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- Level 1:** Involves walking over relatively level terrain, possibly some cobblestone, gravel or a few steps. Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Level 2:** Involves a considerable amount of physical activity such as substantial walking over cobblestone streets, climbing stairs or steep terrain. They're not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.
- Level 3:** Involves physical exertion for extended periods. The terrain may be uneven or steep. It can also indicate a need for swimming in a light current, biking or horseback riding. Recommended only for physically fit and adventurous travelers.
- Guests with Disabilities:** These tours may accommodate guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs (wheelchair must be collapsible). Please contact the Shore Excursion staff upon boarding to ensure that your needs can be accommodated.
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- Age Requirements:** These tours have specific age requirements.
- Weight Requirements:** These tours have specific weight requirements.
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Dubrovnik, Croatia

Tour Code: DBV_01

Sea Kayaking on the Adriatic

Approximate Duration: 3 hours

Level 3, Weight Requirements, Family Recommended

Today's adventure will be one of a kind! You'll board your sea kayaks and set out into the clear blue Adriatic Sea. Enjoy paddling along the magnificent Dubrovnik City Walls, and take a swim in one of the secluded caves and simply become one with nature.

Note: Tour participation is limited, but is subject to a minimum number of participants to operate. The maximum weight for each passenger is 242 lbs (110 kg). Each guest will be given a paddle, life jacket, and a bottle of water. We recommend that you bring a towel, a swimsuit, sunglasses, sunscreen and a change of clothes.

Tour Code: DBV_02

Biking Adventure

Approximate Duration: 4 ¾ hours

Level 3

Depart Dubrovnik by motorcoach along the Adriatic Road through the scenic and picturesque Dubrovnik Countryside Villages toward the Village of Gruda. In Gruda you'll be met by professional staff who will give a tour briefing. After about fifteen minutes of preparation, your adventure will begin. The ride is very scenic as you'll be passing through the countryside, vineyards and along Ljuta River. En route, you'll stop near the Ljuta River where you'll be served fresh local fruits. At the end of your biking tour, you'll visit a local winery in Gruda Village for a wine tasting.

Note: Tour participation is limited, but is subject to a minimum number of participants to operate. Each guest will be given a helmet. We recommend that you wear sport shoes, sport clothes, sunglasses, and sunscreen.



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Tour Code: DBV_10

Walking Tour & Cable Car

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 3, Family Recommended

Depart the Port of Dubrovnik by foot to the newly opened Cable Car Station situated in vicinity of the Old Town of Dubrovnik. Upon arriving at the Cable Car Station, you'll proceed by cable car to Srd Hill. From here you'll enjoy a panoramic view of Dubrovnik and a bird's eye view of the greatness of the entire city and surroundings of the centuries – old Dubrovnik rooftops which you'll never forget. After returning by cable car to the main station, your guide will lead you on a walking tour to the Old Town of. The City Walls were completed in the 13th century and the ramparts are intact and encircle the old city with a circumference of more than a mile and a half. Ascending the stairway at Pile Gate, you'll soon reach the top of the wall where your guide will lead you on a walking tour along its entire length. You'll see from the wall, the gorgeous Minceta Fortress, St. John's Fortress, Bokar Fortress and the Maritime Museum. At the end of the walking tour along the city walls, you'll have free time in the Old Town on your own and you may return to your ship at your leisure.

Note: Tour participation is limited, but a minimum needs to be reached in order to operate. This tour will be available for sailings from June 12th, 2010 onwards as the cable car is estimated to open on June 1, 2010. This tour is not suitable for passengers who have difficulties walking due to the uneven cobblestone streets. There is approximately 2 miles of walking and 200 steps to navigate.

Tour Code: DBV_12

Ultimate Dubrovnik

Approximate Duration: 4 ¼ hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring, Family Recommended

This ultimate tour of Dubrovnik encompasses the main highlights of this unique place and you get to enjoy it in a small group by minibus. You'll depart the pier walking approximately 495 feet (approximately 150 meters) to the parking area and toward the newly open cable car station. From the cable car station, which is situated in the Old Town of Dubrovnik, you'll take a cable car to enjoy a panoramic view from the surrounding Srd hill. You'll have a bird's eye view of the entire city and surroundings of the old Dubrovnik rooftops which you'll always remember. Enjoy spectacular views while sipping a glass of Croatian wine and tasting some of the finest Croatian cheeses. From Mount Srdj, you'll depart by minibus on scenic drive to picturesque seaside resort town of Cavtat, which was the Ancient Roman City of Epidaurus and the place where Edward VIII and Wallace Simpson came for their honeymoons. Over the years, Cavtat has been a favorite destination for yacht enthusiasts and sailors. You'll have an opportunity to sit at one of the many cafes along the coast or enjoy a nice walk along the beautiful sea front promenade. Depart Cavtat back to Dubrovnik for a short guided walking tour of Dubrovnik followed by the free time before heading back to your ship.

Note: There is approximately 1 mile of walking on this tour. This tour is operated in small groups and the participation is limited, but a minimum needs to be reached in order to operate. The cable car station is expected to open on June 1, 2010.

Tour Code: DBV_51

Best of the Adriatic

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 2, Meal

Romantic charm, homemade cuisine and exquisite scenery will make your visit to Dubrovnik memorable. Your walking tour of the charming Dubrovnik Old Town includes visits to the Franciscan Monastery, Rectors Palace and free time to explore on your own. Then drive through the Konavle Valley to a restaurant located in an old mill next to the cascading waters of the Ljuta River where you'll enjoy lunch. Continue to the seaside resort of Cavtat, a quiet little town and a favorite destination for sailors and yacht enthusiasts.

Note: This tour is not suitable for passengers who have difficulties walking due to the uneven cobblestone streets. There is approximately 1 mile of walking.

Tour Code: DBV_52

Coastal Cruise & Romantic City

Approximate Duration: 6 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

Indulge in the highlights of the region by combining Cavtat, the Dubrovnik Old Town, a cruise along the Dubrovnik Riviera, and tasty Croatian cuisine. Visit the seaside resort town of Cavtat and take a pleasant walk along the beautiful seafront promenade before you board a boat and sail along the eastern coast of the Dubrovnik Riviera. Arrive at the Old Town harbor and walk to a local restaurant for lunch. Continue on a guided tour of the Old Town



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including visits to the Dominican Monastery and Rectors Palace. Before returning to your ship, time will be available to explore on your own.

Note: If sea conditions do not permit the boat ride between Cavtat and Dubrovnik, your journey will be completed by bus.

