

TURKEY -GREECE with AEGEAN CRUISE 4DAYS3NIGHTS
October 12-29, 2024 (18DAYS16NIGHTS)
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OCT122024/ Day 1: Manila— Istanbul Meals on Board

Group assemble at NAIA Terminal at **2AM-OCT5** for final debriefing, airline check -in, immigration checking and final boarding. Flight is to depart at **7:40AM OCT 05, 2024**

OCT122024/Day 2: Istanbul (L/D)

Arrival at Istanbul Ataturk Airport in the afternoon. Meet and transfer to the hotel and rest. Dinner at a local restaurant. Over-night in Istanbul.

OCT132024/Day 3: Istanbul (B/L/D)

After breakfast proceed to "Old City". Visit Hippodrome, center of sporty (chariot races, athletics) events and political activities of the old city. Obelisk of Theodosius, Serpentine Column and German Fountain of Wilhelm II are the monuments decorating Hippo-drome. Hagia Sophia, now called the Ayasofya Museum. Built by Constantine the Great, it was reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century and is unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. After lunch visit the aromatic Spice Bazaar, where the smells of cinnamon, cloves and thyme, rise from hundreds of colourful muslin bags at every store-front.. After sea food lunch, embark on a scenic tour of the Bosphorus, the natural waterway that divides Asia from Europe, passing palaces, castles, palatial homes, and the two magnificent suspension bridges. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Istanbul.

OCT142024/ Day 4: ISTANBUL – BOLU (B/L/D)

After breakfast check-out from the hotel. Visit Dolmabahce Palace, the last residence for Ottoman Sultans with 365 rooms and 22 saloons. Famous with the great collection of European antique-ty, furniture and 4,5 tons chandelier.. Lunch at a sea food restau-rant. After lunch drive to Bolu for dinner and overnight.

OCT152024/Day 5: BOLU – CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

Further on, we come to Cappadocia, which reminds the visitor of a village out of Grimm's Fairy Tales. Photo stop at Uchisar Castle, where you can capture a panoramic view of the beautiful plateau. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

OCT162024/Day 6: CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

After breakfast full day tour through the many valleys and conical cliffs, with whole cities hewed from these rocks cliffs. Included is the Goreme Valley, Ozkonak Underground City, Valley of the Birds. Then visit Avanos Village followed by the famous local pottery and carpet shows allowing ample time for shopping. Overnight in Cap-padocia.

OCT172024/ Day 7: CAPPADOCIA - PAMUKKALE (B/L/D)

After breakfast we will drive to Psidian Antioch (Yalvac) where St. Paul opened Christianity to the world. Yalvac's history goes back to 280 B.C. During St. Paul's time the population was a mixture of Jews, Romans and Greeks. Very little is left of Psidian Antioch to-day. There is the propylaea of the acropolis with a number of carved stones and the

remains of a Byzantine church. Than drive to Pamukkale.. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

OCT182024/ Day 8 PAMUKKALE - SARDIS - KUSADASI (B/L/D)

In the morning visit the Antique City of Hierapolis where Calcare-ous hot springs descending over cliff shave created fascinating travertines in the form of white terrace and basins. Then stop at Laodicea where we find here two Theaters, a large Stadium, a Water Tower and an Odeon. The city is named by Antiochus II in honor of his wife, Laodicea. St. Paul wrote a letter to the church here (Acts:4:16). Drive to Alasehir. Visit Philadelphia which was an important Christian centre during Byzantine times. Then proceed to Sardis whose history dates back to 12th century B.C. Sardis felt the influence of Christianity very early and was included in the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. During the Byzantine times it was the seat of a bishopric. Highlights will be a Synagogue, Gymnasium, Byzantine Church and the Temple of Artemis. Drive to Kusa-dasi.. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

OCT192024/ Day 9: KUSADASI - EPHESUS – KUSADASI (B/L/D)

In the morning drive to Selcuk Town and stop at Leather Outlet on the way, see leather fashion show and shopping time,. Then visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus, one of the world's finest ar-chaecological sites. Highlights include the Library of Celcius, the Temple of Hadrian, the Fountain of Trajan and the Theatre. After-noon visit the Basilica of St John "the Evangelist" who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel in Ephesus. We will also stop by the House of Virgin Mary (on top of Mt Coressos). She was believed to have spent her last years in this area. On 18 August 1961, Pope John XXII proclaimed this place to be sacred. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

