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IN ANCIENT GREECE AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY



NEW FIVE-STAR SMALL SHIP

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED
LE LAPÉROUSE



OCTOBER 3 TO 11, 2018

ITINERARY*

Athens, Meteora, Delos, Mykonos,
Pátmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 Athens, Greece/Embark LE LAPÉROUSE
- 3 Volos for Meteora
- 4 Delos/Mykonos
- 5 Pátmos
- 6 Rhodes/Lindos Optional Excursion
- 7 Heraklion for Knossos, Crete
- 8 Santorini
- 9 Athens/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S.

Join us for this unparalleled nine-day Aegean odyssey cruising round trip Athens, Greece, aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship **LE LAPÉROUSE**. Call on Crete, Santorini, Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos and medieval Rhodes—islands steeped in myth and history. Visit extraordinary Meteora, where 14th and 15th-century monasteries stand high atop natural sandstone pinnacles, and walk through one of the most legendary sites in all of antiquity—the Palace of Minos at Knossos. Meet local residents during the specially arranged ISLAND LIFE® FORUM for a personal perspective on the true character of the Aegean Sea's maritime culture. Athens Pre-Cruise Option and Peloponnese Post-Cruise Option.

*Cruise itinerary is subject to change.

- ◆ Launching in 2018
- ◆ The newest generation of small ship cruising
- ◆ Only 92 deluxe Suites and Staterooms, 100% feature balconies
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- ◆ Five-Star, sophisticated French elegance
- ◆ Three-level marina platform
- ◆ Safe and comfortable—reinforced hull, custom stabilizers
- ◆ Certified “green” clean ship
- ◆ English speaking, European crew



Admire the beauty of Santorini's whitewashed villages overlooking the deep turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea.



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INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR SMALL SHIP LE LAPÉROUSE

- ◆ Insights from Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou.
- ◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Athens, Greece, with port calls at Volos for Meteora, Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes and Santorini; and Heraklion for Knossos, Crete.
- ◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ **Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.**
- ◆ All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- ◆ **Wine is served with lunch and dinner.**
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

EXPERT-GUIDED EXCURSIONS

- ◆ Excursion to the extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site of **Meteora**, where 14th- and 15th-century Greek Orthodox monasteries sit atop towering natural sandstone pinnacles, with lunch.
- ◆ Walking tour of medieval **Rhodes Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with a visit to the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters of the Knights of St. John.
- ◆ Tour of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on the island of **Pátmos**.
- ◆ Walking tour of UNESCO World Heritage-designated **Delos**' splendid classical ruins including the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater quarter.
- ◆ Tour of **Santorini**, featuring a visit to the renowned Museum of Prehistoric Thera and a cable car ride down from the hilltop town.

EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

- ◆ Guided tour of the phenomenal Minoan site of Bronze Age **Akrotiri**.
- ◆ Time at leisure on the islands of **Rhodes**, **Pátmos** and **Mykonos** to explore at your own pace.
- ◆ Tour the extraordinary frescoed **Palace of Minos** at Knossos, where Theseus of Greek mythology prevailed.
- ◆ Visit to Heraklion's Archaeological Museum, featuring the world's best collection of Minoan antiquities.
- ◆ Choice of a half-day excursion in **Lindos** to the Acropolis or an afternoon at leisure in Rhodes.
- ◆ **ISLAND LIFE® FORUM** with local residents who will discuss contemporary life on the ancient islands of the Aegean Sea.
- ◆ Traditional Greek music and dance performance.
- ◆ Introduction to Greek language basic phrases.
- ◆ Special **culinary presentation** given by the ship's pastry chef.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the travel program.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
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