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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.
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- 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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## Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

Tour Code: CIV\_50

Rome – Classical City

Approximate Duration: 8 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

This walking tour is an overview of Rome's classical era starting with an outside visit of the Colosseum, the symbol of the power of Imperial Rome. Proceed to a viewpoint of the Roman Forum and Capitoline Hill. Spend some time soaking up the history and enjoy the opportunity to take some memorable photos. After lunch, you'll head by coach towards St. Peter's Basilica. Your guide will lead you towards the vast square in front of St. Peter's. After a visit of the Basilica, you'll have some free time to explore the area on your own.

**Note:** Guests who are planning to visit religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately. No bare shoulders or shorts are allowed. Your guide will join you in Rome, however you'll have an escort with you throughout the day.

Tour Code: CIV\_51

Rome – Baroque City

Approximate Duration: 8 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

Your walking tour of the most famous Baroque monuments of the city starts with a stop at the Trevi Fountain, one of Rome's most spectacular works of art. This is followed by a visit to the Pantheon, the biggest temple built by the Emperor Adriano and the best-preserved ancient Roman building. Head to Piazza Navona, the most beautiful Baroque square in Rome and home to the famous Fountain of the Four Rivers. Here, you'll have leisure time to



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roam around the piazza, lined with cafes and filled with artists displaying their works. Following lunch, you'll go by coach to St. Peter's Square. After your guide's explanation, you'll have free time to explore the surroundings or visit St. Peter's Basilica on your own.

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Tour Code: CIV\_52

Rome & the Vatican

Approximate Duration: 9 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

Although a quick pace and substantial amount of walking is required, your day will be extremely rewarding. Your tour starts with an orientation drive through the Eternal City, passing through Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine and the famed Colosseum. Only if time permits, some free time will be permitted so that you can explore the area on your own. After lunch, visit the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, boasting Michelangelo's magnificent ceiling. You'll gaze in awe at Piazza San Pietro, one of the world's most beautiful squares that faces the largest church in the world, St. Peter's. Some of its fabulous treasures will be shown to you by your guide during a brief visit. You'll then rejoin your motorcoach for the return to Civitavecchia.

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Tour Code: CIV\_53

Rome on Your Own

Approximate Duration: 9 hours

Level 1

If you would like to explore the Eternal City of Rome on your own, this private motorcoach transfer is ideal. You'll be dropped off in a central location, and your return transfer to the ship departs from the same place as your drop-off. A tour escort will be traveling with you to and from the ship to answer any questions you may have about sightseeing or shopping.

**Note:** All meals and incidental expenses are at your own expense. Please return to the meeting point no less than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. Drop-off location may vary. Guests who are planning to visit religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately. No bare shoulders or shorts are allowed. The Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel are closed on Sundays. The level of exertion on this tour is completely up to you.

Tour Code: CIV\_54

A Taste of Rome

Approximate Duration: 8 ½ hours

Level 1

Enjoy an orientation drive of Rome and have free time to take in the sites of your choice, or do some shopping. Drive by landmarks like Trajan's Column, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. Then, you'll be dropped off at a central location where you'll have approximately three hours of free time. Your guide will advise you of the pick-up time for your return back to Civitavecchia.

**Note:** All meals and incidental expenses are at your own expense. Please return to the meeting point no less than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. Drop-off location may vary. Guests who are planning to visit religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed. The level of exertion on this tour is completely up to you. There is no guide on this tour; your escort will point out places of interest and give the explanation during the orientation drive.

Tour Code: CIV\_55

Exclusive Rome & the Vatican

Approximate Duration: 9 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

You'll be transferred in smaller groups by minibus with exclusive escorts and guides. Although a quick pace and substantial amount of walking is required, your day will be extremely rewarding. In the morning, enjoy an orientation drive through the Eternal City; you'll pass the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine and the famed Colosseum. If time permits, you may explore on your own. Being a smaller exclusive group, you'll visit the Sistine Museum in the afternoon to avoid any long lines. Lunch will be held in a first-class restaurant after which you'll



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continue to the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, boasting Michelangelo's magnificent ceiling. You'll gaze in awe at Piazza San Pietro, one of the world's most beautiful squares that faces the largest church in the world, St. Peter's. Some of its fabulous treasures will be shown to you by your guide during a brief visit.

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Tour Code: CIV\_56

Eternal Rome & the Colosseum

Approximate Duration: 10 hours

Level 2, Meal

The tour starts with an internal visit of the largest and most important amphitheater – the Colosseum. This imposing structure is 160 feet high and covers about 6 acres. It has four levels of seats and could hold 50,000 spectators who watched gladiatorial battles and other events. After visiting this magnificent structure with your guide, you'll continue to the Roman Forum which was the political, economic and religious centre of ancient Rome. Walk through the ruins of various temples, tribunals and other buildings which were used for public and private business. From here, you'll continue to see an iconic fountain of Rome – the Trevi Fountain. The high-baroque Fontana di Trevi was designed by Nicola Salvi in 1732 and today is one of Rome's most spectacular fountains. Legend has it that you can ensure your return to Rome by tossing a coin in the fountain. After lunch in a typical Italian restaurant, you'll proceed to St. Peter's Square and visit St. Peter's Basilica. You'll have some free time to explore on your own before driving back to Civitavecchia and to your ship.

**Note:** You'll need to navigate several stairs, cobblestone streets and uneven terrain on this tour. Guests who are planning to visit religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed. Your guide will join you in Rome, however you'll have an escort with you throughout the day.

Tour Code: CIV\_57

Tarquinia & the Etruscans

Approximate Duration: 4 ½ hours

Level 2

Not far from Civitavecchia lies Tarquinia, a sprawling city overlooking the sea. Due to its huge and efficient fleet, Tarquinia was once one of the most powerful Etruscan cities. Today, it's known for its quaint squares and lovely palaces. Start with a visit to Palazzo Vitelleschi, a splendid 15th century Gothic-style castle. The museum contains a wealth of Etruscan treasures. Rejoin your motorcoach to visit the Etruscan Necropolis, containing numerous sarcophagi that were found in its tombs lying beneath rolling farmlands just outside Tarquinia. Your guide will lead you past underground tombs decorated with lively frescoes of Etruscan life, dating from the 7th to 2nd centuries B.C. Your tour culminates with a visit to a local farmhouse where you'll discover the local flavors when you sample their homemade goods.

**Note:** Guests who are planning to visit religious sites during free time or on tour, please dress appropriately; no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed.

Tour Code: CIV\_58

Tarquinia Biking Adventure

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 3, Age Requirements

Upon arrival at Tarquinia Porta Clementina, you'll collect your bicycle and meet the group leader. Then, proceed through the Medieval historic center of Tarquinia passing by some of the most important monuments in this historic village. Visit the main palazzo and the National Etruscan Museum. Continue towards Santa Maria in Castello until you arrive at the typical farmhouse for a wine tasting session. From here, you'll return to your ship by coach.

