

11 Days

# Greek & Turkish Delights

VALUE TOUR  
2017

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR HOLIDAY

- Stay in Cappadocia. • 3 Nights Celestial Cruise • Shore Excursions like Ancient Ephesus, 1st European Civilization - Minoan Palace of Knossos and Spectacular Oia Village included. • Guided City Tour of Athens. • Visit to Parthenon at Acropolis.



## YOUR HOLIDAY AT A GLANCE

### COUNTRIES

Greece | Turkey

### HOTELS

- 2 nights at Hotel Suhan or similar in Cappadocia.
- 3 nights at Hotel Istanbul Marriott Courtyard Hotel / Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn / Ramada Plaza Tekstilent or similar in Istanbul.
- 1 night at Hotel Stanley or similar in Athens.
- 3 nights on board the Celestyal Cruises.
- 1 night at Hotel Stanley or similar in Athens.

### MEALS

- Enjoy a Continental Breakfast Everyday**  
Bread, Butter, Jam, Cereal, Milk, Tea, Coffee and Juice.
- Enjoy Indian / Continental Meals in Greece and Turkey**  
A Choice of Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian / Jain Menus.
- Enjoy Buffet breakfast, Meals on board as per Cruise Itinerary**  
Unlimited non-alcoholic drinks - 'White package'.

### SIGHTSEEING

Enjoy the services of a Friend, Philosopher and Guide (Your Tour Manager).

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| <p><b>Turkey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided City Tour in Cappadocia.</li> <li>• Visit to Goreme Open Air Museum.</li> <li>• Guided City Tour in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Visit to Blue Mosque in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Visit to Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Visit to Topkapi Palace in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Visit to Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Enjoy a Bosphorus Cruise in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Visit to Spice Market in Istanbul.</li> <li>• Shore Excursion: Ancient Ephesus.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Greece</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sail from Athens to Mykonos.</li> <li>• Cruising to Patmos.</li> <li>• Cruising to Heraklion Crete.</li> <li>• Shore Excursion: Heraklion of Crete - Minoan Palace of Knossos.</li> <li>• Cruising to Santorini.</li> <li>• Shore Excursion: Santorini - Spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera rim.</li> <li>• Guided City Tour of Athens.</li> <li>• Visit to Parthenon at Acropolis.</li> </ul> |
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Day	Ports	Arr.	Dep.
Fri	Athens (Piraeus), Greece		11:30
	Mykonos*, Greece	18:00	23:00
Sat	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey	07:00	13:00
	Patmos*, Greece	16:00	21:00
Sun	Crete (Heraklion), Greece	7:00	11:30
	Santorini*, Greece	16:30	21:30
Mon	Athens (Piraeus), Greece	06:00	



Goreme Open Air Museum, Cappadocia



Grand Bazaar, Istanbul



Celestyal Cruise



Santorini, Greece

Day 1

**Arrive into Kayseri**  
**Drive to Cappadocia**  
**Begin your 'Greek and Turkish Delights' Tour**

Welcome to Turkey. On arrival check into your hotel on your own **anytime after 1500 hrs.**

Overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.

(Dinner)

Day 2

**Guided City Tour of Cappadocia**  
**Visit Goreme Open Air Museum**

After a continental breakfast, we take you on full day tour of mysterious Cappadocia. Start your tour from Uchisar - north of Cappadocia, where you will enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of fairy chimneys. Later, visit Avanos, a small town known for its ceramics. Next you will see three coned fairy chimneys at Pasabag. Highly remarkable earth pillars can be seen here, in the middle of vineyards. We, then drive to Derwent Valley, the lunar landscape!

Next, we stop at Goreme Open Air Museum, which is full of pink, rose and white tapering columns. These tall free standing cones of stone, curve and twist as if pulled from earth like taffy. Others are tall like fairy chimneys. The caves were settled in the 4th century as monasteries. Visit some caves on the cliffs to see Byzantine frescoes decorating early Christian churches. See the Pigeon valley, where thousands of Pigeon houses are carved into the rocks.

Overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3

**Fly to Istanbul**

After a continental breakfast, we check out and drive to Kayseri airport for our flight to Istanbul.

On arrival we take you to your hotel (**Check-in time is after 3.00 pm**). The day is free to explore on your own this wonderful city on two continents.

Overnight at the hotel in Istanbul.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4

**Guided City Tour of Istanbul**  
**Visit the Blue Mosque**  
**Visit the Hagia Sophia**  
**Visit the Topkapi Palace**  
**Visit the Grand Bazaar**

After a continental breakfast, we take you on a guided city tour of Istanbul. We drive to the old city and visit the Sultan Ahmet Mosque, popularly known as 'Blue Mosque'. Later, we visit Hagia Sophia. This Church turned Mosque turned Museum will take your breath away with sheer architectural size of its interior, its magnificent dome, frescoes and mosaic portraits. We then visit the Museum of Topkapi Palace, where you will be amazed by the dazzling displays of the treasures of the Ottoman Sultans. Next, we take you to the Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 3,000 shops which attract between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors daily.

Overnight at the hotel in Istanbul.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5

**Enjoy a Bosphorus Cruise**  
**Visit to Spice Market**

After a continental breakfast, we take you for a cruise along the shores of the legendary Bosphorus, the winding strait separating Europe and Asia. Bosphorus coastline is a delightful mixture of the past and the present where one can enjoy the grand splendour and quaint beauty of the ancient wooden Mansions, Palaces of marble, Fortresses and small Fishing villages.

After the Cruise, visit the Spice Market a thrilling riot of colours, sounds and the rich smells of exotic spices.

Overnight at the hotel in Istanbul.

(Breakfast, Dinner)



Madurodam, Den Haag

Day 6

**Fly to Athens**

After a continental breakfast, we drive to the airport for our flight to Athens - the capital and largest city of Greece.

Upon arrival, your Tour Manager/ Local representative will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to the hotel. On arrival, check into the hotel. (**Check-in time is after 3.00 pm**).

Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7

**Board your 'Celestyal Cruise'**  
**Sail from Athens to Mykonos**

After a continental breakfast, we check out and proceed to the Cruise Centre of Piraeus to board your cruise to Mykonos island of the whitewashed houses and blue domed Churches.

Overnight in the comforts of your cabin.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Acropolis, Athens

Day 8

**Cruising to Kusadasi****Shore Excursion: Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman****Cruising to Patmos**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast on board, as you arrive at the Turkish port of Kusadasi. Proceed on a guided shore excursion to Ancient Ephesus. Find Immortal relics of the Hellenistic, Roman and early christian era.

Also visit the Great Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C., could accommodate 24,000 spectators.

Later, sail to Patmos where St. John is reputed to have written the book of Revelation.

Overnight in the comforts of your cabin.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9

**Cruising to Heraklion (Crete)****Shore Excursion: Minoan Palace of Knossos****Cruising to Santorini****Shore Excursion: Santorini - Spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera rim**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast on board, as you arrive in Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. Proceed on a guided shore excursion to Minoan Palace of Knossos. The ancient city of Knossos, with constant habitation from the Neolithic era until the 5th century A.D., is beyond doubt the land that "gave birth" to the first civilization of Europe, the Minoans. Here we visit the palace of Knossos spreads around the large Central Court. You will reach the awe inspiring Throne Room, the fresco of the "Prince of the Lilies", the imposing Grand Staircase, the Queen's Megaron in the east.

We then sail to Santorini. On arrival, proceed on a guided shore excursion to the spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera rim. We pass through Fira, the small traditional villages with delicate architecture and beauties, to eventually arrive at the settlement of Oia. During the entire route, to the west you will have before your eyes the lace-like caldera, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni and an unsurpassable panoramic view. In Oia, stroll through the marble-paved alleys, to gaze at the adorably cute shops, to take pictures, to become acquainted with the characteristic buildings, carved into the rocks and the unusual captains' manors, the settlement Ammoudi at the foot of the Caldera.

