



Cyclades and the jewels of Istanbul

Ideal family cruise

Europe & Mediterranean coasts / **Athènes to Istanbul**

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Your cruise

Days	Stages	Arrival	Departure	Nautical Hall
1 - Saturday	Athens		22:00	Closed
2 - Sunday	Icaria	12:00	18:00	Closed
3 - Monday	Delos & Mykonos	08:00	02:00	Closed
4 - Tuesday	Naxos	08:00	18:00	Closed
5 - Wednesday	Kos	08:00	17:00	Closed
6 - Thursday	Kusadasi	08:00	18:00	Closed
7 - Friday	Bozcaada	09:30	16:30	Without waterskiing
8 - Saturday	Istanbul	07:30		Closed

Day 1: Boarding from 16h to 18h
Day 8: Landing from 9h to 11h





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Itinerary of your cruise

Day 1 - Saturday ATHENS	The Greek capital opens the pages of its age-old history. In the heart of modernity, the Acropolis and the narrow streets of the Plaka district reveal their splendour and charm. Ship docked. Passengers may board and disembark here.
Day 2 - Sunday IKARIA	Known for the exceptional longevity of its people, it is also renowned for its beautiful beaches, woody hinterland and small villages with a unique ambience. Ship at anchor, no water sports.
Day 3 - Monday DELOS & MYKONOS	Morning in Delos at anchor. The birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, with an archaeological site that is one of the most important in Greece. Short voyage to Mykonos in the middle of the day. The smallest island in the Cyclades owes its popularity to its row of windmills, its immaculate monasteries and its secret beaches. Late port of call. Ship at anchor, no water sports.
Day 4 - Tuesday NAXOS	This land of ancient legends boasts imposing hills and beaches. Dominated by a Venitian castle, there are plenty of beautiful walks in and around the picturesque mediaeval town of Chora. Ship at anchor. Water sports.
Day 5 - Wednesday KOS	Hippocrates, the father of medicine, was born on this verdant island. Crystal-clear waters, pretty beaches and a peaceful atmosphere make it the highlight of the Dodecanese. Ship docked, no water sports.
Day 6 - Thursday KUSADASI	It is the cultural stopover par excellence to visit Ephesus. Its 24,000-seat theatre prefigures the size of the city and its artistic and intellectual influence in the ancient world. Boat at quay, no water sports.
Day 7 - Friday BOZCAADA	This heavenly little island is dominated by a mediaeval fort and is a real haven of peace. The narrow streets of white stone houses are built into the mountainside and are a delight to stroll around and try to spot the Turkish and Greek influences. Boat at anchor, beach and water sports available.
Day 8 - Saturday ISTANBUL	On the banks of the majestic Bosphorus, this is a city that straddles continents. With Sultanahmet influenced by the East and Beyoglu by the West, Istanbul is teeming with stunning sights. The city feels at ease with its cultural heritage, creating an atmosphere that blends the cosmopolitan with the traditional. Ship docked, no water sports. Boarding and disembarkation port of call.



