


ITALY & GREECE

TOUR 6480—12 days from Rome to Athens

TOUR 6485/6—16 days from Rome to Athens

Priced From **\$1,979**^{US}

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: See Pisa's Leaning Tower, Verona's *Juliet's* balcony, Venice canal boat ride, Ravenna byzantine mosaics, visit Olympia, Corinth Canal
■ 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 Rome, Florence, Mycenae, Athens; professional Tour Director while touring

■ Included shore excursions (available on Tour 6485/6486): Ephesus archaeological site, Knossos Minoan palace, Santorini Oia village

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; canal transfer boat in Venice; ferry Ancona-Patras in 2-berth cabins with private shower and toilet; Cruise extension (Tour 6485/86) in cabins with private shower and toilet; supplement for cabin upgrades are listed under Dates & Prices; all port taxes are included; cruise ships, fare, drinks, excursions, and entertainment are described on page 150

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

ROME NH Villa Carpegna (F), **FLORENCE AREA** Villa Gabriele d'Annunzio (ST), **VENICE AREA** Antony Palace (F) at Marcon or Poppi (ST) at Mira, **OLYMPIA** Olympia Palace (F), **NAUPLIA** Rex (ST), **ATHENS** Acropolis Select (ST); **CRUISE EXTENSION:** *Celestial Olympia* or *Celestial Crystal*

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 4 dinners (D), including dinner at a local restaurant in Nauplia

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



VENICE

Day 1, Mon. ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY.

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Italy's ancient capital. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

Day 2, Tue. ROME. The "Eternal City" is steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! Included sightseeing with a Local Guide starts with St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Other highlights are the iconic Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre ever built; the Roman Forum; Piazza Venezia, and Campidoglio. An optional visit is available to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, world famous for Michelangelo's impressive fresco of *The Last Judgment*. (B)

Day 3, Wed. ROME-PISA-FLORENCE

AREA. Vistas of rolling hills, cypress trees, vineyards, olive groves, and rural villages form the backdrop of your journey through beautiful Tuscany. Stop in Pisa to see the Square of Miracles and the amazing Leaning Tower, then on to the Florence area. End the day by joining the optional Tuscan dinner in a typical restaurant. (B)

Day 4, Thu. FLORENCE. This Renaissance gem and city of the Medicis will keep you enthralled the entire day. Don't miss out on the included walking tour with a Local Guide, which features most of the city highlights. You will see Piazza Santa Croce; beautiful Piazza Signoria; Palazzo Vecchio



ATHENS



and its courtyard; Loggia dei Lanzi; and, to top it all, Piazza del Duomo and its cathedral with the Giotto Campanile. (B,D)

Day 5, Fri. FLORENCE AREA-VERONA- VENICE AREA. Journey north to enchanting Verona to see the legendary balcony from *Romeo and Juliet* and spend some time at leisure strolling around Market Square. Continue to the Venice area. (B)

Day 6, Sat. VENICE. Venice is more like a marvellous film set than a real-life city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces, and quiet little *piazze*. Take a BOAT RIDE to St. Mark's Square and enjoy time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian GLASSBLOWERS at work. Don't miss out on the optional gondola trip, gliding along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. (B,D)

Day 7, Sun. VENICE AREA-RAVENNA- ANCONA (EMBARKATION)-OVERNIGHT FERRY CROSSING TO PATRAS, GREECE. Travel across the flatlands of the Po Delta to medieval Ravenna, where you will admire some of its unique byzantine MOSAICS, listed by UNESCO. Next, reach Ancona on the shores of the Adriatic, to embark on the FERRY for the crossing to Patras. (B)

Day 8, Mon. PATRAS (DISEMBARKATION)- OLYMPIA. During the crossing, enjoy all the ship's facilities. Disembark in Patras and drive south into the Peloponnese to Olympia. (B,D)

Day 9, Tue. OLYMPIA-NAUPLIA. Time at leisure, or make the most of this morning by taking the optional tour of the sites of ancient Olympia, including the ruins of the Temple of *Zeus*. In the afternoon, enjoy the rugged scenery of the Peloponnese on the way to Nauplia. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 10, Wed. NAUPLIA-MYCENAE-ATHENS. Morning visit with a Local Guide to the impressive ruins of MYCENAE, an ancient city indissolubly linked to the Homeric epics. Later, stop to view the Corinth Canal, which was built between 1881 and 1893. Tonight, maybe join an optional Greek dinner. (B)

Day 11, Thu. ATHENS. Join the included sightseeing tour of Athens, featuring the highlights of the ancient capital and a visit to the ACROPOLIS. Explore the shops and museums or take a trip to the coast to swim. In the evening, enjoy the lively atmosphere of the *tavernas* in the old Plaka district with its narrow streets and sound of *bouzouki* music. (B)

Day 12, Fri. ATHENS. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

■ Security cruise regulations require clients' passport information and nationality at time of booking.