Overnight in the comforts of your cabin.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10

**Guided City Tour Athens****Visit to Parthenon at Acropolis**

After a buffet breakfast on board, we disembark from our cruise at Port Piraeus in Athens. We then proceed on guided city tour of Athens. Visit to the Panathinaiko Stadium which was the cradle of the first Olympic Games that took place in 1896. See the Constitution Square (Syntagma Square), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library.

Next, we proceed to the visit the Acropolis, the crowning beauty and glory of ancient Athens, with its many monuments atop its rocky base, including the Parthenon. The Parthenon was constructed between 447-432 BCE to be the focus of the Acropolis building complex. Its massive foundations were made of limestone, and the columns were made of Pentelic marble, a material that was utilized for the first time. The temple's main function was to shelter the monumental statue of Athena that was made by Pheidias out of gold and ivory.

Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11

**Return Home with Wonderful Memories**

Today, after a continental breakfast your 'Greek and Turkish Delights' ends as you check out of the hotel. It's time to say goodbye to all the new friends you have made. We hope you take back many happy memories of your holiday. We would like you to spare a few minutes of your time to write and tell us how you enjoyed your holiday and any suggestions you may have for the future.

(Breakfast)

Crete. Chania



Patmos, Greece



# 11 Days Greek and Turkish Delights Tour Price

Adult in Twin	Child with Bed*	Child without Bed**
USD 2,250	USD 1,600	USD 1,450

Single room supplement USD 900 per person. • \*As a 3rd in a triple, a roll away cot may be provided. • \*\*As a 3rd in a double, no bed or cot will be provided to the child. Person below 12 years will be considered as a Child. • Maximum 3 persons are allowed per room. • Peak season supplement may be applicable. Kindly check with your Sales Officer for details.

## What your Tour Price includes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accommodation at the hotels mentioned or similar.</li> <li>2. Services of an SOTC Tour Manager.</li> <li>3. Meals, coach tours, entrance fees, sightseeing &amp; surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Accommodation in inside stateroom on the cruise.</li> <li>5. Shore Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary.</li> <li>6. Port Taxes and Gratuities on board the Cruise.</li> </ol> |
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## What your Tour Price does not include

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Passport, Visa Charges, Airport &amp; Port Taxes.</li> <li>2. Cost of your air tickets required to participate in this tour.</li> <li>3. Porterage, tips, insurance, laundry, wines, mineral water, telephone charges and all items of personal nature and also food and drinks not forming part of the group menus.</li> <li>4. Cost of the Suggested Excursions.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangement which may come in to effect prior to departure.</li> <li>6. Mandatory tips of <b>Euro 3 per person per day</b> for Coach drivers, Guides etc.</li> <li>7. Anything not specifically mentioned in 'What your Tour Price includes' box.</li> </ol> |
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## Surcharges applicable during Peak and Event periods

## Visa Requirements

You must be in possession of a Single Entry Visa for Turkey and Multiple Entry Schengenstatin Visa. The cost of these visas is not included in your package tour price. It would be best to check with your travel agent and the consulates nearest to you for advice and information. Please ensure that your travel documents are ready in time for departure.

## Ticketing Requirements

For this tour you would require confirmed air tickets to arrive into Kayseri and depart from Athens. Internal sector flight Kayseri - Istanbul - Athens are included in the tour price. It would be advisable to check with your SOTC sales officer or local travel agent for ticketing.

## Departure Dates\*

Month	Departure dates	Month	Departure dates	Month	Departure dates
April 2017	8, 15, 22	June 2017	3, 10, 17, 24	August 2017	5, 12, 19, 26
May 2017	6, 13, 20, 27	July 2017	1, 8, 15, 22	September 2017	2, 9, 16

\*Day 1 as mentioned in your day to day itinerary.

## Recommended

Booking Fee Protection: USD 69 refer page XXX for details

Tour cost Protection: USD 179 refer page XXX for details

Hotel / Flights / Itinerary / Route subject to change without notice.

**Due to major international events and trade fairs throughout Europe such as Paris Air show, the Motor show, etc the hotels may be blocked out more than 1 year in advance. In view of this, you may have to stay in hotels further away from the cities and the itineraries may have to be altered / amended.**