OCT202024 / Day 10: KUSADASI - PERGAMON – KUSADASI

(B/L/D)

In the morning drive to Izmir and visit one of the Churches of Rev-elation in Izmir (Symra). Then drive to Thyteria to see the remains of the church. This was one of the principle towns where Christian-ity spread quickly. Proceed to Pergamon. Among the impressive structures of this city, dating from 399 B.C., we will see the Altar of Zeus, Temple of Dionysus and the 200,000 volume library which was surpassed only by that found in Alexandria at the time. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

OCT212024 / Day 11: KUSADASI / PATMOS (B/L/D)

Following breakfast, transfer to Kusadasi Port for embark on your 3 days Aegean Legends sea Cruise. Patmos, Take the included Religious tour to St. John's Monastery and Grotto of the Apocalypse. The Holy island where St. John wrote The Revelation, known as Jerusalem of the Aegean Sea. In the Grotto you will see the triple fissure in the wall of the

DAY	PORTS	ARR	DEPT
Tuesday	KUSADASI, Turkey	07:30	13:00
Tuesday	PATMOS, Greece	17:45	21:30
Wednesday	RHODES, Greece	07:00	18:00
Thursday	CRETE, Greece	07:00	12:00
Thursday	SANTORINI, Greece	16:30	21:30
Friday	ATHENS, Greece	07:00	

cave, from where St. John heard God dic-tating to him the Apocalypse. In the evening, enjoy the live on board entertainment or try your luck in the casino. Overnight on board .

NOTE: SEQUENCE OF THE CRUISE CAN NOT BE CHANGED.
OCT222024 / Day 12: RHODES (B/L/D)

Rhodes: Take the included Medieval tour – Acropolis of Lindos and Citadel of the Knights (RHO-01). Lindos is situated 55 km (40 miles) from the city of Rhodes and "bears" above it the Acropolis of Lindos, with the ancient Temple of Athena, built in 300 B.C. Here and there you will come across the captains' mansions, built be-tween the 16th and 18th century. In the centre of the village lives and breathes the Church of the Virgin Mary (Panagia) of Lindos, with frescoes from the 15th century. Ascend to the Acropolis of Lindos. Here lies the Temple of Athena, of Doric order, which was erected on the location of an older monument. The ancient city-state of Lindos was for many centuries the most important on the island. It reached its heyday in the 6th century B.C. At the old city of Rhodes, you will go through D'Amboise Gate to walk on the Street of the Knights. Along this street you will find the residences of the Knights, separated according to Order, which bear until today their corresponding crests. In the evening, enjoy the live on-board enter-tainment or try your luck in the casino. Overnight on board..

OCT232024 / Day 13: CRETE (HERAKLION) & SANTORINI (B/L/D)

Heraklion, the capital of Crete., take the included tour Minoan Palace of Knossos - 1st European Civilization (HER-02). Visit the fan-tastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. The elaborate palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos (Minotaur leg-end) and the seat of the Minoan civilization. Santorini: at leisure on the island of Santorini which was formed by the eruption of the volcano in 1600 BC. In the evening, enjoy the live on-board entertainment or try your luck in the casino. Overnight on board.

OCT242024 / Day 14: CRUISE ARRIVAL – CORINTH - ATHENS

(B/L/D)

Breakfast on board, disembark. Meet at the Athens port of Piraeus and with an official English Speaking Guide proceed on your Half Day Corinth Tour. Drive west, along the coastal highway, the Apollo coast and stop to see the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and the Ionian Seas. Continue to and visit Ancient Corinth. See the Bema, the Temple of Apollo, the remains of the Agora, and Pyrene Fountain. Pass by the port of Cencreaes from where St. Paul de-parted on his journey. Lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Ath-ens, free time at own leisure for shopping in Plaka area and Syntag-ma Square (Coach & English Speaking Assistant Service Included). In the evening, transfer for dinner to the local restaurant. After dinner transfer back and overnight in Athens Hotel.

