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Odesa, Ukraine


4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | MEALS: YES

Start your holiday early with a pre-cruise visit to the Ukraine’s captivating capital city of Kiev, and then have an eye-opening exploration of Chernobyl, location of the tragic nuclear accident that took place in 1986.

When your flight arrives in Kiev, you will be met at the Boryspil airport and transfer to your hotel. After lunch in the hotel, check-in and have some time to rest before meeting downstairs in the lobby for your late afternoon panoramic tour of the city. During your drive, see some of Kiev’s key landmarks and make some photo stops to capture the magic of the city. Later, transfer back to the hotel where you will have dinner in the hotel's restaurant and then the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Day 2 Start with an early breakfast in the hotel and then board your coach for the drive 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 the post-Soviet era 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 Cafe 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.” 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 sightseeing tour of the city before driving to the airport for your flight to Odesa. On arrival, transfer directly to your hotel in the city center where you will spend the night and have dinner.

Day 4 Following breakfast and check-out at the hotel, travel by coach to the Palace of Count Pototsky which houses the Odessa Fine Arts Museum. The building is one of the most notable architectural monuments of Classicism which was popular in the early 19th century. Its maze of over 15 rooms contains treasures that include 15th century icons and works by Levitsky, Ayvazovsky and Repin. Your tour includes both the main floor and the underground grotto, which reveals a unique peculiarity of Odessa in that it has thousands of kilometers of underground catacombs.

Continue on with visits to the main temple of Odessa - Transfiguration Cathedral, famous Deribasovskaya Street, and the city garden. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the famous Odessa Opera House and Prymorsky Boulevard with its promenade, park, and numerous monuments to its notable past residents. Before your tour ends at the ship for embarkation, stop at the Potemkin Steps where you will have a wonderful view of the ship waiting in the harbor for you.

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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Activity level: Mild

Activity level: Moderate

Activity level: Vigorous
NVS302: NOVOROSSIYSK CULTURAL LANDMARKS, MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND ABRAU-DURSO WINERY - AUGUST 6, 2021 | $189

7.75 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

Discover the “Hero City” of Novorossiysk with visits to some of its most important landmarks and later, listen to a musical performance before ending your day by indulging in some local sparkling wines at a shoreside winery.

Drive first to the historic battleship ‘Mikhail Kutuzov’ for an exterior visit of this imposing vessel. Commissioned in 1954, she served for many decades in Russia’s Black Sea Fleet until being opened to the public as a museum in 2002.

Traveling via the city center, make your way to the famous Malaya Zemla beachhead where you will find a monument that is dedicated to the Novorossiysk landing in 1943, when Soviet forces managed to secure the beachhead despite a strong counterattack by the Germans. The memorial houses portraits of Soviet heroes and a sculpture that memorializes the paratroopers. The land surrounding the memorial is preserved as it was in WWII, still covered with trenches and shell-holes.

Next, it’s time to familiarize yourself with some Russian folklore and classical music at the Dmitriy Shostakovich Novorossiysk College of Music. Be delighted by a concert of classical Russian music performed by the college’s students, many of whom have gone on to win national and international awards. A wide repertoire of changing compositions will bring to life the depth and cordiality of the Russian heart and soul and leave you with a new appreciation for this genre of music.

Leaving the city behind, enjoy a panoramic drive to Abrau-Durso village. Abrau Lake is a natural lake nestled on a mountainous peninsula. The lake is the largest in North Caucasus and the area is sometimes referred to as the “Russian Switzerland.” Stop for lunch here before heading to the Abrau-Durso Winery which is located on the shores of the lake. During your visit, tour the winery and learn about the history of the wines and how they are classified. Wines have been made in this region for over 140 years and are unique in that they are made according to French technology; however, they are impossible to confuse with any other wines because of their significantly “softer” taste as opposed to classical French Champagne. Discover this for yourself as you are invited to taste 6 varieties of the wines produced here.

Before driving back to the port, have a bit of free time to walk around the lake and take some photos or pick up a few souvenirs.

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. It is also recommended to bring a light sweater or jacket as it can be quite cool in the wine cellars.
For those wishing a nice overview of the city and its marquee landmarks, this is the perfect choice as it showcases several notable sites.

Start off with a visit to the historic battleship ‘Mikhail Kutuzov’, now home to the Black Sea Navy Museum. Commissioned in 1954, she served for many decades in Russia’s Black Sea Fleet until being opened to the public in 2002.

Continue from here along the seafront, drinking in panoramic views of the city that include the memorial dedicated to its founders. Pass through the city center on your way to the famous Malaya Zemlya beachhead where you will find a monument that is dedicated to the Novorossiysk landing in 1943, when Soviet forces managed to secure the beachhead despite a strong counterattack by the Germans. The memorial houses portraits of Soviet heroes and a sculpture that memorializes the paratroopers. The land surrounding the memorial is preserved as it was in WWII, still covered with trenches and shell-holes.

Next, travel into the heart of the city and Hero Square, location of the Eternal Flame. First lit in 1958, it has burned continuously since that time, memorializing all those who lost their lives in battle here. After some time for photos, drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 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.

Discover the “Hero City” of Novorossiysk with visits to some of its most important landmarks and later, listen to a delightful musical performance.

Start with a drive from the port to the battleship ‘Mikhail Kutuzov’ for an exterior visit. Commissioned in 1954, she served for many decades in Russia’s Black Sea Fleet until being opened to the public in 2002 and serving as home to the Black Sea Navy Museum.

Your tour continues with a panoramic view of the city and a pass by the motor torpedo boat monument and Founders of the City Memorial. Further along, stop at the memorial complex Malaya Zemlya, which is dedicated to the Novorossiysk landing operation that took place there between September 10 – 16, 1943. From a distance you can view the monument and the paratroopers’ sculpture. The area around the monument is reserved and is still covered with shell-holes and trenches that are the same as they were during WWII.

Your final stop is at the Dmitriy Shostakovich Novorossiysk College of Music. Be delighted by a concert of classical Russian music performed by the college’s students, many of whom have gone on to win national and international awards. A wide repertoire of changing compositions will bring to life the depth and cordiality of the Russian heart and soul and leave you with a new appreciation for this genre of music. Afterwards, you will transfer back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of mild to moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps. 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 and sunglasses.
Come with us and spend three days exploring both Novorossiysk and the indomitable city of Moscow, rich in history, culture, and character.

**Day 1** Disembark the ship and commence a short city walk during which you will enjoy views of Tsemesskaya Bay, several monuments, and an exterior visit of the battleship “Mikhail Kutuzov”, one of the world’s legendary combat ships that now houses the Black Sea Navy Museum. After your guided walk, you will board your coach and travel to Abrau-Durso, often referred to as the “Russian Small Switzerland”. Abrau is a natural lake nestled in the mountains of the peninsula and is the largest mountain lake in North Caucasus. The history of the winery here goes back over 135 years and is a very unique place where Russian sparkling wines are made using classical French technology. The significantly “softer” taste of these wines has resulted in the winery winning many international awards and during your visit you will be treated to a tasting of five varieties of these sparkling wines (please bring a light jacket or sweater as it can be cool in the wine cellars).

Following your winery stop, proceed to a local restaurant for lunch, after which you will transfer direct to the airport in Anapa for your flight to Moscow.

On arrival in Moscow, you will be greeted and transferred to the Radisson Royal Hotel (or similar). After check-in, board a boat for a beautiful sunset cruise on the Moscva River, followed by a welcome dinner.

**Day 2** Your day starts with an early breakfast at the hotel and then you will tour the city, starting with the Kremlin grounds and Armoury Chamber. No visit to Moscow is complete without spending time exploring this iconic complex that is included as a UNESCO World Cultural and National Heritage Site. For centuries, the Kremlin has been witness to many well-known and tragic events in Russia’s past and as such, is a treasure trove of Russian history. Begin with a tour of the extraordinary, State Armoury, the oldest museum in Russia and home to a vast collection of precious stones, 18th and 19th century jewelry and other priceless artifacts that date back to the 14th century. It is also home to an impressive collection of carriages that once belonged to Russian rulers and dignitaries, precious fabrics, royal gowns, and Faberge eggs. Your time here includes viewing Cathedral Square that consists of the Assumption, Archangel, and Annunciation Cathedrals; the Patriarch’s Palace; and the Ivan the Great Bell Tower complex.

Next, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then commence your tour of the city with a visit to the House of Romanov Boyards where the Romanov family lived in the 16th century. The first tsar of the Romanov dynasty, Mikhail Romanov was believed to have been born in this house in 1596. Today, it is a museum devoted to the lifestyle of the Russian nobility during the 16th – 17th centuries. Re-board your coach for a panoramic tour of the city that includes viewing the Novodevichy Convent, Moscow University, the Hill of Glory, and the Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer (if able to enter, please note shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted).

Continuing on, travel to Bunker 42 which was constructed in 1955 as a command post of the strategic nuclear forces of the Soviet Union. This anti-nuclear underground facility is located 213 feet below Taganka Square. During your tour, learn how the bunker’s construction serves as protection from the damaging factors of a nuclear explosion and get a sobering look at the seriousness of the risk of a nuclear war. See how staff members operated inside the bunker and watch a special effects imitation of a nuclear missile launch that definitely won’t leave you indifferent.

After the bunker tour, be treated to dinner in the unique and somewhat mysterious Bunker 42 restaurant, actually located within the depths of the bunker itself. After feasting on some traditional favorites, you will transfer back to the hotel for the night.

**Day 3** Kick off your final day with breakfast in the hotel and then transfer to the airport for your flight to Sochi. After touchdown, transfer to a local restaurant for lunch before starting your afternoon of touring this wonderful Black Sea city most recently known for hosting the 2014 Winter Olympics. Begin with a drive up into the green hills that overlook Sochi’s beaches for a visit to Stalin’s Dacha. Nestled amongst towering California pine trees is the imposing two-story villa that was once Joseph Stalin’s secret dacha. The subdued grey-green color on its façade was intentional, serving to camouflage it from prying eyes, unfriendly visitors, or possible artillery attacks from the sea. Built in 1937, this stately residence with its shaded verandahs is now open to the public and serves as a remarkable and historic hotel for well-connected visitors to Sochi. The villa remains nearly as it was in Stalin’s time, with most of its original fixtures still in place. There is even a life-sized wax image of Stalin to be found here, seated at his table before a silver inkpot that was presented to him by Mao Zedong.

Your day draws to a close with a panoramic drive to the port where you will rejoin the ship.

**Special Note:** This tour includes a mixture of mild to moderate to activity over three days that includes, steps, cobblestone, and uneven surfaces. The tour may not be suitable for wheelchair guests; however, those who do participate must have a collapsible wheelchair, be able to enter and exit the transportation on their own and have a companion to assist them. Those with other physical limitations or health concerns should carefully evaluate their personal situation. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable, smart casual clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. The order of the sites visited may vary.
Sochi, Russia

Soc501: Waterfall Trek and Rafting the Dragon Mouth - August 7, 2021 | $259pp

8 Hours | Meals: Lunch
Spend the day trekking through a lush forest to a secluded grotto, then later, get your adrenaline pumping with some white-water rafting.

Travel from the port to the trail head where you will commence a comfortable hike through a subtropical forest, that makes its way along cliffs that at one time formed the ancient ocean bed. The well-marked path will lead to a beautiful grotto that features a 60-foot waterfall. The shape of the grotto's entrance resembles an open-mouth dragon and thus, how it got its name. An underground river flows from the "mouth" of the grotto and beside it is a small natural pool. Feel free to take a short dip; however, the water temperature is a chilly 50 degrees, even in summer! From here, transition to the Mzymta River where your rafting adventure takes place. After arriving, receive a safety briefing and then don your suit and equipment, all of which will be provided. Get ready for some fun! Along with your experienced instructor, you will navigate your way down the churning rapids of the river, even passing underneath a famous pedestrian bridge that is suspended nearly 700 feet above the gorge.

Leaving the water, there will be an opportunity for you to change back into your clothes and then make the short walk to a nearby restaurant that serves excellent Caucasian cuisine for your lunch. Afterwards, drive back to Sochi via another route so that you will see a different view of the surrounding landscape. Once back at the harbor, a short, guided walk will allow you to take photos and browse for souvenirs before heading back to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate, physical activity that includes inclines, wooden stairs, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe that can get wet; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. All safety equipment will be provided. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.

SOC502: A Trekking Adventure Over 3 Peaks and Sochi's Alpine Olympic Village - August 7, 2021 | $349pp

10 Hours | Meals: Lunch
Spend the day trekking in the Caucasus Mountain ridge, hiking between three peaks that rise to heights of over 7,500 feet above sea level.

Drive approximately one-hour from the port to the viewpoint at the Ahshtyrsky gorge where your trek will begin. From the viewpoint, walk a short distance to the Mzymta River where you can take some photos before transferring to the cable car station at the Krasnaya Polyana Resort. This modern cable car will transport you 7,500 feet to Black Pyramid Peak where you will commence a four-mile hike that transits Alpica Peak. Stop for lunch here and then continue on until reaching Rosa Peak where your trek concludes. The trail that rises above the clouds leads you through clear streams, berry shrubs, a patchwork of alpine flowers and a valley of Rhododendrons. You will most likely also see flocks of wild mountain goats, cows and horses along the way. Drink in spectacular views over the Alpine Olympic Village and the famous Olympic resort Rosa Khutor, which was specially built for the 2014 Winter Olympics. Mountains rising nearly 10,000 feet that some years remain snow-capped all year long, form a dramatic backdrop and make for stunning photos.

After taking time for photos at Rosa Peak, you'll take the cable car down to the Olympic Village level and re-board your coach for a panoramic tour through the Alpine Olympic Village. Afterwards, drive back to the port in Sochi via a scenic route through the Rosa Valley.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately four hours of moderate to vigorous walking and hiking that includes some steep inclines, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns. The cable car transfer consists of both enclosed gondolas and open-air chair lifts and therefore, the tour may not be suitable for those with a fear of heights. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing that should include light trousers or shorts in the summer months; sturdy, flat sport shoes or hiking boots with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. No additional equipment or special skills are required. The use of hiking poles is preferable but not mandatory.
SOC301: BEST OF SOCHI - TEA HOUSES, STALIN’S SECRET DACHA AND OLYMPIC PARK - AUGUST 7, 2021 | $225.00

8 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

This all-encompassing full day experience covers all of the major highlights visitors to Sochi won't want to miss. Be introduced to Russian tea culture, visit historical Stalin's Dacha, and see sites where the 2014 Winter Olympic Games were held.

The day begins with a drive outside the city to the Dagomys Tea Plantation where you will learn about the culture surrounding the history and production of Russian tea and its importance to the local economy. It is not common for tea to be grown in colder northern climates, but special frost-resistant varieties have been created by Russians and their efforts produce some outstanding teas.

Traveling back to Sochi, you'll see its historic town center, the Winter Theater, pass along the seaport and Primorsky Boulevard and have a view of Sochi's magnificent spas that resemble palaces more than health resorts. Then it's back to the past as you drive up into the green hills that overlook Sochi's beaches for a visit to Stalin's Dacha. Nestled amongst towering California pine trees is the imposing two-story villa that was once Joseph Stalin's secret dacha. The subdued grey-green color on its façade was intentional, serving to camouflage it from prying eyes, unfriendly visitors, or possible artillery attacks from the sea. Built in 1937, this stately residence with its shaded verandahs is now open to the public and serves as a remarkable and historic hotel for well-connected visitors to Sochi. The villa remains nearly as it was in Stalin's time, with most of its original fixtures still in place. There is even a life-sized wax image of Stalin to be found here, seated at his table before a silver inkpot that was presented to him by Mao Zedong.