Tour Code: DBV_53

Off-Road Safari

Approximate Duration: 6 hours

Level 1, Meal

Hop on a 4x4 vehicle for an unforgettable off-road safari featuring the Konavle Valley. Led by a guide experienced in natural history, culture, and the ecology of the area, you'll begin in the town of Cavtat and drive through the valley to Velji Do which offers a magnificent view of the valley and the Adriatic coast. After descending back to the valley, a lunch of local specialties will be served in an old mill before returning to Cavtat and to your ship in Dubrovnik.

Note: This tour is not suitable for passengers who have neck or back problems. All vehicles are air-conditioned, manual shift and driven by the tour participants. Guests driving the vehicle will need to provide a valid driver's license. Tour participation is limited.

Tour Code: DBV_55

Dubrovnik & Village Life

Approximate Duration: 4 ¾ hours

Level 1, Meal

Historical Dubrovnik and a Croatian Village are the highlights of this excursion. Familiarize yourself with local customs and cuisine during your visit to a family home. This walking tour of the Dubrovnik Old Town includes an orientation tour of the town and free time to explore on your own. Then drive to the Konavle Valley to the typical country home of a local family. For generations they have produced grape brandy, olive oil and wine in the traditional ways. A lunch of local specialties will be served accompanied by local entertainment.

Note: There is approximately 1 mile of walking on this tour.

Tour Code: DBV_56

Charming Croatian Riviera

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2

Romantic charm and beautiful scenery will make your visit to Dubrovnik memorable. Drive through the Konavle Valley to a restaurant located in an old mill next to the cascading waters of the Ljuta River, where you'll enjoy a local snack. Continue to the seaside resort of Cavtat, a quiet little town and a favorite destination for sailors and yacht enthusiasts. Then drive back to the charming Dubrovnik Old Town that includes an orientation with free time to explore on your own.

Note: This tour is not suitable for passengers who have difficulties walking due to the uneven cobblestone streets. There is approximately 1 1/4 miles of walking. Tour may be operated in reverse order.

Tour Code: DBV_58

Historic Dubrovnik & Panorama

Approximate Duration: 3 hours

Level 3

From the pier your tour guide will lead you to nearby Ploce Gate where you'll board your bus. Drive along a panoramic road to a viewpoint from where you can enjoy the magnificent view over Dubrovnik and its Riviera. Continue by motorcoach down to the Pile Gate and you'll find yourselves at the beginning of the famous main street - the Stradun. Along the way you'll visit the Dominican Monastery with the finest collection of Renaissance paintings in Dubrovnik. The Cathedral is built on the remains of another one built in the 12th century that was destroyed in 1667 by a disastrous earthquake. Today its treasure contains one of the finest collections of gold and silver in Europe. Other fine buildings that will be seen from the outside include the Sponza Palace, notable for its column courtyard with elaborate stone carvings, the Church of Saint Blaise and Onofriou's Fountain among others.

Note: This tour is not suitable for passengers who have difficulties walking due to the uneven cobblestone streets. There is approximately 1 1/2 miles of walking. Tour may be operated in reverse order.



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Tour Code: DBV_59

A Taste of Dalmatia & Old Town

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2

Combine the best of Old Town Dubrovnik with a family visit at picturesque Oracas Village and an excellent botanical garden west of the city. The village of Trsteno takes its name from the Croatian word for 'reeds,' but the Patrician families of Dubrovnik who built their summer homes here in the 15th and 16th centuries created lavish gardens on their properties. Visit one of the largest and finest botanical gardens in Croatia, which surrounds the Gothic Renaissance house built by Ivan Gucetic in 1502 and embellished through the centuries by his descendants. Stone statues and a Baroque fountain adorn the grounds planted with giant 500-year-old plane trees, palms and camphor trees. After a stroll through the arboretum, you'll continue to the village of Orasac. In this charming village, take part in the old fashioned production of olive oil in which the mill is driven by a horse. You'll have an opportunity to taste some home-made cheese, smoked ham and wine. After visiting Orasac Village, continue to Dubrovnik for a guided walking tour of its inspiring highlights. Leaving your motorcoach at the Pile Gate, you find yourself at the head of the famous Stradun main street from where you'll visit the Rector's Palace among other points of interest. Enjoy some free time in the Old Town before heading back to the tender pier.

Note: This tour is not suitable for passengers who have difficulties walking due to the inclines and cobblestone streets. There is approximately 1 1/4 mile of walking and approximately 20 steps to navigate. Tour may be operated in reverse order.

Tour Code: DBV_60

Flavors of Croatia by Boat

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 1, Meal, Ultimate Touring

A scenic cruise on a private boat from Dubrovnik brings you to the town of Cavtat. Here you'll visit the town and enjoy a guided tour of Bukovac Art Gallery followed by a private wine tasting at the Crvik Family Winery in Konavle Valley. Driving back to Dubrovnik, you'll stop at Proto Restaurant, a beautiful seafood restaurant for lunch before your guided tour of Dubrovnik.

Note: Tour has limited participation, but a minimum needs to be reached in order to operate. For private parties, please contact the Shore Excursion Desk.

Tour Code: DBV_61

Old Town, Riviera Drive & Wine Tasting

Approximate Duration: 4 ½ hours

Level 2

Leaving the ship, take a drive by coach over the new panoramic road to a viewpoint from where you can see the magnificent view of Dubrovnik and its Riviera. After the panoramic stop, you'll drive toward the picturesque seaside resort town of Cavtat, which was the Ancient Roman City of Epidaurus. Over the years Cavtat has been a favorite destination for sailors and yacht enthusiasts, in fact Edward VIII and Wallace Simpson came here during their honeymoons. In Cavtat you'll have opportunity for a pleasant walk along the sea front promenade or have a coffee in one of many cafes located along the coast. From Cavtat, you'll drive along the eastern coast of the Dubrovnik Riviera toward Komaji Village to visit a winery. Upon arrival, proceed to the Crvik family vineyards. The owner of the winery will greet you on arrival and give you a presentation about his wines and will show you the production process. He'll even invite you to participate in a tasting of his vintage wines. Following the tasting, you'll re-board your coach and depart for Dubrovnik. Founded in the mid-7th century by Greek refugees from Epidaurus, Dubrovnik became the most important city-state on the Adriatic. The Old Town is unique for its marble-paved squares, cobbled streets, tall houses, churches, palaces, fountains, and museums, all built from the same light-colored stone. Along the way, you'll visit the Dominican Monastery, inside where you'll discover the finest collection of Renaissance paintings in Dubrovnik. Among the many works by local and Italian masters is a painting by Tizian. After the Walking tour, you'll have some free time to explore on your own. Today, Dubrovnik is as beautiful as ever, waiting to be explored and enchant visitors as it has done for centuries.