ADD A CRUISE TO YOUR TRIP

TOUR 6485/6486—16 days



Days 1 to 11, Mon. to Thu. Like Tour 6480.

Day 12, Fri. ATHENS-LAVRION/PIRAEUS (EMBARKATION)-MYKONOS. Board your cruise ship (see page 150). Afternoon cruising in the Aegean on your way to Mykonos with its white houses, chapels, and windmills. Late-evening departure for Kusadasi, Turkey. (B,L,D)

Day 13, Sat. KUSADASI, TURKEY-PATMOS, GREECE. Two ports of call today. First, Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. An included excursion is available to the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Next, discover the tiny Greek island of Patmos, where St. John the Divine wrote the *Book of Revelation*. The 11th-century monastery with its valuable manuscript collection is well worth a visit. (B,L,D)

Day 14, Sun. HERAKLION-SANTORINI.

First port of call today is Heraklion on Crete. A few miles away, visit Knossos, the centre of the 3000 BC Minoan civilisation, on the included excursion. Afternoon call (weather permitting) at Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." The included shore excursion takes you up to the cliff-top village of Oia for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B,L,D)

Day 15, Mon. LAVRION/PIRAEUS, GREECE (DISEMBARKATION)-ATHENS. Early morning arrival at the famous port of Lavrion/Piraeus. After disembarkation, continue to Athens for an overnight. (B)

Day 16, Tue. ATHENS. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

■ Port taxes \$138 and gratuities \$30 to the service personnel on board and drink package are included in the Cosmos price.

TOURS 6480, 6485 & 6486 DATES & PRICES

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		Tour 6480				Tour 6485/6						Tour 6480				Tour 6485/6							
Departure Number	Start	End	Land	End	Land	Departure Number	Start	End	Land	End	Land	Departure Number	Start	End	Land	End	Land	Departure Number	Start	End	Land	End	Land
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0402	Mon 02 Apr	13 Apr	2019	17 Apr	3239	0702	Mon 02 Jul	13 Jul	2069	17 Jul	3329	0903	Mon 03 Sep	14 Sep	2089	18 Sep	3289						
0409	Mon 09 Apr	20 Apr	2019	24 Apr	3239	0709	Mon 09 Jul	20 Jul	2069	24 Jul	3329	0910	Mon 10 Sep	21 Sep	2089	25 Sep	3289						
0507	Mon 07 May	18 May	2089	22 May	3289	0723	Mon 23 Jul	03 Aug	2069	07 Aug	3329	0917	Mon 17 Sep	28 Sep	2059	02 Oct	3289						
0514	Mon 14 May	25 May	2089	29 May	3289	0806	Mon 06 Aug	17 Aug	2069	21 Aug	3329	0924	Mon 24 Sep	05 Oct	2059	09 Oct	3289						
0528	Mon 28 May	08 Jun	2089	12 Jun	3289	0813	Mon 13 Aug	24 Aug	2069	28 Aug	3329	1001	Mon 01 Oct	12 Oct	2009	16 Oct	3199						
0604	Mon 04 Jun	15 Jun	2089	19 Jun	3289	0820	Mon 20 Aug	31 Aug	2069	04 Sep	3329	1008	Mon 08 Oct	19 Oct	1979	23 Oct	3129						
0611	Mon 11 Jun	22 Jun	2089	26 Jun	3289	0827	Mon 27 Aug	07 Sep	2089	11 Sep	3289												

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. No triple room reduction.

The above prices of Tour 6485 are per person in twin inside cabins. Guaranteed shares (not available on Tour 6486): see page 5. Upgrade per person to outside cabin Tour 6486: \$200 Supplement for single room on land Tour 6480: \$630 Supplement for single room on land and single occupancy of inside or outside cabin on Greek cruise (Tour 6485/6486): \$850

Reduction for triple room on land and triple occupancy of inside or outside cabin on Greek cruise (Tour 6485/6486): \$30 Combination guaranteed shares on land and triple cabin on Greek cruise not available.

Extra nights per person in Rome: in single room \$126-\$230, in twin / in triple \$83-\$128

Extra nights per person in Athens: in single room \$100, in twin / in triple \$69