Following your visit to the dacha, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then return to modern day with a visit to Olympic Park. Take part in a tour conducted by golf cart as you view memorable locations from the 2014 Winter Olympics that include the Olympic Stadium Bolshoy Ice Dome, the Iceberg Skating Palace, Shabya Arena, Adler Arena, Ice Cube Curling Center, and the main Media Center. Included is the first Formula 1 Grand Prix racing circuit in Russia. Time will be allowed for photos at the Olympic Cauldron, Medals Plaza Square, Wall of Champions, the Olympic Rings and in front of several of the venues.

After your visit to Olympic Park, transfer back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking that includes a few steps. 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.

SOC302: SOCHI MARQUEE ATTRACTIONS AND OLYMPIC PARK - AUGUST 7, 2021 | $169.00

4 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

Discover marquee Sochi attractions on this tour that gives you a panoramic tour of the city, visits the renowned Matsesta Spa and then travels to Sochi’s Alpine Olympic Village.

From the port, drive to the majestic Winter Theater, the cultural center of the city where you’ll stop and have an opportunity to snap some photos of its beautiful colonnaded exterior. During this panoramic look at Sochi, you will also see the Russian Orthodox Church of Michael Archangel and Art Square before making your way to the Matsesta Spa. Housed in a palatial building, it's one of Sochi's oldest and most popular sulfur-springs spas. The word Matsesta literally means "fire-water" and was named so by the ancient Adygs. The waters here are said to contain over 27 minerals that are considered to be therapeutic for the treatment of several medical conditions.

From here, join the highway to the Olympic mountain venues. The highway itself is part of the Olympic legacy and crosses breath-taking canyons and gorges as it winds its way to the Alpine Olympic Village. On arrival, hop on one of the Olympic Park golf carts and take a tour of some of the Olympic venues where the competitions took place. Included is the Fisht Stadium, the Bolshoy Ice Dome, the Iceberg Skating Palace, the Shabya Arena, the Adler Arena Trade and Exhibition Center, the Ice Cube Curling Center, the Main Media Center and not necessarily related to the Olympics, the first circuit to host a Formula 1 Grand Prix race in Russia.

Following your tour of the Olympic Village, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before traveling back the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately one hour of mild walking that includes a few steps. 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.
SOC303: A PANORAMIC LOOK AT SOCHI AND STALIN'S SECRET DACHA - AUGUST 7, 2021 | $69

3.75 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Get a glimpse of Sochi via a panoramic drive through the city and then it's up into the lush green hills to explore Stalin's secret dacha before heading to the renowned Matsesta Spa.

A narrated panoramic drive through Sochi starts your experience as you view several notable sites. Then head into the hills above the city that overlook Sochi's beaches for a visit to Stalin's Dacha. Nestled amongst towering California pine trees is the imposing two-story villa that was once Joseph Stalin's secret dacha. The subdued grey-green color on its façade was intentional, serving to camouflage it from prying eyes, unfriendly visitors, or possible artillery attacks from the sea. Built in 1937, this stately residence with its shaded verandahs is now open to the public and serves as a remarkable and historic hotel for well-connected visitors to Sochi. The villa remains nearly as it was in Stalin's time, with most of its original fixtures still in place. There is even a life-sized wax image of Stalin to be found here, seated at his table before a silver inkpot that was presented to him by Mao Zedong.

Continue on with a drive to the famous Matsesta Spa, one of the oldest sulfur-springs spas. First opened in 1902, the spa is one of Sochi's most popular and is housed in a palatial building. The waters here are said to contain over 27 minerals, including Sulphur, iodine and bromine which are considered therapeutic in the treatment of some medical conditions. Enjoy time to stroll about and take photos before it's time to drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of mild walking that includes a few steps. 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.

SOC310: AN EVENING OF ART, CHAMBER MUSIC AND LOCAL CUISINE - AUGUST 7, 2021 | $199

5 HOURS | MEALS: DINNER

Spend a delightful evening at Sochi's excellent Art Museum where in one of the halls you will be treated to a wonderful performance by the local chamber orchestra and later, enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Your evening begins with a short drive from the port to the Art Museum. The museum exemplifies the beautiful architecture known as Stalin's "Empire" style. Founded in 1936, the building first housed the city's administrative offices but was later turned into the Art Museum. Three halls within the museum house exhibitions of art from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. It is within one of these halls that you will be treated to your musical performance. The repertoire includes the compositions of several brilliant composers and is sure to make for a memorable experience.

Afterwards, it's a brief walk to a nearby restaurant where you can indulge your taste buds with a tasty dinner of local favorites. Once dinner is concluded, drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes under one hour of mild walking/standing that includes a few steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Smart, casual dress is requested. Shorts, t-shirts, and sandals are not permitted.
SOC504: SPELUNKING ADVENTURE AT VORONTSOVSKAYA CAVE - AUGUST 8, 2021 | $199.00

8 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH
Looking for something different to do while in Sochi? Come explore Vorontsovskaya Cave, the largest and most interesting of the Vorontsovskaya Cave Complex.

Travel from the port through picturesque forest scenery to the starting point for your cave exploration. On arrival, it’s a 45-minute forest walk along a dirt track that includes a slight ascent, to reach the cave entrance. Once there, you will be joined by a professional speleologist who will be your guide as you negotiate your way through the cave. Be captivated by uniquely formed stalactites and stalagmites and see the cave’s subterranean river. The largest hall within the cave is named after the Greek deity Prometheus who legend claims, served out punishment for providing fire to humans by being chained to nearby Mt. Fisht. Also, within the cave, trails of prehistoric men have been found along with some of their remains and the remains of a prehistoric bear. Further explorations of the cave have also uncovered archaeological finds from different eras.

Following your cave visit, transfer to a local restaurant for a traditional Caucasian lunch before driving back to Sochi. Arriving in Sochi, enjoy a 1-hour walking tour of the historical center during which you can take photos and purchase souvenirs before heading back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 3.5 hours of mild to moderate walking that includes inclines, stairs, natural and uneven surfaces. Guests are cautioned that some of the surfaces can be slippery. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition and able to walk for several hours. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe and non-slip sole that can get wet, and a bring a light sweater or jacket as it can be cool within the cave.

SOC304: STALIN’S SECRET DACHA AND GASTRONOMIC MASTER CLASS - AUGUST 8, 2021 | $199.00

5.5 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH
Experience Sochi’s illustrious past with a visit to Stalin’s secret dacha and then learn about traditional Georgian dishes at a legendary restaurant.

A narrated panoramic drive through Sochi starts your experience as you view several notable sites and stop for an exterior visit at the Winter Palace. Then head into the hills above the city that overlook Sochi’s beaches for a visit to Stalin’s Dacha. Nestled amongst towering California pine trees is the imposing two-story villa that was once Joseph Stalin’s secret dacha. The subdued grey-green color on its façade was intentional, serving to camouflage it from prying eyes, unfriendly visitors, or possible artillery attacks from the sea. Built in 1937, this stately residence with its shaded verandahs is now open to the public and serves as a remarkable and historic hotel for well-connected visitors to Sochi. The villa remains nearly as it was in Stalin’s time, with most of its original fixtures still in place. There is even a life-sized wax image of Stalin to be found here, seated at his table before a silver inkpot that was presented to him by Mao Zedong.

Next, travel to the elite Kavkazsky Aul restaurant for a masterclass in traditional Georgian dishes such as khinkali (dumplings), pkhali (a traditional Georgian dish of chopped and minced vegetables combined with ground walnuts, vinegar, garlic, and herbs), and khachapuri (an egg and cheese filled bread). Afterwards, before returning to the port, sit down and enjoy lunch while being entertained with a folkloric performance.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of mild walking/standing that includes a few steps. 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.
**SOC306: HIKING THE REMARKABLE YEW AND BOXWOOD GROVE - AUGUST 8, 2021 | $129.00**

5 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

Find yourself immersed in a beautiful forest of Yew trees and Boxwoods on a nature trail that delivers more than just a walking experience.

Drive from the port to the village of Khosta where your five-mile hike begins. Accompanied by your guide, see unique and legendary natural attractions such as the White Rocks of the Khosta River, a beautiful waterfall, an ancient fortress, a cave, and a Beech glade. All of these will make for an exceptional hiking experience that goes beyond the ordinary.

Following your hike, enjoy an open-air lunch alongside the Khosta River, accompanied by a delightful folk performance. Afterwards, drive back to the port in Sochi.

*Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate hiking/walking that includes inclines, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe that can get wet; a sun cap; sunglasses; insect repellent and sunscreen.*

**SOC307: ICONIC RUSSIAN TEA HOUSES - AUGUST 8, 2021 | $69.00**

4 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Russian tea has a rich history and is an integral part of Russian culture. Tea is not generally thought to thrive in a climate this far north but thrive it does and especially at the Dagomys Tea Plantation, the most northerly in Europe.

Begin with a panoramic drive through Sochi that has you viewing the Russian Orthodox Church of Michael Archangel, Art Square, and the Winter Theater amongst other highlights. Then, head out of town to the Dagomys Tea Plantation. This historic plantation is synonymous with tea in Russia. On arrival, enjoy walking about the plantation as a local agronomist explains how the tea is grown and processed. Before leaving, you’ll be invited to take part in a tea tasting that is accompanied by a snack of local tea cakes and a lively folkloric performance.

Continuing, return to Sochi and drive to Riviera Park, home to numerous amusement rides, games, art galleries and stately magnolia trees that were planted there by Russian cosmonauts. A short stop here allows time to stroll about and take some photos before rejoining your coach and transferring back to the port.

*Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of mild walking/standing with a few 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. We recommend weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap and sunglasses.*
BUS501: BEAUTIFUL MAKHUNTSETI WATERFALL AND EXHILARATING RIVER RAFTING - AUGUST 9, 2021 | $99 pp

4 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

Equal parts of tranquil nature that includes a beautiful waterfall, combined with the thrills of rafting, define this tour. All capped off with a lovely lunch in the home of a Georgian family.

Begin with a picturesque drive to the Makhuntseti Waterfall, the highest in the Ajara mountain area. There will be plenty of time to drink in the scenery and take photos before traveling to the nearby village of Makhuntseti where your rafting adventure begins. On your way there, stop for photos at the Tamar Bridge, named after a former Georgian monarch. This impressively constructed 12th-century stone bridge was one of several strategically built so that horse and cart traffic could cross from one side of the river gorge to the other.

In Makhuntseti, after a safety briefing, board the raft along with your experienced guide-instructor and set off. The key word to this portion of your adventure is fun! For nearly four miles, you will guide your raft between the river’s boulders and over short cascades. The excitement of not knowing what will come next is pure exhilaration.

Leaving the river, change clothes (be sure to bring an extra set) and drive to the home of a local Georgian family where they will be your hosts for a lunch of delicious Adjarian dishes and homemade wine. The setting is warm and inviting and the company engaging. Following lunch, drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes a limited amount of walking but does include some steps and guests must be able to enter and exit the raft with limited assistance. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with limited mobility. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing that can get wet, flat walking shoes with a rubber sole, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Please bring a change of clothes.

BUS304: THE IMPRESSIVE RUINS OF PETRA FORTRESS, MASTER CLASS IN GEORGIAN CUISINE AND THE KOBULETI MUSEUM - AUGUST 9, 2021 | $65 pp

4.5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Discover some of Georgia’s most significant attractions with visits to Petra Fortress, its new historical complex, and the Kobuleti Local Lore Museum. Later, delve into Georgian cuisine with a class at the museum.

Leave the pier for a scenic panoramic drive to Petra Fortress. Situated on a rocky hill along the sea, the location is breathtaking and features sweeping views of sea. Strategically built amongst Georgian rock formations in 535 A.D. (the Greek name Petra means stone or rock), it was considered an almost inaccessible fortress. While here, you will also get to be amongst the first to explore the new historical complex which includes a citadel, remains of a medieval town and palace, antique bath and the soldiers’ housing. This is also the place you will be treated to an informative masterclass on Georgian cuisine, after which you can indulge in some tastings.

When your class and tasting concludes, make the relaxing drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking/standing and includes numerous steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
BUS306: BATUMI’S REMARKABLE BOTANICAL GARDEN AND MARQUEE SITES - AUGUST 9, 2021 | $65pp

5 HOURS | MEAL: SNACK

Visit Batumi’s diverse Botanical Garden that offers up a magnificent view of the sea and after a traditional snack with wine, explore Batumi with a combination walking and panoramic tour of the city’s main attractions.

Leave the port and drive to one of the most visited attractions in Batumi, the Batumi Botanical Garden. The garden is one of the largest and in post-Soviet Union times and boasts a rich diversity of plants and trees. It really has no comparison in that, plants that are endemic to completely different climatic and landscape zones co-exist here, side-by-side.

After exploring the walking trails at the Garden, drive to a local restaurant where you are treated to a traditional Georgian snack such as Khachapuri, a dish of cheese-filled bead, accompanied by a glass of local wine. Making your experience even more authentic, there will be a live musical performance.

A short panoramic drive brings you to Piazza Square, considered one of the most beautiful places in Batumi. While the name is distinctly Italian and therefore a little incongruous for Georgia, when it comes to architecture in Batumi, anything goes! The square is quite expansive and is surrounded by the Piazza complex that includes a hotel, restaurants, cave and pub. Some distinguishing features are its mosaics and stained-glass art. It also hosts outdoor concerts by world famous musician. Walk to the over 150-year-old St. Nicholas Church for a visit before rejoining your coach and driving to European Square for a photo stop.

Your tour ends with a panoramic drive back to the pier, stopping for photos at Prymorski Boulevard.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing and includes steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
SINOP, TURKEY

**SIC301: DISCOVER SINOP'S CULTURAL LANDMARKS ON FOOT - AUGUST 10, 2021 | $89**

- **4 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK**
- Soak up the local atmosphere on this walking tour that gives a good overview of Sinop, its history, architecture, and culture.

Take a short walk from the pier to the Sinop Castle and Sinop Castle Walls for an exterior visit. Still dominating the harbor, this eighth-century A.D. fortification was built by immigrants and although much of it is in ruins, it still makes for an interesting glimpse into Sinop’s past.

Your walk continues to the Alaaddin Mosque, a 13th century mosque that is a good example of Selcuk architecture. There will be time for photos before heading to a nearby restaurant where you will be treated to a local pastry and traditional Turkish tea. Afterwards, walk to your final stop, the Sinop Museum.

The Sinop Museum has a collection of artifacts that date back to the Early Bronze Age and from the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Selcuk and Ottoman eras. The museum contains not only indoor exhibits but features an open-air section as well.

Following your informative museum visit, walk back to the pier with your guide.

**Special Note: This tour includes nearly three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.**

**SIC302: UNCOVER THE NATURAL FORESTED BEAUTY OF SINOP AND HAMSILOS FJORD - AUGUST 10, 2021 | $95**

- **3.5 HOURS | MEAL: SNACK**
- Take advantage of this perfect opportunity to experience Sinop's natural beauty on this tour that travels into a forested nature park and visits Turkey's only fjord.

A scenic drive brings you through a landscape of lush trees and foliage to the Hamsilos Fjord, the one and only fjord in Turkey. Serving as a natural harbor, the fjord is one of the most beautiful places in northern Turkey and is surrounded by a nature park and lush forest. Once you have arrived, your guide will give you a brief narrative about the area and its history and then you are free to explore on your own.

From here, drive to the Pasha Bastion, a semi-circular coastal fortification whose original purpose was to protect against attacks from the Black Sea. During your visit you can see some of the original cannons and enjoy some snacks and refreshments.

