreyvskiy Street before rejoining your coach and transferring to your hotel for check-in. Following some time to relax, you’ll be treated to dinner at a wonderful local restaurant. Afterwards, return to the hotel and have the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Day 2 Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel and then drive to the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone for a rare opportunity to see the area which has been forbidden free access. After passing through the Pripyat checkpoint, you will have a tour of the town and its abandoned buildings. For safety concerns, all visits are exterior within the city. Once populated with 50,000 residents, the town now sits in a silent testament to what was once everyday life here. Some of the sights you may see during your tour of the town is the almost buried village of Kopachi with its remaining kindergarten; a concrete reloading unit which was essential for the Sarcophagus erection in 1986; the hospital that received the badly injured firefighters and NPP workers; the river port and once prestigious Pripyat Café at the embankment; the Town Hall which served as the initial headquarters for mitigation; the Polissya Hotel which was the staging area for the helicopters dropping lead bags over the Reactor 4 ruins; the Energetic Palace of Culture; the Ferris Wheel at the never opened amusement park; Pripyat Stadium; and the Azure swimming pool which was still in operation after the accident.

Following your panoramic tour, stop for lunch in the Chernobyl NPP Canteen, before driving to the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) for an interior visit that includes the Administrative Building #1; the central block shield that controlled the third reactor control room; an integrated automatic system of control of the “Shelter” object which was the massive steel and concrete sarcophagus that covered Nuclear Reactor #4; and the reactor’s main circulation pump room. During this extraordinary visit, your guide will relate to you the story of the fire extinguishing efforts and evacuation of the residents on the night of the disaster. You will also see a fire station, the Sarcophagus, and the New Safe Confinement “Arch.” Before heading back to Kiev, you will stop at the secret DUGA-1 radar station, one of three in Russia whose purpose was the early detection of ballistic missile attacks and then the Memorial "Life for Life" in front of the administrative building where there used to be an enormous parking lot in 1986, and lastly, the memorial “To Those who Saved the World”. Following your afternoon of touring, make your way to the Hotel Desyatka, passing the village of Zalissya and its abandoned houses and barns, and a decontaminated Red Forest which received the first and worst radioactive fallout. After check-in, have dinner at the hotel with the remainder of the evening at leisure.

Day 3 Have breakfast in the hotel and then transfer to Kiev where you will be treated to a full day of touring the city. Your final night’s accommodations are in Kiev where you will enjoy dinner in the hotel.

Day 4 Following breakfast in the hotel, transfer to Boryspil airport for your return flight home.

Special Note: This tour includes a mixture of mild to moderate activity over several days that includes significant walking, steps, inclines, and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns such as heart, respiratory, back or neck issues or pregnant women. There is a mandatory dress code for Chernobyl and all visitors must wear long pants only (no skirts, dresses, leggings, or shorts); a long sleeve shirt (no tank tops or short sleeve shirts) and closed toe shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Shoulders, legs, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. All safety equipment will be provided where needed. Guests are required to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the Chernobyl portion of the tour and must make sure to have their passports and other tour documentation with them at all times.
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- **ODS501OV**: The Chernobyl Event – 35 Years Later | August 2, 2021 | Price: $1,750.00

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- **ODS306**: A Special Evening Performance at the Spectacular Odessa Opera House and Ballet Theater | August 2, 2021 | Price: $149


- **ODS309**: Delve into Odessa's Jewish Heritage | August 2, 2021 | Price: $99

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- **ODS312**: Ultimate Odessa: Iconic Attractions, Brandy Museum Visit & Tasting
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- **ODS305**: Historic Akkerman Fortress – A Southwestern Ukraine Military Bastion and Winery Visit | August 3, 2021 | Price: $229

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