

GREECE & the AEGEAN

TOUR 6660/6661—15 days from Athens to Athens

Priced From \$2,849^{US}



PATMOS

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: Visits to Epidaurus theatre, Nauplia, Sparta, Mystra Byzantine citadel, Olympia, Delphi, Kalambaka, Meteora monasteries, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Heraklion

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

GUIDES: Local Guides for city sightseeing in Athens, Mycenae archaeological site; professional Tour Director while touring

■ Included shore excursions: Ephesus archaeological site, Lindos and the Temple of Athena, Santorini Oia village

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Peloponnese, Mount Parnassus, Arcadian Mountains, Corinth Canal, Rion-Antirion Bridge

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; cruise in fully air-conditioned inside cabins with private shower and toilet; supplement for outside cabins are listed under Dates & Prices; cruise ships, fare, and entertainment are described on this page

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

ATHENS Golden Age (F) or Acropolis Select (ST),
NAUPLIA Victoria (ST) or Rex (ST), **SPARTA** Maniatis (ST),
OLYMPIA Olympia Palace (F), **DELPHI** Apollonia (ST),
KALAMBAKA Antoniadis (ST)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 4 lunches (L); 7 dinners (D)

MyACCOUNT: Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.

Day 1, Sat. ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE. Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to start exploring the Greek capital. Later, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

Day 2, Sun. ATHENS. A day to relax and do just as you please. For instance, join an optional day cruise to the islands of Aegina, Hydra, and Poros. In the evening, free time to enjoy the lively atmosphere of the *tavernas* and nightclubs in the old

Plaka district with its narrow streets and sound of *bouzouki* music. (B)

Day 3, Mon. ATHENS-CORINTH-EPIDAUROS-NAUPLIA. Join the included guided tour of Athens, featuring the highlights of this ancient capital and a visit to the ACROPOLIS. Cross the Corinth Canal, then journey into the Argolis to stop in EPIDAUROS. Visit the OPEN-AIR-THEATRE, which can still seat 14,000 spectators, then head for the coast to Nauplia. (B)

CELESTYAL CRUISE LINES

ALL CRUISES INCLUDE:

Buffet breakfasts—open-air buffet lunches—multi-course dinners—Captain's welcome cocktail dinner—Greek Night dinner—resident band—casino shore excursions as per itinerary—drinks package



CELESTYAL OLYMPIA

Gross tons: 37,584; 9 decks; fully air-conditioned; swimming pool; gift shop; 724 staterooms with private facilities; fitness centre, sauna, and wellness centre. The *Celestyal Olympia* features various restaurants and dining areas, duty-free shop, and bars.

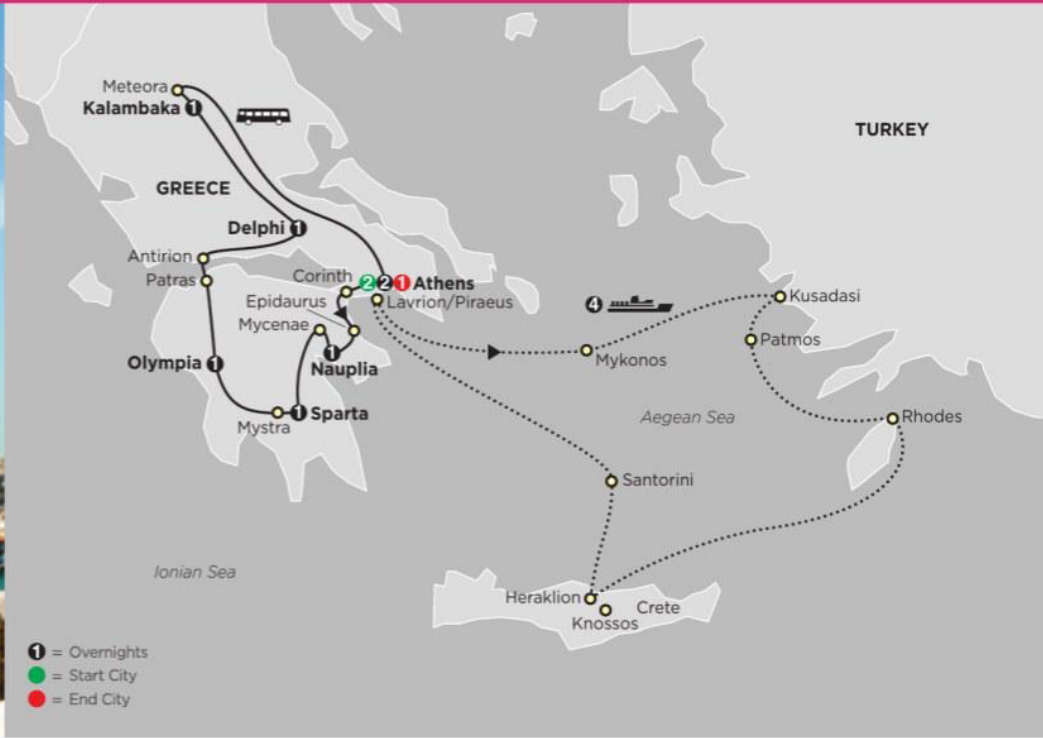


CELESTYAL CRYSTAL

Gross tons: 25,611; cruising speed: 21 knots; 9 decks; fully air-conditioned; jacuzzi; casino; boutique; beauty salon and spa; 1,278 passenger cabins with private facilities. The *Celestyal Crystal* features various restaurants and dining areas, a large double-tiered show lounge, a large number of bars, indoor pool and outdoor pool with retractable glass cover, beauty salon, and large duty-free shop area.



