# GREECE & CROATIA ATHENS TO VENICE



Enjoy the jewels of the Adriatic on this voyage! Depart the busy, buzzy capital for a day in Nafplion, possibly the country's most romantic island. Then, enjoy a taste of the good life in Crete, Cephalonia and Corfu. Travel back to the past in the "Pearl of the Adriatic", Kotor, where millennia old history meets scenic splendour. Croatia's Mediterranean fantasy is last – by way of Dubrovnik, Split, and Rovinj.



**DATE: 2023** - JUL 17

**DURATION:** 17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS

EMBARK: ATHENS, GREECE (Piraeus)

DISEMBARK: VENICE, ITALY

SHIP: Silver Spirit

**FROM:** \$11,000

All Inclusive - Contact us for current rates

#### **ITINERARY**

Plan to arrive in Athens at least one day early to avoid problems related to international air travel, and see more of Athens and Greece.



# DAY 1 - ATHENS, GREECE - EMBARKATION IN PIRAEUS

A city of legend, civilization and enduring culture, Athens is a majestic and magical urban sprawl. The majestic ancient citadel of the Acropolis dominates an elevated platform and is a constant presence as you explore the city.

#### DAY 2 – SANTORINI, GREECE

Breathlessly romantic, and incredibly scenic, the azure domes and whitewash buildings that cascade down Santorini's slopes are prime honeymoon material - and relentlessly romantic. A true gem of the Cycladic island group, Santorini is startlingly pretty, and its white windmills and dazzling villages are incredibly easy on the eye.



## **DAY 3 - AGHIOS NIKOLAOS, CRETE**

Set on the east of the Greek island Crete, Aghios Nikolaos is a place of legend and luxury. Pastel-colored houses jostle attractively around the pretty harbor and inky lake, while busy restaurants and cafes spill out onto its lively waterfront.

#### **DAY 4 - RHODES, GREECE**

With an endless sun-soaked season, earthy history and vibrant culture, the island of Rhodes has it all. At the crossroads between continents, and sandwiched between Crete and Turkey's coastline, Rhodes has swayed between many mighty civilizations throughout its tumultuous history.

## **DAY 5 - KUSADASI, TURKEY**

Explore the towering columns, and storied remains of Ephesus - one of the most spectacular cities left by the Ancient Greeks. Kusadasi welcomes you to the Turkish coastline and is your base for exploring these majestic remains, which sit just 10 miles inland from the port. The Ephesus UNESCO World Heritage Site is a true archaeological gold mine, and an amazingly well-preserved site - once home to 150,000 people.

#### **DAY 6 - PATMOS, GREECE**

The seahorse-shaped Patmos is a Greek island of stunning seascapes and immense cultural significance. Rising from the Aegean Sea, Christians embark on pilgrim-ages here from all across the world, seeking out the small hillside cave, said to be the location where St. John penned the Book of Revelations, in AD 95.

#### **DAY 7 - MYKONOS, GREECE**

Indulge in idyllic island life, as you take your fill of su-perb foods and wines, and soak in endless views of sweeping turquoise seascapes and pretty whitewash buildings. Mykonos has managed to retain the endur-ing, exclusive allure that first drew celebrities like Brigit-te Bardot to its star-studded shores. True to its roots,



#### **DAY 8 - PIRAEUS - ATHENS**

Enjoy an included, or select optional tours in Athens and surrounding areas.

#### **DAY 9 - NAFPLION, GREECE**

Greece's first capital remains the escape of choice for Athenians, who weekend here to indulge in the town's

gorgeous seaside setting. One of the country's most romantic towns, the warm color palette and tempting, island-sprinkled waters, pull on plenty of heartstrings. With perfect beaches, crystal clear waters for swimming, and evocative fortress-capped mountains, Nafplion is a sun-soaked Greek beauty.

#### **DAY 10 - SOUDA BAY, CRETE**

Enter Souda Bay and explore the sun-soaked charms of this fascinating land of legends, landscapes and luxuries. Packed with beautiful beaches and rich maritime history, Souda Bay's huge natural harbor is a spectacular entrance.