Note: This tour is not suitable for passengers who have difficulties walking due to the inclines and cobblestone streets. There is approximately 1 mile of walking and approximately 15 steps to navigate. Tour may be operated in reverse order.



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Tour Code: DBV_70 Car (2 guests)
Tour Code: DBV_71 Van (7 guests)
Private Touring – Half Day

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

This touring option allows you complete freedom to maximize your time and explore the places that really interest you. Discover in comfort and at your own pace with the convenience of a private vehicle, driver and English speaking guide (other languages available on request) at your disposal. You set your pace and itinerary, just tell us where you want to go!

Note: Entrance, parking fees and meals are not included, in order to allow you complete freedom of choice. Bring local currency, as credit cards may not be accepted everywhere. Extra hours available at an additional cost. Guests who are planning to visit the religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed in churches. The level of exertion on this tour is completely up to you. Prices are per vehicle and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour.

Tour Code: DBV_72 Car (2 guests)
Tour Code: DBV_73 Van (7 guests)
Private Touring – Full Day

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

With the Full Day touring option, you get even more time to maximize your day to explore this port by private vehicle. You'll have complete freedom to maximize your time and explore the places that really interest you. Discover in comfort and at your own pace with the convenience of a private vehicle, driver and English speaking guide (other languages available on request) at your disposal. You set your pace and itinerary, just tell us where you want to go!

Note: Entrance, parking fees and meals are not included, in order to allow you complete freedom of choice. Bring local currency, as credit cards may not be accepted everywhere. Extra hours available at an additional cost. Guests who are planning to visit the religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed in churches. The level of exertion on this tour is completely up to you. Prices are per vehicle and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour.

Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use suitable sun protection.

For tours that visit the Acropolis, please note that this site is explored on foot and requires approximately two hours of walking. There are some 75 steps at the entrance and in certain locations the marble is uneven and slippery.

Tour Code: PIR_50
Delphi – Legendary Oracle of Apollo
Approximate Duration: 9 hours

Level 3, Meal

After the Acropolis, Delphi is the most popular archaeological site in Greece. With its exquisite setting on a mountain terrace dwarfed by the ominous crags of Mt. Parnassus, Delphi was one of the most important sanctuaries of ancient Greece as the site of the omphalos stone, the center of the earth and the universe. Walk along the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo, see the treasuries, the place of offerings, the Grand Temple of Apollo and the theater with its splendid acoustics. Then visit the Delphi Museum, which houses many of the treasures recovered from the site, including Omphalos, which marked the center of the world, and the famous Charioteer, one of the finest pieces surviving from the 5th century B.C. You'll enjoy a taste of authentic Greek cuisine at a local restaurant in the exquisite setting of Delphi. The return drive takes you past Thebes, Levadia and the sacred Castilian spring near the sanctuary of Apollo. The drive is quite scenic with views of fertile planes full of orchards and mountains and the backdrop.

Note: There is approximately ¾ miles of walking on uneven and sloping terrain as well as numerous marble steps which in certain locations can be slippery.



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Tour Code: PIR_51

Athens & Its Scenic Coast

Approximate Duration: 8 ½ hours

Level 3, Meal

This excursion is an ideal introduction to the city's highlights. Reach the natural fortress of the Acropolis, and with your guide you'll walk up the uneven footpath heading to the summit. Sights include the Propylaea, Temple of Aterios Niki, Erechtheum and the Architectural Triumph of the Parthenon. Continue with a city drive and see Constitution Square, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Royal Palace, Hadrian's Gate and the Old Marble Olympic Stadium. After lunch, drive along the scenic coastal road which affords splendid views of the Saronic Gulf and takes you through some of Athens' most beautiful suburbs. Arrive at Cape Sounion to visit the Temple of Poseidon, standing some 200 feet above the sea at the edge of a cliff. It is one of the most breathtaking and deeply moving sights in all of Greece. Fifteen of the original 34 columns of the Doric order still stand in majestic splendor.

Tour Code: PIR_52

Ancient Treasures

Approximate Duration: 7 ½ hours

Level 3, Meal

After a visit to the Acropolis and its famous landmarks, your tour takes you on a scenic drive through the highlights of Athens. Admire the Propylaea, the temple of Aterios Niki, the Erechtheum, and stand in awe in front of the Parthenon. You'll then stop in the Plaka area for a traditional lunch followed by some free time to wander around the old district. After, visit the National Archaeological Museum, housing an unrivaled collection of treasures of Cycladic, Minoan, Mycenaean, and Classical Greek Art. A few of the museum's most important exhibits include the bronze statue of Poseidon, Head of Hygeia (Goddess of Health), bronze statue of the 'Jockey-Boy' of Artemision, Golden Mask of Agamemnon and brilliant Minoan-style frescoes from Thira (Santorini). Following your visit to the museum, you'll return to your ship in Piraeus.

Tour Code: PIR_53

A Taste of Athens

Approximate Duration: 6 hours

Level 3

Drive through the picturesque marinas of Zea and Microlimano in Piraeus as your tour heads to the center of Athens. You'll have the opportunity to admire some of the most important sites of Athens, such as Constitution Square, the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, Temple of Zeus, Royal Palace, and the Old Marble Olympic Stadium. The Acropolis is one of the most photographed and recognizable hills in the entire world. Sights include the Propylaea, Temple of Aterios Niki, Erechtheum and Architectural Triumph of the Parthenon. Afterwards, you'll have free time to wander around the picturesque streets of Plaka, the old preserved district of Athens with numerous art and craft shops, restaurants and cafes. You'll have plenty of free time for shopping or to independently enjoy Greek specialties at one of the traditional colorful taverns. After your wanderings at the old district of Athens, board your coach from a designated point at a set-up time for your return to the pier.

Tour Code: PIR_55

Athens & the Acropolis

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 3

Commissioned by Pericles and built by Pheidias, the perfectly proportioned Parthenon crowns the Acropolis, representing the Golden Age of Classical Greece. Follow the winding path to 'the upper city' entrance through the Propylaea gateway. Beyond, on the highest part of the hill, stands the crowning glory of the Acropolis, the Parthenon, looking out over the graceful Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Old City below. After the Acropolis, you'll drive to both the old and new sections of Athens, separated by Hadrian's Arch. You'll pass the statue of Lord Byron, the Corinthian Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square to the former Royal Palace. Here you'll have a chance to take a photo of the Presidential Guard or Evzones in traditional uniform, as they stand watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other sights on the drive include the Academy, National Gardens and the Old Marble Olympic Stadium, built in 1895 for the first modern Olympic Games.