Before driving back to the pier, stop at Balatlar Church, a former Roman temple that was converted to a church in 660 A.D. It stands as an excellent example of Byzantium brick and stone masonry. In 2009, a stone chest was excavated from within the church which is believed to hold stored fragments of the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. The chest was named “Holystone” by the Christian world and now is on exhibit in the Sinop Museum.

**Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking/standing that includes steps, walking over a wooden pathways and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat, closed-toe walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites.**

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AMASRA, TURKEY

AMR301: COLORFUL AMASRA TOWN AND ITS BLENDED RICH HERITAGE - AUGUST 11, 2021 | $69

4 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Discover Amasra's key historical locations while drinking in the local atmosphere on this delightful walking tour.

A small Black Sea port town formerly known as Amastris, Amasra's rich heritage includes Roman, Byzantine, and Genoese past inhabitants as evidenced by the Amasra Castle, your first stop. This is probably most notable on the north side of the castle which served as a Citadel. The enclosed area is now mostly residential, but you can still find some interesting carved relics that remain on some of the walls here. There is also a restored 9th century Byzantine Chapel and a church turned into a mosque that you will see.

Next, walk to the Amasra Archaeological Museum where you will find a variety of items on display that date back centuries and were found both on land and in the sea surrounding this area. Afterwards, make your way to a local tea house where you will take some refreshment. This makes for a perfect opportunity to interact with the locals in Amasra as they go about their daily lives. Following this, you have the option of remaining in town to further explore on your own or walking back to the tender pier and returning to the ship.

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


5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Safranbolu for a fascinating look at this city that once served as an important trading center.

While the drive out to Safranbolu, takes a bit of time (60 minutes), the passing colorful scenery makes the journey interesting and the time pass quickly.

A must-see destination for anyone visiting the area, Safranbolu was the earliest town in Turkey to realize that preserving its old town could serve to draw tourism to the area. The success of Safranbolu’s efforts later inspired many other surrounding regions to similarly restore their own historic districts and preserve their levels of authenticity. Safranbolu itself is famous for its typical Ottoman houses and streets which led to its qualification as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The town's key role in the caravan trade spanned many centuries, first developing as a trading center after the Turkish conquest in the 11th century. By the 13th century, it had grown into an important caravan station. The town's layout is a testament to its organic growth in response to economic expansion, and its buildings are representative of its evolving socio-economic structure up to the disappearance of the traditional caravan routes and beyond.

Your time exploring the city starts with a visit to the old Agora and Cinci Han and then afterwards, enjoy some traditional tea and a Turkish pastry.

Rejoining your coach, drive back to Amasra, stopping along the way for a visit at the 18th-century Incekaya aqueduct. Constructed of rubble stone, it is a marvel of ancient engineering.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes inclines, steps, and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.
ISTANBUL, TURKEY

IST505MS: MYSTICAL CAPPADOCIA -
AUGUST 12, 2021 | $1,750pp

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | MEALS: YES

Come explore magical, mystical Cappadocia, with its fairy tale landscape of natural wonders and colorful history.

Day 1 Arrive in Istanbul and enjoy a full day of touring the city’s marquee sites. Following your day of exploration, return to the ship for a brief rest before heading out for a nice dinner that evening that also features an authentic whirling dervish show. Afterwards, return to the ship to overnight.

Day 2 Disembark the ship and head to the airport for your flight from Istanbul to Kayseri in central Turkey – the gateway to the Cappadocia region. The area at times seems like something out of a dream, with its deep valleys, fissures, and slopes that were turned into cones and columns as mother nature carved away at the lava rock. The volcanic rock is also perfect for carving entire buildings and the area is famous for these carved homes, stables, churches, and small cells used by hermits and monks. Many people still live in these rock formations, which are naturally cool in the summer.

When you first arrive, you will find yourself in an area that resembles the surface of the Moon and it is here your adventure begins. Start by seeing the natural citadel of Uchisar, which will allow you to get an extraordinary panoramic view of the region. Enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant before taking the walking path that connects to the Göreme Valley. This valley houses the Göreme Open Air Museum which features churches and monasteries hewn out of rock that are adorned with colorful frescoes. From here, drive to the town of Avanos for check-in at the Anka Cave Suit Hotel where you will have dinner and spend the night.

Day 3 Start the day with an optional early morning hot air balloon ride over the region. It’s an unforgettable experience as you silently glide over the dramatic landscape while the sun rises and casts its light on the scenery below. Coming back to earth, have a late breakfast at your hotel and then set out for a full day of exploring. First, you will head to the south of Nevsehir for a visit to the underground city of Kaymakli. Used for centuries as a place of refuge, these underground cities were mostly abandoned after 1923.

Continue with a drive to the Ihlara Valley with its incredible gorge that has a stunning river running right down the heart of the valley. Near the province of Aksaray, it is still considered part of the southern Cappadocia region. Take a mild walk along a leafy nature trail dotted with numerous cave churches you can explore. Then, following lunch in the picturesque town of Beli Sirma, you will head to Derbent and the Guvercinlik (Pidgeon) Valley for an orientation tour and a chance to do some shopping. At the end of your activities, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Your final day starts with breakfast at the hotel and then a transfer to the airport where you will catch your flight to Kepez. On arrival, transfer directly to the pier and board the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes a significant amount of moderate to vigorous 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 or other health concerns. Guests should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering any religious sites. All shopping and/or carpet demonstrations are optional and at the guest’s discretion.

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Off-the-beaten track in Turkey are hidden archaeological wonders that few visitors have the opportunity to explore. This experience delves into the lesser known, yet equally impressive sites of Sardes, Aphrodisias, Hierapolis and Sagalassos. There is also time at Pamukkale, where the stark white limestone basins of brilliant blue mineral springs beckon you to dip your toes. Overnight stays in Izmir, Pamukkale and the City of Roses complement this program that has you rejoining the ship in Kepez.

Day 1 Disembark the ship in Istanbul and drive to Manisa where you will visit Sardes, once the flourishing capital of the ancient Lydian kingdom of the seventh century BCE. Strategically located on a spur of land at the foot of Mount Tmolus, it commanded the central plain of the Hermus Valley and was the western terminus of the Persian Royal Road. It was also the first city where gold and silver coins were minted. Following lunch, continue on with the scenic drive to Izmir where you will enjoy dinner and a panoramic tour of the area before retiring to your hotel for the night.

Day 2 Following breakfast in the hotel, depart Izmir for Aphrodisias, one of the most important ancient sites in Turkey after Ephesus. It was during the Roman period around the year two BC that Aphrodisias was named after Aphrodite and kept gaining importance. One of the inscriptions on the theater’s stage walls mentions a golden Eros statue gifted by Caesar to Aphrodite.

Located near a marble quarry, the marble from here was widely used during the Hellenistic and Roman periods, and Aphrodisias became famous in the Roman world for its marble statues. The city was favored by both Julius Caesar and Emperor Augustus who gave it autonomy and tax-free status, stating it "the one city from all of Asia that I have selected to be my own."

Following lunch at a local establishment, you will drive to Pamukkale where you will have dinner and overnight.

Day 3 Early risers have the option to partake in a sunrise hot air balloon ride over Pamukkale. Afterwards, enjoy breakfast and then it’s time to tour the Pamukkale hot springs and Hierapolis ruins.

Pamukkale literally translates to ‘Cotton Castle’ and the brilliant white terraces of petrified limestone certainly conjure up that image. Within the stepped terraces are warm pools of brilliant blue mineral-rich water that invite visitors to dip their toes in and where Romans once bathed. There is also the famous "Cleopatra Pool" that Marc Anthony had built and gifted to her. An earthquake toppled the structure over the pool, but today you can still swim amongst the submerged columns.

What adds to any visit to Pamukkale is the opportunity to also visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hierapolis. Hierapolis also means the sacred city and remains here include the Necropolis, the Temple of Oktokonus, a theater that features reliefs depicting the mythology of Apollo and Artemis, the Apollo sacred site, Roman Baths, and many other significant ruins.

Lunch will be served at an establishment in Denizli, after which there is a visit to Salda Lake before continuing on to Isparta (Egirdir) – nicknamed The City of Roses. Isparta is famous for its roses and rose products. The world's largest producer of the Damascena rose, it exports rose oil around the world (including providing it to the grand mosque at Mecca) and also hosts a 2-day Rose Festival. After check-in at your hotel, enjoy dinner and a leisurely evening.

Day 4 Your day commences with an early morning breakfast at the hotel and departure for Sagalassos, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in Turkey that was once the most important city of ancient Pisidia. Conquered by Alexander the Great in 333 BC on his way to Persia, it flourished after joining the Roman Empire in 25 BC.

Following your visit, you will make the 90-minute drive to Kepez where you will rejoin the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes a significant amount of moderate to vigorous 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 or other health concerns. Guests should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering any religious sites.
IST302: BYZANTINE TREASURES – ISTANBUL’S MOST ICONIC LANDMARKS - AUGUST 12, 2021 | AUGUST 14, 2021 | $75PP

5 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Istanbul’s Byzantine past comes alive on this tour that visits its most iconic highlights and includes time for shopping at the inimitable Grand Bazaar.

Travel first to Hippodrome Square, location of the famous Egyptian Obelisk, Obelisk of Constantine, Serpentine Column, and the German Fountain, which was an important symbol of the close relationship between the Ottoman Empire and Germany at the beginning of the 20th century.

Next, make the short walk to the Byzantine Underground Cistern. The Cistern dates from the sixth century and features a roof supported by 336 Corinthian columns. Marvel at the ancient craftsmanship that created this “Underground Palace” as you tour the illuminated interior with your guide.

Another short walk brings you to the world-famous St. Sophia, the Church of the Divine Wisdom. Built during Emperor Justinian’s reign in AD 537, it remained the greatest church in Christendom until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet II who ordered it to be converted into a mosque. The great dome, the semi domes, the north and south tympana, the vaults of the narthex, the aisle and the gallery at one time were all covered with gold mosaics, of which a good number have still survived.

Continue on by boarding your coach and traveling to the legendary Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar is the largest and oldest covered bazaar in Turkey with ninety-two streets that house more than 4,000 shops. Side-by-side you will find shops selling a variety of Turkish handicrafts, Oriental carpets, rare jewels and of course, a wealth of inexpensive souvenirs. It is here where you will best experience Istanbul’s definitive Oriental atmosphere. If you choose, there is an optional carpet weaving demonstration you can attend prior to entering the Bazaar.

Following your visit to the Bazaar, drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes a few steps and some uneven surfaces. 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 Underground Cistern is not wheelchair accessible. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.

IST303: ULTIMATE ISTANBUL - ESSENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND GRAND BAZAAR - AUGUST 12, 2021 | $145PP

8 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

Explore both the Byzantine and Ottoman highlights of Istanbul on this comprehensive tour that showcases some of the city’s most remarkable attractions, visits the famous Grand Bazaar and includes lunch at a notable restaurant.

Start by driving from the port to Hippodrome Square, location of the famous Egyptian Obelisk, Obelisk of Constantine, Serpentine Column and the German Fountain, which was an important symbol of the close relationship between the Ottoman Empire and Germany at the beginning of the 20th century.

Next, make the short walk to the incredible Blue Mosque. Completed in 1616, it is a triumph of harmony, proportion and elegance. The Mosque's colorful 260 windows enable the sunlight to reach inside and the blue Iznik Tiles that cover the walls are what gave the mosque its popular name, “Blue Mosque.”

Another brief walk finds you at the stunning Topkapi Palace, residence of the sultans for almost three centuries. Located on a promontory that extends between the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the views here are simply magnificent. Not only was the palace the imperial residence of the Sultan and his court, but it was also the seat of the government for the Ottoman Empire and housed upward of 4,000 people. During your visit, see the general exhibitions that contain artifacts and collection pieces that once belonged to the Ottoman Sultans.

Continuing on, walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch before commencing your afternoon of touring. Within walking distance of the restaurant is world-famous St. Sophia, the Church of the Divine Wisdom. Built during Emperor Justinian’s reign in AD 537, it remained the greatest church in Christendom until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet II who ordered it to be converted into a mosque. The great dome, the semi domes, the north and south tympana, the vaults of the narthex, the aisle and the gallery at one time were all covered with gold mosaics, of which a good number have still survived.

Your final journey on foot brings you to the Byzantine Underground Cistern. The Cistern dates from the sixth century and features a roof supported by 336 Corinthian columns. Marvel at the ancient craftsmanship that created this “Underground Palace” as you tour the illuminated interior with your guide.

At this point, rejoin your coach and drive to the legendary Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar is the largest and oldest covered bazaar in Turkey with ninety-two streets that house more than 4,000 shops that sell a variety of Turkish handicrafts, Oriental carpets, rare jewels and of course, a wealth of inexpensive souvenirs. It is here where you will best experience Istanbul’s definitive Oriental atmosphere. If you choose, there is an optional carpet weaving demonstration you can attend prior to entering the Bazaar.

Following your visit to the Bazaar, transfer back to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes over 5.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and uneven surfaces. 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 Underground Cistern is not wheelchair accessible. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; 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. On Fridays, the Blue Mosque may be replaced with the Nuruosmaniye Mosque.

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5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

IST306: ISTANBUL’S OTTOMAN INFLUENCE – THE BLUE MOSQUE, TOPKAPI PALACE AND GRAND BAZAAR - AUGUST 12, 2021 | AUGUST 14, 2021 | $75.00

Focused on the Ottoman heritage of Istanbul, this tour will visit the famous Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace before ending with a visit to the Grand Bazaar.

Make the short drive from the port to the Blue Mosque. Also known as the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, it was completed in 1616 and is a triumph of harmony, proportion, and elegance. The mosque was part of a complex that included tombs, fountains, kitchens, and a bath, while its 260 colorful windows allowed the sunlight to spill into the interior. When you see the multitudes of blue Iznik tiles that cover the walls, you will come to understand how the mosque got its popular name, Blue Mosque.

Next, continue on foot to the nearby stunning Topkapi Palace, residence of the sultans for almost three centuries. Located on a promontory that extends between the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the views here are simply magnificent. Not only was the palace the imperial residence of the Sultan and his court, but it was also the seat of the government for the Ottoman Empire and housed upward of 4,000 people. During your visit, see the general exhibitions that contain artifacts and collection pieces that once belonged to the Ottoman Sultans.

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Following your visit to the Bazaar, transfer back to the ship.

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8 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

IST303: ULTIMATE ISTANBUL - ESSENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND GRAND BAZAAR - AUGUST 14, 2021 | $145.00

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At this point, rejoin your coach and drive to the legendary Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar is the largest and oldest covered bazaar in Turkey with ninety-two streets that house more than 4,000 shops that sell a variety of Turkish handicrafts, Oriental carpets, rare jewels and of course, a wealth of inexpensive souvenirs. It is here where you will best experience Istanbul's definitive Oriental atmosphere. If you choose, there is an optional carpet weaving demonstration you can attend prior to entering the Bazaar.

Following your visit to the Bazaar, transfer back to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes over 5.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and uneven surfaces. 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 Underground Cistern is not wheelchair accessible. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; 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. On Fridays, the Blue Mosque may be replaced with the Nuruosmaniye Mosque.

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**CKZ301: ANCIENT TROY – A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE - AUGUST 15, 2021 | $89pp**

3.5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Explore 4,000 years of history as you explore one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world on this visit to the ancient city of Troy.

Relax and enjoy the passing scenery as you make the drive to Troy, location of the fabled mythological story of Helen and Paris. As the myth tells us, Helen was the daughter of King Sparta and was abducted by Paris, a Trojan Prince. This action sparked hostilities between the Trojans and the Achaeans which led to the Trojan war. The story goes that unable to take the city, the Trojans left behind the famous Trojan horse filled with soldiers and that is how they conquered the city. While there was in fact a Trojan War that took place around the 12th century BC, it is likely the story of Helen, Paris and the Trojan horse were simply a mythological fable.