**Note:** Participants must be at least 10 years of age. The bike ride is approximately 3 miles, mainly down hill or level ground.

Tour Code: CIV\_61

Roman Highlights

Approximate Duration: 8 ½ hours

Level 2

Your walking tour of Rome allows you to see the most famous Baroque monuments of the city. You'll be transferred to Rome by motorcoach and will start your day with a stop at the Trevi Fountain, one of Rome's most spectacular works of art. This is followed by a visit to the Pantheon, the biggest temple built by the Emperor



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Adriano and the best-preserved ancient Roman building. Head to Piazza Navona, the most beautiful Baroque square in Rome and home to the famous Fountain of the Four Rivers. Here, you'll have leisure time to roam around the piazza, lined with cafes and filled with artists displaying their works. Continue by coach to St. Peter's Square. After your guide's explanation, you'll have free time to explore the surroundings or visit St. Peter's Basilica on your own.

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Tour Code: CIV\_62

Ultimate Rome

Approximate Duration: 10 hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

In order to visit the two main highlights of Rome – The Vatican and the Colosseum, this fast-paced tour involves a significant amount of walking but will be very rewarding. You'll depart from the port of Civitavecchia in a minibus with your escort to Rome where you'll meet your guide. Being an exclusive tour, you'll be transferred in smaller groups and will visit the Sistine Museum in the afternoon to avoid any queues. After passing through Piazza Venezia by the Vittorio Emmanuele Monument and the Roman Forum, your first stop will be the Colosseum. You'll begin your exploration of the Eternal City with an inside guided visit of this Imperial Roman symbol of power. Continue to the Trevi Fountain, one of Rome's most spectacular fountains. The high-Baroque Fontana di Trevi was designed by Nicola Salvi in 1732. Legend has it that you can ensure your return to Rome by tossing a coin in the fountain. After securing your next visit to Rome, you'll walk to the Pantheon where you can enter on your own and have free time for lunch before heading to the Vatican Museum. One of the highlights here will be your visit to the remarkable Sistine Chapel with its magnificent ceiling which took Michelangelo over four years to decorate. You'll gaze in awe at Piazza San Pietro, one of the world's most beautiful squares. Facing the square is the largest church in the world, St. Peter's Basilica. Some of its fabulous treasures will be shown to you by your guide during a brief visit before returning by minibus to Civitavecchia.

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Tour Code: CIV\_65

Country Style Experience

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 1, Meal, Ultimate Touring, Family Recommended

This tour is ideal for those who want to spend a relaxing day surrounded by beautiful countryside and enjoying the fruits of the land. You'll drive to Valle del Marta where you'll be welcomed by the owners. Here you'll have the pleasure of enjoying different activities, such as a cooking class, wine and extra virgin olive oil tasting, a guided visit of the farm, biking through the countryside, or simply discovering the typical Italian countryside way of life or lounging by the swimming pool. Of course lunch will be prepared using Italian recipes and farm products. You can also pass your day with optional well-being treatments (massage, etc.) at an additional cost and do some shopping of locally-made products (wine, liqueurs, olive oil, honey, etc.).

**Note:** Even though this tour has very limited capacity, a minimum number of participants are required in order to operate.

Tour Code: CIV\_72 Car (2 guests)

Tour Code: CIV\_73 Van (7 guests)

Tour Code: CIV\_76 Minibus (12 guests)

Private Touring – Full Day

Approximate Duration: 9 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.



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## Athens (Piraeus), Greece

**For tours which 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. We advise that you bring a bottle of water and suitable sun protection.**

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 and held to be the center of the earth. 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 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.

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.

**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. Please note that on the Jade sailings dates of Sailings of 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 and limited daylight hours this late in the season, in order to make the most of your time on this tour and avoid a scenic city drive in the dark, you'll instead have free time for shopping and exploring in the Plaka, the oldest section of Athens. Please also be aware that there is much less congestion, both at the sites and in traffic, at this time of year, so tour durations may be slightly shorter than is listed in the descriptions.

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 though 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 have some free time to wander around the old district, Plaka. Then take a drive passing by numerous points of interest and the best-known city landmarks before arriving to your lunch venue. 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,



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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. We advise that you bring a bottle of water and suitable sun protection. Please note that on the Jade sailings dates of Sailings of 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, at this time of year, 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\_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, Erectheum 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.

**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. We advise that you bring a bottle of water and suitable sun protection.

Tour Code: PIR\_54

Cruising the Corinth Canal

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 3

After an approximately 1 1/2-hour drive from Piraeus, you'll reach the ancient town of Corinth where Saint Paul lived and preached for two years. In ancient times, Corinth was amongst the richest cities and this is quite evident by its remains. Excavations of the area are still continuing today and have brought to light the Agora (market place), temples, fountains, shops, porticoes, baths, and various other monuments which you'll see. The investigations extended also to the fortress on Acrocorinthos, prehistoric settlements, the theater, the Odeon, the Asklepeion, 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. Boarding a local boat from the village of Isthmia, you'll navigate the canal while enjoying refreshments.

Tour Code: PIR\_55

Athens & the Acropolis

Approximate Duration: 3 1/2 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.

**Note:** The Acropolis is explored on foot and requires approximately two hours of walking. There are some 75



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steps at the entrance and in certain locations the marble is uneven and slippery. We advise that you bring a bottle of water and suitable sun protection.

Tour Code: PIR\_56

Panoramic Athens

Approximate Duration: 2 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 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 most attractive coastal suburbs on the way back to Piraeus.

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. 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. For private parties, please see the Shore Excursions Desk.

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. For private parties, please see the Shore Excursions Desk.

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



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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 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.

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. Please note that on the Jade sailings dates of Sailings of 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. 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

Please refer to Private Touring – Half Day description above. With the Full Day option though, you get even more time to maximize your day to explore this port by private vehicle.



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## Ephesus (Izmir), Turkey

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.

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.

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, Ataturk 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.

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



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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 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 bus. On the slopes of Bulbul Mountain opposite the Hadrian Temple, you'll visit 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\_24 Ephesians Modus Vivandi tour but is conducted in small groups and requires a minimum number of passengers to operate.

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.



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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 the 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

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 the minibus through the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. After your visit to Ephesus, your tour will take you 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\_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 know about Ephesus and its surroundings with minimal walking. Once you arrive to the Upper Gate of Ephesus after an approximately one hour drive from the pier, you'll be given information about Ephesus from outside (you will not enter the Open-Air Museum of Ephesus). 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 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



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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. We recommend that you dress in layers, wear sun protection and bring bottled water.

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. We recommend that you dress in layers, wear sun protection and bring bottled water.

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 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. We recommend that you dress in layers, wear sun protection and bring bottled water.

