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Greek Isles & Ephesus

Sailing the Aegean Sea & the Turquoise Coast



September 14 – 22, 2027

Discover timeless treasures on this enriching seven-night voyage round-trip from Athens. Journey through the cradle of Western civilization, where thousands of years of history, mythology and artistic achievement come to life. From the enduring legacies of the Minoans, Greeks, Romans and Byzantines to medieval fortresses and sun-drenched island villages, the Aegean is a living museum of remarkable civilizations. Explore UNESCO World Heritage sites, marvel at some of the Mediterranean's most celebrated archaeological treasures and immerse yourself in vibrant local traditions, welcoming cultures and breathtaking coastal landscapes. Each destination offers a deeper appreciation for the people, ideas and achievements that have shaped this extraordinary corner of the world.

Exclusive Highlights

— A 7-night cruise to Greek islands and Turkey's Turquoise Coast.

— Step into Akrotiri, Santorini's extraordinary prehistoric settlement, where excavated homes, frescoes and streets offer a glimpse into Aegean life more than 3,500 years ago.

— Visit 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Delos; Ancient Ephesus and medieval Rhodes.



This page: Celsus Library, Ephesus
Cover: Windmill, Mykonos

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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Journey to the cradle of civilization as you explore the preserved treasures of ancient Greece and Turkey. Cruise round-trip Athens for seven nights to fabled Halcyon islands aboard the exclusively chartered, intimate *Le Lapérouse,* celebrating the Mediterranean's rich tapestry while enjoying the relaxed elegance of small-ship cruising.

From Chania's Venetian harbor and the medieval streets of Rhodes to cosmopolitan Mykonos, immerse yourself in the history, mythology and cultures that have shaped the Mediterranean for millennia. Explore the captivating ports of Chania, Santorini, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Lindos, Delos and Mykonos, where storied pasts, remarkable monuments and timeless island beauty converge. Discover the remarkably preserved ruins of Ephesus, walk the Sacred Way on UNESCO-inscribed Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, and experience the dramatic volcanic landscapes of Santorini.

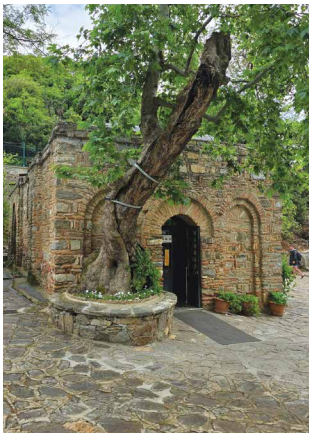
Enhance your journey with our pre-tour extension in Athens. Make your reservations while space and Special Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



Terrace of the Lions, Delos



House of the Virgin Mary, Ephesus

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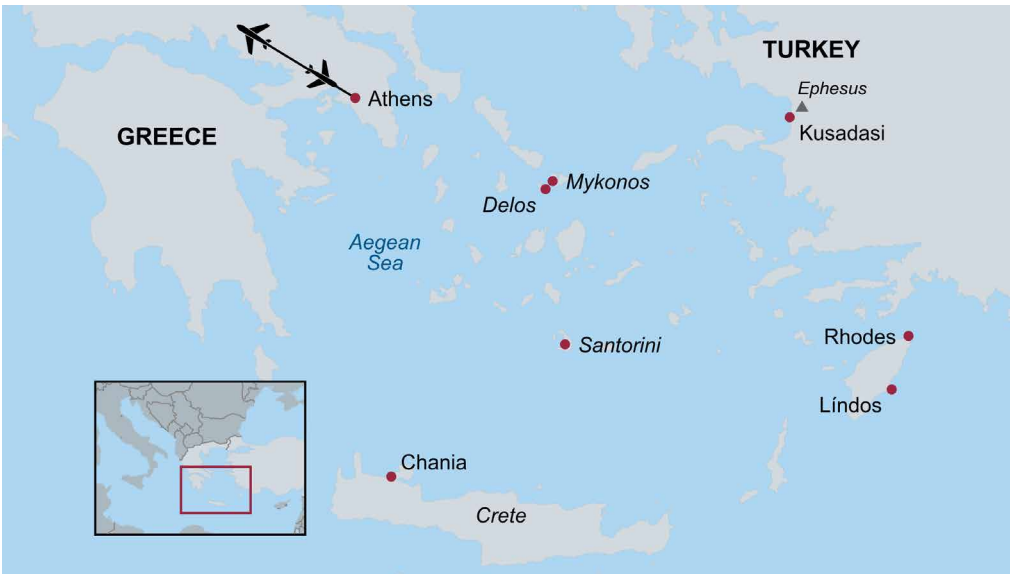
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Day 1 | September 14

Depart your home city for a flight to Athens, Greece.

Day 2 | September 15 **D**

Athens, Greece | Embark

Upon arrival, embark the deluxe *Le Lapérouse*.

Say hello to fellow travelers over dinner aboard the ship.

Day 3 | September 16 **B-L-R-D**

Chania, Crete / Aptera

Arrive in Chania, a port with a bustling waterfront and a beautifully preserved Old Town. One of Crete's oldest continuously inhabited cities, Chania traces its roots to the ancient Minoan settlement of Kydonia and later flourished under Venetian and Ottoman rule, leaving a mix of cultural and architectural influences.