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Excursions of your cruise

Day 2 - Sunday IKARIA - ISLAND TOUR*	<p>After a picturesque drive, we reach the town of Therma, 2 km east of the capital and famous since antiquity for its hot, therapeutic mineral springs. Next, we'll visit the village of Fanari, also known as Faros, located at the eastern end of Ikaria. Faros lies on a small plain with many vineyards. Your next stop is the village of Xilosirtis. It's particularly beautiful and picturesque because it's hidden in the gentle shade of apricot trees. Finally, you'll visit the monastery of Evaggelismos ("the Annunciation"). It was built in the 18th century by two Kollyvades, fathers of Mount Athos. With pirates rampant in the Aegean, the fathers took refuge in Ikaria and built the monastery dedicated to the Annunciation. The opening of the Monastery during the times of visit will be verified few days before your venue.</p>
Day 3 - Monday DELOS (1/2 day, morning)*	<p>The birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, Delos is the paradise of archeologists: its 5 sq km are full of ancient ruins, temples and Greco-Roman sanctuaries. With our guides you will learn about this "diamond" of the Cyclades, a true open-air museum with all the essentials of ancient life, in particular a large pan-Hellenic sanctuary along with a maritime and commercial city with its ports and shops.</p>
Day 3 - Monday MYKONOS / TRANSFER MYKONOS BEACH (1/2 day)*	<p>Transfer to the beautiful Kalafatis beach with fine sand (sunlounge and umbrella rental available on site).</p>
Day 4 - Tuesday NAXOS (1/2 day)*	<p>The kouroi of Melanes dates from 600 BC, a fabulous example of this ancient Greek stone art in the middle of a small garden. You'll visit the church of Drossiani at the entrance to the village of Moni, a beautiful 6th century Christian church that houses magnificent mural paintings. You'll drive through the centre of the island, stopping at one of its beautiful villages - Aprianthos, nicknamed "the marble village".</p>
Day 5 - Wednesday KOS / ASKLEPIEION (1/2 day, morning)*	<p>The Asclepeion of Kos: a sacred place of healing on a green hillside with spectacular views where you will learn about the Asclepeion, one of the most important archaeological sites of Greece. A genuine religious centre dedicated to healing, it included, among other things, infirmaries, temples, hot springs, hotels and a medical school. After your visit, you will travel to the traditional village of Zia on Mount Dikaios, and take in the panoramic view of the entire island. You will end your walk with a visit to the Tree of Hippocrates, under which he would have taught medicine.</p>
Day 6 - Thursday KUSADASI / EPHEBUS (half day)*	<p>Until the port silted up, forever separating the city from the sea, Ephesus was the most important trading centre in the ancient world. Amongst its treasures was the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the world. It reached its height during the Roman period, and erected many monuments befitting its importance. But Ephesus has not lain in obscurity since antiquity. Christians went on to build one of their most beautiful basilicas there, and Muslims built a grand mosque. The remains of this illustrious and exceptionally well-preserved city are so lifelike that it takes little imagination to see what daily existence was like.</p>
Day 7 - Friday BOZCAADA / DISCOVERY OF BOZCAADA (1/2 day, morning)*	<p>This guided walk will introduce you to the charming little town of Bozcaada and its troubled history. You will walk through the narrow streets of the village and see the medieval fort that defended the island, then pass the group of white stone houses to the mosque built on the foundations of a Venetian building and to the very small and unique village museum. At the end of the guided tour, you can stroll freely through its non-paved streets, or take the time to stop in the small square where the locals meet for coffee.</p>
Day 7 - Friday BOZCAADA / BOZCAADA WINE HERITAGE (1/2 day)*	<p>Bozcaada is a small island, 6 or 7 km across, well known for the quality of its vines and the aromas of its wines. A third of its surface is devoted exclusively to vineyards. Famous since ancient times, today the wines of Bozcaada represent an important part of Turkish wines.</p>
Day 8 - Saturday ISTANBUL / ISTANBUL BOSPHORUS (2 hours)*	<p>It wouldn't be a trip to Istanbul without a cruise on the Bosphorus. Where the Sea of Marmara meets the Black Sea, soak in the city's beauty as you admire the rich and varied architecture of the residences and mosques that line the banks.</p>
Day 8 - Saturday ISTANBUL / ISTANBUL BYZANTINE*	<p>You will start with a visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and then visit one of Istanbul's curiosities: the cistern-basilica before venturing freely into the maze of the Spice Market with its colorful atmosphere.</p>
Day 8 - Saturday ISTANBUL / HISTORICAL ISTANBUL*	<p>Discover the historic heart of Istanbul, home to the most iconic sights in the capital. Visit the Grand Bazaar, the biggest market in the world with 58 internal streets, the remains of the Constantinople hippodrome and the Blue Mosque, with its 6 minarets. You will visit then Hagia Sophia, an immense structure, once the Sancta Sophia basilica, now the Hagia Sophia mosque. Appreciate the sheer size of this monument, and its history as part of Byzantium, then Constantinople, and now Istanbul. Grand Bazar is closed on sundays and replaced by Spice Market.</p>
Day 8 - Saturday ISTANBUL / PIERRE LOTI AND GRAND BAZAAR (1/2 day, morning)*	<p>Follow in the footsteps of Pierre Loti, the French writer with a passion for Turkey. Climb aboard the cable car that takes you straight up into the hills of Istanbul so, like Loti, you can enjoy the amazing view over the city and the Golden Horn. You can refresh yourself at the top of the hill with a cup of tea or a puff on a hookah before heading back down to the city's Grand Bazaar for a spot of shopping or just to soak up the unique ambiance of one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Grand Bazar closed on sundays and replace by the Spice Market.</p>
Day 8 - Saturday ISTANBUL / TOPKAPI (1/2 day, morning)*	<p>Lose yourself in the 700,000m² of Topkapi Palace, the biggest palace in the world. Discover the many facets of this former official residence of the sultans, which served as the seat of government and the ministerial council, the treasury, mint and state university. Finish your visit in the harem, within the Sultan's private apartments. Due to restoration works, some rooms may be closed to visitors.</p>

* Excursion available at a preferential rate when booking your cruise. Subject to a minimum number of participants.



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Formalities

CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

For all UK citizens, a valid passport is essential when you travel abroad. A full 10-year passport is required for holidays to all countries featured on our website. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date with one blank visa page. Make sure your passport is valid and check with the embassy or the consulate of your destination country if you need a visa for your chosen destination prior to travel. It is vital that the name given when booking your holiday (printed on the ticket and itinerary) is exactly the same as written on your passport. Any child, however old, must have his/her own passport. Please note Club Med cannot be held responsible for any issue with regards to passport or visas.

HEALTH FORMALITIES

Safe Together.

Club Med has implemented new hygiene and safety measures to offer you peace of mind and a most joyful experience.

As part of the fight against Covid-19, health measures at the borders are being reinforced and may in particular require a virological screening test (for example PCR test) depending on your country of origin, transit or destination before your departure and/or before your return.

We suggest you obtain more information from the consular services of the countries concerned or on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of your nationality and/or place of residence.

Recommended vaccinations: diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis A and B and typhoid.

Pregnant women who do not need constant medical supervision may come aboard, upon presentation of a medical certificate showing their due date and certifying that their pregnancy is compatible with the cruise.

The final day of the cruise must be before the end of the 26th week of pregnancy.

A doctor and a nurse are present on board.

Meeting place for boarding

Port of Athens - The Piree, Akti Xaverio Passengers. Cruise Terminal A. Airport / port distance: about 43 km (about 50 minutes).

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