

GREECE, TURKEY & CROATIA ATHENS TO VENICE



This eastern European odyssey is the cruise that you have been waiting for! Bookended by Athens, you'll sail from the whitewashed cobble streets of Crete to Turkey's unique fusion of history and heritage. After an overnight in Istanbul, it's mamma mia time and back to Greece for some serious island hopping. From the windmills of Mykonos to the fiery sunsets and blue domes of Santorini, you'll take in iconic islands each more beautiful than the last.



DATE: 2023 – APR 10

DURATION: 23 DAYS/22 NIGHTS

EMBARK: ATHENS, GREECE (Piraeus)

DISSEMBARK: VENICE, ITALY

SHIP: Silver Spirit

FROM: \$15,400

All Inclusive - Contact us for current rates

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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 – 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 3 - 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 4 - MARMARIS, TURKEY

Marmaris boasts beachside buzz and reams of ancient history. The city itself is a lively affair, with a scenic old town that hums with holidaymakers. Head into the city, to explore a tight-knit knot of streets where drinks are shared and music blares.

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 – DIKILI (IZIMIR), TURKEY

Arrival in Dikili is like arriving in an Aegean postcard. Not only does it boast blue flag beaches, limpid turquoise seas and healing waters (the town's thermal springs are world famous), but a good deal of historical texture as well. This will come as great news for history fans.

DAYS 7-8 – ISTANBUL, TURKEY

A chaotic, colossal collision of east and west – start your day in Europe and end it in Asia, all without breaking a sweat. An army of narrow minarets puncture the skyline,

while the soaring towers of palaces and labyrinths of bazaars - where bargains are the reward for brave hagglers - fill up this dynamic city of 15 million people. With a rich portfolio of Byzantine and Ottoman architecture, Istanbul enjoys one of the world's most dynamic skylines and has an intense, infectious energy.

DAY 9 – AT SEA - DARDANELLES

DAY 10 – THESSALONIKI, GREECE

Thessaloniki has seen the rise and fall of many civilizations: Macedonian, Hellenic, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and that of the Jews and the modern Greeks. Each of its successive conquerors has plundered, razed, and buried much of what went before.

DAY 11 - MYKONOS, GREECE

Indulge in idyllic island life, as you take your fill of superb foods and wines, and soak in endless views of sweeping turquoise seascapes and pretty whitewash buildings.



DAY 12 - PIRAEUS - ATHENS

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

DAY 13 - 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 14 - 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 15 - 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. With perfect beaches, crystal clear waters for swimming, and evocative fortress-capped mountains, Nafplion is a sun-soaked Greek beauty.

DAY 16 – 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 17 – 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 18 - 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 19 – BARI, ITALY

Bari is a historic port town that invites you on a journey through everyday life in Italy's unpretentious south.

DAY 20 – 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 21 – 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 22 – 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 23- VENICE, ITALY - DISEMBARKATION

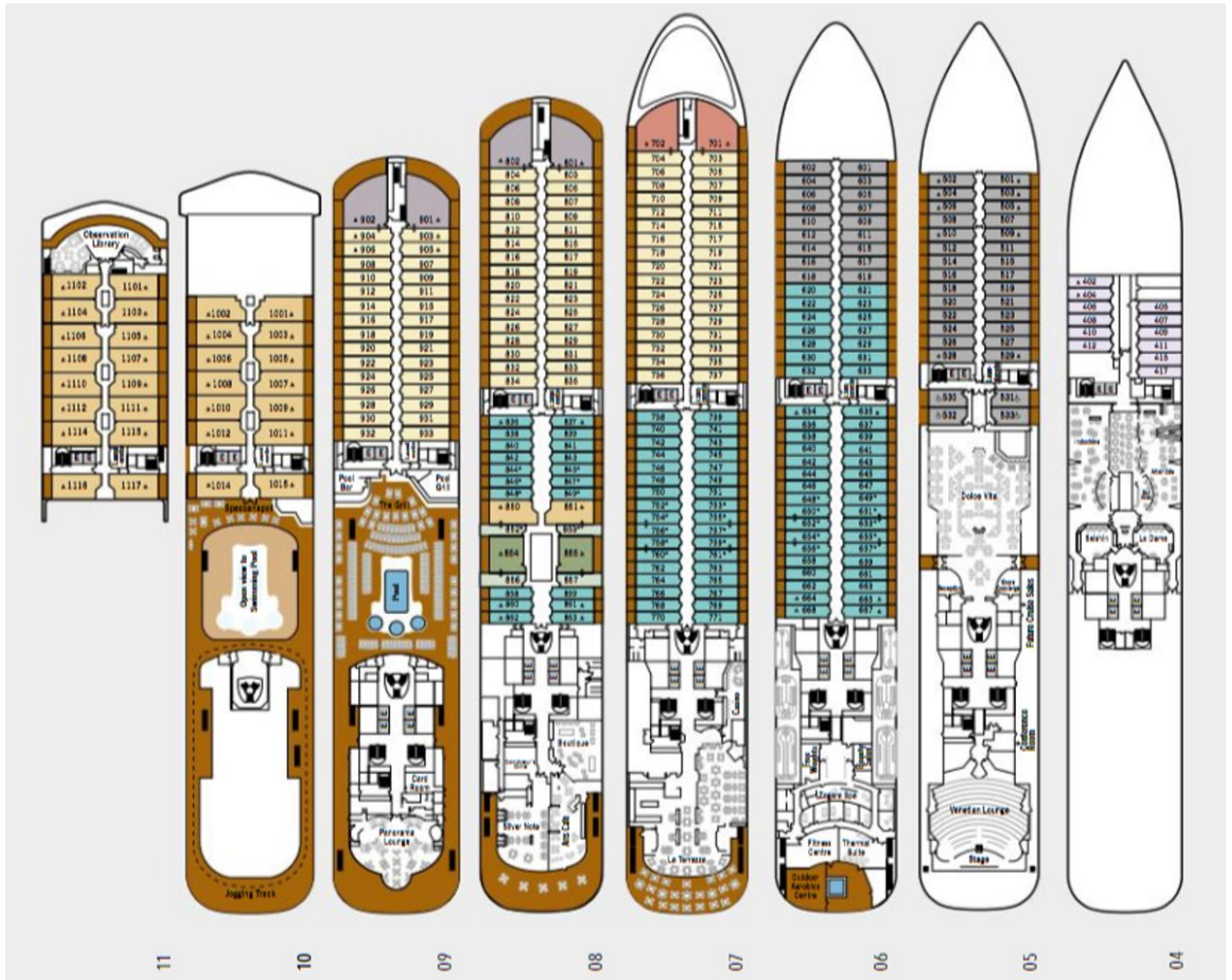
Losing none of its allure over the years, this floating city of canals, bridges and masks is a place of eternal beauty and enduring elegance. Spend more time here, or other parts of Italy.





SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Crew	411
Officers	International
Guests	608
Tonnage	39,519
Length	691 Feet/210.7 Mt
Width	87 Feet/26.5 Mt
Speed	19.5 Knots
Refurbished	2018



Rates are per person, based on Double Occupancy and Includes all beverages, gratuities to crew, all excursions, port charges, enrichment lectures by a highly qualified Expeditions Team, spacious suites, unlimited free Wifi, and more. Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.



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