


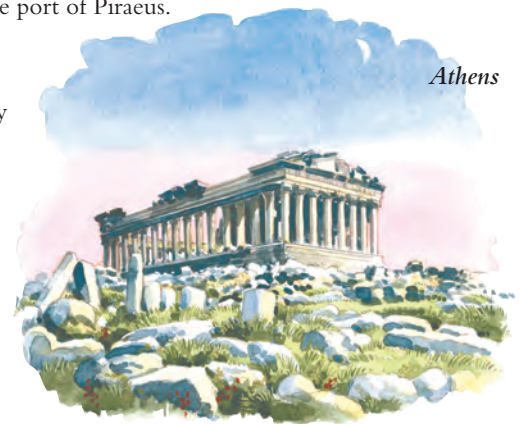
MALTA, SICILY AND GREECE

AN ELEVEN NIGHT HOLIDAY INCLUDING A SEVEN NIGHT CRUISE ON BOARD THE STAR CLIPPER | 26 APRIL - 7 MAY 2012

A picturesque voyage through some of the southern Mediterranean's most beautiful islands, this cruise combines sunshine and scenery with fascinating ancient cities. Starting with two days in Malta staying in fashionable St Julians with its boutiques and seafood restaurants, you then sail to Sicily - the largest island in the Mediterranean. The Star Clipper sails in to the ancient harbour of UNESCO protected Syracuse in the south-east of the island, which has been the centre of successive Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab and Norman civilisations on the island for centuries. From Sicily, the ship crosses to Greece, sailing through the beautiful Cyclades islands before finally dropping anchor in Athens - the cradle of Western civilisation and home to some of the world's most famous archaeological sights.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Fly from London to Malta.
- Private car transfer from the airport to the Juliani hotel.
- Two nights' accommodation with breakfast, staying in a double room at the Juliani hotel. St Julians is a charming fishing village to the north of Valetta, with a picturesque harbour lined with colourful boats and seafood restaurants. A short taxi ride from the hotel takes you to the old town of Valetta, a very well-preserved walled citadel with a wealth of architecture dating back as far as the 16th Century and the rule of the Knights Hospitaller. This World-Heritage site includes dozens of Renaissance churches and some of Europe's most spectacular private palaces as well as several impressive forts, built to defend the island from numerous maritime invaders over the centuries.
- Private car transfer from the hotel to Valetta port.
-  Board the Star Clipper on 28 April for a seven night cruise. From Malta the ship sets a course for Sicily and then Greece, stopping on the west coast of the Peloponnese near ancient Olympia before continuing via the mediaeval town of Monemvasia to the islands of Mykonos and Hydra and finally entering the port of Piraeus.
- Private car transfer from Piraeus to your hotel in the centre of Athens.
- Two nights' accommodation with breakfast, staying in a double room at the boutique 4* Hotel St George Lycabettus. 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.
- Complimentary entrance ticket for the Acropolis Museum.
- Private car transfer from the hotel to airport.
- Fly from Athens to London.



RECOMMENDED HOTELS

Juliani *****, Malta

Malta's only boutique design hotel, the Juliani is set in the former fishing village of St Julians, with views over the pretty harbour. A converted seafront townhouse, the hotel has 44 light and stylish bedrooms with a Mediterranean feel. The suites and junior suites all have private balconies overlooking the bay below (supplements on request). There is also a small rooftop swimming pool and two innovative and popular restaurants.

St George Lycabettus *****, Athens

The St George is a stylish, contemporary hotel in the upmarket Kolonaki neighbourhood of Athens, surrounded by trendy boutiques, cafés and restaurants where well-heeled Athenians spend their weekends. The hotel is set on the side of Lycabettus hill, which affords 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 relax after a day's sightseeing.

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

PRICE INFORMATION

Holiday price, based on sharing a double room from: £1,958 per person. Prices based on staying at our recommended hotels, alternative hotels and regional airport departures available on request.

EXTEND YOUR STAY

Why not extend your holiday further with a few days in the ancient seaside town of Nafplion; the first capital of modern Greece. Ninety minutes from Athens, Nafplion has a lovely harbour lined with restaurants, and retains an Italian influence from 150 years of Venetian occupation. The fortress overlooking the town is a legacy of this period and some of the most famous archaeological sites in Greece such as Mycaenae and Epidavros are within an easy day trip.

For example: Travel from Athens to Nafplion on the 7 May and stay for four nights at the 5* Nafplia Palace hotel. Supplement from £997 per person.



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