

GREECE AND DALMATIA

A FIFTEEN NIGHT HOLIDAY INCLUDING AN ELEVEN NIGHT CRUISE ON BOARD THE STAR CLIPPER | 7 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2012

An epic voyage around some of the prettiest coastlines and islands in the world and some fascinating historic cities. This holiday starts where it all began with an overnight stay in Athens, the cradle of many aspects of Western civilisation, before sailing to two of the most iconic Greek islands, Mykonos; famous for its 16th century windmills, and the volcanic island of Santorini with its dazzling white-washed villages.

The cruise continues all around the Peloponnese peninsula and up the beautifully unspoiled Dalmatian coast from the soaring fjords of Montenegro to the lavender filled islands of Hvar and Korcula. Highlights include two major cities of the Adriatic, the immaculately restored walled city of Dubrovnik and ultimately the island city of Venice herself.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Fly from London to Athens.
- Private car transfer from the airport to the hotel in Athens.
- One night's accommodation with breakfast, staying in a double room at the boutique 4* St George Lycabettus hotel. The birthplace of Western democracy, architecture, geometry and countless other innovations, Athens is an exciting city with a vibrant present and an unparalleled history. The modern metropolis includes some of the world's best preserved archeological ruins from both ancient Greek and Roman eras, as well as a bustling pedestrianised old town and a thriving arts scene. The outstanding Archeological Museum has recently been complimented by the addition of the state-of-the-art Acropolis Museum at the foot of the famous monument, which provides a stunning new way to preserve and display some of the treasures of the Parthenon.
- Entrance tickets to the new Acropolis Museum.
- Private car transfer from the hotel to Piraeus port.



Board the Star Clipper on 8 September for an eleven night cruise calling at: Mykonos, Santorini, Yithion and Corfu in Greece, Kotor in Montenegro and Dubrovnik, Hvar, Korcula and Mali Losinj in Croatia before arriving into the Venetian lagoon.

- Private water taxi transfer from Venice port to the hotel.
- Three nights' accommodation, with breakfast, staying in a double room at the Liassidi Palace. Venice is a unique experience and by far the most magical way to arrive in this floating city is by sea; the way the city was designed to welcome travellers. Sailing into the Venetian lagoon, the unique vista which greets you is one that has remained identical since the merchants of the Venetian golden age arrived with their cargoes of silks and spices.
- Guaranteed entrance tickets to the Doge's Palace in Venice.
- Private water taxi transfer from the hotel to Venice Marco Polo airport.
- Fly from Venice to London.



Santorini

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

St George Lycabettus **** Deluxe, Athens

The St George is a stylish, contemporary style hotel in the upmarket Kolonaki neighbourhood of Athens. The hotel is set on the side of the Lycabettus hill, which affords some spectacular views of the city, and some rooms have Acropolis views – supplements on request. The breakfast room and the gourmet restaurant 'Le Grand Balcon' have panoramic views from the top floor and there is a lovely summer garden, outdoor swimming pool and a small spa to help you relax after a day's sightseeing.

PRICE INFORMATION

Holiday price, based on sharing a double room from: £2,888 per person. Prices based on staying at our recommended hotels, alternative hotels and regional airport departures available on request.

Liassidi Palace **** Superior, Venice

Recently, the trend amongst Venice hoteliers has been to lovingly restore derelict palaces to their former glory and open them as luxury boutique hotels; and the Liassidi Palace is a fine example of this. Located in the authentic Castello district of Venice, a short walk from St. Mark's Square and the lagoon, the entrance is from the pretty Calle della Madonna, through a courtyard filled with lemon and jasmine trees where drinks are served in summer. Each of the 26 bedrooms combines traditional Venetian style with some modern twists. There is a bar and buffet breakfast is served in a room overlooking the San Lorenzo canal.

These are two of our favourite hotels however we feature a range of hand picked hotels in Athens and Venice, please ask for further details.

This holiday is also possible in reverse order, starting with a three night stay in Venice and ending in Athens for the final night. The Star Clipper sails the southbound route on 19 September 2012 so we can offer the same holiday in reverse order including a ten night cruise from Venice to Athens on 16 September 2012.



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