Tour Code: IZM\_40 Car (2 guests)

Tour Code: IZM\_41 Van (4 guests)

Tour Code: IZM\_74 Minibus (12 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)

Private Touring – Full Day

Approximate Duration: 7 ½ hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

Please refer to Private Touring – Half Day description above. With the Full Day option though, you get even more time to maximize your day to explore this port by private vehicle.

## Alexandria, Egypt

**Guests on tour to Cairo, please note that the drive from to and from Cairo is approximately 3 hours each way. The sequence your tour may vary but all sites will be visited.**

Tour Code: ALY\_54 Double Occupancy

Tour Code: ALY\_55 Single Occupancy

Ultimate Egypt

Approximate Duration: 2 Days/1 Night

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

This complete tour of Cairo and Luxor, will be the Ultimate experience a visitor can have in 2 days and 1 night. You'll fly to Luxor and see the open-air museum of sites and spend the night in this ancient city. On your second day, you'll fly to Cairo where you'll visit the major sites before heading back to your ship in Alexandria.

**Day 1:** You'll depart from the pier for Alexandria's airport for your chartered flight to Luxor. An hour and half away, Luxor amasses one third of the world's antiquities within its boundaries. Visit the greatest place of worship in history, the breathtaking Karnak Temple with its unique Hypostyle hall, sacred lake and avenue of the Sphinxes. After lunch drive across the Nile to its West Bank where the Valley of the Kings is situated. You'll visit three of the most impressive tombs and stop for photographs at the famous statues of Amenophis III, also known as the Colossi of Memnon. Back on the East Bank, visit Luxor Temple with its graceful, well-preserved architecture that is distinguished by many different gods and cultures that have resided here. Continue to the mummification museum where the medical achievements and process of embalming practiced almost 4,500 thousand years ago will amaze you. The last stop for the day will be at a Papyrus Institute where the procedure of manufacturing the oldest paper in the world, an art discovered by the Ancient Egyptians, will be demonstrated and time for souvenir shopping will be allowed before checking in to your hotel for the night and to enjoy dinner.

**Day 2:** After breakfast at the hotel, you'll board your flight to Cairo. On arrival in Cairo, you'll go by motorcoach to the National Archaeological Museum to acquaint yourself with Egypt's ancient history spanning a period of 50 centuries. The Museum houses the richest collection of Egyptian Antiquities including the magnificent Tutankhamun collection. After lunch, you'll visit the only remaining wonder of the ancient world, the Pyramids of Giza and their guardian, the mysterious Sphinx.

**Note:** Visitors must go through two security check points before visiting the Cairo Museum. All meals and overnight accommodations are included. The drive from Cairo to Alexandria takes approximately 3 hours. This tour involves chartered flights, so a minimum number of passengers is required in order to operate. Cameras are not permitted in the tombs site in the Valley of the Kings, nor in the museums. TSA regulations apply for carry-on luggage on both flights. Tour is non-refundable once onboard.



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Tour Code: ALY\_01 Double Occupancy  
Tour Code: ALY\_11 Single Occupancy  
Best of Cairo Overnight  
Approximate Duration: 2 Days/1 Night

Level 2, Meal

**Day 1:** Depart from the pier for a journey through desert scenery and reclaimed, cultivated land, reaching the outskirts of Africa's largest city, the legendary Al Qahira, internationally known as the teeming metropolis of Cairo. Sit back, relax and listen as your guide tells you about the history and culture of a timeless land on a journey lasting approximately three hours. Your first stop brings you to the Citadel of Saladin where you'll see panoramic views of the city of Cairo. Driving through the 'City of the Dead' towards the Citadel, the architectural and the surreal surroundings will capture your imagination. Visit the spectacular Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali and continue to Liberty Square, the heart of downtown, where the National Archaeological Museum is situated. Here acquaint yourself with Egypt's ancient history spanning a period of 50 centuries. The museum houses the richest collection of Egyptian antiquities, including the magnificent Tutankhamun collection. Proceed to a leading hotel in Cairo for check-in formalities, lunch and a short siesta. In the early evening depart to the Papyrus institute where the procedure of manufacturing the oldest paper in the world will be demonstrated for you. You'll have some time to shop for your favorite souvenirs before proceeding to the Giza Plateau to attend the English version of the 'Son et Lumiere'. Here seated in front of the Sphinx under a star-studded sky, the Sound and Light performance brings the magnificent history and achievements of the ancient Egyptians to life as the illuminated pyramids and the mysterious Sphinx dominate the surrounding darkness. To end the night, sail on the River Nile, the same timeless waterway traversed by Pharaohs, Queens and Nobles thousands of years ago. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner in elaborate interiors as you glide past Cairo's waterfront landmarks, while a folkloric presentation and belly dancing take place for your entertainment. You'll then drive back to your hotel for a well-earned night's sleep.

**Day 2:** After breakfast and check-out, drive south to Egypt's first capital, Memphis. Here visit the ruins of the Temple of Ptah, the fallen colossal statue of King Ramses the 2nd, and the Alabaster Sphinx of King Amenophis the 2nd. Drive to the oldest, ancient cemetery of Sakkara and see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser. Continue to one of the Mastabas (tombs) built nearby, and visit ones such as those of Ptah-Hotep, Mereruca, Idut or Ti. Then proceed to the Giza Plateau, where the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World is found, the imposing Pyramids of Giza. You'll have some free time at the pyramids to explore and enjoy this magnificent site as well as having unique photo opportunities. Continue down the valley where the mighty Sphinx bears witness to the passage of time. Let your imagination reflect on the golden days of the Pharaohs as you gaze at this mighty monument. Lunch will be served afterwards at a leading hotel nearby the pyramids before the return journey to port. Bring back with you wonderful memories to reflect upon for a very long time to come.

**Note:** Shoulders and knees must be covered and shoes must be removed while visiting the mosque. Visitors must go through two security check points before visiting the Cairo Museum. During the Sound and Light show, use of video cameras requires a fee of approximately \$6.00. All meals and overnight accommodations are included.

Tour Code: ALY\_02  
Camel & Jeep Safari

Approximate Duration: 13 hours

Level 2, Meal, Weight Requirement

Upon arrival at Cairo, you'll proceed to the Giza Plateau where the only remaining wonders of the ancient world, the Pyramids of Giza still stand. Enjoy panoramic views from the Western Plateau, and then stop at the middle pyramid where you can explore the site on your own. Continue down the valley to visit the mighty mysterious Sphinx. Drive through rural areas towards the awaiting four-wheel drive air-conditioned jeep that will take you for a drive into the desert, towards where a camel caravan is waiting for you. Experienced camel drivers will lead your camel on a trip in the desert in caravan formation. Feel the desert wind in your hair and sway to the motion of your camel as it strides in a leisurely pace through the beauty of a desolate and harsh environment. After a country club-style lunch, continue south through verdant countryside to the oldest cemetery, Sakkara. The world's first monumental stone building, the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, built almost 5,000 ago, still stands here. After visiting the complex, continue to one of the funerary chambers built nearby, to visit one of them. A short stop at a papyrus institute will introduce you to the process of paper-making from reeds, an art discovered by the ancient Egyptians. Limited time will be allocated for souvenir shopping before the return drive to Alexandria.