# DAY 11 - ARGOSTOLI (CEPHALONIA), GREECE

Cephalonia is a heavenly mirage of idyllic beaches. Wander the shorefront of Argostoli - along the bustling harbor. Take a long, undisturbed swim in the warm waters, surrounded by flashing fish life and huge, loosely scattered rocks. A refreshing tossed Greek salad awaits on the shore.

#### DAY 12 - CORFU, GREECE

This sickle-shaped island of Mediterranean bliss flaunts its sun-kissed sophistication with effortless grace - having cherry-picked the best influences from Venetian, French and British occupiers. With over 3,000 years of history,



# **DAY 13 - KOTOR, MONTENEGRO**

Embedded into the slopes of the steep Lovćen mountain, and overlooking the deep blue Adriatic, the fortified town of Kotor boasts a spectacular, imposing staging that few can match. Squeezing in through the tight Bay of Kotor is a daunting and impressive approach in itself, as you arrive via the waterway of Europe's most southerly fjord.

# DAY 14 - DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Croatia's crowning glory rears up vertically from the tranquil waters of the Adriatic, and Dubrovnik's daunting fortresses town is a truly imposing sight to behold. The stone streets of the city take you through a beautiful mosaic of architectural splendor, baroque churches and splashing fountains. Tapering alleys rocket up from the

central boulevard of Stradun, offering spectacular views down, but you'll need to walk the city walls to appreciate the fortress city's full scale.



#### **DAY 15 - SPLIT, CROATIA**

Bathing in the Dalmatian Coast's generous sunshine, and overlooking sparkling, island-studded waters, Split is a city of romantic beauty, built around an extraordinary still beating - historical heart. With a natural backdrop of dramatic limestone mountains, and Croatia's trademark scenic wonders all around, Split is a true heavyweight of the Adriatic. To enter Split's Diocletian's Palace is to step into a beautiful time warp.

# DAY 16 - ROVINJ, CROATIA

Feel the strong Italian influence as soon as you step into this city, known as Croatia's 'Little Venice'. A gorgeous artwork of a port, you can revel in seafront promenade strolls, waterside drinks, and the tangled beauty of an immensely atmospheric old town. Nearby, islands sparkle and beaches call out, while working fishing boats add authentic everyday charm.

# **DAY 17- VENICE, ITALY**

Losing none of its allure over the years, this floating city of canals, bridges and masks is a place of eternal beauty and enduring elegance. Spend more time here, or other parts of Italy.

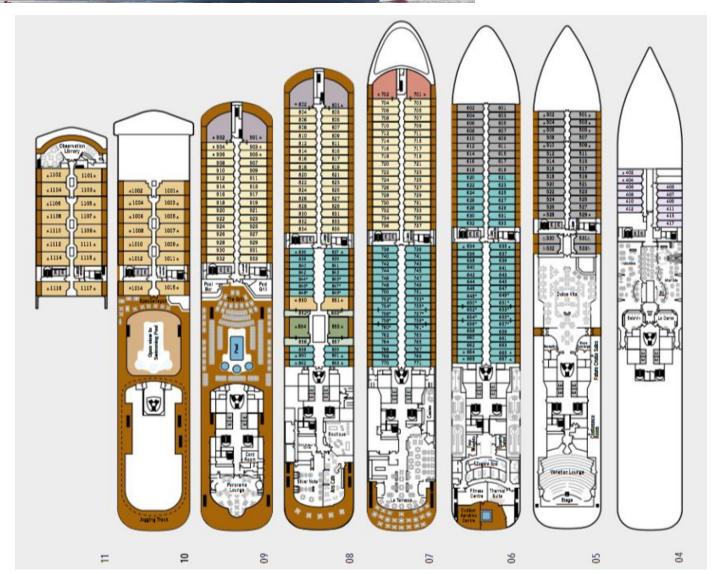




#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

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