Join your selected Traveler's Choice excursion: stroll the historic Venetian Harbor and Old Town; relax at one of Crete's lovely beaches; or explore the archaeological site of Aptera, with its Roman cisterns and monastery.

After lunch, join a local to learn about Crete's history of olive farming and production. Sample the olive oil and enjoy time to ask questions.

Mingle at tonight's Welcome Reception and dinner.

Day 4 | September 17 **B-L-D**

Santorini

Tender ashore in spectacular Santorini for a guided visit to the remarkable Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri, one of the Aegean's most important archaeological sites. Preserved beneath layers of volcanic ash following the island's disastrous eruption around 1600 B.C., the sophisticated city reveals multi-story buildings, frescoes and evidence of an advanced civilization. Continue to Fira, Santorini's vibrant cliff-top capital, where dazzling whitewashed homes, blue-domed churches and caldera views provide the perfect backdrop for leisure time to browse boutiques, relax in cafés or soak in the island's iconic beauty.

Return to the ship and gather to taste local wines. Grown in mineral-rich soils and shaped by the island's dry climate and sea breezes, the vineyards produce distinctive wines with freshness and character.

Fira, Santorini





Venetian shipyards, Chania

Day 5 | September 18 B-L-D

Kusadasi, Turkey | Ephesus

Travel to enduring Ephesus, one of the Mediterranean's best-preserved ancient cities, to see highlights including the iconic Celsus Library, once the third-largest library of the ancient world and renowned for its beautifully restored two-story façade, and the impressive Grand Theater, where more than 20,000 spectators once gathered for performances and events.

Continue on your chosen Traveler's Choice excursion to either the Terrace Houses and Ephesus Museum, showcasing extraordinary archaeological treasures, or the House of the Virgin Mary and Basilica of Saint John.

Next, enjoy a traditional Turkish barbecue lunch and silk-weaving demonstration before returning to Kusadasi. Here, witness a captivating Whirling Dervish show, an ancient Sufi ritual blending music, poetry and graceful, hypnotic movement in a profound expression of spiritual devotion.

Day 6 | September 19 B-L-D

Rhodes, Greece | Lindos

Discover Rhodes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the beautifully preserved medieval Old Town before touring the imposing Palace of the Grand Masters, an iconic fortress that once served as the residence of the Knights of St. John. This medieval military and religious order established Rhodes as their stronghold from 1309 to 1522, building fortifications, palaces and hospitals that transformed the island into one of the Mediterranean's greatest fortified cities.

After lunch aboard, enjoy free time or join an optional active walk through the village of

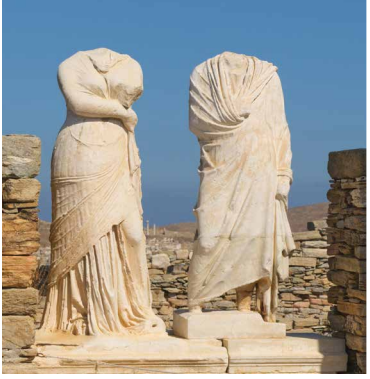
Olive oil tasting



Palace of the Grand Masters, Rhodes







Left: Acropolis, Lindos
Above: Ruins of the House of Cleopatra, Delos

Lindos to its spectacular hill-top Acropolis. This ancient citadel features the impressive Temple of Athena Lindia, medieval fortifications and sweeping panoramic views.

This evening, experience a lively Greek folklore show. Enjoy a festive celebration of Greek culture with traditional music and energetic dancing.

Day 7 | September 20 B-L-D

Delos | Mykonos

Explore the sacred island of Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo and Artemis and one of the most revered sites of the ancient Greek world. Wander among remarkably preserved ruins, including the Temple of Apollo, the Sacred Way and the famous Terrace of the Lions, where ancient to overlook the island. Delos offers a fascinating glimpse into the mythology, artistry and history of ancient Greece.

After lunch aboard, sail to glamorous Mykonos, where you'll have free time to wander the postcard-perfect streets and explore the charming waterfront.

Day 8 | September 21 B-L-R-D

Mykonos

Take advantage of leisure time in Mykonos. Wander lanes lined with colorful doors, browse galleries or savor Greek specialties, such as kopanisti (soft cheese) or ouzo (an anise-flavored aperitif), at a seaside taverna while soaking in the Cycladic atmosphere.

This afternoon, join a Mykonos local for a talk about life on the island.

Join fellow passengers for a Farewell Reception.