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**Note:** Participants must weigh less than 250 lbs. and be in good physical condition. Children should ride the camel with an adult companion.

Tour Code: ALY\_03

Pyramids & Nile in Style

Approximate Duration: 12 hours

Level 2, Meal

Your first stop is at the Giza Plateau. Here, the great pyramids stand majestically as a reminder of great times past. You'll enjoy some free time near the Pyramid of Chephren to explore the site on your own. Continue down the valley to visit the guardian of this mortuary complex, the mighty Sphinx. Then, it's on to the banks of the River Nile where a luxurious cruise boat awaits to take you on a ride down the same timeless waterway traversed by Pharaohs, Queens and Nobles thousands of years ago. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch as you glide past Cairo's waterfront landmarks and are entertained by a folkloric presentation and belly dancing. Then, a drive on the New Ring Road will bring you to your next stop, the Citadel of Saladin, where you'll take-in panoramic views of the city of Cairo. At the citadel, visit the spectacular Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali, the founder of modern Egypt. Your last stop will be at a papyrus institute where you'll learn the ancient art of paper making and take advantage of some free time to check out the many souvenirs available.

Tour Code: ALY\_04

Classic Cairo

Approximate Duration: 12 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

After a stop at the Giza Plateau to take in the breathtaking views of the Pyramids, your tour continues to visit the Sphinx, the mysterious guardian of the desert. Later, take time to relax and enjoy a delicious lunch buffet at a leading hotel. After lunch, drive to Tahrir (Liberty) Square, the heart of downtown Cairo. Visit the National Archaeological Museum and acquaint yourself with Egypt's ancient history. The museum is the repository of the world's largest and richest collection of Egyptian antiquities, amongst them the priceless collection of King Tutankhamun. Continue to a papyrus institute where the art of paper making from reeds, discovered by the Ancient Egyptians, will be demonstrated for you, followed by some free time for souvenir shopping.

Tour Code: ALY\_05

Cairo, Pyramids & Tombs

Approximate Duration: 12 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal

After driving from Alexandria to the teeming metropolis of Cairo, you'll stop in Memphis, Egypt's first capital. Here you'll visit the ruins of the temple of Ptah, the statue of King Ramses the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Alabaster Sphinx of King Amenhopis the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A short drive from Memphis lays the oldest cemetery of Sakkara. After visiting the complex, continue to one of the Mastabas (funerary chambers) built nearby, such as those of Ptah-Hotep, Mereruca, Idut or Ti for an inside visit. A sumptuous buffet lunch waits at a deluxe hotel where you'll have some time to relax before the drive to the Giza Plateau where the only remaining wonder of the ancient world, the Pyramids of Giza lay. Enjoy panoramic views from the Western Plateau, and then stop at the middle pyramid where you can explore the site on your own. Continue down the valley to visit the guardian of this mortuary complex, the mighty Sphinx, watching the passage of time and men in eons of silence. An orientation drive through Cairo culminates your day before returning to your ship in Alexandria. At the end of the day a short stop will take place at a papyrus institute where you'll see how paper was made from reeds by the ancient Egyptians. Limited time for shopping is also included.

Tour Code: ALY\_06

The Best of Alexandria

Approximate Duration: 8 ½ hours

Level 2, Meal, Age Requirements

Founded by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C. Alexandria is the shining pearl of the Mediterranean. Immortalizing Alexander's name, the city flourished beyond all expectations into a prominent cultural, intellectual and economic metropolis, the remains of which are still evident to this day. Take a drive through colorful streets viewing beautiful architecture and experiencing the charming aura and nostalgia of yesteryear. The equestrian bronze statue of Mohamed Ali, founder of modern Egypt, decorates Mansheya Square. A few steps away is the elegant marble edifice dedicated to the Unknown Soldier, its guards of honor at attention on either side. Your first stop will be at the eerie and intriguing Catacombs of Shawqafa, an extensive three-level funerary complex dating from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. Continue to the National Museum housing underwater photographs and statues from the ongoing



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operation to salvage artifacts from the identified sunken palace of Cleopatra. After lunch at one of the city's leading restaurants, drive to Bibliotheca Alexandrina, inaugurated in 2002 on the same site where the famous Library of Alexandria was. The building was designed to be one of the unique and most unusual architectural structures of the modern world, reflecting the architectural genius of the 21st century. Your tour will be conducted by the library's own guides. You'll also visit the library's Archaeological Museum. A scenic drive on the beachfront boulevard of Alexandria will bring you to the famous Montaza Gardens where you'll find the summer residence palace of the late ex King Farouk. Take a stroll through the palm-covered grounds and view the palace, still used today by the present government for official state functions. On the return to your ship, short photo stops will be made at Qait Bey Fort, built on the original site of the Pharaohs, Alexandria's ancient lighthouse which was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and Abu El Abbas Mosque, one of Alexandria's Islamic landmarks characterized by its tall minarets and four domes.

**Note:** Children under the age of 6 are not permitted in the Alexandria Library.

Tour Code: ALY\_19

Rosetta Rediscovered

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2

Once a flourishing harbor and prosperous trading post, the city where the famous Rosetta Stone was found declined, but today, its grimy façade guards some of the most amazing architecture found in Egypt.

Rural countryside unfolds in glorious patterns of richly cultivated fields, fruit orchards, exotic palm forests and lush green vegetation in all colors of green as you leave Alexandria behind and drive into the Nile Delta to ancient Rosetta. Founded in 853, Rosetta offered a strategic location between the Mediterranean and the western arm of the Nile, protecting Egypt from sea invasions. It was recognized as an extremely important trading post and military site by the Mameluks who flocked into town building beautiful houses, mosques, inns and public baths. Under the Ottomans it remained a prosperous trading post, turning into one of the most flourishing harbors in the Mediterranean where merchants from all over traded in silk, grain, and coffee. In July 1799, a dramatic discovery by some of Napoleons soldiers stationed at Rosetta brought to light a stone slab inscribed in three languages; hieroglyphics, Greek and demotic. Known worldwide as the Rosetta Stone, its text remained a mystery until many years later when a gifted French scholar succeeded to decipher the hieroglyphics enabling Egyptologists and the rest of the world's scholars to understand and read the Pharaonic symbols. Today, the town itself is an open air museum with 22 monumental residences, mills, castles, public baths and mosques dating back to the Ottoman era. Such architectural style is found nowhere else in Egypt. The houses reveal superb Islamic architecture, with geometrically shaped Mushrabiyyas (oriels), decorative inscriptions, ornate doors, inlaid seashell woodworks, domes and large reception rooms. Exquisite decorations and Kufic calligraphy adorned the interior of the houses which sometimes rose to two floors with a decorative skylight allowing natural light and air into the building. Well insulated fresh water tanks provided the house with fresh drinking water, and a drinking fountain offered a refreshing drink to thirsty passers by, free of charge. Most of these houses are currently under restoration and only two of them are open to visitors. Today, you'll visit the houses and the nearby mosque all situated in the same street. Drive to the outskirts of the town to visit Abu Madour Tower from where the major historian of the French Expedition, Vivian Dinon, monitored the famous Abu Kir naval battle between the British and French fleets. An orientation drive of Rosetta will complete your visit to this very interesting, yet somehow overlooked destination. Before arriving at the pier in Alexandria, you'll have the opportunity to see some of the city's highlights.