OCT252024Day15: ATHENS – KALAMBAKA (B/L/D)

Breakfast in the hotel. Then proceed on your Half Day City Tour. See Syntagma Square, the House of Parliament and the Tomb to the Unknown Soldier, guarded by the Evzones in their traditional cos-tume. See the Athens Academy, the University and the National Library. Stop at the Panathenaic Olympic stadium, (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896). Pass by the archaeological site of the Temple of the Olympian Zeus and Hadri-an's Arch. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the

harmony between material and spirit", the Parthenon. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then leave Athens for an interesting trip through central Greece to Kalambaka, the town nestling on the foot of Meteora.. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka Hotel

OCT262024/Day 16: KALAMBAKA (METEORA) (B/L/D)

Breakfast in the hotel. Visit Meteora with its impressive scenery, visit 2 monasteries, suspended between earth and sky. The monasteries are perched on top of towers of sandstone, which for centuries provided totally inaccessible retreats for the monks. Inside the Byzantine Monasteries see priceless historical and religious treasures.. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka Hotel.

OCT272024 /Day 17: KALAMBAKA (METEORA) – THESSALONIKI

(B/L/D)

Breakfast in the hotel. Continue to Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece. See the White Tower, (the symbol of the city), Upper City, Citadel, Byzantine Walls, Roman Agora. See the Church of St. Dimitrios, Arch of Galerius, and Rotunda. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki Hotel

OCT282024 / Day 18: THESSALONIKI – ISTANBUL - MANILA (B/L)

Departure (B) Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Thessaloniki airport and take the flight to Doha at 12:30. And Connection flight to Manila

OCT292024/DAY 19 : MANILA (Inflight Meals)
Arrive Manila

RATE: USD 5,115.00/pax
25 PASSENGERS TO RUN THIS TOUR

INCLUSIONS:

- ❖ Round-trip International Airline Ticket **EMIRATES AIRLINES**
- ❖ 13 nights hotel accommodation at below mentioned hotels or similar
- ❖ 3 nights 4 days Iconic Aegean cruise – XA Outside Cabins;
- ❖ **FULL BOARD MEALS**
- ❖ Port taxes of the Cruise
- ❖ Shore excursions on the cruise indicated in the itinerary (operated by cruise)
- ❖ *Patmos: Religious visit to Saint John's Monastery & Grotto of the Apocalypse (PAT-01) Heraklion: Minoan Palace of Knossos (HER-02) Santorini: The Caldera (SAN-03) Rhodes : (RHO-04)*
- ❖ English Speaking Tour-guide EXCEPT on CRUISE
- ❖ Private air-conditioned deluxe coach with WIFI
- ❖ Entrance fees
- ❖ 1 bottle mineral water daily in the bus
- ❖ Travel Insurance (0—75 years old)
- ❖ Travel Kits and Pre -departure briefing

EXCLUSIONS:

- Hot Air Balloon (**270.00USD**)
- Airline Taxes (**119.00 USD/PAX**)
- Tipping for guide and Driver (**180.00USD**)
- Over-age Travel Insurance Surcharge (76 years old & above)
- Personal expenses
- Domestic Air Tickets (Philippine Domestic Ticket)

- Visa Fee and Processing:
GREECE – P 11,500.00
TURKEY – P 4,000.00

VISA REQUIREMENTS – PLEASE REFER TO TLC DOCUMENTATIONS

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

- Passport with 6mos prior to Expiry
- COVID-19 Vaccine Card / Yellow Fever

FLIGHT DETAILS

- 1 EK 337 12OCT 6 MNLDXB 0740 1210
- 2 EK 121 12OCT 6 DXBIST 1420 1755
- 3 EK 210 28OCT 1 ATHDXB 1705 2340
- 4 EK 332 29OCT 2 DXBMNL 0340 1555

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

1. A non-refundable deposit (if visa is granted) of \$1,000.00 is required upon submission of documents and visa payments
2. 50% DOWN-PAYMENT for the whole package **on AUG 04,2024** or before 60 DAYS BEFORE TRAVEL DATE
3. FULL-PAYMENT is ON or before **SEPT.10, 2024**
4. CANCELLATION FEE: 50% of tour cost if cancelled within 3 weeks before the departure.

RATES, TOUR PROGRAMS & SCHEDULES are subject to change if conditions so demand. TLC Travel and Tours, reserves the right to postpone the departure if participants fall below the time. Tour fare is based on group departure therefore, non-endorsable, non re routable, with refunds, if any, is subject to cancellation and charges.



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