Tour Code: PIR_56

Scenic Athens & Acropolis Museum

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 1

Your drive from Piraeus will pass by the Zea and Microlimano Marinas on your way to Athens. Your first stop will



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be the Old Marble Olympic Stadium, reconstructed in the 19th century on Roman foundations. This is where the revival of the games took place in 1896. After you pass by some of the most important sites of Athens including the Royal Palace, Constitution Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, you arrive at Acropolis Hill with a spectacular view of the Parthenon and the glorious monuments of the Acropolis. Your tour continues to the New Acropolis Museum, which is an archaeological museum focused on the Acropolis findings. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens.

Note: There is approximately 1/4 mile of walking and approximately 20 steps on this tour.

Tour Code: PIR_58

Coastal Drive to Cape Sounion

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

Enjoy a wonderful drive along the scenic coastal road which affords a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf, passing through some of Athens' most beautiful suburbs of Glyfada, Kavouri, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza, and Lagonissi. Arrive at Cape Sounion where you'll visit the 5th century B.C. Temple of Poseidon, standing some 200 feet above the sea at the edge of a cliff. It is one of the most breathtaking and deeply moving sights in all of Greece. This is the place where the ancient Greeks worshipped their mighty god of the seas, Poseidon. The 15 (of the original 34) columns of the Doric order that are still standing belong to the temple built here during the Golden Age of Perikles' Athens, over the relics of an older one. The architect is unknown, but it is believed to be the same who built the Theseion in Athens. Following your visit, refreshments will be served at one of the most luxurious resort hotels in Vouliagmeni.

Note: There is approximately ¼ mile of walking on sloping and uneven ground on this tour.

Tour Code: PIR_61

Athens & Lalaounis Jewelry Museum

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

Your exploration of Athens is done in a small group using a minibus. Begin with a scenic drive of Athens and its major monuments before you arrive at the Lalaounis Jewellery Museum at the foot of the Acropolis. The museum houses over 3,000 jewelry designs and objects, and a prototype jewelry workshop where you can see some ancient and modern jewelry techniques. Enjoy refreshments and continue your tour with a cable car ride to Lycabettus Hill, the highest point of Athens. Here you can take photos of the city before driving back to Piraeus.

Note: Tour has limited participation, but a minimum needs to be reached in order to operate.

Tour Code: PIR_63

Athens & the Benaki Museum

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

In a small group, you'll depart the pier in a minibus. En route to Athens, you'll drive along the coastal road and pass by the Zea and Microlimano Marinas. After passing by the Old Marble Olympic Stadium, the Royal Palace, Constitution Square and the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, you'll arrive at Acropolis Hill. Next, you'll visit the Benaki Museum, which houses a group of collections comprising of many distinct categories totaling more than 30,000 items illustrating the character of the Greek world through a spectacular historical panorama. Enjoy refreshments in the museum followed by some free time to stroll around picturesque Plaka area before returning to your ship in Piraeus.

Note: Tour has limited participation, but a minimum needs to be reached in order to operate.

Tour Code: PIR_66

New Acropolis Museum & Athens Walk

Approximate Duration: 5 ½ hours

Level 2

Following a narrated drive passing by a host of Athens' major sites, you'll proceed to the Monastiraki area, a flea market neighborhood in the old town of Athens. One of the principal shopping districts, the area is home to clothing boutiques, souvenir shops, and specialty stores, and is a major tourist attraction for bargain shopping. In this area you'll find Monastiraki Square and in the square you'll find the Pantanassa Church Monastery. Your tour continues with a visit to the New Acropolis Museum, an archaeological museum focused on the findings of the



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Acropolis of Athens. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and its feet, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. The museum lies on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens. After visiting the museum, you'll proceed to the picturesque Plaka District, an old historical neighborhood of Athens. The Plaka District is clustered around the northern and eastern slopes of the Acropolis and incorporates a labyrinthine of streets and neoclassical architecture. Here you'll have time to explore on your own; you can find cobbled pedestrian lanes that are lined with shops, boutiques, jewelry stores, souvenir stands, tavernas, cafes, and flea market stalls.

Note: There is approximately 1/2 mile of walking over cobblestones and approximately 20 steps on this tour. Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use suitable sun protection.

Tour Code: PIR_68

Exclusive Ancient Treasures

Approximate Duration: 7 ½ hours

Level 3, Meal, Ultimate Touring

Experience Athens and its ancient treasure in a small group, traveling by minibus. After a visit to the Acropolis and its famous landmarks, you'll enjoy a scenic drive through the highlights of Athens. Admire the Propylaea, the temple of Aterios Niki, the Erechtheum, and stand in awe in front of the Parthenon. You'll then stop in the Plaka area for a traditional lunch followed by some free time to wander around the old district on your own. After, visit the National Archaeological Museum, housing an unrivaled collection of treasures of Cycladic, Minoan, Mycenaean, and Classical Greek Art. A few of the museum's most important exhibits include the bronze statue of Poseidon, Head of Hygeia (Goddess of Health), bronze statue of the 'Jockey-Boy' of Artemision, Golden Mask of Agamemnon and brilliant Minoan-style frescoes from Thira (Santorini). Following your visit to the museum, you'll return to your ship in Piraeus.

Note: The Acropolis is explored on foot and requires approximately two hours of walking. There are some 75 steps at the entrance and in certain locations the marble is uneven and slippery. Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use suitable sun protection. Please note that on the Jade sailings dates of December 20th, 2009, January 3rd, 24th, February 14th, March 7th, 28th, November 21st, December 12th 2010 January 2nd, 23rd, February 13th, March 6th, 27th, April 17th 2011, due to the early closure of the historical sites this late in the season and in order to make the most of your time on this tour, lunch will not be served until approximately 3:15 pm. We suggest you have a late breakfast or snack before going on tour. Please also be aware that there is much less congestion, both at the sites and in traffic during winter months, so tour durations may be slightly shorter than is listed in the descriptions; the content of the tour will not be affected.

Tour Code: PIR_70 Car (2 guests)

Tour Code: PIR_74 Minibus (12 guests)

Private Touring – Half Day

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

This touring option allows you complete freedom to maximize your time and explore the places that really interest you. Discover in comfort and at your own pace with the convenience of a private vehicle, driver and English speaking guide (other languages available on request) at your disposal. You set your pace and itinerary, just tell us where you want to go!

Note: Entrance, parking fees and meals are not included, in order to allow you complete freedom of choice. Bring local currency, as credit cards may not be accepted everywhere. Extra hours available at an additional cost. Guests who are planning to visit the religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed in churches. The level of exertion on this tour is completely up to you. Prices are per vehicle and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour.