Tour Code: ALY\_20

Alexandria Highlights

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2, Age Requirements

Depart from the pier for a drive through the colorful streets of Alexandria viewing beautiful architecture and experiencing the charming aura and nostalgia of yesteryear. Discover the highlights of Alexandria; the statue of Mohamed Ali, the monument to the Unknown Soldier, the Mosque of Abu El Abbas, and stop for a picture of Qait Bey Fort, built on the site of the Pharaohs of Alexandria. Continue to visit the eerie and intriguing Catacombs of Shawqafa and the National Museum, where treated and restored objects from the sunken palace of Cleopatra are on display. Enjoy a scenic drive to Montaza Gardens to view the summer residence palace of the former King of Egypt, Farouk. Driving along the cornice will give you panoramic views of Alexandria from the water's edge.

**Note:** Children under the age of 6 are not permitted in the Alexandria Library.



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Tour Code: ALY\_21

El Alamein

Approximate Duration: 6 ½ hours

Level 2

Your tour takes you along the Egyptian coastline, considered as one of the most beautiful areas along the shores of the Mediterranean from Alexandria, and to the small village of El Alamein, set in a broad and barren desert plain somehow too distant from the seafront. It was here in November 1942 that the Allied forces, under the command of British General Montgomery, put a halt to the advance of Nazi Africa Corps who considered El Alamein the gateway to Alexandria and the key to the control of the African continent. Your first stop will be at the Military Museum containing displays of weapons, military garb and tanks. Descriptions of the actions of Montgomery, Rommel and the others participating in the battle are also on display. Continue your tour with a visit to the burial site. A short drive west of town, perched on a small peninsula overlooking the sea, the citadel-like cemeteries are the final resting place for Commonwealth, Italian and German soldiers. The neat rows of tombstones provide a poignant scene set against the seemingly interminable desert. Within a shaded alcove, the inscribed plaque explains the significance of the battle as well as the diverse origins of the victims interred here.

Tour Code: ALY\_50

Exclusive Overnight to Cairo (2 guests)

Approximate Duration: 2 Days/1 Night

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

This tour has the same content as 'Best of Cairo Overnight,' however you'll travel in a private vehicle with a personal guide, and your accommodations will be upgraded to a suite (suites have king size beds only). Lunch on day 1 and day 2 will be on your own so that you can have the freedom to choose from the selection of local and international foods.

**Note:** Price is for a party of 2 and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour. For larger private groups, contact the Shore Excursion Desk onboard. Shoulders and knees must be covered and shoes must be removed while visiting the mosque. Visitors must go through security check points before visiting the Cairo Museum. During the Sound and Light show, use of video cameras requires a fee of approximately \$6.00. Breakfast, dinner and overnight accommodations are included. Tour must be booked at least 45 days prior to sailing. Due to the exclusivity of this tour, the auto-confirmation represents a request only and guests will receive a personal confirmation prior to sailing. Once this tour has been confirmed, it is non refundable.

Tour Code: ALY\_52

Exclusive Overnight to Cairo (4 guests)

Approximate Duration: 2 Days/1 Night

Level 2, Meal, Ultimate Touring

This tour has the same content as 'Best of Cairo Overnight,' and 'Exclusive Overnight to Cairo' however you'll travel with your own group of 4 friends or family in a private vehicle with a personal guide, and your accommodations will be upgraded to a suite (2 guests per suite - suites have king size beds only). Lunch on day 1 and day 2 will be on your own so that you can have the freedom to choose from the selection of local and international foods.

**Note:** Note: Price is for a party of 4 and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour. For larger private groups, contact the Shore Excursion Desk onboard. Shoulders and knees must be covered and shoes must be removed while visiting the mosque. Visitors must go through security check points before visiting the Cairo Museum. During the Sound and Light show, use of video cameras requires a fee of approximately \$6.00. Breakfast, dinner and overnight accommodations are included. Tour must be booked at least 45 days prior to sailing. Due to the exclusivity of this tour, the auto-confirmation represents a request only and guests will receive a personal confirmation prior to sailing. Once this tour has been confirmed, it is non refundable.

Tour Code: ALY\_51

Exclusive Classic Cairo

Approximate Duration: 12 ½ hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

This tour has the same content as 'Classic Cairo' but will be in the privacy of a private vehicle for 2 guests with an exclusive guide. You'll be free to have lunch on your own.

**Note:** Price is for a party of 2 and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book this tour. For larger private groups, contact the Shore Excursion Desk onboard. The drive to Cairo takes approximately 3 hours each way.



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Tour Code: ALY\_40 Car (2 guests)  
Tour Code: ALY\_41 Van (7 guests)  
Tour Code: ALY\_60 Minibus (10 guests)  
Private Touring – Half Day

Approximate Duration: 5 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. 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: ALY\_42 Car (2 guests)  
Tour Code: ALY\_43 Van (7 guests)  
Tour Code: ALY\_61 Minibus (10 guests)  
Private Touring – Full Day

Approximate Duration: 12 hours

Guests with Disabilities, Ultimate Touring

Please refer to Private Touring – Half Day description above. With the Full Day option though, you get even more time to maximize your day to explore this port by private vehicle.

## Valletta, Malta

Tour Code: MLA\_50  
4x4 Safari

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 3, Age Requirements

Hop into the open top 4 x 4 vehicle waiting for you pier-side and start the ever-popular and fun safari. You'll be given the opportunity to enjoy some of the local breathtaking views, which are rarely seen by normal tourists. A group leader will guide the tour throughout the day to places unknown, even to some of the local people. Drive along the coastline with stunning views of neighboring islands, bays & cliffs and stop to take some memorable photos along the way. Although this tour involves minimal walking, you'll be driving over rough terrain to reach some areas.

**Note:** Participants must be at least 4 years of age. Maruti 4 x 4 vehicles are driven by your driver and vehicles are limited to 5 guests. Tour participation is limited. Itinerary will vary and is dependant on weather and road conditions of the day. We suggest you bring a light jacket or windbreaker as it can get windy and quite cool for some. Not recommended for pregnant women or guests with back, hip and/or neck problems or limited mobility.