Troy is not only a Turkish National Park it is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While the ruins here comprise one of the world’s most famous archaeological sites, you will not find the usual marble columns and other artistic remains. Instead, the ruins at Troy serve as a poignant reminder of long-past wars, the suffering of the people and how once thriving cities were reduced to rubble.

When your visit comes to an end, make the return drive back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

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**CKZ302: THE HISTORIC GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN - AUGUST 15, 2021 | $85pp**

5.5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Spend the day reliving the history of the most important and dramatic battle of World War I that took place in Gallipoli. This national park preserved with marble and bronze monuments that are strewn about, will no doubt evoke emotionally touching reactions.

From the ship, drive to the ferry port and board a ferry to Eceabat where your exploration of the historic events that took place here commences. Also known as the Canakkale Dardanelles Campaign, it took place from February 17, 1915 to January 9, 1916. Following a failed naval attack, British forces began plans for largescale troop landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula using British, Australian, New Zealand and French forces. Following limited progress and very heavy casualties, the Allied forces finally withdrew with the last of the troops leaving Helles on January 9, 1916.

Today, with your guide narrating, you will see Kilit Bayir and Seddül Bayir, visit Anzac Bay, view the famous battlefields of Nek and the trenches at Johnston’s Jolly, stop at the Lone Pine Cemetery and Memorial, and the New Zealand Memorial at Chunuk Bayir. Before retracing your route back to the port, visit the Gallipoli Museum with its expansive collection of war time memorabilia.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps. 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; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
Often referred to as the “Diamond of the Dardanelles,” Turkey’s third largest island never fails to delight with its windmills, vineyards, pristine beaches, and laid-back atmosphere. Today, explore the island’s most important and authentic attractions.

Drive with your guide to the heart of town where you will walk along narrow alleys lined with colorful traditional homes and abundant flowers. In some areas it’s as if time has stood still. Your first stop is at Bozcaada Castle which was reconstructed by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmet II in the 15th century and further repaired by Mahmut II in 1815. Interestingly, it has been built over the remains of several other castles. This latest castle is well-preserved, and its sheer size and dominance are more suggestive of a fortress rather than a castle.

From the castle, walk to the Alaybey Mosque which was built on the foundations of a medieval Venetian structure in 1655. As you travel about, one has to wonder what other medieval remnants might be buried beneath your feet! A short walk away is the Aya Paraskevi monastery which faces Ayazma Bay and is home to the annual feast day of Agia Paraskevi, held on July 26th.

Your walk continues on to the island’s small, but unique museum. An independent effort undertaken by M. Hakan Gürüney and his love of Bozcaada, the museum houses an interesting collection of fossils unique to the island, archaeological pieces, coins, maps, items left behind by French soldiers, photos and items that were used in the homes of both the Turkish and Greek residents.

After your museum visit, you will have some free time to further explore the village on your own or make your way back to the tender area and return to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes over three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps and some 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.

The famous Greek historian Herodotus quoted, “God created Bozcaada for those who visited there, to have a long life.” We are certain you will agree at the end of this tour that not only gives you an overview of this charming town, but also showcases its vinicultural heritage.

Meet your guide at the port and travel into Bozcaada’s Old Town for a stroll through its quaint narrow streets. Be delighted by the colorful traditional homes you’ll find here and everywhere you look, there seems to be flowers in bloom. As you walk through these authentic streets, you will be able to witness the harmonious combination of Greek and Turkish architecture evidenced in the buildings.

While the history and architecture of Bozcaada are noteworthy, its crowning glory is undoubtedly its vineyards and local wine production. The grape culture here is an inseparable part of life on the island. The vinicultural heritage here dates back almost 3,000 years and there is virtually no local resident who does not have some type of history or connection with wine making. In fact, archaeologists working on the island found coins dating back to 5 B.C. with the face of Zeus on one side and a bunch of grapes on the other, leading specialists to think that the island’s vinicultural history is perhaps one of the oldest in the world.

The locals are only too happy to have you taste some of their lovingly produced wine and you will get that chance at one of the best wineries on the island. Enjoy touring the winery and learning more about the wine growing and production of Bozcaada’s excellent wines and afterwards, be treated to a tasting of some of their finest varieties.

Leaving the winery, walk back to the town center where you can further explore on your own before rejoining your coach for the drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes nearly four 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering religious sites.
If you are looking for some sheer relaxation, Bozcaada’s pristine golden beaches and crystal-clear waters are just the place to refresh and reenergize yourself.

Drive from the port to one of the island’s beach clubs where a sun bed is reserved for you and you’ll have a few hours to unwind and soak up the sun. If you like, take a dip in the clear cool waters or simply relax on your lounger and do nothing, the choice is all yours. Complimentary bottled water is provided, and additional beverages and snacks are available for purchase.

Following your beach respite, return to the port feeling rested and ready for the next day’s adventures.

Special Note: Walking is primarily at the guests’ discretion during the 3.5 hours at the beach. The surfaces are mainly natural and uneven. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather a swimsuit under your clothes; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Please bring a towel with you. Those who take part in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility.
The city itself is centered around a 1,099-foot mesa of andesite which formed its Acropolis. The mesa falls away sharply on the north, west and east sides but three natural terraces on the south side provide a route to the top; however, it is only accessible by cable car today. To the west of the Acropolis the Selinus River flows through the city, while the Ketios River passes to the east.

At the base of the Acropolis lies Asklepion, the ancient healing center that was founded in the 4th Century BC. The center was constructed around a sacred spring that still flows today. Over several centuries, it became one of the most renowned healing centers in the ancient world and was also notable for being the world's first psychiatric hospital.

Following a refreshment break, you will travel by van back to the port in Dikili.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate cycling in warm temperatures and one hour of mild to moderate walking/standing at Pergamon. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility restrictions or other health concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition and be comfortable riding a bicycle for an extended period of time. We recommend wearing light weight, weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.


Explore one of the most popular ancient Greek cities in Turkey, renowned for its theater, Altar and oldest hospital in the ancient world.

From the port, drive along a scenic route that travels through beautiful countryside to the city of Pergamon. First settled by the Aeolic Greeks in the 8th century BC, the city came into prominence following the death of Alexander the Great in 332 BC. Because of its great library, many scholars and teachers made the city their home, and parchment paper was first invented here.

Arriving at Pergamon, first visit the Acropolis, which today is only accessible by cable car. Surrounded by three walls, the city had many public and private buildings, including temples and palaces. While there are very few traces of the walls today, remains of impressive monuments can still be seen, including the outstanding masterpiece of the Pergamon Altar. Pergamon was the northernmost of the seven churches of Asia cited in the New Testament Book of Revelation and was referred to as the Throne of the Devil.

Next, visit the Library of Pergamon, built by Eumenes II and considered to be second only to the library in Alexandria, Egypt. Continue on to the Temple of Trajan, built by Hadrian. The temple was built of marble and most likely on the site of a previous Hellenistic building. While here, you can view the ruins of the Zeus Altar, the finest altar ever built around the time of 180 BC that stood on its own with no temple. Most of the original altar and friezes are now housed in Berlin at the Pergamon Museum.

From here, drive to the Kizil Avlu (Red Basilica), perhaps the largest and best-known structure in Pergamon. Made of red brick, the temple was dedicated to the gods of Egypt. Two pools in the temple with towers indicate ritual cleaning rites and a religious background that was neither Greek nor Roman.

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Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate walking that includes numerous steps, natural and uneven surfaces, and some inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing lightweight, weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
Step back into the ancient world with visits to some of Dikili's most notable landmarks that showcase its illustrious past.

Drive from the port through a scenic countryside landscape of cotton fields and olive trees as you make your way to Pergamon Village. Your first stop here is at the Pergamon Museum which houses over 10,000 archaeological and ethnographic works. The archaeological artifacts belong to the Bronze, Archaic, Classic, Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine ages, and the ethnographic exhibits consist of Ottoman relics and articles from the Pergamum region.

Next, drive to the largest and most well-known attraction in Pergamon, the Kizil Avlu (Red Basilica), a temple constructed of red brick and dedicated to the gods of Egypt. Two pools in the temple with towers indicate ritual cleaning rites and a religious background that was neither Greek nor Roman. It was also one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor that was addressed by St. John in the Book of Revelation who referred to it as the throne of the Devil. After some time for photos here, you'll return to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking that includes some steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with physical limitations. We recommend wearing lightweight, weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.


Enjoy a condensed visit to the popular ancient city of Pergamon to view its Acropolis, Library and Zeus Altar.

Drive from Dikili to Pergamon, passing through scenic countryside as you make your way to this impressive and important archaeological site. First settled by the Aeolic Greeks in the eighth century BC, the city came into prominence following the death of Alexander the Great in 332 BC. Because of its great library, many scholars and teachers made the city their home, and parchment paper was first invented here.

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Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking that includes numerous steps, natural and uneven surfaces, and some inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing lightweight, weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
EPHESUS (KUSADASI), TURKEY

KUS301: INTENSE EPHESUS: THE ICONIC ATTRACTIONS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - AUGUST 18, 2021 | $105 pp

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 - AUGUST 18, 2021 | $85 pp

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.

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 nearly 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.

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KUS306: DINNER UNDER THE STARS AT EPHESUS - A PRIVATE EVENT - AUGUST 18, 2021 | $299/pp

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.

KUS309: EXCLUSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR OF EPHESUS WITH AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERT - AUGUST 18, 2021 | $119/pp

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, unearthing 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.
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.

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KUS312: THE FORGOTTEN CITY OF METROPOLIS, VINEYARD VISIT & WINE TASTING - AUGUST 18, 2021 | $169

6.25 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

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 viticulture 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.
PMS301: DISCOVER THE ICONIC SITES OF PATMOS -
AUGUST 19, 2021 | $99.00

4 HOURS | MEAL: SNACK

Explore Patmos’ most iconic sites as you discover its place in history as well as the island’s current culture.

Patmos is alive with reminders of its colorful past, mainly relating to St. John as it is reputed to be the location where he wrote his Gospel and the Apocalypse. A monastery dedicated to him was founded in the late 10th century and has since been a place of pilgrimage and Greek Orthodox learning.

Start by making the short drive from the port to the Grotto of St. John where the saint heard the voice of God and wrote the book of Revelation. It was here, in this most sacred spot on the island, that he spent 16 months in exile. The simple cave is now a chapel and place of pilgrimage. Iconostases built into the cave walls depict his visions and where he slept, wrote and heard the voice of God.

Drive next to the Monastery of St. John the Theologian, built on an ancient acropolis. The monastery's massive 15th-century walls and 17th-century battlements loom over the town and are in contradiction to its intimate and peaceful interior which features graceful archways, inlaid pebble stone floors and white-washed buildings. The charming chapel of Christodoulos here is liberally decorated with frescoes. The Treasury here, which is now a museum, houses a breathtaking collection of jeweled chalices, crowns, crucifixes, vestments, and old manuscripts. Perhaps one of the most important or perhaps the most important artifacts found here, is the Codex no. 67, also known as The Purple Codex, which contains extracts from the Gospel according to St. Mark.

Leaving the monastery, stroll through the nearby winding streets where houses date back to the 16th century and are linked via a maze of steps and quaint lanes that are interspersed with small squares. The silent, shuttered villas you will come across are owned by Athenians who prefer Patmos’ relaxed lifestyle over the hectic pace of Athens.

Next, join your coach and drive to the 300-year-old Simandris House for a visit. Inside you will find a rich collection of antiques and architecture that showcases an interesting combination of Oriental tradition, blended with the Western style that was favored in the 19th century. Afterwards, before returning to the port, relax at a local taverna where you can sample some tasty mezes (appetizers) and Greek wine or ouzo while enjoying a traditional Greek dance performance.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps, inclines, and uneven cobblestone 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. Shorts are not permitted.

PMS302: IN-DEPTH VIEW OF THE MONASTERY OF ST. JOHN AND ICON RESTORATION - AUGUST 19, 2021 | $99.00

4 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Discover the beauty and history of the fabled St. John Monastery and later, observe professionals as they work to restore medieval icons.

Drive the short distance from the port to the marvelous Monastery of St. John where you will have a comprehensive tour of the premises while learning of its fascinating history. The tithes of Byzantine emperors and countless private contributors have made this monastery the richest in the Dodecanese archipelago. Such wealth enabled the monastery to establish the Theological School of Patmos in 1713 which is still attracting students from all over the world today.

The monastery’s imposing façade with its massive 15th-century walls and 17th-century battlements loom over the town and are in contradiction to its intimate and peaceful interior which features graceful archways, inlaid pebble stone floors and white-washed buildings. Start by visiting the monastery's five chapels, one of which contains the relics of its founder, St. John. Beautiful frescoes covering the chapel walls depict the story of The Voyages and Miracles of St John the Theologian. Next, visit the Treasury which is now a museum. Housed within its walls is a breathtaking collection of jeweled chalices, crowns, crucifixes, vestments, and old manuscripts that date back to 1073 and record the monastery’s 900-year history. Perhaps one of the most important or perhaps the most important artifacts found here, is the Codex no. 67, also known as The Purple Codex which contains extracts from the Gospel according to St. Mark.

A fascinating stop at the Icon Restoration Chamber allows you to observe the professionals at work as they carefully and lovingly work to restore these treasured artifacts.

Following your monastery visit, you are afforded some free time in town to stroll about and perhaps do some shopping, all while enjoying unrivaled views of the Bay of Patmos and the islands in the archipelago beyond. You will have the option of returning to the port with your guide or remaining in town to do some further exploration on your own, returning to the ship on your own and at your own expense.

Special Note: This tour includes just over one hour of moderate walking/standing that includes steps, inclines, and uneven cobblestone 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. Shorts are not permitted.

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The island of Patmos is fabled for its myths and legends, but perhaps best known as the place St. John heard the voice of God and wrote the book of Revelation. This tour introduces you to the locations most closely associated with his time on the island.

Begin with a drive to the nearby Grotto of St. John. This small cave which has been converted into a beautiful chapel, is where he lived, saw his amazing visions, and wrote the book of Revelation. Within its walls you will see the stone that is said he used as a pillow, as well as iconostases built into the walls that depict his life there.

Next, travel on to the main town where you will visit the Monastery of St. John. The tithes of Byzantine emperors and countless private contributors have made this monastery the richest in the Dodecanese archipelago. Such wealth enabled the monastery to establish the Theological School of Patmos in 1713 which is still attracting students from all over the world today.

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Following your monastery visit, enjoy a bit of free time in town before driving back to the port. Those who wish to stay in town to further explore on their own, shop or grab a bite to eat are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship at their own expense.

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BXN301: EXPLORE THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES OF ANCIENT IASSOS - AUGUST 20, 2021 | $69 pp

4 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Discover ancient Iassos, a hidden Lycian city that thrived for centuries due to its advantageous location.

Leaving from the port in Bodrum it’s a leisurely drive through scenic countryside to this remarkable archaeological site. At one time entirely located on an island, it is now connected to the mainland; however, many of the ruins still remain separated on a small rocky island.

Abundant fishing and a wealth of beautiful marble led to it being one of the earliest inhabited cities in the region, having been founded by Greek colonists coming from Argos in the ninth century BC, and later by immigrants from Miletus. However, Italian archaeologists have uncovered Minoan houses and Mycenaean pottery, indications that the city was actually inhabited well before the arrival of the Greeks.

As you tour the site’s many ruins such as the amphitheater, city gate and imposing pillars, you will probably be most impressed with its monumental mausoleum, a Syrian-style temple tomb. A Roman era Corinthian temple with ten stepped platforms was built over the burial chamber and during excavation, numerous skeletons were discovered in the tomb.