Tour Code: PIR_72 Car (2 guests)

Tour Code: PIR_75 Minibus (12 guests)

Private Touring – Full Day

Approximate Duration: 8 hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

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Izmir (Ephesus), Turkey

Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use suitable sun protection.

For tours that visit Ephesus, there is approximately 1 1/4 mile of walking over uneven and cobblestone surfaces with inclines and steps. There is additional walking at all other sites visited.

Tour Code: IZM_01

Ephesus & the Virgin Mary

Approximate Duration: 7 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

This is an opportunity to see the magnificent ruins of Ephesus – one of the best preserved Greek/Roman cities in Asia Minor, and also experience other historical and natural values around it. Your first stop is at the House of Virgin Mary, declared a place of pilgrimage in 1892, and has since been visited by many Christian pilgrims. Next, continue to Ephesus. Built in the 3rd century B.C., this is one of the most interesting and extensive ancient cities in the world and the center of attraction in the Aegean region. The remains from the Roman period are a grand amphitheater, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Scholastic Baths, the Odeon, the Lower Agora, and the State Agora. After lunch, you'll visit a local handicraft center designed as a typical Turkish village to see how the famous Turkish carpets are made.

Note: Expect crowded venues and long lines.

Tour Code: IZM_20

Pergamon & Asclepion

Approximate Duration: 6 ½ hours

Level 2

Today you'll visit Pergamon, the intellectual center of Asia Minor, and an ancient healing center – Asclepion. Pergamon, a center of learning and arts possessed one of the greatest libraries of antiquity. Among the ruins lays an impressive amphitheater, the Temples of Trajan and Dionisus, the Altar of Zeus, the Sanctuary of Demeter, a three terrace gymnasium and the Agora. The next stop is Asclepion, located to the southwest of the lower city, which was a sanctuary dedicated to the god of health, Asclepios. This center was something very similar to a modern natural healing clinic where patients were given exercises, drugs, herbal remedies or the waters of the springs to drink. Galen, who first introduced the notion of experimentation to medicine, was among its famous physicians. Afterwards, your bus will take you to a carpet weaving center for refreshments and a chance to learn about carpet making which is a dying art, while enjoying your drinks and local snacks. The tour will end with a drive to Izmir.

Tour Code: IZM_21

Magnificent Ephesus

Approximate Duration: 5 ¾ hours

Level 2

Today you'll visit Ephesus, one of the most beautiful ancient cities in the world and learn its secrets. The city was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. Her temple was once considered the Seventh Wonder of the Ancient World and attracted pilgrims worshipping the female; first Cybele, then Artemis and finally the Virgin Mary. Among the ruins lays an impressive amphitheater, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Scholastic Baths, the Lower Agora, State Agora, and Odeon. Afterwards, you'll visit a carpet weaving center for refreshments and the opportunity to learn about carpet making before returning to your ship in Izmir.

Note: Expect crowded venues and long lines.



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Tour Code: IZM_22

Izmir Orientation

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 1, Guests with Disabilities

'Beautiful Izmir' is the third largest city and the second largest port of Turkey. Built in the 3rd century B.C., it shared with Troy the most advanced culture in Western Anatolia. You'll see the Konak Mosque, Atatürk Monument, Passport Pier, Alsancak Train Station, Kemeralti shopping area, Izmir Fair and more. You'll visit Agora, the ancient market place and the Archaeological Museum which has a good collection of antiquities, of which the statues of Poseidon and Demeter are fine examples. After your visit, you'll have the choice to stop for refreshments at a local carpet shop or return directly to the pier.

Note: The market and Agora are explored on foot; this tour includes walking on cobblestone streets in the market and approximately 0.6 miles at Agora

Tour Code: IZM_23

Biblical Highlights

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 1, Meal, Ultimate Touring

Drive through the Turkish countryside along a hilly road to arrive at the House of Virgin Mary, the site where the Blessed Virgin is reputed to have spent the last years of her life. Your guide will read related Bible pages in the courtyard of the House of Virgin Mary and you'll spend considerable time at this holy pilgrimage shrine. After this special experience, you'll visit the Temple of Artemis which was once considered as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and is today considered as a place for holy pilgrimage. Your last visit for the day will be to the Basilica of St. John. Here there are some steps and uneven walkways as this is a church which is now in ruins. You'll find many frescoes, mosaics, and graceful columns to attest to the glory that marked the place where St. John the Evangelist, lived and died. Before returning to your ship, you'll stop at a small Turkish village where you can learn about Turkish handicrafts and art and have a Biblical lunch of foods cited in the Bible.

Note: This tour is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate.

Tour Code: IZM_24

Ephesians Modus Vivandi

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

Upon reaching the once powerful city of ancient Ephesus, passing by the Magnesia Gate, you'll enter the administrative section of ancient Ephesus. On your guided walking tour through one of the most magnificent excavations in the world, you'll see the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the five terraces of the apartment houses, the Steam Baths of Scholastika, the Temple of Hadrian, and the impressive library of Celsius, which is adorned with columns and statues. The Grand Theater is the largest theater in antiquity and has a capacity of 24,000 seats. Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession through the Arcadian Way, and today you'll proceed this way when you return to your car. On the slopes of Bulbul Mountain opposite the Hadrian Temple, you'll visit the Terrace Houses of Ephesus, also called 'the houses of the rich' because they were for the important and wealthy people of Ephesus. You'll be given an extra ticket to visit the inner sections of these houses where excavations still continue. The most ancient of the houses were built in the 1st century B.C. and most of the houses were restored in the 2nd century A.D. The houses seemed plain from outside, but inside were decorated with mosaics and frescoes. Following your visit of Ephesus, you'll be welcomed to enjoy a 'Roman feast' where Romans and Ephesians will be happy to greet you and share with you their goat cheese and wine. Here you'll also have a chance to enjoy the colorful panorama and the venue which has been converted to a handicrafts center.

Note: This tour is the same as IZM_25 Ultimate Ephesus tour but the price is for a party of 2 in a vehicle and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour.

Tour Code: IZM_25

Ultimate Ephesus

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

Upon reaching the once powerful city of ancient Ephesus passing by the Magnesia Gate, you'll enter the administrative section of ancient Ephesus. On your guided walking tour through one of the most magnificent excavations in the world, you'll see the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the five terraces of the apartment houses, the Steam Baths of Scholastika, the Temple of Hadrian and the impressive Library of Celsius, which is adorned with columns and statues. The Grand Theater is the largest theater in antiquity and has a capacity of 24,000



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Note: This tour is the same as IZM_24 Ephesians Modus Vivandi tour but is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate. Expect crowded venues and long lines.

