ATLAS OCEAN VOYAGES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2021
ATLAS ASHORE – LAND EXCURSIONS
12-NIGHT MONUMENTAL EGYPT AND ISRAEL
Day 2 of your adventure offers up a spectacular river trek alongside and within the Neda River, interestingly, one of the few rivers in Greece with a female name. Your trekking route passes through stone bridges, alongside narrow cliffs, underwater caves, and impressive waterfalls. Scramble over rocks, balance on natural stone surfaces and in some of the narrower parts of the river gorge, make a short swim to continue. Stop along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch along the banks of the river before resuming your trek. All the effort is well worth it as you will find yourself at the end of your trail during a breathtakingly beautiful setting, complete with a cascading waterfall and natural river pool where you can go swimming. Transfer back to lodge in Stemnitsa where you will spend the night.

Your final day has you hiking into the untouched nature that surrounds the Lousios River gorge, also referred to as the “Mount Athos of the Peloponnese” on account of the monasteries that appear to be literally hanging from the surrounding cliffs. It is hard not to be awed by how these monasteries seeming cling to the sheer cliff faces and have done so for centuries.

During your hike, you will visit the St. John Prodromos monastery which is open to the public. End your adventure at the fascinating archaeological site of Ancient Gortyna which is nestled along the rushing Lousios River that in ancient times was actually called the Gortynios River. Afterwards, transfer to the pier to book your Atlas Ashore land excursions, call our voyage specialists at 1.844.44.ATLAS (28527)

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ancient monuments and Byzantine churches, not to mention a plethora of shops and cafés. Following lunch here, there will be free time to do some shopping and explore on your own before transferring back to the hotel where you will enjoy dinner and then have the remainder of the evening to do as you please.

**Day 3** - After breakfast, change things up and head toward the Athen's Riviera. Once here, it’s time to climb aboard a bike and be introduced to this other side of the city. As you bike along colorful side streets, soak in the local ambience and experience an uplifting bond with the surrounding sea. Mid-day stop for lunch by the beach and enjoy some free time to take a dip in the ocean or bask in the warmth of the sun before transferring back to the hotel.

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

**Day 4** - The morning is at leisure and then you will join your transfer to the ship for embarkation.

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

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KUS306: DINNER UNDER THE STARS AT EPHESUS - A PRIVATE EVENT - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 | $299<sup>PP</sup>

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 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 | $119<sup>PP</sup>

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 fountains 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 cafe.

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.

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

Start with a scenic one-hour drive from the pier to Miletus, thought to be the oldest of the Ionian cities. The city was home not only to explorers and traders, but many well-known intellectuals as well, such as Anaximenes who contemplated the heavens; Anaximander, the father of geography; Thales, a pioneer of astronomy and geometry who calculated the height of the Pyramids in Egypt; and Hippodamus, the ancestor of modern city planners whose work you can observe in Miletus’ organized, grid-like pattern of streets. Once a great seafaring city, visitors today may wonder how that was given it is 5-miles from the sea. The answer is the Meander River which over the course of time left large deposits of silt that gradually built up the shoreline and distanced the city from the sea. Your visit here will last approximately one-hour, during which you can wander its ancient streets and the ruins of the amphitheater.

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

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

Special Note: This tour includes just under two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
KUS312: THE FORGOTTEN CITY OF METROPOLIS, VINEYARD VISIT & WINE TASTING - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 | $169.00

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.
LINDOS, RHODES, GREECE

RHO501: THE LADIKO CHALLENGE: ROCK CLIMBING AND RAPPELLING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 | $159++

ระดับกิจกรรม: ระดับมีเดียม ระดับมิดเดอร์ ระดับไวโจนิเกอร์

Challenge yourself to a day of climbing and rappelling in the best climbing area on Rhodes.

A scenic coastal drive brings you to Ladiko where you will follow a short trail off the main road and ascend a hill to where a medieval castle once stood. From this marvelous vantage point, you are treated to a breathtaking view of the endless blue of the Mediterranean and the famous bays of Ladiko and Anthony Quinn. Yes, that Anthony Quinn! The actor so loved this spot that after filming The Guns of Navarone here, he purchased the bay.

Your experience is tailored for both beginners and advanced climbers so no worries if this will be your first time. To start, all participants are invited to try rappelling from the highest spot down to the start of the climbing routes. Your descent will take place next to a huge rock cave, which makes an ideal location to capture some memorable photos to later relive your adventure.

At the end of your rappel, the climbing portion commences. There are instructors on hand to assist both the beginners and experienced climbers and provide details on all of the routes and the equipment needed to traverse them.

When your day of challenge comes to a close, enjoy some traditional Greek snacks before driving back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately four hours of moderate to vigorous physical activity that includes steep inclines, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations or other health concerns and 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, flat walking shoes with a closed toe, 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.

RHO502: CYCLING TOUR THROUGH TRADITIONAL VILLAGES AND CITRUS GROVES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 | $99++

ระดับกิจกรรม: ระดับมีเดียม ระดับมิดเดอร์

Experience the charm of local villages along with incredible scenery on this delightful bike tour that highlights the culture and traditions of Greece.