MYKONOS



Day 4, Tue. NAUPLIA-MYCENAE-SPARTA. This morning, enjoy the included guided excursion to the ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE and MUSEUM OF MYCENAE, a city fortress cursed by the gods but rich in gold and warrior kings. Travel into the Peloponnese to Sparta. (B,D)

Day 5, Wed. SPARTA-MYSTRA-OLYMPIA. Enjoy the included sightseeing of the medieval BYZANTINE CITADEL OF MYSTRA, at one time known as the "Florence of the East." Continue to Olympia. (B,D)

Day 6, Thu. OLYMPIA-PATRAS-DELPHI. Focus on Olympia, where the athletes of antiquity performed in honour of the king of deities. Spend free time in this pretty town, or learn more about the history of the Olympic Games on the optional sightseeing tour. Later, drive north towards Patras, the capital of the Peloponnese and the west coast's largest port. Then, head through picturesque fishing villages along the south coast of the mainland to mystical Delphi, crossing the spectacular RION-ANTIRION BRIDGE. (B)

Day 7, Fri. DELPHI-KALAMBAKA. Free time in the town or optional morning sightseeing of the archaeological site of Delphi. On to Kalambaka. (B,D)

Day 8, Sat. KALAMBAKA-METEORA-ATHENS. A short drive to Meteora, a cluster of Christian-Orthodox MONASTIC BUILDINGS perched in an unforgettable manner on a set of rising rock formations. Your included visit is certainly the day's highlight. Continue south to Athens. (B)

Day 9, Sun. ATHENS. A full day at leisure to explore the unseen parts of the city, or maybe join an optional excursion. (B)

Day 10, Mon. ATHENS-LAVRION/PIRAEUS (EMBARKATION)-MYKONOS. Early morning embarkation and an afternoon spent cruising in the Aegean. Evening arrival in Mykonos, a granite island and the

most typical of the Cyclades. Its white and blue houses, windmills, and chapels seem to make the island's light even more translucent. Spend some time visiting a *taverna* or just wandering around the town, enjoying its timeless beauty. (B,L,D)

Day 11, Tue. KUSADASI, TURKEY & PATMOS, GREECE. Two ports of call today. First, Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. An included morning excursion takes you to the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Next, discover the tiny Greek island of Patmos, where St. John the Divine wrote *Revelation*. The 11th-century monastery with its valuable manuscript collection is well worth a visit. (B,L,D)

Day 12, Wed. RHODES. Dock in Rhodes, largest of the Dodecanese Islands and site of the *Colossus of Rhodes*, a 105-foot statue destroyed by an earthquake in 224 BC. Explore the sites in the historic Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Another possibility: join an included excursion to Lindos and the fabulous Temple of *Athena*. And if sightseeing is not your thing, Rhodes' sun-drenched beaches

and colourful shopping districts are within easy walking distance of the port. Depart from Rhodes around time dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 13, Thu. CRETE & SANTORINI. Morning at Heraklion on the island of Crete. A few miles away is Knossos, the centre of the 3000 BC Minoan civilisation; an optional excursion can be booked. Next port of call (weather permitting) is Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." The included shore excursion here takes you up to the cliff-top village of Oia for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B,L,D)

Day 14, Fri. LAVRION/PIRAEUS (DISEMBARKATION)-ATHENS. Early morning arrival in Lavrion/Piraeus; drive to Athens. Time to relax, visit a museum, or to do some last-minute shopping. (B)

Day 15, Sat. ATHENS. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

■ *Port taxes \$176 and gratuities \$40 to the service personnel on board are included in the Cosmos price.*

TOUR 6660/6661 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start Athens	End Athens	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Athens	End Athens	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Athens	End Athens	Land Only	
0421	Sat 21 Apr	Sat 05 May	2889	0609	Sat 09 Jun	Sat 23 Jun	2989	0901	Sat 01 Sep	Sat 15 Sep	3019	
0428	Sat 28 Apr	Sat 12 May	2989	0616	Sat 16 Jun	Sat 30 Jun	2989	0908	Sat 08 Sep	Sat 22 Sep	3019	
0505	Sat 05 May	Sat 19 May	2989	0623	Sat 23 Jun	Sat 07 Jul	2989	0915	Sat 15 Sep	Sat 29 Sep	3019	
0512	Sat 12 May	Sat 26 May	2989	0707	Sat 07 Jul	Sat 21 Jul	2939	0922	Sat 22 Sep	Sat 06 Oct	3019	
0519	Sat 19 May	Sat 02 Jun	2989	0721	Sat 21 Jul	Sat 04 Aug	2939	0929	Sat 29 Sep	Sat 13 Oct	2849	
0526	Sat 26 May	Sat 09 Jun	2989	0804	Sat 04 Aug	Sat 18 Aug	2939	1006	Sat 06 Oct	Sat 20 Oct	2849	
0602	Sat 02 Jun	Sat 16 Jun	2989	0818	Sat 18 Aug	Sat 01 Sep	2939					

The above prices of Tour 6660 are per person in twin inside cabins. Guaranteed shares (not available on Tour 6661): see page 5. Upgrade per person to outside cabin Tour 6661: \$240 Supplement for single room on land and single occupancy of inside or outside cabin on Greek cruise (Tour 6660/6661): \$825 Reduction for triple room on land and triple occupancy of inside or outside cabin on Greek cruise (Tour 6660/6661): \$40

Combination guaranteed shares on land and triple cabin on Greek cruise not available. Extra nights per person in Athens: in single room \$132, in twin / in triple \$78