Following your guided tour of Iassos, you will make the drive back to the port in Bodrum.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking/standing that includes steps and uneven surfaces. The drive to Iassos is approximately 7-minutes in each direction. 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.

BXN303: HISTORICAL BODRUM CASTLE AND THE MAUSOLEUM OF HALICARNASSUS - AUGUST 20, 2021 | $69 pp

3.5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Step back in time with a visit to historical Bodrum Castle – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the remains of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, Bodrum’s oldest antiquity and once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Make the short transfer from the new port to the imposing Bodrum Castle that dominates its surroundings. Built at the beginning of the 15th century, the Knights of Rhodes tore down the magnificent Mausoleum of Halicarnassus tomb in order to obtain enough stones to construct the Castle. In 1522 it fell under the rule of Suleiman I after his conquest of Rhodes and in the ensuing decades it was used as a military base and prison. In 1915 it received extensive damage when it was bombed by a French battleship and was again used as a military base during WWII. Today, it houses the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, one of the most significant of its kind in the world.

Next, visit the Sunken Boat Museum whose artifacts were found underwater and date from the Bronze Age through the Middle Ages. On display here are remnants from a 13th century BC Syrian trade ship and you will also tour the Carian Princess section to view her beautiful gold tiara.

Continue with a walk to the ruins of the once glorious Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. Artemisia II built the tomb in honor of her husband, King Mausolos and the modern generic term for the large tomb is derived from his name. The structure was a towering 150 feet tall and featured frescoes and other priceless artifacts, some of which are on display in the London Museum.

Your tour concludes at this point and you may either return to town to further explore on your own or go directly back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps and inclines. 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. Those who elect to stay in town are responsible for making their own way back to the ship.
BXN304: BODRUM’S ESSENTIAL LANDMARKS AND RELAXING GULET CRUISE - AUGUST 20, 2021 | $269pp

7 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

Visit some of Bodrum’s most iconic attractions and then relax with a sail around the Bodrum Peninsula in a typical wooden gullet.

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The afternoon includes a relaxing sail around the magnificent coves of the Bodrum Peninsula. Your wooden gullet is the typical wooden boat of this region that has sailed these waters for centuries. During your sail, you will have the opportunity to swim in some of the pristine bays so be sure to wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel. Changing cabins will be available for your convenience. Later, a lunch of traditional local specialties will be served on board and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

After a delightful afternoon on the water, return to shore and transfer back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps and inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. Guests must negotiate a narrow ramp to enter and exit the gullet with limited assistance. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under your clothing, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole, a sun cap, sunglasses and sunscreen. If you wish to swim, please bring a towel from the ship.
Two marvelous experiences await you on this tour, a cruise down the Dalyan River and a visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Kaunos, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

It’s a bit of a drive from the port to Dalyan Village, but the journey is well worth it as you pass through a picturesque landscape of pine forests, plantations of orange groves, and cotton fields. Arriving in this small traditional fishing village, board a motorboat and set-off on a cruise down the Dalyan River Delta, navigating through the river’s winding canals and through a maze of reeds. Much like the drive to Dalyan, interspersed with small islands are cotton plantations that stretch beyond the banks of the river. As you approach Kaunos, view the famous and intriguing temple-tombs of ancient kings that are carved into the rocky cliffs.

When you arrive, debark your boat and walk up the bare hillside with your guide to the ruins of this ancient city that was once a strategic merchant port. During your visit, view the Roman theater, a Roman bath, statues, and numerous buildings in varying stages of decomposition. The Kaunosians were an indigenous population of Anatolia and had their own unique language, rituals, customs and even worshipped their own God, Baselius Kaunios. It is truly a mesmerizing experience to imagine the city as it was and reflect on the past inhabitants and what their daily life must have looked like.

Following your time exploring Kaunos, re-board your boat and travel back to Dalyan where your coach awaits to transfer you back to the port in Marmaris.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 75 minutes of moderate walking/standing that includes steps, uneven surfaces, and inclines. The drive to Dalyan Village is approximately 90-minutes in each direction and the boat ride is approximately 30 minutes. 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.

Experience the centuries old tradition of the Turkish Bath (Hamam) and learn how this relaxing form of public bathing was an integral part of the culture of the Ottoman Empire and still remains popular today.

The word “hamam” originates from the Arabic hamma which means heating up, or essentially, a steam bath created by the heating of cold water. In ancient times, these baths served as health centers for the Greeks and were a part of daily life for the Ottomans and now, the Turks.

Drive the short distance from the port to the location of the Turkish Bath where once you’ve arrived, you will gather with your group and receive an explanation of what to expect. After being served a refreshment, head to the changing rooms and then take a short sauna to prepare you for your bath. The process begins in the “Hot Room” which the Turks call the “Sicaklik”. In this stage you will sit on the marble and pour water over yourself. The heat in here is moderate (not quite as hot as the sauna) and the combination of the warmth and the water will serve to relax you. Once it is determined your skin is soft enough, receive a body scrub done with a “kese” or rough towel. Following this, move to the large marble stone set in the middle of the bath that is called the Navel Stone. As you lie on the stone, your body will be soaped and massaged by the expert hands of the attendants. Once your washing is completed, your bathing experience finishes with a shower, after which you can further unwind while enjoying some tea or a soft drink. Optional oil or terrapin massages are available for an extra charge.

When it’s time to return to the port, you will no doubt come away thinking this was perhaps the most relaxing experience in your life!

Special Note: The time at the baths is approximately 2.5 hours and is mostly seated. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. The Turkish Bath is unisex, and men and women will use the same areas. Make sure to bring your swimsuit. Towels are provided.
Spend the day relaxing and playing in the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea at İçmeler Bay, located on the southwestern coast of Turkey.

A short drive from the pier brings you to a lovely resort on İçmeler Bay, one of the nicest beaches in the area that has achieved the prestigious Blue Flag status. Arriving at the resort, you will be welcomed and invited to enjoy the private beach facilities here. This unspoiled stretch of beach features the utmost in privacy and natural beauty. Bask in the sun, relax and read or people watch, or take a swim in the inviting waters of the sea. The day is yours to do as you please. Two complimentary soft drinks are provided and there is a restaurant and beach bar where you can purchase food if you like.

After approximately five hours at the beach, you will rejoin your transportation for the drive back to the pier.

Special Note: Walking on this tour is primarily at the guest's discretion. There will be natural and uneven surfaces at the beach. Optional water activities, an internet café and billiards are available at an additional cost and must be paid directly where provided. Don't forget to wear comfortable beach shoes, your bathing suit, a sun hat, sunscreen and bring a beach towel.

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Marmaris Castle is one of the oldest landmarks in the city. Thought to have been constructed around 1044 BC, it is a castle that has passed through the hands of several emperors. After having passed through the castle, the tour concludes with a guided tour of the museum.
MRM305: NATURE JEEP SAFARI AND VILLAGE EXPLORATION - AUGUST 21, 2021 | $59pp

5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Enjoy a fun day exploring the natural beauty of the Marmaris area by jeep and get a glimpse of local life in several small villages.

Board your jeep in the port and then drive as a convoy through the city and out to İçmeler. The town is perched on the edge of İçmeler Bay which boasts one of the most beautiful beaches in the area. From here, continue on to charming Osmaniye Village where a stop is made for photos.

Next, your route takes you up the slopes of Eren Mountain, passing more small villages before stopping in Bayır. At a small family café here, you will be treated to local gözleme and ayran which is Turkish pancakes and a yogurt drink. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to stroll about and soak in the laid-back ambience of the town.

Climb back aboard your jeep and drive to a nearby waterfall for photostop before driving on to the villages of Orhaniye and Hisarönü where there will be additional time for photos. Heading back down the mountain, there will be one final stop at a viewpoint that offers marvelous views of the city. Reaching the main road, it’s a direct drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour is primarily seated; with limited walking/standing; however, the jeep ride can be bouncy and at times jarring. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations, back or neck problems or pregnant women. Those who may suffer from motion sickness are cautioned to take the appropriate precautions prior to the start of the tour. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO GO RAFTING ON THE GRADE 3 AND GRADE 4 RAPIDS OF THE DALAMAN RIVER.

The Dalaman River, also called the Indos River, runs through southwest Turkey, close to Fethiye. Your day begins with a scenic drive to the village of Narli where your river adventure begins. After a comfort stop, safety briefing and prepping your equipment, board your raft and start the journey.

Your trip down the river covers eight miles, passing through multiple waterfalls and cascading over and around numerous large rock formations. The excitement never ends as you try to anticipate what obstacles you will next encounter as your raft bobs and weaves its way down the river. Along your route you will come across the ancient bridge “Akköprü” which features a charming Greek inscription, “How lucky a man I am, to have built this wonderful bridge over this enchanting river.” No doubt at the end of the day, you will be thinking how lucky you were to discover this amazing experience.

Arriving at Demirli Village, you will exit the river and after a short break, make the return drive back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes limited walking. The rafting experience is approximately two hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations, other health limitations or pregnant women. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under clothing that can get wet; flat athletic shoes that can get wet; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. All safety equipment will be provided. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.

FETHIYE, TURKEY

FET502: TREKKING LYCIA FETHIYE: THE KAYAKÖY AND ÖLÜDENIZ RUINS - AUGUST 22, 2021 | $399

Trek along a path that starts at the Kayaköy ruins and winds its way to the ruins of Ölüdeniz, enjoying beautiful views over the valley and getting up-close to vestiges of a by-gone era.

Meet your guide at the pier and drive by minivan to Kayaköy, starting point for your hike. The hundreds of ruins here that were built on the site of the ancient civilization of Caria, are nothing less than an outdoor museum. Your route begins at the large high church that is situated in the middle of the ruins. If it’s possible to enter the church, you will find pebbled mosaics decorating the floor and a few reminders of the decorative paintwork that used to cover the entire ceiling. Your footpath winds through the ruins and then leads you on a steady climb through what was once the former homes of the Greek population that once inhabited the area. There are a multitude of nooks and crannies tucked away in the ruins and several paths to follow, but you will want to follow the red and yellow striped directional signs.

Aside from a collection of mesmerizing ruins, Ölüdeniz also offers up stunning views of the Mediterranean and the Blue Lagoon from which Ölüdeniz got its name. Descending to your starting point, re-board your mini-van and head back to the pier, stopping for a comfort break and refreshment en route.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately nearly two hours of moderate to vigorous walking that includes negotiating natural and uneven surfaces and inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other medical limitations such as heart, respiratory, back or neck problems. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat sport shoes or hiking boots with a closed toe and non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.
Take this opportunity to explore Xanthos-Letoon, one of the most remarkable archaeological sites in Turkey and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 

Take a picturesque drive to the east side of Fethiye where you will find Xanthos, once the capital city of the Lycian Federation that was its most important city throughout most of Lycian history. Discovered by Charles Fellows in the 19th century, it then became famous to the Western world. The city dates back to the eighth century BC, but it’s possible it may even date back further to the Bronze Age or the first centuries of the Iron Age. 

Situated on a cliff that overlooks the Koca River, the remains of this city with a tragic past include the Lycian acropolis, the Roman acropolis, Roman theater, and a copy of the Harpy Monument, which is a family sarcophagus situated within a rock. The original of this decorated sarcophagus is in the British Museum in London. Nearby, you will find some other fascinating Lycian sarcophagi that date back from the first and sixth centuries BC. These ornate funerary decorations serve to wonderfully display how the Lycian traditions and the Hellenistic influences blended together in the region.

Next, visit Letoon, the sacred cult center of Lycia which was dedicated to the three national deities of Lycia - Leto and her twin children Apollo and Artemis. While less famous than her off-spring, Leto was also worshipped as a family deity and as the guardian of the tomb. The numerous ruins here still offer up a fascinating insight into the importance Letoon once held in the ancient world.

Following your time in Letoon, travel back to the port in Fethiye.

Special Note: This tour has limited walking. The drive to the launch point is approximately 30-minutes in each direction. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other medical limitations such as heart, respiratory, back or neck problems, pregnant women or those who suffer from a fear of heights. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat sport shoes with a non-slip sole and sunscreen. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.
Take a nature break with a visit to Saklikent National Park and its unbelievably beautiful and mystic canyon.

Start with an incredibly scenic drive to Saklikent National Park that winds between quaint villages and majestic mountains. Arriving, you will have 2.5 hours to explore the park’s gorge, the second largest in Europe. The gorge is 11 miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep and is how melted snow from the Taurus Mountains finds its way to the Xanthos River each spring. As you walk along a trail that at times has you navigating through water (be sure to wear shoes and clothes you won’t mind getting wet) and over suspended wooden bridges, you can’t help but be awed by the sculpted walls of the canyon that soar high above you and the wondrous natural setting that surrounds you.

Finishing your guided walk, enjoy a rest break that includes refreshments and snacks before driving back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate physical activity that includes some inclines, natural and uneven surfaces and possibly walking through shallow water. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under weather appropriate comfortable clothing that can get wet; flat walking shoes with a closed toe that can get wet; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.
KEK301: KALEKOY’S MEDIEVAL CASTLE AND THE SURREAL SUNKEN CITY OF SIMENA - AUGUST 23, 2021 | $79pp

4 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Visit the key attractions in the region - the village of Kalekoy and the sunken city of Simena and discover for yourself why the Kekova region was declared a Specially Protected Area in 1990.

Start by taking a local boat to Kalekoy, a small yet colorful village that is only accessible by boat. Built on the acropolis of the ancient city of Simena, from the top of its medieval castle you are treated to splendid views of the entire bay. After you have had time to drink in the views and take some photos from this lofty viewpoint, make your way back to your boat and cruise to the sunken city of Simena. Embraced by gorgeous turquoise waters, most areas of the city can still be seen from the boat and some parts are barely submerged. The crystal-clear waters tend to lend a touch of mystery to the ruins that lie beneath the surface. One of the more extraordinary sights is that of a Lycian tomb sitting in the middle of the water, an emblematic image of this ancient sunken city.

Before returning to the port, some free time will be allotted for those who would like to take a swim in the waters here so be sure to wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately one hour of moderate walking that includes numerous steps, uneven surfaces, and inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. If you wish to swim, please bring a towel from the ship.

KEK302: HISTORICAL ANCIENT MYRA AND ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - AUGUST 23, 2021 | $85pp

4 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Explore the ancient city of Myra, one of the most powerful cities in the region during the time of the Lycian confederation.

Take a tender from the ship and travel to the Cayagzi pier in Demre where your ground transportation awaits to transfer you to Myra. In early Byzantine times, the city surpassed Xanthos to become the capital city of Lycia. However, following years of prosperity, in the 12th century the marshy environment, earthquakes and isolation led to its abandonment by its inhabitants. The ruins here include the largest amphitheater in the region, large rock tombs built into the cliffsides and several historical monuments.

Continue on to the church of St. Nicholas. Born in Patara, he was the patron saint of children and served as bishop in Myra in the fourth century. Regarded as the third-most important Byzantine structure in Anatolia, it is noteworthy for its outstanding frescos and for being the location of his sarcophagus, although his remains were relocated to Italy.

Following the visit to the church, travel back to the pier in Demre in transfer by tender back to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 75 minutes of moderate walking that includes numerous steps, uneven surfaces, and inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites.
Explore the lush scenery of the Akamas Peninsula on an exhilarating bike trek through the Paphos countryside.

Board your transportation at the port and then enjoy a picturesque 40-minute drive to Inia, a small village whose name is thought to harken back to a vineyard belonging to the Hospitallers. On arrival, meet your escort and receive your helmet and bike. Then, after a short briefing on safety and what to expect, set-off on your two-wheeled trek.

As you pedal your way on the descent to Lara Beach, enjoy sweeping views of the peninsula as you pass through a forested landscape. Arriving at Lara Beach, stop for approximately 1-hour to relax and perhaps grab a bite to eat or take a dip in the sea.