From the port, transfer to picturesque Charaki village with its small port and the ruins of imposing Feraklos castle that rises above it. Here, receive your bike, safety equipment and briefing and prepare to start your exploration. The local townsfolk are hospitable and eager to help and the views of the Mediterranean from this location are superb.

From Charaki, bike along a side road that follows the coast to Kalathos village before turning onto a narrow country road. This road leads you to the small Orthodox Monastery of Moni Kamiri. Situated on a hill it has been a stop for many pilgrims over the years. After a short break here, ride downhill to Massari, a traditional Greek village whose centerpiece is its beautiful square. Take some time to look around before heading out on the last leg of your tour, the green area of Rhodes. Called “Orange Valley” you’ll ride through a landscape of thousands of citrus trees that scent the air with their beautiful fragrance. Immerse yourself in this aromatic natural experience that comes courtesy of Mother Nature before heading back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately three hours of mild to moderate cycling that includes some inclines and descents. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with other mobility concerns or restrictive medical conditions. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, closed-toe walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Shoulders and legs must be covered when entering any religious sites.
Explore Ancient Lindos using new technology that affords you an amazing glimpse of the past.

Start your day with a scenic drive along the east coast of Rhodes en route to Lindos. Pass picturesque small villages travel through a landscape of orange and lemon groves, gnarled olive trees and lovingly tended vineyards.

Lindos is an ancient Doric town and is dominated by a magnificent acropolis that is situated atop a strategic hill that overlooks the bay. Visitors have the option of walking up to the summit or hiring a donkey to transport you most of the way. When you reach the top, the views are breathtaking. As you gaze out over the waterscape below, you will see the spot where it is believed St. Paul landed in 58 A.D. Along with the acropolis, there are the ruins of a walled fortress built in the 15th century and the remains of the ancient Temple of the Lindian Athena. The temple was consecrated to the goddess Athena and also named for Lindia, a pre-Hellenic divinity.

You will be able to view the site not only in real-time, but also aided by the use of Augmented Reality software, whereby participants will each be provided with a tablet that will enable them to view Lindos as it once was. This technology combines the camera's content with a virtual one, creating a mixture of the real-time camera's video with several virtual elements. Just point your tablet's camera at various locations at the site and you can view them in their original form as they stood thousands of years ago. Simply amazing!

Descending from the acropolis, you are able to wander freely through the narrow streets, passing clusters of white-washed houses that lend Lindos its distinct look. The village has been an artists’ enclave for years and boasts a myriad of shops carrying locally made jewelry, leather goods and ceramics.

After your free time in Lindos, transfer back to the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes over two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes inclines, steps and uneven natural terrain. The tour is not suitable for wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

Rhodes is rich in history and teeming with significant monuments to the past, one of the most stunning being the Grand Masters Palace.

As a scenic precursor to visiting the Palace, you will enjoy a picturesque drive along the old port of Mandraki, thought to be the site of the amazing Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Next, as an overview of the city and beautiful bay of Rhodes, you will make your way to Agios Stefanos, more commonly known as Mount Smith. It was named in honor of the English admiral who kept an observation post here in the early 1800s to watch over Napoleon's fleet.

Returning to the city, you will enter the medieval Old Town through the impressive Amboise Gate, the closest point to the Grand Master's Palace. The Palace was constructed in the 14th century as a reflection of the Papal Palace of Avignon and it was the palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes. This grandiose palace was nearly destroyed after an ammunition explosion which led to it being largely rebuilt in the early 1900s. Today, the palace serves as a museum and houses a wonderful collection of medieval artifacts.

Following your palace tour, you will drive back to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes nearly two hours of moderate walking/standing that includes steps and some uneven surfaces. The tour is not suitable for wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes, a sun cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
Historic sites abound in Rhodes and this tour showcases three of its most noteworthy.

Your exploration begins in the old port of Mandraki, believed to be the site of the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. A scenic drive up to Mt. Filerimos offers outstanding views of the city and the surround deep blue Aegean waters. The hilltop is also home to the Monastery of Filerimos and the ruins of the ancient Acropolis of Ialyssos and its temple that was dedicated to Athena.

Next, travel back to Rhodes Old Town for a visit at the iconic and fully restored 14th-century Grand Masters Palace. During your visit, you will see its beautiful alabaster windows, French and Venetian furniture, and floor mosaics with scenes from Greek mythology. The Palace served as a fortress in times of war, and during times of peace, a residence for the Grand Master and a meeting place for senior knights.

From here, your tour continues with a walk along the Avenue of the Knights, where the knights once lived. This historic street exudes a noble and somewhat forbidden aura from bygone days. Its lofty buildings stretch in an unbroken wall of honey-colored stone, punctuated by huge doorways and arched windows.

When your guided tour comes to an end, you will have the option of returning directly back to the pier or remaining in town to explore further at your leisure.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, inclines, 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.
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**PFO502: MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVENTURE IN THE PAPHOS COUNTRYSIDE - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | $189pp**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE**

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.*

**PFO301: AUTHENTIC PAPHOS - NEOFYTOS MONASTERY, TSANGARAS WINERY AND SOFIA’S TRADITIONAL HOUSE - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | $89pp**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MILD**

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.*
PFO305: DISCOVER PAPHOS’ PAST AND PRESENT – FRUIT PLANTATION, WINERY, OMODOS VILLAGE AND KOURION RUINS - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | $79.00

7.25 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

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.

