



From Istanbul to the Ionian Islands

Ideal family cruise

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

From 08/24/2024 to 08/31/2024 - 8 days / 7 nights



Cruises Club Med 2

Welcome aboard Club Med 2, for a unique experience that provides a gateway to the world. Elegance and comfort are the essence of this magnificent 5-masted sailing ship

From Istanbul to the Ionian Islands

◆ From 08/24/2024 to 08/31/2024 - 8 days / 7 nights



Your cruise

Days	Stages	Arrival	Departure	Nautical Hall
1 - Saturday	Istanbul			Closed
2 - Sunday	Istanbul		14:00	Closed
3 - Monday	Bozcaada	08:00	18:00	Without waterskiing
4 - Tuesday	Chios	08:00	18:00	Closed
5 - Wednesday	Milos	08:00	15:00	Open*
6 - Thursday	Pylos	08:00	18:00	Open*
7 - Friday	Paxos	09:00	18:00	Open*
8 - Saturday	Corfou	07:00		Without waterskiing

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





From Istanbul to the Ionian Islands

◆ From 08/24/2024 to 08/31/2024 - 8 days / 7 nights



Itinerary of your cruise

Day 1 - 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.
Day 2 - Sunday ISTANBUL	To dazzle seems to be the millennial vocation of the hinge city between Europe and Asia. At ease in her cultural heritage, she fuse with cosmopolitan and traditional atmospheres. Ship docked in port.
Day 3 - Monday 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 4 - Tuesday CHIOS	Huddled together, the houses of the medieval villages became fortresses on the heights of this island where Homer was born. Its crystalline waters express all the shades of blue. Ship at anchor, water sports.
Day 5 - Wednesday MILOS	This volcanic island with astonishing landscapes and pink, white and gold beaches is the home of the celebrated Venus. Ship at anchor. Water sports.
Day 6 - Thursday PYLOS	The Mycenaean city of Pylos rises up from a rocky promontory on the western coast of the Peloponnese. You'll have a wonderful surprise when you walk down to the bottom end of the village, and the perfectly semi-circular beach comes into view. Ship at anchor, water sports available, no direct access to a beach.
Day 7 - Friday PAXOS	The smallest and most remote Ionian island, home to stunning olive groves and turquoise coves. According to Greek mythology, Poseidon created the island of Paxos as a love nest for his wife Amphitrite. Boat at anchor, water sports available.
Day 8 - Saturday CORFOU	A coveted location at the gateway to the Adriatic, beautifully green mountains with creeks of white sand and a Venitian-style fortified town give it its own quite unique identity. Ship docked in port. Passengers boarding and disembarking at this port of call.



From Istanbul to the Ionian Islands

◆ From 08/24/2024 to 08/31/2024 - 8 days / 7 nights



Excursions of your cruise

Day 1 - Saturday ISTANBUL / PIERRE LOTI AND GRAND BAZAAR (1/2 day, morning)*	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.
Day 1 - Saturday ISTANBUL / TOPKAPI (1/2 day, morning)*	Lose yourself in the 700,000m ² 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.
Day 2 - Sunday ISTANBUL / ISTANBUL BOSPHORUS (2 hours)*	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.
Day 2 - Sunday ISTANBUL / ISTANBUL BYZANTINE*	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.
Day 2 - Sunday ISTANBUL / HISTORICAL ISTANBUL*	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 Constantinian 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.
Day 2 - Sunday ISTANBUL / PIERRE LOTI AND GRAND BAZAAR (1/2 day, morning)*	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.
Day 2 - Sunday ISTANBUL / TOPKAPI (1/2 day, morning)*	Lose yourself in the 700,000m ² 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.
Day 3 - Monday BOZCAADA / DISCOVERY OF BOZCAADA (1/2 day, morning)*	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.
Day 3 - Monday BOZCAADA / BOZCAADA WINE HERITAGE (1/2 day)*	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.
Day 4 - Tuesday CHIOS / AUTHENTIC CHIOS (1/2 day)*	To the South, you can see the mastic forests that made the island's fortune. Visit the village of Pyrgi, with its geometric xysta decorations, and its central tower that once served as a refuge from attackers. Then see the village of Mesta, one of the best preserved fortified medieval villages on the island. The houses are built right up against one another, forming a veritable fortress. This striking architecture has achieved heritage status. The picturesque alleyways form a maze where all roads lead to the main square.
Day 4 - Tuesday CHIOS / CHIOS OUT OF TIME (1/2 day - morning)*	You will head off to the north towards the abandoned fortified hilltop village of Anavatos. This is the place where a tragedy occurred in 1822. In order to avoid the massacre threatened by the Turks, the women and children threw themselves to their deaths from the top of the village. You will then visit the monastery of Nea Moni built in the middle of the 11th century. The church houses beautiful mosaics with gold backgrounds and the catholicon is octagonal and richly decorated. The monastery of Nea Moni is listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.
Day 5 - Wednesday MILOS - THE MANY FACES OF MILOS (1/2 day)*	Milos is the cradle of the history of the Cyclades since prehistoric times. This sightseeing tour will give you a chance to explore the beautiful scenery of this charming island with its lunar landscapes. It will take you to Plaka where you can see the stunning traditional architecture. You will see the marble Roman amphitheatre and the site where one of the most famous statues in the world once stood: The Venus de Milo. You can cool off after your sightseeing trip with a swim on Sarakinko Beach against an amazing backdrop (don't forget your swimsuit and beach towel).
Day 6 - Thursday PYLOS / NESTOR'S KINGDOM*	Perched at the top of a hill, surrounded by an ocean of olive trees, discover the Palace of Nestor, "Homer's wise hero", built between 1300 and 1200 BC. After the fall of Troy, Nestor returned to Pylos, one of the richest cities in the Mycenaean world, where he continued to rule for several years. Visit the archaeological museum, containing the artefacts found at the palace and in the surrounding tombs. Then rejoin the coach for the journey to Methoni, famous for its Venetian fort and beautiful sandy beach for swimming.
Day 7 - Friday PAXOS / DÉCOUVERTE EN CAIQUE*	Aboard your caique, discover the western part of Paxos and the beautiful beaches of Antipaxos. Dive into the clear turquoise waters of Vrika or Voutoumi! Explore the blue caves and discover, from your boat, the magnificent natural arch of Tripitos (some stops may be cancelled due to weather conditions).

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



From Istanbul to the Ionian Islands

◆ From 08/24/2024 to 08/31/2024 - 8 days / 7 nights

Day 8 - Saturday
CORFU / VILLA
ACHILLEION*

Discover Gasturi, a small village near the coast, in a region associated with Empress Sissi. Empress Elisabeth of Austria (Sissi) dedicated her Achilleion Vila to her favourite hero, Achilles, who, in Sissi's words: "represents the Greek soul, the beauty of the land". Achilleion was built between 1889 and 1891 by the Italian architects Carito and Landi. You can admire this luxurious two-storey villa's frescos, sculptures and superb gardens. The architecture is a mixture of Pompeian and Neo-Classical. Please note that the villa is closed for renovation, you will visit its beautiful garden. For the morning tour, return to the airport directly at 12.25pm. For the afternoon tour, from 3.30pm to 7.00pm.

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



From Istanbul to the Ionian Islands

◆ From 08/24/2024 to 08/31/2024 - 8 days / 7 nights



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

Galataport Istanbul Kılıçali Paşa Mah. Meclis-i Mebusan Cad. No: 8 İç Kapı No: 102, 34433 Beyoğlu/Istanbul