Tour Code: MLA\_51  
Swimming with the Dolphins

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 1, Age Requirements

Take a drive to the Mediterraneo Marine Park. Upon arrival, you are given a briefing by the instructors. Under the guidance and supervision of specialized professionals, you'll experience the power, beauty, agility and grace of these magnificent marine mammals. This unique opportunity portrayed in an unequal environment will entice you to meet and interact with trained bottlenose dolphins by participating in sequences of aquatic behavior. There will be time for showers and processing of photos for those who want to take a memento home. Enjoy some free time at the Marine Park before the drive back to your ship.

**Note:** Participants must be at least 8 years of age and able to swim. Parents must accompany their children to the dolphin center. Guests who don't wish to participate in the water with the dolphins, but wish to accompany their family and friends can book the 'Dolphin Spectator' tour. Please bring a towel from your ship. Tour participation is limited.



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Tour Code: MLA\_52

Horse Riding Adventure

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 3, Age & Weight Requirements

Accompanied by an escort, proceed to Golden Bay for a short briefing. The instructor will lead the group to commence the ride through the countryside, hardly known by the locals, let alone by the visiting tourists. Experience some spectacular views overlooking Golden Sands Beach. After returning to the stables, you'll continue to on a short panoramic drive before returning to your ship.

**Note:** Participants must be at least 12 years of age and weigh no more than 105 kg/230 lbs.

Tour Code: MLA\_54

Three Cities & Boat Ride

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

Walk around Senglea, a fortified city in the Grand Harbour, for a view of the historic bastions. Arrive at Vittoriosa, originally known as Birgu, the Mediterranean term for a coastal village under the shelter of a fort or castle. Its honorific name of Vittoriosa was granted as a result of its victorious stand in the Great Siege of 1565. Walk along the narrow streets of this city, admiring such historic sites as the Church of St. Lawrence and Fort St. Angelo from the outside. Afterward, embark on a traditional Maltese 'Dghajsas' (boat) for a trip within the harbor. Finally proceed to Marsaxlokk for a short photo stop and free time at the open-air market in this typical Maltese fishing village before returning to your ship.

**Note:** Since you'll be visiting a religious site, please dress respectfully; no shorts or bare shoulders are allowed. Dghajsas can hold up to 6 passengers per boat and are not covered, so sun protection and a windbreaker are recommended.

Tour Code: MLA\_55

Mdina & Wine Tasting

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

Head to the Medieval city of Mdina where you'll walk its cobbled ancient streets. Pass by St. Paul's Cathedral en route to the ramparts for an amazing view of the island. Here, you'll have some free time for shopping before continuing to Qormi, one of the oldest villages of the island to visit Palazzo Stagno. This beautiful Palazzo was built in 1589 during the rule of the Knights of the Order of St. John. After a brief tour of the Palazzo, you'll have the opportunity to taste some of the wines produced in Malta accompanied by typical Maltese snacks. A girl wearing a traditional Maltese costume will present you with a small souvenir of the island before leaving.

**Note:** Since you'll be visiting a religious site, please dress respectfully; no shorts or bare shoulders are allowed.

Tour Code: MLA\_56

A Taste of Malta

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 1

As you head to Mosta, you'll see one of the largest domes in Europe. The church was nearly destroyed during World War II when an Axis Bomb pierced the dome but failed to explode. The detonator was removed and the bomb is now on display in a small museum attached to the church. Then drive to one of the local vineyards where some of Malta's most delicate wines are produced. A wine tasting session accompanied by local specialties will follow. Afterward, visit a number of local artisans at work producing typical Maltese ware. Here, you'll enjoy some free time for shopping. Visit San Anton Gardens which surround the palace built in 1623, and which today is the residence of the President of the Republic of Malta. The garden as we know today was open to the public in 1882.

**Note:** Mosta Dome might be closed to the public without prior notice due to religious functions. Since you'll be visiting a religious site, please dress respectfully; no shorts or bare shoulders are allowed.

Tour Code: MLA\_57

Prehistoric Temples & Views

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

Visit Malta starting with a scenic drive through the three cities: Senglea, Cospicua, and Vittoriosa. Continue to the southern part of the island to see some of the most unique prehistoric monuments in the world. Visit the three Temples of Tarxien, dating back from 3,600 B.C. to 2,800 B.C.; the temples are renowned for the detail of their carvings, which include domestic animals carved in relief, altars, and screens decorated with spiral designs and other patterns. Located close to Birzebbugia, you'll visit the underground caves in Ghar Dalam where the first



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traces of life on the island date back to 180,000 years ago. You'll notice an enormous quantity of animal bone deposits from the lower strata of the cave's subsoil. Before returning to Valletta, a drive through Marsaxlokk will be made for a short photo stop of the colorful fishing village.

Tour Code: MLA\_58

City of Knights & Mdina

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2

Start with a short drive around the impressive bastions of Valletta. Upon arrival at the capital city, you'll walk to the Upper Barracca Gardens for a panoramic view of Malta's natural harbors and the historic cities of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa. Next, proceed to St. John's Co-Cathedral, the conventual church of the Knights of Malta, housing Caravaggio's famous masterpiece: The Beheading of St. John. Continue your walk to the Magisterial Palace, formerly known as the residence of the Grand Masters of the Order, and visit the State Rooms and Tapestry Chamber. Afterward, drive to Mdina — the Silent City — and walk through the narrow streets of the town, visiting St. Paul's Cathedral and the bastions for a panoramic view.

**Note:** The State Rooms and the Tapestry Chambers at the palace might be closed without prior notice due to President's engagements. If closed, you'll visit Amoury Palace instead. Since you'll be visiting a religious site, please dress respectfully; no shorts or bare shoulders are allowed.

Tour Code: MLA\_59

Malta's Scenic Beauty

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2

This comprehensive excursion begins with a scenic drive to Vittoriosa. Walk along the narrow historic streets of this city, admiring amongst other notable sites, the Church of St. Lawrence and Fort St. Angelo from the outside. Continue to Marsaxlokk, Malta's largest fishing village, where you'll have free time to enjoy the colorful scenery. Then drive through tiny villages, to Wied iz-Zurrieq to view the Blue Grotto from the top. Afterwards, drive through Girgenti which houses the summer residence of the Prime Minister before reaching Buskett Gardens located on Dingli Cliffs to admire the view from Malta's highest point. Drive through Rabat, past the fortifications of Mdina, Malta's old capital city, and continue your drive through Mosta, known for its famous dome, before returning to the pier to re-embark your ship.

Tour Code: MLA\_60

Historic Towns & Crafts

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2

Take a panoramic drive to Mosta to see its famous dome, considered the third largest in Europe. Continue on a drive to the historical city of Mdina for a walk through its narrow streets, visiting St. Paul's Cathedral and ramparts, dating back to the 9th century. Walk through the public garden to Rabat where you'll visit St. Paul's Catacombs, an underground burial place used by the early Christians. Then drive to Ta' Qali Handicrafts Village where you'll see a number of local artisans at work producing typical Maltese ware, which includes glass, silver and filigree.

