



NEW CRUISE DESTINATION for 2012

CRUISE GREECE, THE CORINTH CANAL & THE ADRIATIC

Greek history & civilisation

9-NIGHT CRUISE

Cruise from Corfu, Greece

From **\$2795***pp Cruise only

Guest lecturer on board



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Corfu (Greece) Board your ship from 5.00pm and meet the crew during a Welcome Cocktail reception served in the lounge. Dinner on board followed by a presentation on your itinerary and a lecture on Olympia including Festivals in the Ancient World, religious ceremonies, processions, the Olympic Games. The ship sails at night.

DAY 2 Katakolon (Greece) After breakfast on board, join an optional excursion to the site of Olympia, the cradle of the Olympic Games. View the runs including the Palaestra, where the wrestlers trained; the Stadium, where the races took place; and the Temples of Zeus and Hera. A museum at the site exhibits beautiful objects found during the excavation along with some remarkable sculptures. Return to the ship for lunch and set sail to Gythion. Lecture: The Peloponnese and the wars between Athens and Sparta.

DAY 3 Gythion (Greece) Early arrival in this fishing port with buffet breakfast on board, before setting off on an optional guided tour of "Sparta and Mystras". Sparta was once the dominant military land-power in ancient Greece and fought in many wars, even against Athens. The ancient ruins of Mystras have been made a UNESCO World Heritage site and include the fortress, palace, churches and monasteries. Return to the ship for lunch, with free time in the afternoon to explore Gythion on your own. Return to the ship for dinner, when it sets sail for Piraeus.

DAY 4 Piraeus (Greece) Spend the morning sailing to Piraeus, including a lecture on "Athens and its civilisation: the Golden Age of Pericles". On arrival in Piraeus, join an optional tour to Athens and the Acropolis. Explore this religious centre of ancient Athens, including the Temple of Athena Nike, adorned with graceful Caryatids (sculpted female pillars), the Parthenon and followed by a coach tour of the modern city. Return to the ship at the end of the afternoon. Enjoy a traditional evening on board including Greek dancing and music.

DAY 5 Corinth (Greece) Cruise towards Corinth, along the canal which under Nero in 67AD, was the first to construct a route through the isthmus. This unfinished project was eventually completed in 1893, which due to its 21m width at the base, is unpassable by larger cruise ships. While cruising, enjoy the lecture on "Mycenae: Mythology, men and gods, and the tragedy of Atrides". Following lunch on board, join an optional tour to Mycenae, one of the major centres of ancient Greek civilisation and a military stronghold which dominated much of southern Greece. The archaeological sites at Mycenae have been made a UNESCO World Heritage site. Return to the ship for dinner.

DAY 6 Itea (Greece) On arrival to the seaside resort of Itea, you can join an optional full-day tour (including lunch) to Delphi, the most important site in the classical Greek world and a major site for the worship of the god Apollo. The archaeological site at Delphi has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a tour of the museum which exhibits relics discovered at the site of Delphi. The tour also visits the Monastery of Osiou Louka, one of the most beautiful Byzantine monasteries in Greece. Return to the ship at the end of the afternoon. Enjoy a lecture this evening on the History of Ancient Greece.

DAY 7 Kefalonia (Greece) The ship arrives early in Argostoli, on the island of Kefalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands. Join an optional full-day guided tour around the northern part of the island, including lunch. Highlights include Melissani, an underground lake, on a boat trip; visit Myrto Bay and the delightful fisherman's village of Assos; see the Saint Gerasimos Monastery. Return to the ship for dinner while it sails to Corfu.

DAY 8 Corfu (Greece) Breakfast on board followed by an optional guided tour of Corfu. Visit Achillion Palace, built in 1890, followed by a coach journey across the Kanoni Peninsula to the Vlacherna Convent and Pontikonissi Island. Finish the tour with a visit to old Corfu Town, with its alleys, vaulted passageways and its most famous monument, the Church of Saint Spyridon. Return to the ship for lunch. Gala dinner on board, followed by an evening of music and dancing.

4-star cruising on *La Belle de l'Adriatique*

DAY 9 Kotor Estuary - Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Breakfast on board with arrival in Kotor during the morning. Join an optional guided tour, setting off on foot to explore the old town, including the cathedral of St Tryphon, built in the 9th century. Return to the ship for lunch and dinner. Cruise toward Dubrovnik, arriving in the evening.

DAY 10 Dubrovnik (Croatia) Breakfast on board before disembarking around 9.00am.

2012 DEPARTURE
17 April

2012 FARES

CRUISE-ONLY FARES

Twin share per person	
Lower Deck	\$2795
Main Deck	\$2983
Reception Deck	\$3038
Upper Deck	\$3100
Single Traveller	\$3843

CRUISE & CHARTER FLIGHT FARES

Twin share per person	
Lower Deck	\$3069
Main Deck	\$3257
Reception Deck	\$3312
Upper Deck	\$3374
Single Traveller	\$4117

One-way transfer \$74

INCLUSIONS

- 9 night cruise aboard the *La Belle de l'Adriatique* from Corfu (Greece) to Dubrovnik (Croatia), in an outside cabin with private facilities
- All meals on board the cruise
- French wines (red & white), beer, mineral water and fruit juices with lunch and dinner
- Welcome cocktails & Gala Dinner
- PLUS - With Charter Flight Fares**
- Roundtrip charter flights Paris-Corfu/Dubrovnik-Paris

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