When break-time concludes, hop back aboard your bike and ride along the coast to the sea caves in Pegia. The sea caves are not only beautiful, but unique in their geology. Formed by the corrosive action of the sea over thousands of years, they are an awesome testament to the power of the sea.

Following your stop at the caves, you will be picked up and driven back to the port where your bike adventure concludes.

Special Note: This tour includes just over one hour of moderate to vigorous biking and over 90 minutes of walking/standing that includes natural 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. Guests should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing suitable for riding a bike; flat, sturdy walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Those who wish to swim at the beach should wear a bathing suit under their clothes and bring a towel. All equipment will be provided. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.

Find yourself exploring sides of Cyprus that aren't your typical tourist attractions yet give you an authentic feel for the character and culture of the country.

Begin with a lovely drive to the Agios Neophytos Monastery which is nestled in a secluded location within the heart of a picturesque valley. One of the best-known in Cyprus, it was founded in the 12th century by its namesake monk. After being jailed for pursuing an ascetic life, he disappeared into the hills where he came across a small cave in 1159. Over time, he transformed the cave into a chapel and his own living space. Named Enkleistra, it became a quiet monastic community in 1170 when Paphos' Bishop convinced him to take on a student. The number of monks here remained quite small due to Neophytos' strong beliefs against materialism and his desire to remain undisturbed. A pleasant surprise are the incredible Byzantine frescoes found here that date back from the 12th – 15th centuries.

Continue on to Lemona Village where you will visit the family owned Tsangarides Winery. When you arrive, receive a warm welcome by the owner who will share his family history and how the wine making skills and expertise are passed on from generation to generation. Following a tour of the winery, be treated to a sampling of some of their most delicious wines.

Your final tour stop is in the quaint village of Letymbou for a visit to the traditional House of Sofia. During your visit, view the rooms with their original furniture and décor and then see freshly made bread coming out of the oven. You might also have the opportunity to knead your own bread dough and put it in the traditional oven for baking. There will also be a demonstration of loukoumades and halloumi making followed by a tasting. Afterwards, sit down to a taste-tempting traditional Cyprus breakfast before making the drive back to the port in Paphos.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites.

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A truly comprehensive tour of the many facets of Cyprus, you will explore an impressive archaeological site, experience interactive fruit picking, discover local wine making, and tour an authentic village.

Start your day with a scenic drive to the Fasouri area where at a local fruit plantation, you can try your hand at fruit picking. After a tour of the plantation with the owner, they will show you how the fresh fruits are picked and let you give it a try yourself. This organic experience ends with enjoying some of the fresh fruit you’ve picked along with some freshly squeezed lemon juice.

Next, head north to Troodos Mountain where you will find the Lambouris Winery. For over 300 years, the Lambouris family’s long tradition of winemaking and an unbroken drive for perfection have made the Lambouris Winery a household name for exclusive Cypriot wines. The winery limits production to just 75,000 bottles annually; therefore, the wines are only available on their premises or in selected restaurants and hotels. After touring the winery, enjoy a tasting of some of their finest varieties.

Continuing on, drive to the mountain-ringed village of Omodos. This popular wine town is perfect for a leisurely stroll down its narrow streets with their charming traditional homes and pots of colorful flowers. Your guided walk includes a visit to the Monastery of Holy Cross and a medieval wine press. Afterwards, a tasty Mezze lunch awaits at one of the atmospheric local taverns. Time permitting, browse some local shops in the town’s large main square.

Your tour draws to a close with a final stop at Kourion, one of the most impressive archaeological sites in Cyprus. The main feature is a magnificently restored Greco-Roman Theater with seats facing out to the sea that today is once again used for outdoor performances. Another significant site here is the House of Eustolios, a private Roman villa with superb 5th century mosaic tile floors. From this location you can also view the Roman Agora which dates back to the third century and is surrounded by porticos and marble columns.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 4.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps and uneven natural surfaces. While many of the sites are only partially accessible, 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.

Discover several of Paphos’ marquee attractions that have led to the city being named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The legacy of Paphos’ remarkable history is such that it is considered nothing less than an open-air museum which led to UNESCO including the entire town as a cultural heritage location.

Begin with a short drive from the pier to the Basilica of Chrysopolitissa and the Pillar of Saint Paul. The Pillar is said to be the location where St. Paul was flogged for preaching Christianity and has become a popular pilgrimage stop. The Basilica was built in the fourth century A.D. and you can still see what remains of several granite and marble Corinthian-styled columns as well as some preserved mosaic tiled pieces of the original floor.

Next, drive to the Tombs of the Kings that dates back to the Hellenistic and early Roman periods. These tombs and underground chambers were carved from rock and were made to resemble the houses of the living. Although the tombs belong to high-ranking officials and aristocracy rather than kings, due to the size and splendor of the tombs, they gained the moniker of Tombs of the Kings.

The final stop is at the House of Dionysos, thought to have been built around the end of the second century AD and later abandoned after the destructive earthquakes of the fourth century AD. The large villa with its central courtyard is perhaps the most impressive archaeological site in Paphos and depicts the life of the wealthiest residents of Paphos during the Roman period. It is also renowned for having what is perhaps the most impressive collection of mosaics in the Mediterranean.

Following your visit, transfer back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps and uneven natural 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.
The stunning waters that embrace Cyprus are the perfect location for sea kayaking and appreciating its beautiful natural marine environment.

Leave the port and transfer to the Agios Georgios area where your instructors await with your kayaks and equipment. On arrival, receive instructions on basic paddling technique and a safety briefing and then when you are all ready, set out for the small island of Yeronissos. As you paddle along the island’s coastline, your instructor/guide will share information with you about the island and point-out some of the wild birds and sea life that make these waters their home.

After approximately two hours of paddling, you’ll stop for some free time during which you are invited to take a dip in the ocean. Afterwards, paddle back to Agios Georgios and transfer back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes limited walking and approximately two hours of moderate to vigorous paddling. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition and good swimmers. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under a cover-up; flat rubber-soled shoes that can get wet; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. All equipment will be provided. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the tour.
Experience some of the world's most incredible scenery and historical finds as you journey first to Masada, a mountain fort that is now a national Jewish shrine, and then follow-up with visits to the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem to see some of history's most sacred sites.

**Day 1**
- Start off from the port and commence a three-hour drive into the Negev Desert to the mountain fortress of Masada, which looms high above the Dead Sea's desolate landscape. It has often been described as the most spectacular archaeological site in Israel and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is here that King Herod built a luxurious refuge complete with magnificent palaces, swimming pools and excavated rock cisterns to provide water supplies. Around AD 73, after a three-year long Roman siege, more than 950 Jews took their own lives at Masada rather than face the brutal Romans and a future of slavery. On arrival, a cable car will convey you to the summit where you can explore the vestiges of what was the last stand for hundreds of Jews. Among the fascinating sights you can see are the wall, bathhouses, the upper palace, synagogue, western palace, and the Roman ramp and siege camp.
  - After your visit, descend back down the mountain and drive to Ein Bokek where you will have lunch at a hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea. After lunch, you can take a swim in these waters that are so mineral-rich you can't sink. Following your Dead Sea experience, drive north past Jericho and Qumran. At Qumran, stop for photos of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Continue on to Jerusalem where you will check-in to your hotel for the night and have dinner. After dinner, re-board your coach and enjoy a panoramic tour past the illuminated walls and monuments of Jerusalem and make a stop at the Western (Wailing) Wall. The Wall is the remaining remnant of the ramparts that once surrounded the Holy Temple. Afterwards, return to your hotel where you will have dinner and the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

**Day 2**
- Get off to an early start with breakfast in the hotel, followed by a drive to the Mount of Olives where you are afforded a magnificent view over the Golden City. Walk the sacred paths of the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus spent the last moments before his arrest, visit the beautiful church here and marvel at the grove of olive trees which are the oldest that remain in Jerusalem.
  - From here, make the short drive to Mt. Zion and visit the room of The Last Supper. Next, enter the Old City on foot via the Zion Gate, walking through the Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which sits on the site of Christ's resurrection. The original vast sanctuary that was built here by Emperor Constantine was destroyed centuries later, but a replacement was eventually rebuilt by the Crusaders. In the church you will be able to see the last five Stations of the Cross. Your walk then continues through the colorful bazaar to the Jaffa Gate.
  - At this point, pause for lunch at a local restaurant before driving to Bethlehem where you will visit the Church of the Nativity. Built above the place that Christ is said to have been born, the actual Cave of the Nativity is a small crypt with a vaulted masonry roof. Poor Bethlehem families used the rocky hollows of the region as stables or dwellings, so the tradition that places the Nativity in a cave is not at odds with the story of the manger. Before heading back to rejoin the ship in Ashdod, there will be an opportunity to shop for souvenirs.

**Special Note:** This tour includes two days of significant moderate to vigorous walking that can include inclines, steps, natural and uneven cobblestone surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, or those with physical limitations or other health concerns such as heart, respiratory, back or neck issues and may not be suitable for pregnant women. Guests should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate modest attire (knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered); flat, sturdy walking shoes with a closed toe (aqua shoes are recommended for the Dead Sea as well as wearing an old bathing suit as the water there can cause discoloration); a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Towels and lockers are provided at the Dead Sea. All participants must carry their passport with them to enter Bethlehem. It is each guest's sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations and/or tourist cards that are required for participating in overland adventures or overnight tours.

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**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** MILD - MODERATE - VIGOROUS
Nature and history come together on this tour to create a perfect blend of activities that showcases some of the many facets of Israel. Spend time in Ein Gedi’s natural wonderland and then climb to the top of a historical mountain fortress steeped in history, to catch an unforgettable desert sunrise.

Setting out from Ashdod Port, it’s a 2.5-hour drive to the Ein Gedi nature reserve, the largest oasis in Israel. This natural setting boasts springs, waterfalls, and plenty of wildlife, such as wild goats and rock rabbits. On arrival, you’ll set out on a 90-minute walking tour that will take you to the David Stream and waterfall. The stream is one of the most beautiful in Israel and features a series of waterfalls. It was named after David, who when fleeing King Saul, came here and hid in the stream. Today, it is a popular location for locals and visitors alike.

Following your nature walk, re-board your coach and drive to the Dead Sea where you will enjoy lunch at a local hotel and afterwards, check-in to your room and then have free time to just relax, visit the spa, take a dip in the hotel’s pool or swim in the Dead Sea. The evening is at your leisure and we suggest making it an early night as Day 2’s adventure starts pre-dawn!

**Day 2** Meet in the lobby of the hotel at 4:00 a.m. and make the 30-minute drive to Masada. While there is a cable car that operates during daylight hours, today you will make the trek to the summit via the Snake Trail. The hike up usually takes about 75 minutes and will be well worth the effort when you reach the top and are rewarded with watching the sun rise majestically over the desert. Masada has often been described as the most spectacular archaeological site in Israel and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is here that King Herod built a luxurious refuge complete with magnificent palaces, swimming pools and excavated rock cisterns to provide water supplies. Around AD 73, after a three-year long Roman siege, more than 950 Jews took their own lives at Masada rather than face the brutal Romans and a future of slavery. During your visit, some of the fascinating sights you can see are the wall, bathhouses, the upper palace, synagogue, western palace, and the Roman ramp and siege camp. When your visit draws to a close, take the cable car down to the desert floor and then return to the hotel for breakfast and some free time before checking out and driving back to the ship.

**Special Note:** This tour includes 2-days of significant moderate to vigorous walking, hiking and climbing that includes steep inclines, steps, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, or those with physical limitations or other health concerns such as heart, respiratory, back or neck issues or pregnant women. Guests should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate modest attire (knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered); flat, sturdy athletic shoes or hiking boots with a closed toe (aqua shoes are recommended for the Dead Sea as well as wearing an old bathing suit as the water there can cause discoloration); a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
Travel to Jordan and explore the iconic sites of Petra and Wadi Rum, highlighted with an overnight glamping experiences under the stars in Petra and Wadi Rum.

Day 1 – Debark the ship and drive to Masada, described as the most spectacular archaeological site in Israel and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is here that King Herod built a luxurious refuge complete with magnificent palaces, swimming pools and excavated rock cisterns to provide water supplies. Around AD 73, after a three-year long Roman siege, more than 950 Jews took their own lives at Masada rather than face the brutal Romans and a future of slavery. During your visit, some of the fascinating sights you can see are the wall, bathhouses, the upper palace, synagogue, western palace, and the Roman ramp and siege camp. When your visit draws to a close, take the cable car down to the desert floor and then drive to the shores of the Dead Sea – the lowest place on the surface of the earth, where you will be treated to a buffet lunch at one of the area's nicest hotels. Following lunch, there will be an opportunity to take an 'unsinkable' swim in the extremely salty, mineral rich water of the Dead Sea. In the late afternoon, you will re-board your coach and drive south to the Arava Border Crossing where you will pass security and enter into Jordan. From here, travel to the Seven Wonders Luxury Camp in Petra for check-in and dinner. Afterwards, relax by the fireside under a canopy of desert stars as you share stories with your fellow travelers and then retire for the evening to your well-appointed luxury tent.

Day 2 – Following breakfast at the camp, make the drive to Petra. On arrival, take part in a guided tour of this ancient marvel. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is often referred to as the Rose Red city due to the hue of the rocks here and was once the capital for the Nabataean Arabs. The city thrived until a major earthquake in 363 AD and that, coupled with changing trade routes, led to its eventual downfall and abandonment. While here, view the iconic Treasury and enjoy lunch at the Basin Restaurant located within the site.

In the late afternoon, you will transfer to your Wadi Rum Luxury Camp (Aicha Memories Camp or similar) for check-in and have the remainder of the afternoon to relax before dinner. Enjoy another peaceful evening under the desert stars before retiring for the evening.

Day 3 – Your day starts with an early breakfast at the camp and after check-out, make the drive to Wadi Rum. The landscape here is nothing short of striking, with towering sandstone cliffs and miles of sweeping red sand dunes which have let to it being tagged for being similar to the landscape on Mars. Within the site stone age petroglyphs have been uncovered and offer up a glimpse into the area's earliest beginnings. Nomadic Bedouin tribes still make their home here and it continues as a main stopping point on a migratory path through the desert. After touring the site and having lunch, you will transfer from Wadi Rum to Arava border crossing where you will be processed and proceed into Israel, driving directly to Haifa port to rejoin the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes a significant amount of moderate to vigorous walking that includes steps, stairs, slopes, and uneven natural surfaces to negotiate. There are several hours of driving time in the coach. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not suitable for those with other walking difficulties. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Those who wish to swim in the Dead Sea should bring a swimsuit and towel. There are limited restroom stops on the drive between the two countries.
**ASH503: BEIT GUVRIN CAVES EXPLORATION, ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AND ROWING IN THE POOL OF ARCHES - AUGUST 25, 2021 OR AUGUST 26, 2021 | $199**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE**

Explore the underground wonders of the Beit Guvrin caves and archaeological site and then travel to an underground water cistern in Ramla where you can row through its numerous arches and corridors.

Drive approximately 40 minutes from Ashdod to the Beit Guvrin – Maresha National Park. This important archaeological site and national park is where you will find the ancient city of Tel Maresha and the amazing caves of Beit Guvrin. The Caves at Beit Guvrin encompass at least 800 bell-shaped caves, the most famous being the Bell Cave. Originally, they were quarried for their chalk to make roads, plaster, and mortar during the 4th to 9th centuries and later some were used for defensive hideouts and storage. Some of the most impressive are the Sidonian painted burial chambers.