Following your time in Kourion, drive back to the pier in Paphos.

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.

PFO306: INCREDIBLE PAPHOS – A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | $85.00

3.5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE

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.
PFO307: SEA KAYAKING TO THE ISLAND OF YERONISSOS AND SWIM BREAK - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | $169<sup>PP</sup>

4 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

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.
HFA503: JORDAN RIVER RAFTING EXPERIENCE - SEPTEMBER 10 OR SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 | $359pp

7 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

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 includes approximately five hours of moderate walking/standing that includes numerous steps and uneven surfaces. 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.


9.5 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

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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.

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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.

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**HFA304: HISTORIC ZIPPORI – THE CITY OF MOSAICS • SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 • $149 pp**

5 HOURS | MEAL: 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 walking that covers approximately one mile and 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.
Day 1

Debark the ship and 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 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

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. When your visit concludes, transfer to Allenby Bridge to cross back into Israel. Meet your bus and guide on the Israeli side and then drive directly to Ashdod 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.
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, 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.

**HFA301: KING HEROD'S TRIUMPH – HISTORICAL CAESAREA MARITTIMA - SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 | $149.00**

*5 HOURS | MEAL: NONE*

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 Jazzar’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 Mameluks 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.

**HFA306: MEDIEVAL ACRE AND THE CRUSADERS KINGDOM - A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE - SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 | $149.00**

*5 HOURS | MEALS: NONE*

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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.

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 may be required. It is further suggested that guests bring a bottle of water from the ship.
**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. 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.

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.

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 off 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!

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**ASH501OVD: EIN GEDI NATURE PARK AND MASADA MORNING SNAKE TRAIL CLIMB - SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | $999**

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**ASH050OVD (DOUBLE) / ASH050OVS (SINGLE): MASADA AND JERUSALEM – AN IMMERSION IN ISRAELI HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | $1,199**

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**

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.

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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.

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- **Activity Level:** MILD
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- **Activity Level:** VIGOROUS
- **Special Note:** This tour includes two 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.

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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 holes 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, stairs, 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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ASH503: BEIT GUVRIN CAVES EXPLORATION, ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AND ROWING IN THE POOL OF ARCHES -
SEPTEMBER 12 OR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 | $199pp

6 HOURS | MEALS: LUNCH

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 Gurvin 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 fourth to ninth 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 three 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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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 four 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.

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 cafes 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.
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 2nd-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 four 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.
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 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, 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 four 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.

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. Re-boarding 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.
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 oddest. 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.
On this unforgettable adventure explore the famous Pyramids of Giza - one of the wonders of the ancient world, the largest archaeological museum in Africa and the Middle East, followed with an awesome experience at an oasis in the desert.

**Day 1**

Your day begins with the three-hour drive to Cairo, the largest city in Africa. On arrival, visit the Citadel of Salah El Dine which is located at the foot of the Mukattam Hills. This imposing fortress, which commands a splendid view of the city, contains the Mohamed Ali Mosque, a 19th-century structure which is also known as the Alabaster Mosque.

Following the Citadel visit, enjoy a delicious lunch before making your way to the famous Great Pyramids of Giza, the only remaining wonder of the ancient world. The three main pyramids were constructed as tombs to preserve each of the pharaohs' mummified bodies for eternity and viewing them up-close is an unforgettable thing to behold. Just southeast of here you will find the Great Sphinx, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a man that was carved out of limestone around 2650 BC.

Your first day of touring draws to a close with a visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum. This fantastic museum houses a plethora of important archaeological discoveries that showcase Egypt's ancient history and specifically, the incredible King Tut collection. Leaving the museum, you will head to your Cairo hotel for the night where dinner is included. Afterwards, enjoy the evening at your leisure.

**Day 2**

Start with breakfast in the hotel and afterwards check-out and get under way for the day’s activities. Drive two hours into the beautifully stark West Desert of Egypt to the Fayoum Oasis. Famous for its palm trees, lakes, sand dunes and some attractions from a bygone era. Your first stop of the day is at the Wadi El Rayan Waterfalls. A man-made haven where three lakes were created that has become a popular spot to visit. While here, have an opportunity to take one of the feluccas and row it on your own across the lake. Next, amp up the excitement when you board a 4X4 and drive toward Mudawara Mountain, location of your sandboarding experience. After some instruction, hop aboard and hang ten down the sand dunes, or at least try to! No doubt the laughs will be many as you “surf” down your wave of sand, either mastering it all the way down, or losing your balance and falling into the soft sand. Either way, it’s sure to be the highlight of your day.

From the dunes, drive to Fayoum Oasis where a lunch of typical Egyptian cuisine awaits you. Afterwards, head to Tunis Village, a small village nestled on a hill that faces Qarun Lake. Originally a small fishing village, in 1980 a Swiss potter visited the village and decided to build her own house there and start her pottery studio. That evolved into a potter school and transformed the sleepy fishing village into a reputable center of modern pottery.