**Note:** Since you'll be visiting a religious site, please dress respectfully; no shorts or bare shoulders are allowed.

Tour Code: MLA\_61

Medieval Cities Exclusive

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 1, Ultimate Touring

Depart in a private vehicle to Valletta – the capital city of Malta for an exclusive tour of this Medieval city. The first stop is St. John's Co-Cathedral, Malta's greatest treasure, where you'll have the opportunity to see the famous painting by Caravaggio. Continue to Rabat where you'll board a horse-drawn carriage and enjoy a 30-minute ride around the streets of Rabat and through the narrow streets of the Medieval town, Mdina. Stop at Palazzo Falson one of the oldest buildings still standing in Mdina, with origins dating back to the early 13th century. Its most recent owner and resident, Captain Olof Frederick Gollcher was a philanthropist and a passionate collector of objects d'art and historical items. He put together the extraordinarily rich collection of paintings, silver, furniture, jewelry, Oriental rugs, books, manuscripts and armory which is now on display in this Palazzo. Enjoy refreshments in Fontanella Gardens before walking to Mdina Gate for the return to your ship.

**Note:** Price is for a party of 2 and not per person, so only one person in the party needs to book.



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Tour Code: MLA\_65

Aerial View of Maltese Islands

Approximate Duration: 1 hour

Level 1, Ultimate Touring

For those wishing to treat themselves to a unique and exhilarating experience, this scenic tour is a must. Taking off from the spectacular Grand Harbour on a float plane, this 30-minute flight gives you the chance to enjoy the beautiful archipelago from 1,500 feet above. An experience you'll never forget!

**Note:** There is no guide and no commentary onboard the seaplane. The seaplane is not exclusively for NCL passengers. ID/Passport is required for this tour. Tour participation is extremely limited.

Tour Code: MLA\_66

Island Trekking

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 3, Ultimate Touring

Travel by minibus to start your trekking tour on the western part of the island, which is the least developed area. You'll see views from the Island of Malta of striking sea cliffs overlooking the ocean. This tour gives you the opportunity to experience some of the more dramatic parts of the island, ones that are only accessible by foot. Your 6.2 mile (10 km) route will follow footpaths along sea cliffs and secondary roads, with uneven terrain and may include some minor climbing on boulders.

**Note:** Although tour participation is extremely limited and is conducted in a small group, this tour requires a minimum number of guests to operate. Itineraries may vary between groups since the selected routes will depend on abilities of participants, weather and terrain conditions.

Tour Code: MLA\_68

Discover Scuba

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2, Age Requirements

Today, experience the thrill of Scuba diving under the supervision of a PADI professional. You'll master some of the basic concepts of diving in confined water (swimming pool) and then head off on an open-water adventure at an inviting 'shallow' reef. Experience the feeling of weightlessness in a new environment and enjoy the vibrant colors and amazing variety of the Mediterranean Sea's marine life.

**Note:** Participants must be at least 10 years of age. All participants are required to sign a PADI Medical and Liability form prior to starting the course. If a student has any of the medical conditions listed, then a PADI Medical Statement and Divers Medical Questionnaire must be completed and signed by a physician familiar with contraindications to scuba diving and must be valid within the past 12 months - this cannot be done on the cruise ship. All divers will have to complete a registration form upon arrival at the dive center. This will include details of the diving qualification and a copy of a medical declaration. Every diver is required to sign a Self Declaration Medical form prior to starting any Scuba diving activities.

Tour Code: MLA\_69

Ultimate Malta

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2, Ultimate Touring

Experience Malta in a small group and gain an insight into its history on this ultimate tour. Begin with a drive through the Three Cities – Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa. Left largely unvisited, the Three Cities are a slice of authentic life, and a glimpse into Malta's maritime fortunes. The Three Cities can rightly claim to be the cradle of Maltese history. Embark traditional Maltese 'Dghajsas' (boats) for an approximately 30-minute trip within the harbor. There will be approximately five passengers per boat. Continue with a drive to the capital city, Valletta for a visit of St. John's Co-Cathedral and its famous painting by Caravaggio – the Beheading of St. John. Finally, you'll walk to Casa Rocca Piccola, home of the 9th Marquis and Marchioness de Piro where you'll be met by the owners of the house today. The value of Casa Rocca Piccola lies in its ability to provide unique historical evidence into the customs and traditions of the Maltese nobility over the last 400 years. You can also see a collection of furniture, silver and paintings that add to the aesthetic riches of this country. If the weather is nice, you'll enjoy tea, coffee and fresh cannoli in the courtyard before returning in your minibus back to the ship.

Tour Code: MLA\_80

Dolphin Spectator

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 1, Guests with Disabilities

This tour gives you the option to participate as an observer while your family and friends participate in the



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Swimming with the Dolphins tour we offer. You'll be transferred to the Mediterraneo Marine Park where you'll be free to see whatever you like in the park, including entertaining shows with parrots, sea lions and dolphins. There is also a special area for children to play.

**Note:** Shows will be available from April through November.

Tour Code: MLA\_81

Valletta & the Malta Experience

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 2, Guests with Disabilities

Begin with a short drive around the impressive bastions of Valletta; pass Fort St. Elmo, stopping for a photo stop whilst admiring Fort Manoel and Marsamxett Harbour. Once in Valletta, Malta's capital city, you'll walk to the Upper Barracca Gardens for a panoramic view of Malta's natural harbors and the historic cities of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa. Continue to St. John's Co-Cathedral, the Conventual Church of the Knights of Malta, where you'll also have the opportunity to visit Caravaggio's famous masterpiece: The Beheading of St. John. After visiting these historical sites, you'll walk past the Mediterranean Conference Centre to the Malta Experience where you'll sit through a 45-minute spectacular show about Maltese history. Learn of the mysteries of the Stone Age temples to the coming of the Romans and Arabs, the rule of the knights to the wartime spirit that captured the imagination of the world. During the show, a gripping commentary brings Malta's history to life.

**Note:** Multilingual guests can choose their language preference at the Malta Experience. Since you'll be visiting a religious site, please dress respectfully; no shorts or bare shoulders are allowed.

Tour Code: MLA\_82

Harbor Cruise & the Malta Experience

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 2, Guests with Disabilities

In Sliema you'll embark your boat to witness Malta's living past. Cruise around the two natural harbors on either side of Valletta – Marsamxett Harbour and the Grand Harbour. A detailed commentary will unfold the history of the three cities connected with the two great sieges of 1565 and 1942, as well as all the other places of interest including the historic forts, battlements and creeks showing you the closest possible views. On completion of your harbor cruise, drive to Valletta for the Malta Experience – a 45-minute spectacular show about Maltese history. A gripping commentary brings Malta's history to life – from the mysteries of the Stone Age temples to the coming of the Romans and Arabs, the rule of the knights to the wartime spirit that captured the imagination of the world.