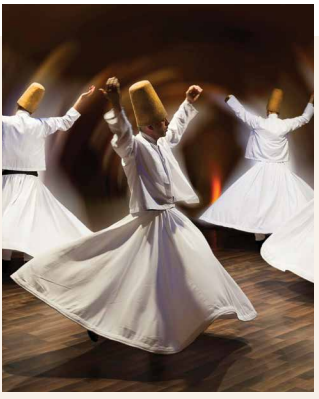
Day 9 | September 22 B-L-D

Athens | Disembark | Return to Home City

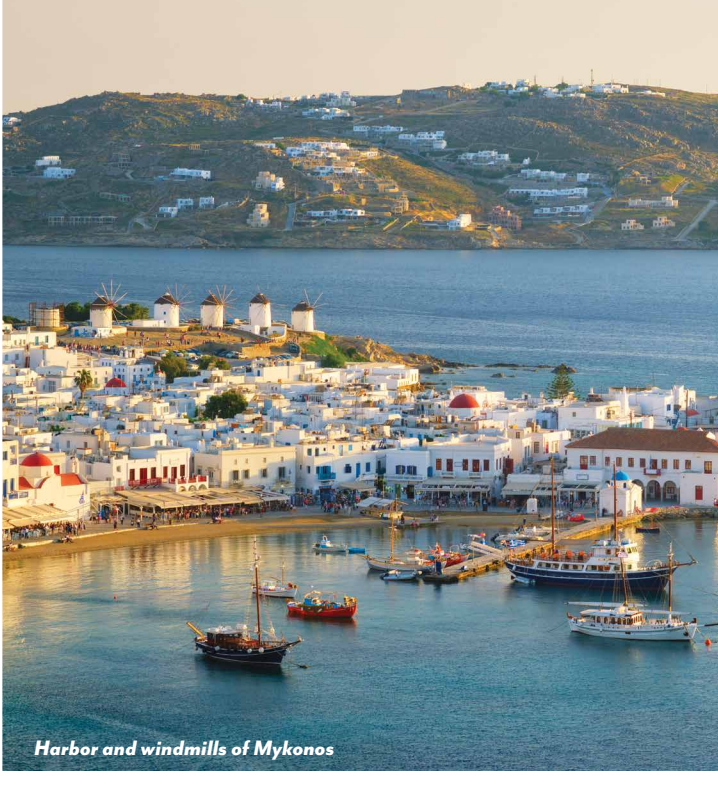
Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

Whirling Dervishes

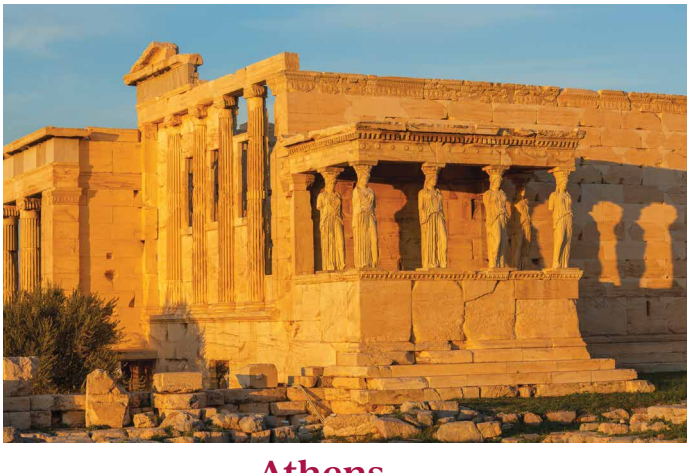


Experience the mesmerizing tradition of the Whirling Dervishes, a centuries-old spiritual practice rooted in the teachings of the Persian poet and mystic Rumi. Originating with the Mevlevi Order in Anatolia, the ritual known as the Sema ceremony is a graceful meditation in motion, symbolizing the soul's journey toward divine connection and spiritual enlightenment. Accompanied by haunting melodies, chanting and the sounds of traditional instruments, the dervishes gracefully turn in flowing white robes and distinctive felt hats, creating a powerful expression of devotion and harmony. Each movement carries symbolic meaning, from the positioning of the hands to the continuous spinning that represents the celestial order of the universe. Recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage tradition, the Sema ceremony offers a rare opportunity to witness one of Turkey's most profound expressions of spirituality, artistry and cultural identity.



Harbor and windmills of Mykonos

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



Athens

September 12 to 15, 2027 (Program Begins: September 13)

Enhance your journey with a pre-cruise extension in Athens, the legendary birthplace of democracy and the cradle of Western civilization. Discover the remarkable history and enduring legacy of this vibrant capital during a guided city tour featuring a visit to the world-renowned Acropolis Museum and the iconic Acropolis itself, where the magnificent Parthenon has stood for more than 2,500 years. Enjoy two nights of accommodations at the elegant *Athens Capital Hotel*, providing an ideal base for exploration.

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INCLUDED FEATURES

— 7-night, round-trip cruise from Athens, Greece, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship *Le Lapérouse*.

— Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

— Included Meals | 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners.

— Complimentary nonpremium liquor, house wine, beer, nonalcoholic beverages and minibar service throughout the cruise.

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G	Stateroom with private balcony. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	$9,995	**$8,995**
H	Stateroom with private balcony. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	$9,495	**$8,495**
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J	Stateroom with private balcony. 205 sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	$8,495	**$7,495**

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed; an elegant private bath with a walk-in glass shower.
All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated).

2027 DEPARTURE DATE | **September 14 to 22** | Tour Begins: September 15

***The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 11/15/26 and paid in full at booking. These Special Savings consist of $500 Early Booking and $500 Pay-in-Full Savings.**

- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes).
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