When your visit in Tunis comes to a close, re-board your coach and make the 3.5-hour drive to Alexandria port where you will rejoin your ship.

*The Grand Egyptian Museum is still under construction. In the event the opening is delayed, the tour will visit the existing Egyptian Museum.*
Day 1 Leave from the port and make the three-hour drive to the Cairo International Airport where you will catch a one-hour flight to the old capital of Egypt, Thebes. Now called Luxor, it is considered to be the largest open-air museum in the world. Once you’ve touched down, you may wish to grab a quick bite to eat at the airport before commencing your drive to the Valley of the Kings, location of the tombs of Egypt’s ancient kings, their families and other Egyptian nobility. Following your time here, two photo stops will be made, the first at the Queen Hatshepsut Temple. The only woman to rule as a Pharaoh, this impressive temple was built into the mountainside and discovered in 1894 under the ruins of a monastery. Your second photo stop will be at the Colossi of Memnon, two massive statues that originally flanked the entrance to Amenhotpe III’s mortuary temple. Afterwards, you will drive to your Luxor hotel, check-in and have dinner.

Following dinner at the hotel, have an evening visit to Luxor Temple to watch the Sound and Light show. This renowned ancient structure was originally built during the reign of Amenophis III, and later expanded by Ramses II who added a stone statue of himself and two obelisks. Today, only one of them remains at the Temple with the other was given by Mohamed Ali to Louis Philippe in 1831 and is displayed at the Concorde in Paris. After your visit, return to your hotel for the night.

Day 2 After an early wake-up call, enjoy breakfast in the hotel before transferring to the airport for your one-hour flight to Cairo. Your day in Cairo begins with a drive to the Great Pyramids of Giza, the only remaining wonder of the of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. The three main pyramids were constructed as tombs to preserve each of the pharaohs’ mummified bodies for eternity and viewing them up-close is an unforgettable thing to behold. Just southeast of here you will find the Great Sphinx, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a man that was carved out of limestone around 2650 BC.

Continuing on, stop for lunch before visiting the Grand Egyptian Museum. This fantastic museum houses a plethora of important archaeological discoveries that showcase Egypt’s ancient history and specifically, the incredible King Tut collection. Leaving the museum make the three-hour drive to Alexandria port where you will rejoin your ship.

Special Note: This tour includes several combined hours of moderate physical activity that includes some steps and some natural and uneven surfaces at some of the attractions. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition.

* The Grand Egyptian Museum is still under construction. In the event the opening is delayed, the tour will visit the existing Egyptian Museum.

Day 1 Your adventure begins with a three-hour scenic drive to Cairo, a city steeped in history and archaeological wonders. Upon arrival, you will first visit the Citadel of Salah El Dine located at the foot of the Mukattam Hills. This imposing fortress contains the Mohamed Ali Mosque, a 19th-century structure that is also known as the Alabaster Mosque. From here, make your way into old Cairo and visit the Hanging Church, the most famous Coptic church in Cairo which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Afterwards, head to the Ben Ezra Synagogue for a visit.

Lunch will be enjoyed at a restaurant in old Cairo before heading to Moez Street where you will find the colorful Khan El Khalili Bazaar, a shopper’s paradise and photographer’s dream come true. Gold, silver, gems, and leather goods all beckon and the aromas of exotic spices and freshly brewed coffee add to the tantalizing atmosphere. Colorfully dressed crowd and strains of music sifting through the air will make you feel you have stepped into a scene from A Thousand and One Arabian Nights.

After some free time at the Bazaar, transfer to your accommodations for the night, the Marriott Mena House Palace where you will check-in. After some time to relax, have dinner in the hotel and then rejoin your group and head to the Pyramids of Giza where you will experience the spectacular sound and light show. A perfect and magical way to end your day before heading back to the hotel for the night.

Day 2 Start your day with breakfast in the hotel and after check-out, drive to nearby Sakkara, one of the largest burial grounds in Egypt, in use for over 3,000 years. Most of the site remains unexcavated, but amongst the wonders you can see is the extraordinary Step Pyramid of Zoser, thought to be the oldest known Egyptian pyramid. Your visit here includes entering one of the tombs, something you will no doubt remember for a lifetime.

Continuing on, drive to the Great Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only one that is still standing. The three main pyramids here were built as tombs to preserve each of the pharaoh’s mummified bodies for all eternity. Nearby, you will see the famous Great Sphinx of Giza carved out of solid rock around 2650 BC. Afterwards, stop for lunch at a local restaurant.
Your afternoon continues with a visit to the incredible Egyptian Museum located in Tahir Square. The museum houses an extensive collection of some of the world's most important ancient artifacts, including items from the tombs of Tutankhamun.

Following your museum visit, board your coach and make the drive to Alexandria port where you will rejoin the ship.

Special Note: This tour includes several combined hours of moderate physical activity that includes some steps, as well as natural and uneven surfaces at some of the attractions. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with other physical limitations. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe (no flip-flops or sandals); a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen. Shoulders, knees, and midriffs must be covered, and you must remove your shoes when visiting the Mosque.