Tour Code: IZM_26

Exclusive Aegean Delights

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

Leaving the colorful town of Izmir behind, you'll drive through the verdant countryside before arriving in Kusadasi. Kusadasi is a resort town in the province of Aydin on the Aegean coast of Turkey, about 56 miles south of Izmir and is near the ancient city of Ephesus. After a panoramic tour of Kusadasi, continue with a visit to Ephesus. Once you enter the open-air Archeological Museum of Ephesus and pass by the Magnesia Gate, you'll enter the administrative section of ancient Ephesus. A guided walking tour will take you through one of the most magnificent excavations in the world to see the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the five terraces of the apartment houses, the Steam Baths of Scholastika, the Temple of Hadrian and the impressive Library of Celsius. The Grand Theater where St. Paul preached, is the largest theater in antiquity with a capacity of 24,000 seats. Return to your car through the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. After your visit to Ephesus, continue to an authentic Turkish restaurant for an exclusive lunch. A local carpet weaving center will be the last stop of the tour where you'll learn about Turkish handicrafts and art.

Note: This tour is the same as IZM_27 Aegean Delights tour but the price is for a party of 2 in a vehicle and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour.

Tour Code: IZM_27

Aegean Delights

Approximate Duration: 7 hours

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

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Note: This tour is the same as IZM_26 Exclusive Aegean Delights Tour but is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate..

Tour Code: IZM_28

Easy Ephesus

Approximate Duration: 6 hours

Level 1

This tour is designed for guests who would like to learn about Ephesus and its surroundings with minimal walking (you will not enter the Open-Air Museum of Ephesus). After an approximate one hour drive from the pier, you'll arrive at the Upper Gate of Ephesus and you'll be given information about Ephesus from outside. This is one of the most magnificent excavations in the world. You'll have free time for pictures and shopping outside the Upper Gate while seeing the Odeon. After a short drive, there will be another photo stop at the Statue of Virgin Mary. The statue is on the way to the House of Virgin Mary where the Blessed Virgin is reputed to have spent the last



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years of her life. Your next stop will be at the Interior Gate of Ephesus where you can find souvenirs and facilities as well as more information about Ephesus from outside while seeing the Great Theatre. You'll continue to the Archeological Museum of Ephesus with its nine exhibits tracing the religious and chronological history of the ancient city. The museum exhibits several marble statues of the Mother Goddess Artemis – goddess of nature, childbirth, and the harvest. Your final venue is the Temple of Artemis, which is considered as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and was used to cheer up all the visitors coming to Ephesus from the sea. Continue to Kusadasi downtown for a panoramic ride and a refreshment stop where you'll have the chance to see a carpet presentation and learn about this dying art while enjoying your drinks and local snacks.

Note: This tour does not include a visit to the Ephesus Open-Air Museum and House of Virgin Mary.

Tour Code: IZM_29

A Taste of Turkey

Approximate Duration: 7 ½ hours

Level 1, Meal, Ultimate Touring

Get acquainted with the rural life of western Turkey while on your exclusive tour today. You'll depart Izmir in small groups and drive in a minibus towards Sirince. The people of this hilly village are proud of their rich history and heritage. The name of the village, Sirince, comes from the word Cirkince which means 'ugly' in Turkish. The village used to be deserted on the top of a mountain with limited access and very dry weather. Today, Sirince is famous due to its wonderful vineyards and rich wine. Some of the best quality peaches and apricots throughout the Mediterranean are grown here. The smell of the fruits and the taste of the wine are here for you to enjoy. You'll visit the famous Orthodox Church of Sirince which is one of a kind. Your tour will continue with a ride to the mountains of Camlik where you'll reach the village of Kirazli Koy. The name means 'cherry village' and it's famous for its friendly residents and of course for growing fruit. The villagers of Kirazli will be happy to welcome you into their homes with real Turkish coffee and conversation, regardless of language barriers. While sitting on the floor, as is the local custom, you'll be offered warm plates of favorite household dishes as well as fresh homemade bread. After lunch, if you wish, you can go out into the orchards and help with picking the fruit trees. En route back to your ship, you'll visit a local handicraft center designed as a typical Turkish village to see how the famous Turkish carpets are made.

Note: This tour is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate. Expect crowded venues and long lines.

Tour Code: IZM_30

Exclusive Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

This exclusive tour is an opportunity to travel in a small group by minibus to see the magnificent ruins of Ephesus which is one of the best preserved Greek/Roman cities in Asia Minor. You'll experience other historical and natural values around it such as at your first stop, the House of Virgin Mary. This was declared a place of pilgrimage in 1892, and has since been visited by many Christian pilgrims. From here you'll continue to Ephesus, one of the most interesting and extensive ancient cities in the world. Built in the 3rd century B.C., this is the center of attraction in the Aegean Region. The remains from the Roman period are a grand amphitheater, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Scholastic Baths, the Odeon, the Lower Agora, and the State Agora. The tour will end with a stop at a local handicraft center designed as a typical Turkish village to see how the famous Turkish carpets are made before driving to Izmir.

Note: This tour is similar to IZM_01 Ephesus & the Virgin Mary tour but is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate. Expect crowded venues and long lines.

Tour Code: IZM_31

Exclusive Ephesus & Terrace Houses

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

On this exclusive tour you'll travel in a small group by minibus to see Ephesus, one of the most interesting and extensive ancient cities in the world along with visiting the unique terrace houses. You'll first visit the magnificent ruins of Ephesus and also experience other historical and natural values around it. Ephesus is one of the best preserved Greek/Roman cities in Asia Minor. Here you'll stop at the Open Air Museum of Ephesus which was built in the 3rd century B.C. The remains from the Roman period are a grand amphitheater, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Scholastic Baths, the Odeon, the Lower Agora, and the State Agora. You'll also visit the Terrace Houses of Ephesus which are located on the slopes of Bulbul Mountain, opposite the Hadrian



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Temple. They are also called 'the houses of rich', as they were for the important and wealthy people of Ephesus. You'll be given an extra ticket to visit the inner sections of these houses in which the excavations still continue. They were decorated with mosaics and frescoes, and they had interior open-air courtyards in the center. The houses also had cold and hot water to give an idea about the quality of life in Ephesus. Driving back to Izmir, you'll visit a local handicraft center designed as a typical Turkish village to see how the famous Turkish carpets are made.

Note: This tour is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate. Expect crowded venues and long lines.