During your visit you may also take the opportunity to join in an active archaeological dig as a special program here will allow you to dig for the day on a real site that is still producing artifacts that date back to the Roman era. Some of the ruins here include an amphitheater and the remains of several Christian churches. The mosaics that have been uncovered point to this area having been a Roman civilization at one time.

Next, travel to a local restaurant for lunch before arriving at the underground cistern in Ramla. Built in 789 AD, it is a testament to its excellent construction as it has survived intact despite earthquakes that damaged the town of Ramla. Fed by a central aqueduct, it is believed the pool was constructed here because of a small spring in the area.

Descend a few stairs down to the pool where you will find three rows of columns, all built from stone. Each row also has five columns which support the curved arches that support the roof. See the square hatches in the ceiling where it is thought the residents were able to draw their water using pails suspended on ropes. Then take advantage of the opportunity to board a rowboat and further explore the cavern of this historical site that exudes a somewhat other-worldly atmosphere.

Returning to above-ground, rejoin your coach and make a brief stop at the Ramla Market before traveling back to the pier in Ashdod.

**Special Note:** This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps, stairs, and uneven natural surfaces to negotiate. Time spent aboard the coach is approximately 3 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other walking difficulties or mobility concerns. 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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**ASH302: JERUSALEM LANDMARKS AND WALKING THROUGH THE COLORFUL AND HISTORIC OLD CITY - AUGUST 25, 2021 | $169**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MILD**

Discover the ancient beauty of Jerusalem and Bethlehem while visiting some of history's most sacred sites during this scenic, full-day sightseeing tour of Israel's capital city.

Israel radiates history, both secular and religious to the extent that familiar names will catch your attention all the way from Ashdod to Jerusalem. Arriving in Jerusalem, you will first make your way to the top of Mount Scopus which affords an amazing panoramic view of the city.

Then walk through the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent the last moments before his arrest. Early Christians were already holding gatherings here before the first church was built around AD 380. Visit the beautiful church and see some of the oldest olive trees remaining in Jerusalem.

Next, make your way to a local venue for lunch before making the short drive to Mt. Zion. Visit the Room of the Last Supper and then walk by King David’s Tomb before entering the Old City via the Zion Gate. Your walking tour here takes you through the Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of Christ's resurrection. The original vast sanctuary built here by Emperor Constantine was destroyed centuries later, but a replacement was eventually rebuilt by the Crusaders. Inside the church you will see the last five Stations of the Cross. Continue your walk passing through the colorful bazaar on your way to the Western (Wailing) Wall. This is the last vestige of the ramparts that surrounded the Holy Temple of the Jews, built by Solomon, destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, rebuilt by Babylonian exiles, and burned down by Titus.

Following your walking tour, drive to the Sherover Promenade for another stunning view of Jerusalem and then head back to the pier in Ashdod, stopping en route to capture a panoramic view of Bethlehem.

**Special Note:** This tour includes approximately 5.5 hours of moderate walking that includes steps, stairs, and uneven natural surfaces to negotiate. Time spent aboard the coach is approximately 4 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not suitable for those with other walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered. There is no restroom stop on the 90-minute drive between Ashdod and Jerusalem.
This full-day excursion to Jerusalem explores the history of the Jewish people during visits to some of the city's most important and renowned landmarks.

From the pier, drive to Jerusalem via the scenic Judean Mountains. Your first stop will be at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum - a sanctuary and temple of memories dedicated to the millions of Jews who died during World War II. Housed here is a remarkable documentary collection which illustrates the persecution that took place from 1933 to 1945. A visit to the Children's Memorial is also included.

Next, drive to the Israel Museum where you will visit the Second Temple Model of Jerusalem, which reconstructs the topography and architecture of the city at the time of its destruction in AD 70. Must-see exhibits here include the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls, possibly Israel's most important archaeological find of the 20th century.

Rejoining your coach, pass the Knesset, Israel's Parliament while driving to a local restaurant for lunch. Afterwards, drive up Mt. Scopus for a marvelous panoramic view of the Old City and the Temple Mount. Then, continue on to Mt. Zion, where you commence your walking tour. Starting at Zion Gate, make your way through the Jewish Quarter, which was renovated after the 1967 war. Visit the second-century Roman Cardo and walk down the hill to the Western (Wailing) Wall where you can touch the Herodian Stones that were once part of the Second Temple. Your enriching tour of Jerusalem then concludes, and your coach will transfer you back to Ashdod and your awaiting ship.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately five hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, stairs, and inclines to negotiate. Time spent driving on the coach is approximately 4 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with other 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. All shopping is optional and at the guest's discretion. There is no restroom stop on the approximately 90-minute drive between Ashdod and Jerusalem. All visitors to Bethlehem must have their passport with them.

Experience some of the world's most incredible scenery and historical finds as you journey first to the Dead Sea and then on to Masada, a mountain fort that is now a national Jewish shrine, and world famous for its recognition by UNESCO for its unique structure and history. From the lofty heights of Masada to the lowest point on earth at the Dead Sea, this tour truly takes you to the heart of Israel.

Leave Ashdod port and make the 2.5-hour drive to the Masada Fortress via Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The landscape is both desolate and mesmerizing as you descend through the Judean desert into the valley of the Dead Sea. Towering high above this is the legendary Masada. In King Herod's day, it was a luxury refuge complete with magnificent palaces and excavated rock cisterns to supply water. Around AD 73, after a three-year-long Roman siege, more than 950 Jews took their own lives at Masada rather than face a future of slavery.

When you arrive, a cable car will convey you to the summit for a walk around the site of this famous and historical last stand. Among the fascinating sights are the wall, northern palace, synagogue, western palace, Roman ramp, and siege camps. After spending nearly two hours here, return via cable car to the floor of the valley where you will have some time for photos.

Continue from here to the Dead Sea where you will be treated to lunch at hotel that overlooks this remarkable body of water. After lunch, those who wish may choose to take a swim in the mineral-rich waters that are so salty you cannot sink!

After a day steeped in history, transfer back to the pier in Ashdod.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate walking/standing on primarily flat surfaces. Time spent aboard the coach is approximately 6.5 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. If you plan to take a dip in the Dead Sea, bring an old swimsuit as the water can cause discoloration. Aqua shoes are also recommended. Towels and lockers are provided at the hotel. In the event of flash floods in the Judean Desert the tour will not pass by Qumran.
Travel to Beit Guvrin, an historical town well-known for its famous caves on this half-day tour.

From the pier, you will drive past the Valley of Elah, location of the famous battle between David and Goliath while en route to Beit Guvrin. Referred to by Josephus Flavius as one of the most important towns taken by the Romans in 68 CE, this once small village grew in importance.

On arrival, enjoy a guided walk through the amazing caves, which have been used as cisterns, animal pens, burial grounds, pigeon housing and for oil production. Some caves served as churches, as evidenced by the crosses that can still be seen carved on the walls. The columbarium, or the niche that holds the funeral urn, is not only one of the most spectacular of its type, it is also one of the oldest. A few feet above eye level are hundreds of small alcoves, where pigeons were kept in ancient times.

For another glimpse into the past, view a remarkable ancient olive press and then visit the Sidonian Burial Cave, the only cave in the area that is beautifully restored and boasts interior decorative paint.

Lastly, enter the enormous bell caves. Dug between the 7th and 10th centuries, these spacious caves might remind you of a cathedral or large concert hall as they feature superior acoustics.

Special Note: This tour includes a significant amount of moderate to vigorous walking that includes steps, 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 weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; and flat, walking shoes with a closed toe. Head coverings are required. It is further suggested that guests bring a bottle of water from the ship.

Discover the ancient beauty of Jerusalem and Bethlehem while visiting some of history’s most sacred sites during this scenic, full-day sightseeing tour of Israel’s capital city and Bethlehem - birthplace of Jesus.

Israel radiates history, both secular and religious to the extent that familiar names will catch your attention all the way from Ashdod to Jerusalem. Arriving in Jerusalem enjoy a panoramic drive through the capital, passing the Knesset (Israel’s parliament), the Supreme Court and the Shrine of the Book.

Continue to the Mount of Olives for a magnificent view over the Golden City and then drive to the Valley of Kidron where you will follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk through the Garden of Gethsemane. It was in this garden of olive trees that Jesus spent the last moments before his arrest and early Christians were already holding gatherings here before the first church was built around AD 380. While here, visit the Church of All Nations and see some of the oldest olive trees in Jerusalem.

Re-board your coach and head to a local venue for a hearty lunch, followed by a drive to Bethlehem. Here, in the city of Jesus’ birth, visit the Church of Nativity, built above the place where Christ is said to have been born. The actual cave of the Nativity is a small crypt with a vaulted masonry roof. Poor Bethlehem families used the rocky hollows of the region as stables or dwellings, so the tradition that places the Nativity in a cave is not at odds with the story of the manger.

After visiting the church, there’s an opportunity to shop for souvenirs at a local shop. On the way back to Jerusalem, a stop for photos is made at the Sherover Promenade which affords a wonderful panoramic view of the city and the Temple Mount. From here, it’s a direct transfer back to the ship in Ashdod.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately four hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, stairs and inclines to negotiate. Time spent driving on the coach is approximately 4 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with other 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. All shopping is optional and at the guest’s discretion. There is no restroom stop on the approximately 90-minute drive between Ashdod and Jerusalem. All visitors to Bethlehem must have their passport with them. This tour does not visit the Old City of Jerusalem or the Wailing Wall.
Israel's capital city comes alive on this mostly panoramic tour that showcases some of its most historical and sacred sites without the need for extensive walking.

Travel from the port in Ashdod via the Judean Mountains to the top of Mount Scopus which affords an amazing panoramic view of the city. Then walk through the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent his last moments before his arrest. Early Christians were already holding gatherings here before the first church was built around AD 380. Visit the beautiful church and see some of the oldest olive trees remaining in Jerusalem.

Next, drive to a local restaurant for a relaxing lunch before commencing your afternoon of touring. Reboarding your coach, drive around the old city walls and then enter Jerusalem via the Dung Gate. Stop here for a quick view of the Western (Wailing) Wall, the last vestige of the ramparts that surrounded the holy temple of the Jews that was built by King Solomon. From here, enjoy a narrated panoramic tour past many of the city’s famous landmarks that include the Knesset (Israel’s Parliament), the Shrine of the Book and the Supreme Court.

When your driving tour concludes, you will make the transfer back to the port in Ashdod.

Special Note: While this tour is substantially less vigorous than other Jerusalem tours, it still includes approximately 2.5 hours of mild to moderate walking/standing over mostly flat surfaces. Time spent aboard the coach is approximately five hours. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach 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. Knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered. There is no restroom stop on the approximately 90-minute drive between Ashdod and Jerusalem and the tour does not actually visit the Wailing Wall or the Old City of Jerusalem.

Discover the beauty of historic ancient Jaffa and the vibrant city of Tel Aviv which is a fusion of modern city and iconic sacred sites.

Drive 90 minutes from the pier in Ashdod to Old Jaffa where your walking tour commences. Once the only entry port into Israel, today it is a microcosm encircled by the city of Tel Aviv, yet it still retains its colorful character and due to a restoration project in the 1960s, is very well preserved.

With your guide, travel on foot amongst old stone buildings and arches, and narrow, winding cobblestone alleys filled with artists’ galleries. You can even view Andromeda’s Rock in the distance. This is where the prophet Jonah boarded the ship for Tarshish, St. Peter stayed in the house of Simon the Tanner, and Andromeda, the daughter of Jaffa’s king, was tied to a rock, awaiting the sea monster. Next, visit the new Jaffa Tales Visitor Center to learn about archaeological finds through a virtual performance that brings past heroes to life.

Continuing on, re-board your coach and sit back and relax during a narrated panoramic driving tour of modern Tel Aviv. Rothschild Boulevard is known for its 1930s Bauhaus buildings and the extraordinary balconies that lend Tel Aviv its ‘White City’ nickname and earned its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Upon reaching the Tel Aviv Sea Promenade and the lively port area, step off your coach for a bit and join the crowds strolling among the many trendy cafés and restaurants, absorbing the city’s lively atmosphere all around you before it’s time to drive back to the port in Ashdod.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps, stairs, uneven and gravel surfaces to negotiate. Time spent aboard the coach is approximately 2 ½ hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with other walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
For rafting enthusiasts, or just those looking to experience the more unusual when in Israel, this experience is sure to deliver.

The mountainous Jordan River is one of the most beautiful and fascinating places in Israel. Your rafting adventure will navigate down 7.5 miles of the Jordan River that falls more than 600 feet to its origin in the valley of the Sea of Galilee.

From the port in Haifa, drive inland to the Jordan River where you will get to experience the pleasure of rafting over small cascades, through narrow passages and over short drops, all making for a terrific rafting experience. After receiving your safety briefing and equipment, take off in your raft and let the fun begin!

In addition to the rafting, the Jordan River also offers a scenic natural landscape of picturesque rocky canyons, colorful flowers, birds, and wildlife, all combining to make your day on the river even more perfect.

When you reach the end of your rafting path route, disembark the raft and have a quick lunch before joining your transportation for the drive back to Haifa.

Special note: This tour has limited walking. The rafting may include bouncing and jarring. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with limited mobility or other health restrictions which may include heart, back or neck issues or pregnancy. Guests should be in reasonably good physical condition, be able to swim and have some flexibility. Those who suffer from motion sickness should take the necessary precautions. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

Come discover the magnificent story of Caesarea, the historical port city built by Herod the Great on the ruins of an ancient anchorage known as Stratton’s tower.

Driving from Haifa Port, first ascend Mount Carmel for a breathtaking view of Haifa Bay, the golden dome of Haifa’s Baha’i Shrine and Acre off in the distance. Continue driving south along the coast to Caesarea - the city that Herod the Great dedicated to Caesar Augustus more than 2,000 years ago. Stopping at the new Visitor Center, enjoy an immersive multi-media presentation that gives you a chance to meet virtual figures from the past and ask them questions after hearing their stories.

Next, tour the city’s amazing archaeological excavations that include Herod’s palace, the theater, the hippodrome, the deep harbor, the Byzantine market, medieval streets, Roman baths and the Crusaders’ fortifications and moat.

Before driving back to Haifa, make a final stop to view the impressive aqueduct which supplied plentiful water to the residents ancient Caesarea Maritima.

Special Note: This tour includes over 90 minutes 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Any shopping is optional and at the guest’s discretion.
This comprehensive tour showcases several iconic sites in Nazareth and then travels to the Sea of Galilee where you will visit the historical Yaredenit Baptismal site.

Leaving the pier, make the scenic one-hour drive through the Jezreel Valley to Nazareth, childhood home of Jesus and the City of the Annunciation. Nazareth is revered as the spot where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, telling her that she would bear the Son of God. When you arrive, first visit the Basilica of the Annunciation built on the site where Mary is said to have lived and where she received Gabriel’s message. Also visit the adjacent Church of St. Joseph, dedicated to the earthly father of Jesus and built where Joseph’s carpentry workshop is believed to have stood. Below ground level, there is an important Judeo-Christian baptismal basin which has been preserved. Afterwards, take a guided walk through the Bazaar and past Mary’s Well.

Next, drive through Cana en route to lunch in Tiberius. Cana is best known for being the location where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding. Arriving in Tiberius, enjoy a lovely lunch at a restaurant that overlooks the Sea of Galilee before continuing on to Tabgha. In Tabgha, visit the church of Peter’s Primacy by the lake before driving on to Capernaum where you will see the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught and St. Peter’s house. From here, drive to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount.

The last of your stops will be at the Yardenit baptismal site on the Jordan River. The site is visited each year by thousands of Christian pilgrims. An opportunity exists here to shop for souvenirs.