**PSD302: CAIRO'S EXCEPTIONAL GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND THE ICONIC PYRAMIDS OF GIZA - SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 | $175.00**

- **12.5 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH**

Visit the world renowned Grand Egyptian Museum and then spend the afternoon taking in the wonders of the incredible Pyramids of Giza on this full day of discovery.

Travel 3.5 hours from the pier in Port Said to Cairo, the capital of Egypt. On arrival your first stop is at the Grand Egyptian Museum – considered the largest archeological museum in the region. This fantastic museum houses a plethora of important archaeological discoveries that showcase Egypt's ancient history and specifically, the incredible King Tut collection.

Following your museum visit, enjoy a delicious lunch before making your way to the famous Great Pyramids of Giza, the only remaining wonder of the ancient world. The three main pyramids were constructed as tombs to preserve each of the pharaohs' mummified bodies for eternity and viewing them up-close is an unforgettable thing to behold. Just southeast of here you will find the Great Sphinx, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a man that was carved out of limestone around 2650 BC.

Before driving back to the pier in Port Said, you will have a short stop for shopping so that you can pick up some mementos of this unforgettable day.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately four hours of moderate walking/standing that includes a large number of steps/stairs to negotiate. The drive to Cairo is approximately 3.5 hours each direction. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with physical limitations. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes with a closed toe (no flip-flops or sandals); a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

* The Grand Egyptian Museum is still under construction. In the event the opening is delayed, the tour will visit the existing Egyptian Museum.

**PSD307: LEISURELY HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE - SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 | $89.00**

- **2 HOURS | MEALS: NONE**

Geared for those who don't wish to travel to Cairo, this tour will allow you to explore the city of Port Said via a horse-drawn carriage ride around the city.

Meet your guide at the pier and make the five-minute walk to the Ferdinand de Lesseps Monument which was dedicated to the French engineer who was responsible for the construction of the Suez Canal. Here is where you will board your two-person horse-drawn carriage for an enjoyable ride through the city that includes stops at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, the Obelisk Memorial, the beautiful Salam Mosque, the National Stadium, and the military museum.

When your tour is complete, you will return to the port.

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

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Spend the day exploring the famous Egyptian city of Ismailia and then experience the amazing technical achievement of the Suez Canal that connects the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea.

Start off with a one-hour drive to Ismailia, referred to by the Egyptians as “the City of Beauty and Enchantment.” The city was founded in 1863 during the construction of the Suez Canal and is situated on the West Bank of the canal, mid-point between Port Said and Suez. Today, it is the location of the headquarters of the Suez Canal Authority.

Your first stop will be at the Ismailia Museum. While small, it has an extensive collection of artifacts that range from the Pharaonic era through to the Greek and Roman eras. There is a wealth of information here about how the canal was built and there is also a marvelous mosaic that depicts characters from Greek mythology.

Following your time at the museum, you will travel via ferry across the canal to other bank, leaving the continent of Africa and landing on the continent of Asia. On arrival, stop for photos at The Memorial of the October 6, 1973 Victory, which was inaugurated on October 5, 1992. Next, visit Tabet El Shagara which was the headquarters of the Israeli leadership during the October war.

Your return to the African continent is via the Peace Bridge and from there it's a direct drive back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes just under two hours of mild walking/standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the transportation with limited assistance and have a companion to assist them. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; flat walking shoes; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

ALY301: THE MARVELOUS ALEXANDRIA MUSEUM AND ICONIC ANCIENT LIBRARY  - SEPTEMBER 15, 2021  |  $69

4 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Visit two of the most notable attractions in Alexandria that showcase the historical past of not only Egypt, but this great city that was founded by Alexander the Great.

Start with a drive from the pier to Alexandria’s National Museum. Each of the museum’s three floors depict a different period of Egyptian history, including the Pharaonic and Greco-Roman periods, the Coptic Era and Islamic times. During your tour of the museum, be sure not to miss the displays of artifacts that were retrieved from the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea.

Continue from here to the iconic Alexandria Library or Bibliotheca Alexandrina, as it was called in ancient times. Built at the beginning of the third century BC, the library was not only a repository of books, it was also a museum, school and the world’s foremost center for learning and scholarly research. There is a lot of speculation about what destroyed the library with many believing it was a fire. However, there is also the theory that the library was only partially destroyed by fire but later succumbed to decline over the course of several centuries when scholars were forced to leave the city. During your visit, you will learn more about its history and architecture and take a walk on the grounds where you will find a museum and galleries.

Following your time at the library, 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. There are elevators at the museum and library for wheelchair users. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

ALY305: ALEXANDRIA HIGHLIGHTS BY HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE AND CITADEL VISIT  - SEPTEMBER 15, 2021  |  $69

3.5 HOURS | MEALS: NONE

Discover some of Alexandria’s most well-known attractions in a more intimate and non-traditional way as you relax and take it all in from your horse-drawn carriage.

Your tour starts with a coach transfer from the port to the Citadel of Quait Bay, which is considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt, but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. Built by Sultan Al-Ashraf Sayf al-Din Quait Bay in 1477 A.D., he established the citadel to defend the city of Alexandria from the advances of the Ottoman Empire, unfortunately his efforts were in vain as they eventually took control of the city 1512 A.D. Spend an hour here exploring this historic fortress before it’s time to embark your horse carriage for a delightful ride along the Mediterranean coast toward the city center. Along the way you will pass by the Abu El Abbas Mosque and the Unknown Soldier Monument.