Tour Code: IZM_40 Car (2 guests)
Tour Code: IZM_41 Van (4 guests)
Tour Code: IZM_74 Minibus (12 guests)
Tour Code: IZM_77 Minicoach (24 guests)

Private Touring – Half Day

Approximate Duration: 5 ½ hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

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Tour Code: IZM_42 Car (2 guests)
Tour Code: IZM_43 Van (4 guests)
Tour Code: IZM_75 Minibus (12 guests)
Tour Code: IZM_78 Minicoach (24 guests)

Private Touring – Full Day

Approximate Duration: 7 ½ hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

This touring option allows you complete freedom to maximize your time and explore the places that really interest you. Discover in comfort and at your own pace with the convenience of a private vehicle, driver and English speaking guide (other languages available on request) at your disposal. You set your pace and itinerary, just tell us where you want to go!

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Nafplion, Greece

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Tour Code: NAF_01
Mycenae & Palamidi

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 3

Depart Nafplion port to reach "well-built Mycenae, rich of gold," as described by Homer in The Odyssey. Tucked into a fold in the hills and lost to time for centuries, is Agamemnon's citadel just a short walk from where your coach parks. Although excavations began here in 1841, it wasn't until 33 years later that Heinrich Schliemann unearthed Mycenae's treasures. Enter the site via a walkway lined by impenetrable cyclopean walls through the Lions Gate, Europe's oldest existing example of monumental statuary. It was here that Clytemnestra received her



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husband Agamemnon on his return from Troy. Walk to the first shaft tomb, where in 1874 Schliemann excavated the famous golden death masks, now on display at the Archaeological Museum in Athens. This site affords magnificent views over the Argive. Visit the Beehive Tomb a short distance away from the citadel. Also known as the Treasury of Atreus, this could be the tomb of Agamemnon. Enter the impressive grave through a 10-foot corridor and stand in its cool, dark interior marveling at this monument to Mycenaean building skills. Returning to Nafplion, drive to the top of the massive fortified area known as the Palamidi. Perched on a crag over 700 feet high, Palamidi has commanding views of the town, the harbor and the Argive Plain. Started by the Franks, and later enlarged by the Venetians, three self-contained castles linked by vaults, corridors and secret passages now reside within the outer walls of the complex. Guests may return to the ship via coach or descend by foot over the 850-step staircase that leads down to the harbor and the ship.

Note: This tour includes walking on uneven and gravel surfaces for approximately 1/2 mile.

Tour Code: NAF_02

Epidaurus & Palamidi

(featured tour)

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

Epidaurus is best known for its stunning ancient theater. One of the most important sanctuaries in the ancient world, Epidaurus was dedicated to the God of Medicine, Asklepios. The asclepieion at Epidaurus was the best known healing center of its time; a place where the sick went to be healed physically and spiritually. The world-famous Theatre of Epidaurus, built in the 4th century B.C., is a marvel of harmony and acoustics and the best preserved ancient theater in Greece. You can hear the slightest sound made at center stage, no matter where you are seated. Attending the performances of ancient drama operating during the summer period is an unforgettable experience. Returning to Nafplion, you'll visit the fabulous Venetian fortress of Palamidi with its splendid views over the hill of Argonauplia, the town of Nafplion and the Bourtzi offshore. The fortress is well preserved and this great mass of masonry, with walls and fortifications that made it impregnable, broods menacingly over the town.

Note: This tour includes walking on uneven and gravel surfaces for approximately 1/2 mile.

Tour Code: NAF_04

Ancient Corinth & Canal Crossing

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 3

Departing from Nafplion port and after an approximately 1 ½ hour drive, you'll reach the ancient town of Corinth where Saint Paul lived and preached for two years. Back in ancient times, Corinth was amongst the richest cities and this is quite evident by its remains, including the huge Agora (market place) and Apollo's Temple (6th century B.C.). The systematic excavations of the area, initiated by the American School of Classical Studies in 1896, are still continuing today and have brought to light the agora, temples, fountains, shops, porticoes, baths and various other monuments. The investigations extended also to the fortress on Acrocorinthos, the prehistoric settlements, the theater, the Odeon, the Asklepeion, the cemeteries, the Quarter of the Potters, and other buildings outside the main archaeological site. The next site you'll visit is the famous Corinth Canal. The canal is four miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides, which reach 170 feet with a depth of 26 feet. Its construction commenced in 1881, although the idea of connecting the Ionian and Aegean Seas in order to provide a short cut seems to date back to at least Roman times. Boarding the local boat from the village of Isthmia you'll navigate the canal. During your crossing through the canal, refreshments will be served. After this unique experience, you'll then board your motorcoach and return to Nafplion.

Note: This tour includes walking on uneven and gravel surfaces for approximately 1/2 mile and some steps.

Tour Code: NAF_05

Mycenae & Wine Tasting

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

A scenic drive through Nafplion and past the ancient sites of Tiryns and Argos will bring you to the ruins of Mycenae. The first in-depth excavations were carried out by the German archaeologist Schlieman in 1876 who was obsessed with finding the grave of King Agamemnon. His diligent work exposed the famous Lions Gate, the entrance to the city which contains the shaft burial graves of some ancient nobles. A short distance away is the Beehive Tomb, so called due to its unusual shape. Continuing your tour, you'll have the opportunity to visit a local winery, where you can taste a variety of local wines. Upon arrival at the winery, the owner Mr. Skouras, will welcome you and together with one of his oenologists, they'll take you on a tour of the vineyards, the various wine



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varieties and around the winery. You'll get acquainted with the wine making process and the ancient variety of Aghiorgitiko (Black of Nemea or St. George), and if you're lucky to meet the wine God Dionysos along the vines. Your visit will continue to the wine cellar where you'll taste the quality of the wines. Domaine Skouras sources grapes from its own vineyards and from dedicated grape-growers in the region with whom they work closely to assure variety integrity and to secure top quality.

Note: This tour includes walking on uneven and gravel surfaces for approximately 1/2 mile.

Tour Code: NAF_09

Corinth Canal Crossing & Winery

Approximate Duration: 4 ¾ hours

Level 1

Scenery, a man made wonder and wine are the highlights of your day. A scenic hour drive will bring you to the site of the famous Corinth Canal. The canal is four miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides, which reach 170 feet with a depth of 26 feet. Many ancient rulers envisioned the idea of connecting the Ionian and Aegean Seas through a canal. Even Roman Emperor Nero himself broke grounds for the project and later abandoned it. Finally, in 1881, a team of architects was hired to plan a new canal which was successfully completed in 1893. Board a local boat for a ride through the Corinth Canal while listening to the interesting narration on the history and infrastructure of this man made wonder. Refreshments will be offered during your cruise. Then is off to a local winery honored with the "Winery of the Year Award" in 2009 by Wine & Spirits Magazine. Here you can taste a variety of local wines and learn about the process. You'll be met by the owner, Mr Skouras, who'll take you on a tour of the premises. You'll see how the wine is made and find out all about Agiorgitiko – Greece's famous red-grape variety. Plus, you'll get a chance to sample some of the tipples produced here.

