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HIGHLIGHTS

- Round trip scheduled airfare from Des Moines
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotels
- 4 nights first class hotel in Athens
- 4 nights aboard Celestyal Cruises *Discovery*
- 17 meals including all breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners featuring a Greek festive dinner show
- City tour of Athens
- Tour of Parthenon & Acropolis
- See the Olympic Stadium, the Royal Palace
- Full day tour of Mycenae
- Discovery Program guide

MEDITERRANEAN PORTS VISITED

- Mykonos
- Rhodes
- Santorini
- Patmos
- Ephesus

PREFERRED HOTEL

- Amalia Hotel (or similar)

INCLUDES:

- Shore Excursions*
- Acropolis Entrance Fees
- Drink Package: Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included*

** details available onboard the ship, along with upgraded drink packages*

* SHORE EXCURSIONS:

- Day 6 - A.M. Ancient Ephesus (Kusadasi) Included
- Day 7 - Rhodes / Medieval Tour Included
- Optional tour excursions available

Day 1: Board Your Overnight Flight

We begin our discovery trip today with our flight to Athens, Greece. Sit back, relax and enjoy all the in-flight amenities. (In-flight meals)

Day 2: Arrival in Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens, Greece and transfer to your luxury hotel, located in the center of the city. Time to rest or to start exploring the Hellenic capital. (B)

Day 3: Athens City Tour

Athens City tour: Today, you will see the monuments that have made Athens famous, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Olympic Stadium. You will have a guided tour of the Acropolis and visit the world famous Parthenon, a magnificent temple built by the Athenians around 3000 B.C. Your afternoon will be spent at your leisure. This evening, enjoy an authentic Greek experience with a festive evening of music, dancing and local cuisine. (B, DS)

Day 4: Free Day - Option to Delphi

Today, you will have a free day to explore this interesting city. If you'd like, you can take an optional excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site Delphi and the temple of Apollo. Explore the Doric Temple of Apollo and see what the Greeks consider the center of the world. (B)

Day 5: Athens - Cruise Ship - Sail to Mykonos

This morning, sail into the blue waters of the Aegean Sea, easily settling into the cruising routine of sunbathing, sipping cool drinks, splashing in the pool and reveling in the delights prepared by the ship's chefs. Later, dock at the mountainous island of Mykonos with its characteristic windmills

and dazzling white houses. Take an optional excursion to tour and wander through narrow paved streets, lined with trendy boutiques and shady taverns. Conclude the excursion at a local taverna for traditional drink and food. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ephesus & Patmos

Two ports of call today. First, Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. This included excursion takes you to the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Imagine life as an Ephesian as you are guided through the remarkable excavation site. In the evening an optional tour to the tiny Greek island of Patmos where St. John the Divine wrote the Book of Revelations. The 11th-century monastery with its manuscript collection is well worth a visit. Enjoy the surroundings in the port of Skala and the capital of Chora. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Rhodes

All day is dedicated to the island of Rhodes. Rhodes' sun-drenched public beaches and colorful shopping districts are within easy walking distance of the port, or you may explore the sights in the Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Later, an excursion to Lindos and the fabulous Temple of Athena. Sail from Rhodes around dinner time. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Santorini

Enjoy a full day (weather permitting) on the beautiful island of Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean," and considered the favorite stop on the cruise. Choose between an optional shore excursion to Santorini's islands and volcanoes or an optional shore excursion that takes you up to the





Island of Santorini

cliff-top village of Thera for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Trojan War & Mycenae Tour

Arrive in Athens this morning and travel back in time today to where Gods and Goddesses, ancient kings and pioneer Christians roamed. This full day included tour will take you to many ancient and modern wonders, including the theater of Epidaurus. Built in 6th century B.C. and world renowned for its remarkable acoustics, you can easily hear a coin drop from anywhere in the theater. Continue on to Mycenae, where you will see the tomb of Agamemnon, the King of Sparta and the Lion's Gate. This famed place was where the Trojan War began. Helen of Sparta fled with Paris of Troy creating the epic battle best known as the Trojan War. Leaving Mycenae, we journey to the modern wonder of the Corinth Canal, that separates the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf. Return to Athens later this afternoon. (B)

LEGEND: () = Included meal, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, DS = Dinner Show

Day 10: Athens / Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA. (B)



Mykonos

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1: TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ATHENS

- Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel for three nights

DAY 3: ATHENS CITY TOUR

- Breakfast at your hotel
- City tour of Athens, including Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Gate and new Parliament Buildings, Constitution Square and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Panathenaic Stadium
- Guided tour of the Parthenon
- Greek festive dinner show

DAY 4: DELPHI

- Full day optional tour of Delphi

DAY 5: ATHENS - CRUISE

- Port of Call - Mykonos
- Optional excursion: Mykononian Dinner

DAY 6: EPHEBUS & PATMOS

- Port of Calls - Patmos and Kusadasi/Ephesus
- Included A.M. excursion: Ancient Ephesus through the Ages
- Optional P.M. excursion: Countryside Tour with Chora & The Grotto of Apocalypse

DAY 7: RHODES

- Port of Call - Rhodes
- Included excursion: Medieval Tour - Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the knights

DAY 8: SANTORINI

- Port of Call - Santorini
- *Optional P.M. excursion: Spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera rim
- *Optional P.M. excursion: Santorini's Islands and Volcanoes

**choose one*

DAY 9: ATHENS

- Disembark ship
- Athens day at leisure

DAY 10: DEPARTURE DAY

- Transfer to the airport to fly home

Lindos, Rhodes



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