Arriving in the city center, leave your carriage behind and enjoy an hour of free time here to explore on your own or do some shopping before being driven back to the port.

Special Note: This tour includes approximately one hour of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and uneven surfaces, plus any additional discretionary walking during free time. 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.
ALY306: A LOOK BACK AT THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN - SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 | $69pp

6 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

The battle of El Alamein was one of the deadliest battles of WWII. During this informative tour, you will learn about how this historic battle unfolded and visit several sites that were significant in the battle as well as the military museum with its extensive exhibits.

Fought in the deserts of North Africa, the Battle of El Alamein is seen as one of the decisive victories of WWII. It was primarily fought between two of the war’s most outstanding commanders, Montgomery who succeeded the dismissed Auchinleck, and Rommel. The Allied victory at El Alamein led to the retreat of the Africa Corps and the German surrender in North Africa in May 1943.

Starting from the port, it’s a drive of just under two hours west to the village of El Alamein. Renowned for its tranquil, scenic beauty and soft, white-sand beaches, it’s also the site of one of the most pivotal battles of the war. Today, it is home to a museum and several war cemeteries that commemorate what took place there and those who lost their lives in the battle.

Your first stop is at the Commonwealth War Cemetery. This sobering location is covered with more than 7,000 tombstones that are spread out over a slope that overlooks the desert battlefield. Soldiers from the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, France, Greece, South Africa, East and West Africa, Malaysia and India who fought for the Allied cause were laid to rest here and their gravesites are maintained by The War Graves Commission.

Continuing on, drive to the nearby military museum. Four main halls represent the various countries that participated in the battle and a joint hall displays weapons, tanks and a series of paintings that depict the battle and Egypt’s role during the war. Additional exhibits include busts of the generals who planned the battle and maps and charts showing troop deployments.

Next, travel to a bluff that overlooks the sea where you will find what looks like a hermetically sealed sandstone fortress. Within its walls are the tombs of German and Italian servicemen and at its core is a memorial obelisk. Following this stop, drive back to the port, enjoying a boxed lunch on the coach.

**Special Note:** This tour includes approximately 1.75 hours of moderate walking that includes a few stairs. 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.

ALY307: EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF ALEXANDRIA IN DEPTH - SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 | $129pp

7 HOURS | MEAL: LUNCH

Spend a full day discovering all of Alexandria's landmark attractions that span centuries of fascinating history.

Your day of touring starts with a drive to the Catacombs of Kom El Shaquafa. Discovered in 1900, the catacombs represent the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria and include the remains of more than 300 who perished in the city. The catacombs are comprised of three levels that have been carved 90 feet deep into the rock and are accessed by a series of descending steps.

Up next on your day's touring agenda is a visit to Pompey's Pillar, an 82-foot red Aswan granite column with a circumference of 29 feet and was constructed to honor Emperor Diocletian. From here, drive to the Roman Theater. Unearthed during excavations in 1960, this well-preserved Roman theater features galleries, sections of mosaic flooring and marble seating for up to 800 spectators.

Your morning ends with a relaxing lunch at one of Alexandria's famous restaurants that overlooks the brilliant blue waters of the Mediterranean. Following your lunch break, your tour resumes with photo stops at the Citadel of Qait Bay, the stunning Abu El Abbas Mosque, and finally a stop at the unknown soldier monument.

Your final stop for the day is at the Alexandria Library. First commissioned in 295 BC by the Egyptian ruler Ptolemy I Soter, it was one of the cultural wonders of the ancient world. Representatives of Ptolemy traveled the world collecting books for the Library and it was filled not only with books pertaining to Egypt and Greece, but the entire ancient world. At one time the Library even held the original works of Euripides and Sophocles. Along with being a repository for books, it was also a museum, a school, and a center for scholastic research. Sadly, in 48 BC the city fell under attack from Julius Caesar and a massive fire engulfed large parts of the library, destroying at least 40,000 scrolls. There is a lot of speculation about what finally completely destroyed the library with many believing it was also a museum, a school, and a center for scholastic research. Filled with memories of a day not soon forgotten, you will drive back to the pier and your waiting ship.

**Special Note:** This tour includes approximately three hours of mild to moderate walking that includes some steps and natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with other mobility concerns. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing; sturdy, flat walking shoes with a closed toe; a sun cap; sunglasses and sunscreen.

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HERAKLION, CRETE, GREECE

HER501: CANYONING ADVENTURE IN STUNNING TSOUTSOUROS GORGE - SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 | $259pp

5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Satisfy your quest for adventure on this tour that will have you conquering a wonderful gorge that is perfect for the sport of canyoning.

Drive from the pier to the Asterousia Mountains, location of the Tsoutsouros Gorge, one of the most beautiful canyons in southern Crete. On arrival, don your provided equipment, receive a safety and instructional briefing, and then set out on your trek. The canyon is well belayed, making it perfect for beginners, but enough of a challenge for the more experienced to fully enjoy. It's easy to cross and fairly narrow, especially toward the end where there are bigger descents and more beautiful rocks to scale.