Venice, Italy

Guests who are planning to visit religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed. Venice is a city built on and encompassed by water. Most tours require a lot of walking and climbing of stairs over many bridges and therefore are not suggested for anyone with walking difficulties.

Tour Code: VCE_80

Padua & Airport Transfer

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2, Debarck

Depart by motorcoach to Prato della Valle, Padua's largest square, where you'll meet your guide. A short walk will lead you to the Piazza del Santo to visit St. Anthony Basilica, the great religious complex built to house the relics of Padua's beloved St. Anthony. Its composite style reveals Romanesque-Gothic motifs as well as Oriental influxes. Its interior is highlighted by more of Donatello's masterful bronze relieves, as well as by his statue of the Madonna and Saints on the high altar. Just outside the basilica, you'll also see Donatello's 15th century statue of mercenary Gattamelata, which greatly influenced sculpture during the Italian Renaissance. Your walking tour will proceed to the old heart of Padua to see the animated area of the University, one of the oldest in the world; the celebrated Caffè Pedrocchi, meeting place for intellectuals and patriots since the 19th century; and Piazza delle Erbe, Padua's bustling open-air market which overlaps into Piazza della Frutta. The huge building separating the two squares is Palazzo della Ragione, the town parliament for several centuries. After your walking tour, you'll have some time at leisure before your transfer to the airport.

Note: The order of sights may vary. Lecturing is not permitted inside the basilica, so your guide will provide an explanation from the outside, and then lead the group along a set course inside the basilica. The tour cannot enter the basilica on church holidays, or in case of unexpected religious functions; however if the church permits, and time permitting, you may be allowed to enter on an individual basis. There are approximately 10-15 steps inside the basilica. This tour is only available for guests with flights after 3pm. Guests are responsible for ensuring their debarkation tours are compatible with their flight departure times. This tour does not necessarily drop off at all NCL program hotels, please check with the Shore Excursions staff onboard as to which hotel drop-offs are available. Guests have the option to book their flights through our Premium Air Department to ensure that flight departure times do not interfere with debark tours.



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Venice Highlights with transfer

Approximate duration: 4 hours

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From the pier, you'll travel approximately 20 minutes by private motor boat to San Marco area along the Canale della Giudecca. From the Venetians favorite Square, Piazza San Marco, you'll begin your guided walking tour. After some remarks on the history of Venice, you'll admire the Marciana Library and the Loggetta by J. Sansovino, the bell tower, the clock tower and its two bronze Moors, the two wings called Procuratie Vecchie and Procuratie Nuove, and the Cathedral. Next to the cathedral is the Doges' Palace, the former official residence of the Rulers of Venice (Dogi). This is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture, well known for its ornate facade and multi-arcaded loggia. Here, you'll climb the famous Golden Staircase, admire the paintings from Tintoretto and Veronese and wander through the echoing Great Council Chamber and many other historical rooms. Adjoining the palace is the famous Ponte dei Sospiri, or Bridge of Sighs. This legendary structure connects the palace to the former ducal prison. Today, it is a favorite rendezvous of lovers who believe that if they kiss under the bridge, their love will last forever. You'll then admire the magnificent facade of the Basilica di San Marco, named for St. Mark. At the conclusion of this excursion, you'll travel through the Venetian Lagoon on your way to the airport with spectacular views of Venice in the distance, as well as some of the surrounding islands.

Note: The order of sights may vary. Crowds and delays may be encountered at the Doge's Palace. Lecturing is not permitted inside the Cathedral, so your guide will provide an explanation from the outside only. Time permitting, you may be allowed to enter on an individual basis. In case of particularly high tide, the main entrance to the cathedral may be blocked. Photography is not permitted inside St. Mark's Cathedral and the Doge's Palace. There are approximately 500 steps to navigate on this tour. This tour is only available for guests with flights after 3pm. Guests are responsible for ensuring their debarkation tours are compatible with their flight departure times. This tour does not necessarily drop off at all NCL program hotels, please check with the shore excursions staff onboard as to which hotel drop-offs are available. Guests have the option to book their flights through our Premium Air Department to ensure that flight departure times do not interfere with debark tours.

Tour Code: VCE_82

St. Mark's & Doge's Palace

Approximate Duration: 4 ½ hours

Level 2

After transferring from your ship, you'll arrive in the heart of Venice, in St. Mark's Square, where you'll meet your guide. See the facade of St. Mark's Basilica, a church of inestimable beauty, and admire the striking mosaics and golden dome, both superbly restored to their original grandeur, and the four bronze horses above the church's main entrance. Your next stop is the Doge's Palace, a magnificent Gothic masterpiece with its pink marble exterior and lacy stone arches dating from the 14th century. Its design broke all traditions of the time, resulting in an airy, almost ethereal building. A guided visit will take you through apartments and rooms filled with paintings. 'Paradise,' by Domenico and Jacopo Tintoretto, fills an entire wall in the Great Council Hall. Also learn about Venice's political history. See the lagoon through the grillwork of the Bridge of Sighs as you walk across to the old prison cells on the other side where Casanova was once held. After this visit to Doge's Palace you'll have some free time to take a gondola ride, explore the area, shop, or perhaps visit the interior of St. Mark's on your own. You'll meet your escort at a designated time and place for the return to your ship.

Note: This tour is only available for guests who are combining 2 consecutive sailings aboard the Norwegian Gem. Your tour will depart from and return to your ship. If you wish to take a gondola ride during your free time on tour, please see the Shore Excursion desk for details. Backpacks and large purses will have to be checked in at security in Doge's Palace; we recommend no large bags on this tour. The order of sights may vary. Crowds and delays may be encountered at the Doge's Palace. Guests cannot enter the Cathedral on church holidays, or in case of unexpected religious functions; however if the church permits, and time permitting, you may be allowed to enter on an individual basis. In case of particularly high tide, the main entrance to the cathedral may be blocked. Photography is not permitted inside St. Mark's Cathedral and the Doge's Palace. Venice is a city built on and encompassed by water. Most tours require a lot of walking and climbing of stairs over many bridges and therefore are not suggested for anyone with walking difficulties. There are approximately 500 steps to navigate on this tour.



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