

GREEK ISLANDS

Cruise on the *Cristal* plus Greece & Turkey

Olympian gods, mysterious oracles, gorgons, Hercules, the Argonauts, Helen of Troy, Agamemnon, and other characters from history and legend come to mind as you travel through their homeland. Immerse yourself in Greece, a land of legends and legendary hospitality. Experience both on this comprehensive tour of Greece and the Greek Islands; first with a four-night tour of Greece's most important ancient sites, then with a cruise of the Greek Islands (and Turkey) on the *Cristal*, a Greek ship with a Greek crew that holds only 960 passengers.



October 10 - 22, 2010

13 Days from \$3,767⁰⁰

New
Trip!

*This is Greece's best season to be here
with fewer tourists and average
high temperatures near 70 degrees.*



Parthenon on the Acropolis

DAY 4 **EPIDAUROS / MYCENAE / OLYMPIA** B,D

We drive to the Corinth Canal to view the steep rock cut made in the late 19th century. Our next stop is Epidaurus to visit the 2400-year-old theater, the best preserved in Greece, whose incredible acoustics allow a voice on the stage to be heard by 15,000 spectators. At the Mycenae Archeological Site (a UNESCO World Heritage site) we see the ruins of the city once ruled by Agamemnon. Then we drive across the central Peloponnese past Megalopolis and Tripolis to reach Olympia where we lodge one night.

DAY 5 **OLYMPIA / DELPHI** B,D

We visit the archaeological site of Olympia with the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Her, the altar of the Olympic flame, the Stadium and the Museum. Then we drive across the Bay of Corinth on the New Bridge, considered the longest and most modern in Europe. We arrive in Delphi where we lodge one night.

DAY 6 **DELPHI / PIRAEUS / BOARD SHIP** B,D

Delphi was the center of the ancient world. Delphi's dramatic setting beside Mt. Parnassus overlooks the Bay of Itea. At the Delphi Archaeological Site we visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, home of the Oracle, and the museum of treasures including the Bronze Charioteer. We also walk along the sacred way to the Athenian Treasury. In the afternoon we drive through Athens to Piraeus to board our ship, the *Cristal*, for our seven night cruise.

DAY 7 **AT SEA / ISTANBUL** B,L,D

We sail in the wake of the heroes of the Odyssey as we cross the Aegean Sea to reach Istanbul, Turkey at 3:00pm. An optional Istanbul by Night shore tour might be just the thing.



DAY 1 **DEPART U.S.A.**

DAY 2 **ARRIVAL IN ATHENS, GREECE** D

Free time to rest or start exploring the ancient Greek capital where we lodge two nights in the heart of the city.

DAY 3 **ATHENS TOUR & FREE TIME** B

Our morning guided sightseeing tour starts with a driving tour of the modern city, then takes us back in time to Athens' Golden Age as we walk to the top of the Acropolis to see the awesome Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion with its Porch of Maidens. We also visit the Acropolis Museum.

Greek Islands Cruise

DAY 8 **ISTANBUL** B,L,D

Few people can visit Istanbul without falling under its spell. For 1,000 years it was the most important city in the world. Must sees include the Hagia Sophia, once the center of Byzantine Christianity; the Topkapi Palace which was the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans for 400 years; and the Covered Bazaar, the largest in the world. We can purchase shore tours or explore on our own until our 6:00pm sailing.

DAY 9 **AT SEA / MYKONOS** B,L,D

Bright, white houses, windmills, and churches are the hallmarks of Mykonos, a fashionable resort island. Our stay from 3:00pm until midnight gives us time to tour the island in daylight and see the nightlife after dark.



Mykonos Windmills

DAY 10 **PATMOS / KUSADASI (EPHESUS)** B,L,D

It is on the island of Patmos (7:00am to 10:30am) that St John the Divine experienced the apocalypse which he describes in the Book of Revelations written here during his exile from the Roman Empire. The Monastery of St. John, built on one of the island's highest points, houses priceless icons and manuscripts in its Treasury. From Patmos we sail to Kusadasi, Turkey where excursions are offered to Ephesus during our 2:30pm to 8:30pm stay. 2,000 years ago, when the Apostle Paul and the Virgin Mary lived here, Ephesus was the second largest city in the world. Now it has the most impressive Roman ruins in the world.

DAY 11 **RHODES** B,L,D

Rhodes, called the "Isle of Roses," has many ancient ruins, medieval monuments, and picturesque mountain villages. Above the charming town of Lindos rises an ancient acropolis dedicated to the goddess Athena. In the city of Rhodes marble paved streets lead past reconstructed buildings and monuments, many of which were built by the Knights of Rhodes. The walled Medieval City has changed little since the time of the Knights in the 16th century. We can book a tour or explore on our own during our 7:00am to 6:00pm port call.

PASSPORT REQUIRED



Santorini

DAY 12 **AGIOS NIKOLAOS, CRETE / SANTORINI** B,L,D

Agios Nikolaos, located in peaceful Mirabello Bay, is one of the most picturesque towns on Crete. During our 7:00am to noon visit, an excursion is offered to the Knossos Palace, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete and center of the Minoan civilization. From 5:00pm to 9:00pm we visit the island of Santorini, the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The town of Fira lies on a cliff side 700 feet above sea level and can be reached by cable car or a donkey or mule ride. Fira's white-washed houses, narrow streets, and blue domed churches offer striking and memorable images.

DAY 13 **ARRIVE ATHENS / FLY HOME** B

We transfer from the port of Piraeus to the Athens airport for our flight home.

PRICES ARE PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Stateroom Category	SUN TOURS Price
1B No Window	\$3,767
1D No Window	\$3,903
XA Porthole	\$3,929
XC Window	\$4,071
XD Window	\$4,171
XF Window	\$4,234
S Suite	\$4,501
SB Balcony Suite	\$4,652

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare Albuquerque to Athens (Not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- 4-night Land Tours as Described with Listed Meals
- 7-Night Cruise with All Meals on Board
- Transfers to and from Ship
- Government Fees, Port Charges, and Taxes
- Baggage Handling at Hotels
- \$100,000.00 Flight Insurance
- Tips for All Included Items on the Land Tour (NOT on the cruise or shore excursions)
- Your Sun Tours Escort (with 20 or more travelers)

DEPOSIT: \$450.00 Per Person **NOW** Holds Your Place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 2, 2010

CANCELLATION FEES:

NoneThrough August 2, 2010
 \$450.00August 3 - September 1, 2010
 50% of Total PriceSeptember 2 - 23, 2010
 100% of Total PriceAfter September 23, 2010

Cancellation Insurance is Recommended