Your exploration of the Galilee region draws to a close as you re-board your coach for the drive back to Haifa.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately five 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. All shopping is optional and at the guest’s discretion.

Discover historic Zippori’s Christian connections that include the belief that the parents of the Virgin Mary were from Zippori. The city was an influential Christian community during Byzantine times and today is famous for its collection of intricate mosaics that were discovered during excavations and give insight to this once prosperous Roman city and its co-existing Jewish and Christian population.

Begin by driving from the pier to the top of Mt. Carmel where you will stop to take in the scenic views of Haifa Bay. Continue on from here to Zippori, located approximately 4 miles from Nazareth. Aside from its connections to the Virgin Mary, it was also an ancient center of Jewish religious and spiritual life.

Most notable today is its collection of over 40 intricate mosaics, the most famous being the hauntingly beautiful "Mona Lisa of the Galilee", which is housed in a restored 3rd-century villa. Other Zippori sights you’ll see include the 4,500-seat Roman theater, which has been partially restored; the Talmudic-era residential quarter; the Crusader fortress; the first-century underground water system; and the remains of a sixth-century synagogue that have been uncovered in the lower section of the site.

As you drive back to Haifa, once more enjoy the scenic views of Haifa Bay and the magnificent Baha’i Hanging Gardens from Mt. Carmel.

Special Note: This tour includes over 2.5 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; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. Any shopping is optional and at the guest’s discretion.
Explore the ancient city of Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back almost 5,000 years and also visit the Crusader's underground city.

From the port in Haifa, make the one-hour drive to Acre. The Old City of Acre was inscribed in 2001 as an exceptionally well-preserved fortified Ottoman city of the 18th and 19th centuries. The city still has the intact remains of an earlier medieval Crusader town, both above and below street level. Start with a drive to Mt. Carmel and a visit to Acre's large and elaborate Baha'i Gardens. These are the largest hanging gardens in the world and part of the seven-site Baha'i Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee, which was inscribed in 2008 and is itself a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your route affords you outstanding views of the city, Haifa Bay, and all of northern Israel.

Next, head back down Mt. Carmel and cross the bay to Akko (Acre), the oldest city in the northern region. More than 4,000 years of recorded history will unfold before your eyes as you walk through Acre's narrow cobblestone passageways and its colorful bazaar. The present-day town was built in the 18th century over the ruins of the 12th-century Crusader city. Acre has changed hands and names many times over the millennia, but since 1948 it has returned to its biblical name of Akko.

While here, visit the Crusaders' Halls, built by the Knights Hospitaller (the Knights of St John) and the surreal subterranean Crusader city. Continue with a walk past Al Jazziar's Mosque, built in the 18th century, through the bazaar and on to Khan el-Umdan (Inn of the Pillars), an impressive 18th-century caravanserai which was a medieval roadside inn.

At this point, descend to the 12th-century level again, this time to visit the unforgettable Templars' Tunnel. This amazing engineering feat is a tunnel more than a thousand feet long, carved through solid stone, that connected the fortress (no longer standing) to the port. As its name implies, the tunnel was constructed by the Knights Templar - the Crusaders charged with guarding the temple in Jerusalem. The Mamelluks had forced the Templars to retreat to Acre, which was their last bastion in Israel until the Fall of Acre in 1291. As you exit the tunnel, you will find yourself at the lighthouse and the sea wall.

Before driving back to Haifa, there will be a final stop to do some shopping in the Bazaar.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps, uneven surfaces, and small narrow tunnels to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties, those who cannot bend and walk at the same time, or those who suffer from claustrophobia. 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. All shopping is optional and at the guest's discretion.
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HFA308: EXPLORING NAZARETH AND CANAAN - AUGUST 27, 2021 | $79pp

5 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Guests with a general interest in theology and world history will be fascinated by this excursion that encompasses two very special places related to the life of Jesus Christ.

It's a one-hour drive from the port in Haifa to Nazareth, the largest city in the North District of Israel and the childhood home of Jesus, according to the New Testament. While here, take the opportunity to visit the surprisingly modern “Basilica of the Annunciation,” a church built on the site where Gabriel announced the news of Jesus’ birth to the Virgin Mary. You can also view the underground grotto where Mary received the Annunciation. Other attractions here include Mary's Well and the Church of Joseph which was allegedly built over the site of Joseph's carpentry shop.

Continuing on, the second half of your tour will take you to Canaan, an Arab city in the region of Galilee. Situated at the crossroads of several cultures, its history reflects this in both art and language. Perhaps more famously known in today’s world as the place where Jesus “turned water into wine” during the famous Canaan Wedding as depicted in the Bible. Following your visit here, transfer back to the port in Haifa.

Special Note: This tour includes a significant amount of moderate to vigorous walking that includes steps, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other mobility issues. Conservative attire is recommended for entering places of religious significance and additionally, we suggest a sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; and flat, walking shoes with a closed toe. Head coverings are required. It is further suggested that guests bring a bottle of water from the ship.

HFA309: THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF MEGGIDO AND BEIT SHERIM NATIONAL PARK - AUGUST 27, 2021 | $85pp

5.5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

Visit several of the most important archaeological sites in Israel and walk among the excavations, viewing the remains of several civilizations, including those of the Romans, Egyptians, Canaanites, Israelites, and Assyrians.

Travel from the pier to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Megiddo, at one time a strategic stronghold on the trade route between Egypt and Assyria. It is also the location where St. John predicted Armageddon – the last great battle on earth would take place. While here you can see the ivory palace where the world’s richest Canaanite treasure was discovered. Other points of interest include stables from King Ahab’s time and a fascinating system of waterworks that leads to several springs.

Next, make your way to Beit She’arim National Park, where the remains of this ancient Jewish city and underground Jewish cemetery are revealed. The necropolis here contains large stone coffins decorated with Jewish symbols and inscribed in Hebrew, Aramaic, Palmyran and Greek, shedding light on what life was like during this time in history. After a fascinating visit here, you’ll re-board your coach and travel back to the pier in Haifa.

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HFA310: THE BEST OF JERUSALEM AND THE HISTORIC OLD CITY - AUGUST 27, 2021 | $185PP

Discover the ancient beauty of Jerusalem and Bethlehem while visiting some of history's most sacred sites during this scenic, full-day sightseeing tour of Israel's capital city.

Israel radiates history, both secular and religious to the extent that familiar names will catch your attention all the way from Haifa to Jerusalem. Arriving in Jerusalem, you will first make your way to the top of Mount Scopus which affords an amazing panoramic view of the city, then walk through the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent the last moments before his arrest. Early Christians were already holding gatherings here before the first church was built around AD 380. Visit the beautiful church and see some of the oldest olive trees remaining in Jerusalem.

Next, make your way to a local venue for lunch before making the short drive to Mt. Zion. Visit the Room of the Last Supper and then walk by King David's Tomb before entering the Old City via the Zion Gate. Your walking tour here takes you through the Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of Christ's resurrection. The original vast sanctuary built here by Emperor Constantine was destroyed centuries later, but a replacement was eventually rebuilt by the Crusaders. Inside the church you will see the last five Stations of the Cross. Continue your walk passing through the colorful bazaar on your way to the Western (Wailing) Wall. This is the last vestige of the ramparts that surrounded the Holy Temple of the Jews, built by Solomon, destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, rebuilt by Babylonian exiles, and burned down by Titus.

Following your walking tour, you will head back to the pier in Haifa.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately five hours of moderate to vigorous walking that includes steps, stairs, slopes, and uneven natural surfaces to negotiate. Time spent aboard the coach is approximately 5.5 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not suitable for those with other walking difficulties. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Knees, shoulders, and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. There is no restroom stop on the drive between Haifa port and Jerusalem.

HFA510PST JOURNEY TO JORDAN: ICONIC RUINS OF PETRA AND WADI RUM AND OVERNIGHT GLAMPING ADVENTURE - AUGUST 28, 2021 | $1,069PP

Travel to Jordan and explore the iconic sites of Petra and Wadi Rum, highlighted with an overnight glamping experience under the stars in Petra.

Day 1 - Debark the ship and make the approximately 90-minute drive to the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge where you will be processed and then proceed into Jordan. En route to Petra, enjoy a boxed lunch on the coach. On arrival in the afternoon, take part in a guided tour of this ancient marvel. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is often referred to as the Rose Red city due to the hue of the rocks here and was once the capital for the Nabataean Arabs. The city thrived until a major earthquake in 363 AD and that, coupled with changing trade routes, led to its eventual downfall and abandonment.

Following your afternoon visit which includes seeing the iconic Treasury, you will transfer to the Seven Wonders Luxury Camp for check-in and dinner. Afterwards, relax by theireside under a canopy of desert stars as you share stories with your fellow travelers and then retire for the evening to your well-appointed luxury tent.

Day 2 - Your day starts with an early breakfast at the camp and after check-out, make the drive to Wadi Rum. The landscape here is nothing short of striking, with towering sandstone cliffs and miles of sweeping red sand dunes which have left to it being tagged similar to the landscape on Mars. Within the site, stone age petroglyphs have been uncovered and offer up a glimpse into the area's earliest beginnings. Nomadic Bedouin tribes still make their home here and it continues as a main stopping point on a migratory path through the desert. After touring the site and having lunch, you will transfer to the city of Amman and your overnight hotel. Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Day 3 - Have breakfast in the hotel and after check-out, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Special Note: This tour includes a mixture of moderate to Vigorous physical activity over a period of several days that includes significant walking, inclines, steps, natural and uneven surfaces in hot climates. Some of the activities may not be suitable for wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Guests should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat, sturdy walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Please note, when booking your flights, book your return home from Amman airport (AMM).
Max Shore: 24-Night Hidden Histories and the Pammukale Hot Springs - August 4, 2021

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Odesa, Ukraine
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- NVS305: Military Tribute to Novorossiysk - A WWII Hero City | August 6, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $89
- NVS306: Novorossiysk City Tour and Folk Performance | August 6, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $89
- NVS050OVD: Comprehensive Moscow with Novorossiysk and Sochi Overviews | August 6-8, 2021
  - Standard Room: $1,999
  - Premium Room: $2,199

Sochi, Russia
- SOC501: Waterfall Trek and Rafting the Dragon Mouth | August 7, 2021 | Price: $259
- SOC502: A Trekking Adventure over 3 Peaks and Sochi’s Alpine Olympic Village | August 7, 2021 | Price: $349
- SOC301: Best of Sochi - Tea Houses, Stalin’s Secret Dacha and Olympic Park | August 7, 2021 | Price: $225
- SOC302: Sochi Marquee Attractions and Olympic Park | August 7, 2021 | Price: $169
- SOC303: A Panoramic Look at Sochi and Stalin’s Secret Dacha | August 7, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $69
- SOC310: An Evening of Art, Chamber Music and Local Cuisine | August 7, 2021 | Price: $199
- SOC504: Spelunking Adventure at Vorontsovskaya Cave | August 8, 2021 | Price: $199
- SOC304: Stalin’s Secret Dacha and Gastronomic Master Class | August 8, 2021 | Price: $199
- SOC306: Hiking the Remarkable Yew and Boxwood Grove | August 8, 2021 | Price: $129
- SOC307: Iconic Russian Tea Houses | August 8, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $69

Batumi, Georgia
- BUS501: Beautiful Makhuntseti Waterfall and Exhilarating River Rafting | August 9, 2021 | Price: $99
- BUS304: The Impressive Ruins of Petra Fortress, Master Class in Georgian Cuisine and the Kobuleti Museum | August 9, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $65
- BUS306: Batumi’s Remarkable Botanical Garden and Marquee Sites | August 9, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $65

Sinop, Turkey
- SIC301: Discover Sinop’s Cultural Landmarks on Foot | August 10, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $89
- SIC302: Uncover the Natural Forested Beauty of Sinop and Hamsilos Fjord | August 10, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $95

Amasra, Turkey
- AMR301: Colorful Amasra Town and Its Blended Rich Heritage | August 11, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $69

Istanbul, Turkey
- IST505MS: Mystical Cappadocia | August 12, 2021 | Price: $1,750
- IST506MS: MAX SHORE: Hidden Treasures and Pammukale Hot Springs
  - August 12, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY ($1,750 Value)
- IST302: Byzantine Treasures – Istanbul’s Most Iconic Landmarks
  - August 12, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $75
  - August 14, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR $75
- IST306: Istanbul’s Ottoman Influence – The Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and Grand Bazaar
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CKZ302: The Historic Gallipoli Campaign
August 15, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $85

BOZCAADA, TURKEY

BZC301 The Gems of Bozcaada – Bozcaada Castle, Alaybey Mosque and Museum | August 16, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $65

BZC302 Bozcaada's Excellent Vinicultural Heritage – Old Town Visit and Winery | August 16, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $69

BZC303: Bozcaada Beach Break | August 16, 2021 | Price: ☑ $85

DIKILI, TURKEY

DIK501: Bike Adventure to the Pergamon Ruins
August 17, 2021 | Price: ☑ $199


DIK303: Pergamon's Key Attractions: The Acropolis, The Library and The Zeus Altar | August 17, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $69

EPHESUS (KUSADASI), TURKEY

KUS301: Intense Ephesus: The Iconic Attractions and Archaeological Museum | August 18, 2021 | Price: ☑ $105

KUS302: Ephesus Landmarks and The Terrace Houses - Homes of the Wealthy Ephesians | August 18, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $85

KUS306: Dinner Under the Stars at Ephesus - A Private Event August 18, 2021 | Price: ☑ $299


KUS310: Historic Sirince Village and the House of the Virgin Mary August 18, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $85

KUS311: The Ancient Ionian City of Miletus and the Sanctuary of Didyma August 18, 2021 | Price: ☑ $79

KUS312: The Forgotten City of Metropolis, Vineyard Visit & Wine Tasting August 18, 2021 | ☑ $169

PATMOS, GREECE

PMS301: Discover the Iconic Sites of Patmos August 19, 2021 | Price: ☑ $99

PMS302: In-Depth View of the Monastery of St. John and Icon Restoration August 19, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $79

PMS303: In the footsteps of St. John August 19, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $75

BODRUM, TURKEY

BXN301: Explore the Archaeological Treasures of Ancient Iassos August 20, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $69

BXN303: Historical Bodrum Castle and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus August 20, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $69

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MRM303: İçmeler Bay Beach Break | August 21, 2021 | Price: ☐ COMPLIMENTARY OPTION OR ☑ $59

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- **FET301**: Incredible Saklikent National Park and Gorge Exploration  
  August 22, 2021 | Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION or $69
- **FET302**: Discover the Extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site of Xanthos-Letoon  
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  Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION or $69
- **FET303**: Kalekoy’s Medieval Castle and the Surreal Sunken City of Simena  
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- **FET304**: Historical Ancient Myra and St. Nicholas Church  
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- **KEK303**: Journey to Historical Beit Guvrin  
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  Price: COMPLIMENTARY OPTION or $89
- **PFO305**: Discover Paphos’ Past and Present – Fruit Plantation, Winery, Omodos Village and Kourion Ruins  
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- **PFO307**: Sea Kayaking to the Island of Yeronissos and Swim Break  
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- **ASH501OVD**: Ein Gedi Nature Park and Masada Morning Snake Trail Climb  
  August 25, 2021 | Price: $999
- **ASH500OV (Double) ASH500OS (Single)**: Masada and Jerusalem – An Immersion in Israeli History  
  August 25, 2021  
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- **ASH502OVD**: Journey to Jordan - Iconic Ruins of Petra and Wadi Rum and Overnight Glamping Adventure  
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- **ASH302**: Jerusalem Landmarks and Walking Through the Colorful and Historic Old City  
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☐ HFA309: The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meggido and Beit Sherim National Park | August 27, 2021
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☐ HFA310: The Best of Jerusalem and the Historic Old City
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