**Note:** Multilingual guests can choose their language preference at the Malta Experience. The harbor cruise portion of this tour is not exclusive to NCL guests and is weather dependent.

Tour Code: MLA\_83

Exclusive Malta's Scenic Beauty

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 1, Ultimate Touring

This tour is similar to MLA\_59 Malta's Scenic Beauty, however on this tour you'll travel by minibus in smaller groups. You'll visit one of the three Historic Cities, where you can see from outside the church of St. Lawrence. From here proceed to Marsaxlokk, Malta's largest fishing village, where you'll have some free time. Continue with your drive through the tiny villages until you reach the Blue Grotto at Wied iz-Zurrieq. Here you'll have the opportunity to view the Grotto from top and if time permits and if you wish, you can walk down on your own to the Blue Grotto for a better view. Leaving the Blue Grotto, you'll drive through Girgenti, which houses the summer residence of the Prime Minister, reaching Buskett Gardens, on to Dingli Cliffs. At Dingli Cliffs you can admire the view from Malta's highest point. Departing the cliffs, you'll then drive through Rabat around the perimeter of Mdina, Malta's old capital city. Continue your drive through Mosta known for its famous dome before heading back to your ship.

Tour Code: MLA\_85

Malta by Segway

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

Level 3, Age Requirements, Ultimate Touring

You will depart the pier accompanied by a local Escort and drive to Dingli. First you'll receive an introduction to the Segway. You'll be individually instructed on how to ride the Segway and then practice forward and backwards control and turning. Next you'll explore Dingli Village and continue on towards Buskett woods. You'll then ride on to the valley of Girgenti stopping by the mysterious carts ruts and on to Laferla Cross - one of the highest points in Malta from where you'll be able to view most of the Island. From there you'll then move on to the famous Dingli



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Cliffs at which point you'll be able to view the island of Filfla, the Magdalene Chapel and the Dingli parish church. This tour offers breathtaking views all along and you'll be able to stop and take photos whenever you wish. Finally head back to base and return to the pier.

**Note:** Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. All Guests are required to wear protective helmets at all times. Guests will have to sign a waiver and release form prior to departure. Ages 16-17 years must have a signed waiver by a parent. Ages 12-15 years must be accompanied by a parent. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour.

Tour Code: MLA\_70 Car (2 guests)

Tour Code: MLA\_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. 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.

## Barcelona, Spain

Tour Code: BCN\_80

City Highlights with Transfer

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 1, Debarck

At first sight you'll see that Barcelona is a city with charming streets, busy with people and full of life. The old town districts are famed for their historical monuments, narrow streets and Bohemian atmosphere, and are a perfect place for a stroll. The city also has the biggest selection of modernist architecture making it a genuine open-air museum. Barcelona is the only European capital with almost three miles of beaches where you can enjoy the most modern amenities. From the pier, head to the Sagrada Familia, passing through the Barceloneta Quarter or Fisherman Area, and Calle Marina. From here, you'll continue the panoramic drive along Passeig de Gracia, the best-known boulevard in town. See one of the masterpieces of Gaudi's architecture: the Casa Mila, best known by Barcelonians as 'La Pedrera' and Casa Batllo. Reaching Diagonal Avenue you enter the upper Eixample Area where the Sagrada Familia Temple is. From the outside, your guide will offer you an explanation of all the details related to the temple. Continue to the Montjuic Hill, claimed by the city on the occasion of the 1929 International Exposition, when the mountain was developed and trade fair halls and sports installations were constructed as well as the parks and gardens which are to be found all over the mountain. Today it is the most important recreational area in Barcelona. Drive by the Olympic Ring and make a brief stop at the Mirador del Alcalde for a panoramic view of the city. Finally, arrive at the Gothic Quarter for a walking visit. The facade of the cathedral and octagonal dome are Neo-Gothic structures of the 19th century, designed according to a 15th-century drawing. From here, you'll be dropped off at an NCL program hotel, Catalunya Square or continue to the airport.

**Note:** This tour is only available for guests with flights after 3:00 pm. 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 Excursion Desk 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: BCN\_81

Montserrat with Transfer

Approximate Duration: 4 ½ hours

Level 2, Debarck

Barcelona's favorable location, in perfect harmony with its immediate surroundings, together with its ease of access and varied climate, make it a starting point for discovering new landscapes and enjoying contact with nature. Your



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tour departs from the port passing through the main streets of Barcelona, to reach Catalunya Square, considered the heart of the city. From here, you'll continue the panoramic drive along Passeig de Gracia, the best-known boulevard in town. Your guide will point out one of the masterpieces of Gaudi's architecture: the Casa Mila and Casa Batllo; two of the best-known landmarks of the city. Reaching Diagonal Avenue your tour continues to Montserrat, a peculiar rocky mountain range which is the site of the monastery where people come to worship 'La Moreneta,' the black Madonna who is the patron-virgin of Catalonia. The Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat was founded in the 11th century and is located in a natural park 37 miles to the west of Barcelona. The Benedictine community, now numbering some 80 monks, has served the shrine for almost a thousand years. They are dedicated to a life of prayer, to working, and to welcoming pilgrims, making the site a place for dialogue, prayer and culture. Besides the monks, the Escolans also live in Montserrat who form the oldest boy's choir in Europe. During your stay and visit to Montserrat, you'll have a chance for an optional ride on the Funicular of San Juan which goes up to the panoramic point from where you'll admire beautiful views. Once you finish the visit you'll be driven to an NCL program hotel, Catalunya Square or the airport.

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Tour Code: BCN\_68

Flamenco Taste with Transfer

Approximate Duration: 4 ½ hours

Level 1, Debark

Departing the pier, you'll head to the Sagrada Familia passing by many famous landmarks: the Columbus Monument and the bottom of the famous promenade of La Rambla. Your drive will also take you along Via Laietana to reach Catalunya Square, which is considered to be the heart of Barcelona. From here, you'll continue your scenic drive along Passeig de Gracia, the best known boulevard in town. Your guide will point out two of Gaudi's masterpieces: Casa Batllo and Casa Mila. After your sightseeing drive, you'll enter the upper Eixample Area of Barcelona where the Sagrada Familia is situated. From the outside, your guide will explain all the details related to this unfinished church, which Gaudi planned with 3 monumental facades (one devoted to the Birth of Jesus Christ, one devoted to the Passion and one to the Death). After seeing the intricate exterior of the massive cathedral, you'll drive to Pueblo Espanyol (a village built in 1929 representing squares and streets from all over Spain). In this mini replica of Spain, you'll head to the Andalusian Quarter where you'll find the Tablao de Carmen (named after the great dancer Carmen Amaya). Here you'll enjoy a flamenco show which is a unique dance style with heel stomping (taconeo) and hand clapping (palmas sordas). Once the show is finished, your tour will drop you off to an NCL program hotel, Catalunya Square or continue to the airport.

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