You may find water running a course through the floor of the gorge, but this is primarily in early summer and does not hinder your progress and you can cross it throughout the year with no difficulty. When you reach the end of the gorge, you will find yourself on the south coast at Tsoutsouros Village where you can relax and swim at the sandy beach. While a light snack is provided during your journey down the canyon, there are restaurants and cafés in the village where you can purchase lunch and a refreshment.

Special Note: This tour includes several hours of hiking, climbing and rappelling. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with mobility issues or health conditions such as heart, back or neck issues or pregnant women. Guests should be in good health and good physical condition and not be afraid of heights or suffer from vertigo. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under your clothes and sport or trekking shoes that can get wet; a hat; sunscreen and sunglasses. Please bring along a backpack that should include an additional pair of shorts and t-shirt; a towel; a bottle of water; and an additional pair of shoes. The itinerary may be altered for reasons beyond our control (e.g., harsh weather, trail conditions) to ensure the safety and the well-being of the group. The final canyoning selection is left up to the trip leader.

HER502: VIA FERRATA CLIMBING CHALLENGE IN KOFINAS - SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 | $259pp

5 HOURS | MEALS: SNACK

Calling all adventure seekers! This Via Ferrata experience is the only one in Crete and sure to satisfy your craving for a challenge of mind and body.

Transfer from the pier to a remote location in the Asterousia Mountains on the south side of Crete. On arrival, gear-up in your safety equipment and receive a briefing before setting off to conquer this spectacular Via Ferrata. Via Ferrata is best explained as a protected climbing route that employs steel cables, ladders and other anchors that are affixed to the rock. The climber attaches to these anchors by means of a harness with two leashes, thus limiting any falls.

Your route will traverse the south face of Mount Kofinas which offers breath-taking views to Crete's south coast and the Mediterranean Sea. The activity not only pushes you to step outside your comfort zone, but in doing so, builds your self-confidence and a sense of camaraderie with your fellow participants. And in addition to all of that, it's fun!

When you reach the endpoint, you will transfer back to the pier, no doubt amazed at what you have just accomplished.

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Spend the day visiting the ancient settlement of Olounda - a favorite of Minoan luminaries and the historical island of Spinalonga.

Start your day with a drive from the port to the village of Elounda, situated on the southern coast of the Gulf of Elounda and just east of the ancient settlement of Olounda from which it has taken its name. Once a location favored by illustrious figures from Minoan Crete and even some of the more historical figures of our time, this popular fishing village turned resort town still retains its authentic charm.

Boarding a small boat in Elounda, you will enjoy a scenic cruise to the island of Spinalonga. A leper colony until 1957, the island today has gained notoriety as the location featured in author Victoria Hislop’s best-selling novel The Island. Your guided tour around the island includes a stop at the Venetian Fortress with its centuries of history. After the 1571 Ottoman conquest of Cyprus, the Venetians built the fortress in fear the Ottomans would then try to use the sandy shores here to land in Crete.

Sailing back to Elounda, enjoy a buffet of traditional Cretan snacks that include mini pies, meatballs and salads. There is plenty of free time afforded here to explore the shops and perhaps visit the nearby Blue Flag beach, so you may want to wear swimwear under your clothes and bring a beach towel with you.

At the end of your visit, you will rejoin your coach for the drive back 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 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.

HER302: THE REMARKABLE PALACE OF KNOSSOS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 | $79pp

Visit the legendary Palace of Knossos and later the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion, one of the most important museums in Greece.

Travel 25 minutes from the pier to Knossos, the most renowned palace of the Minoan civilization which was the seat of power and home to King Minos. Your visit will immerse you into the myths, legends and secrets of the Minoans and reveal why this ancient civilization still casts its magic on all who come to witness the splendor of that era. There are numerous legends associated with the palace, such as the Labyrinth and Minotaur, and the story of Daedalus and Icarus. As you walk about the site, be enchanted by the elegance of its elaborate design and colorful frescoes which bear witness to Minoan life.

Next, drive back to Heraklion where you will enjoy a visit to its extraordinary Archaeological Museum. The museum houses a remarkable collection of artifacts from the Minoan era, such as the Phaistos Disk, the Snake Goddess, Bull-Leaping and King of the Lilies frescoes. Following your time here, return to the pier.

Special Note: This tour includes nearly three hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some 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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This tour combines a visit to the legendary Palace of Knossos and Arolithos, a reproduction of a traditional Cretan village.

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Next, travel to Arolithos, an authentic reproduction of a Cretan village that allows you to step back in time and experience what life would have looked like in a bygone era. The village is nestled in a breathtakingly beautiful location amongst the rugged grandeur of the surrounding mountains. With its cobbled streets and Cretan architecture, it wonderfully recreates the past with Cretan artisans that include an ironsmith, potter and weavers. While here, be sure to visit the folklore museum that houses a nice collection of pottery and other crafts. Before driving back to the pier, there will be an opportunity to shop for some mementos and enjoy some traditional Cretan food and drink.

