

GREECE

Featuring Greek Island Cruising



Three nights accommodations aboard the *Celystal Olympia*

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

2017 Departure Dates:

April 25; October 10, 24


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Life Enriching Experiences



Perched high atop the Acropolis, the Parthenon overlooks the city

The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 14 Meals (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Four nights in Athens
- ✓ Included panoramic city tour of Athens
- ✓ Tour of the Parthenon and Acropolis Museum with a local guide
- ✓ Three-night cruise of the Greek Islands with ports of call in Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Heraklion (Crete) and Santorini
- ✓ Included full-day tour of Delphi and the Temple of Apollo
- ✓ \$45 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Athens, Greece, a city with a history that dates back almost four millennia.

DAY TWO – Athens, Greece

Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to begin exploring this capital city. Your Tour Manager will be available to offer suggestions and assist with your sight-seeing plans.

DAY THREE – City Tour of Athens

The highlight of Athens is the Acropolis which stands tall, overlooking the city. During the panoramic tour you'll see the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Gate, new Parliament Buildings, Constitution Square and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A guided tour of the Parthenon (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and Acropolis Museum is included. Between the history and the view, you will stand in awe at these amazing ruins. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

DAY FOUR – Embark ship, Mykonos

This morning we'll transfer you to the port for Athens where your ship will be awaiting your arrival with a welcoming atmosphere of comfort and relaxation. After embarking, you'll have time to become acquainted with the vessel. From live shows, a disco and a casino to international cuisine, you'll find the ship an ideal haven and perfect base from which to enjoy the islands. The ship sets sail and lunch is served onboard as you ply the waters of the Aegean Sea. This evening's port of call is Mykonos - often called the "Jewel of the Aegean". It is the most popular of the Greek Islands and its well-preserved windmills, red-roofed churches and whitewashed buildings make the island a joy to behold. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner)*

DAY FIVE – Kusadasi, Turkey and Patmos, Greece

Shop to your heart's content among the colorful markets in the bazaar in Kusadasi. Or, join us for an optional excursion to Ephesus, one of the most fascinating archeological sites in the world. An ancient city that dates back to 2000 BC, Ephesus still



The Library of Celsus dominates the ruins in Ephesus, Turkey



Palace of Knossos, Heraklion, Crete

possesses a mystical atmosphere. See the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, and the theatre that could hold more than 24,000 people.

A majestic fortress monastery standing high atop the hill beckons us to the island of Patmos. The fortress is surrounded by dazzling whitewashed houses, grand sea captains' mansions and flowering courtyards. Spend time exploring the narrow streets and shops in Patmos or join an optional excursion to the Monastery and Cave of the Apocalypse (a UNESCO World Heritage site) where St. John wrote the Book of Revelations.

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

DAY SIX – Heraklion (Crete) and Santorini

Heraklion is the capital of Crete - the largest of the Greek islands, and the birthplace of Zeus - king of the ancient gods. Close by are the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the former seat of ancient Minoan culture. An optional excursion will be available to the Palace.

The island of Santorini, “Black Pearl of the Aegean,” is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. History and nature combine to make this one of the most unforgettable places in the world. The town of Thira, accessible by cable car or mule, is postcard perfect with its whitewashed houses, narrow streets, open air cafés and glittering boutiques that cling to the steep cliffs. Stroll through this charming town or join one of the optional excursions that will be offered. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

DAY SEVEN – Delphi

After breakfast onboard, your Greek Island cruise will come to an end but there is more of Greece to discover. After disembarking the ship, enjoy a full day tour to Delphi and the Temple of Apollo. Delphi (a UNESCO World Heritage site) is the second most popular archaeological site in Greece and considered to be the center of the world, the place where heaven and earth met. Recognized as the center of worship for the god of Apollo, son of Zeus, people today believe the “Oracle of Delphi” still creates a spiritual experience. You’ll see the Doric Temple of Apollo which was the home of Pythia, the priestess who channeled the spirit of the gods, predicting the future. The ancient wisdom “Know Thyself” and “Nothing in Excess”, were in-



scribed on the walls of the temple and are still meaningful today. The tour concludes at our hotel in Athens. (Breakfast)

DAY EIGHT – Athens

The day is left free for your independent sightseeing. Perhaps a return to the Pláka to visit one of the fascinating museums, or spending the day wandering through the lively markets and picturesque streets lined with shops. An optional tour to the Argolis region, the oldest continually inhabited city in Greece, will also be offered to provide a better understanding of the Greek Empire. See the Corinth Canal, a narrow passageway carved out of solid rock and the city of Mycenae, best known from Greek Mythology and its ruler King Agamemnon of *The Iliad* fame. See the Lion’s Gate, the imposing entrance to the city. The open-air theater of Epidaurus (a UNESCO World Heritage site) is known for its outstanding acoustics and is the best preserved in all of Greece. Today it is still used for live performances.

(Breakfast)

DAY NINE – Athens / USA

This morning, transfer to the Athens airport for your flight home. After cruising through the beautiful Greek Islands and exploring the ancient ruins of Greece, your holiday will come to an end but your memories will last a lifetime. (Breakfast)

Ports of Call subject to change based on weather conditions



Ruins of the Temple of Apollo, hidden amongst the mountains in Delphi

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Windmills and whitewashed buildings complement the island of Mykonos

| 2017 DEPARTURES | CATEGORY | PER PERSON TWIN | SINGLE ROOM ADD |
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| April 25 | Inside Cabin | \$1,499 | \$899 |
| | Outside Cabin | \$1,629 | \$999 |
| October 10, 24 | Inside Cabin | \$1,689 | \$1,139 |
| | Outside Cabin | \$1,799 | \$1,199 |

Please add \$115 per person for port charges. Taxes and ship are subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two and Three – Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel, Athens, Greece

Days Four through Six – Aboard the *Celystal Olympia* (subject to change)

Days Seven and Eight – Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel, Athens, Greece

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$149

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