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PIR510PST: SPECTACULAR PELOPONNESE ADVENTURE CHALLENGE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 | $1,999.00

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | MEALS: YES

Geared for our adventure lovers who want to extend their time in Greece, this active exploration of the natural beauty of the Peloponnesian region will provide you with unforgettable memories.

Disembarking the ship, you will commence a morning drive to Arcadia and the fabled Lousios River where legend has it that Zeus, the father of Olympic gods, bathed in the river after his birth. Your exhilarating Class II rafting experience begins in Lousios and travels over the river’s surging rapids and under a natural tunnel of trees. Dodge boulders and drop over cascades as you navigate your way through a densely vegetated gorge that leads from the Lousios River into the Alfios River. Along the way, stop in calm areas where you can take a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear waters and later, savor a delicious lunch at an ideal spot alongside the water. Your rafting ends at the marvellously bridge of “Koukos” and from here you will make your way to a charming guest house in Stemnitsa where you will overnight.

Day two of your adventure offers up a spectacular river trek alongside and within the Neda River, interestingly, one of the few rivers in Greece with a female name. Your trekking route passes through stone bridges, alongside narrow cliffs, underwater caves, and impressive waterfalls. Scramble over rocks, balance on natural stone surfaces and in some of the narrower parts of the river gorge, make a short swim in order to continue on. Stop along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch along the banks of the river before resuming your trek. All the effort is well worth it as you will find yourself at the end of your trail in the midst of a breathtakingly beautiful setting, complete with a cascading waterfall and natural river pool where you can go swimming. Transfer back to lodge in Stemnitsa where you will spend the night.

Your final day has you hiking into the untouched nature that surrounds the Lousios River gorge, also referred to as the “Mount Athos of the Peloponnese” on account of the monasteries that appear to be literally hanging from the surrounding cliffs. It is hard not to be awed by how these monasteries seeming cling to the sheer cliff faces and have done so for centuries.

During your hike, you will visit the St. John Prodromos monastery which is open to the public. End your adventure at the fascinating archaeological site of Ancient Gortyna which is nestled along the rushing Lousios River that in ancient times was actually called the Gortynios River. Afterwards, transfer to Athens where you will overnight in a hotel there before catching your flight home the next day.

Special Note: This tour includes three days of moderate to vigorous physical activity that includes inclines, scrambling over rocks, natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition. We recommend wearing weather appropriate comfortable clothing, flat walking shoes with a closed toe that can get wet, a sun cap, sunglasses and sunscreen. For water activities, we suggest wearing a swimsuit under your clothes and bringing a towel. All safety equipment will be provided. Guests will need to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the activities.

PIR401PST: EXPERIENCE ATHENS’ HISTORICAL PAST AND VIBRANT PRESENT - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 | $2,260.00

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | MEAL: YES

Extend your holiday after disembarking the ship and enjoy Athen's most iconic attractions, followed by a day that offers up an exhilarating bike ride and time for relaxing in the sun at the seaside.

Day 1
Upon disembarking the ship in Athens, you will be greeted at the pier and commence a tour of Athens. As you head to the Acropolis site, you will pass many of the city’s main landmarks such as Constitution Square (or Syntagma Square as it is also known), the Houses of Parliament, the university buildings, the Royal Palace, and the Old Olympic Stadium of Athens. The stadium, which offers fantastic views of the Acropolis, was built entirely of marble, and served as the site of the first modern day Olympics in 1896. However, the true highlight of the tour comes next when you arrive at the foot of the magnificent Acropolis, one of the most famous and photographed ancient monuments in the world. You will leave your coach behind here and set off on a walking tour that will be split into several stages, allowing for the guide to explain its rich history and for you to take short rest breaks. At the summit, there will be some free time to stroll about and admire the ancient temple of Athena Nike and the towering Parthenon.

Following your time at the summit, you will travel back down the mountain and visit the superlative Acropolis Museum that was opened in 2009. There is an immense amount of exhibition space and the way it has been laid out coupled with expansive windows can give the impression of crossing the ancient settlements nestled on the slopes of the Acropolis. Next, travel to the Plaka, the colorful old quarter of Athens that is rich with neoclassical architecture, ancient monuments, and Byzantine churches, not to mention a plethora of shops and cafés. Following lunch here, there will be free time to do some shopping and explore on your own before transferring to your hotel, the Saint George Lycabettus (or similar) for check-in. Located in the heart of Athens, it is notable for having stunning views of the Acropolis. After check-in, relax before dinner and then have the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Day 2
After breakfast, change things up and head toward the Athens Riviera. Once here, it’s time to climb aboard a bike and be introduced to this other side of the city. As you bike along colorful side streets, soak in the local ambience and experience an uplifting bond with the surrounding sea. Mid-day stop for lunch by the beach and enjoy some free time to take a dip in the ocean or bask in the warmth of the sun before transferring back to the hotel.
Your final night takes you to the picturesque Mikrolimano area of Piraeus where you will be treated to dinner at the Varoulko restaurant. The restaurant’s menu was created by Lefteris Lazarou, Greece's top-awarded Michelin Star chef, so you can expect an extraordinary dining experience. Later, with a satisfied palate and sense of contentment, head back to the hotel for the night.

**Day 3** Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, check-out and then join your transfer to the airport to catch your flight home.

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