



## LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

## Cruising the Greek Isles 2024

10 days from **\$12,995** per person *was* \$13,995

Limited to 199 guests

**OFFER**

**JUNE DEPARTURE:** Book early and save \$1,000 per person on all stateroom categories and suites. Plus, save 50% on the single supplement on stateroom categories 1-3.

**OCTOBER DEPARTURE:** Book early and save \$500 per person on all stateroom categories and suites.

Sail on A&K's bestselling cruise to Greece and explore ancient ruins and natural marvels. Joined by A&K experts, visit iconic sites such as Athens and Mykonos, as well as lesser-known gems, including Patmos, Delos and Monemvasia. Go off the beaten path in Santorini with an exclusive wine tasting, hike to the Monastery of St. John in Patmos and soak up the sun with leisurely breaks on the region's most spectacular beaches.

### Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet<sup>®</sup> Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

### A&K Advantages

Experience the benefits of small-ship cruising in Greece, with access to lesser-known Patmos, Crete and Monemvasia

Enjoy an exclusive A&K evening event in Athens featuring a unique venue, local cuisine and live entertainment

Privately visit a picturesque organic farm in Crete, where you participate in a cooking demonstration and sample fresh ingredients at their source

Sample celebrated Santorini wines during an exclusive excursion led by a wine expert

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens, where you are met and transferred to the Hotel Grande Bretagne for a welcome briefing and reception.

Hotel Grande Bretagne

## DAY 2 ATHENS | ANCIENT MAJESTY

Awake in one of the world's ancient capitals, a veritable open-air museum adorned with graceful Greek temples, proud Roman arches and ornate Byzantine churches. You might choose to begin your day exploring the majestic Parthenon and other Hellenistic ruins of the Acropolis while taking in stunning views over the Plaka Quarter, the ancient Agora and the Theater of Dionysus. Or, set out on a scenic drive through the Peloponnese to the Argolis region, pausing at the Corinth Canal, Cyclopean Walls, Lion's Gate, Royal Tombs, Treasury of Atreus and Epidaurus' ancient theater. Alternately, art lovers might prefer a gallery visit showcasing local contemporary artists, followed by a tour of the Benaki Museum's Bronze Age exhibits. This evening, enjoy a festive private event hosted on the streets of Athens.

Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 3 ATHENS | SETTING SAIL

After a morning at leisure, you might opt to visit the worldrenowned Acropolis Museum, seeing antiquities that span the Bronze, Roman and Byzantine eras. Later, head to the port of Piraeus to board your expedition vessel.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4 MONEMVASIA | CLIFFSIDE STRONGHOLD

Your first port of call is Monemvasia, a walled medieval bastion perched on the cliffside of a small Peloponnese island. Coming ashore, you might opt for a closer look inside the fortified city itself, walking its narrow lanes to reveal the ruins of former Byzantine dwellings and churches, as well as the intact Church of Elkomenos Christos and its dazzling collection of iconography. Linger within the walled city or continue on to Liotrivi Mansion, a former family estate and olive oil mill that survives today as a cultural museum. Alternatively, you might opt for a day trip to the ruins of Mystras, a former Byzantine capital. After a short drive, enter Mystras through the castle gate to discover the Cathedral of Aghios Dimitrios, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5 CRETE | MINOAN TREASURES

Your next destination is the island of Crete, former hub of the ancient Minoan maritime trading empire. Once ashore, you might opt for an exploration of the renowned Heraklion Archaeological Museum and the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Alternatively, pair your tour of the Heraklion Archaeological Museum with a hands-on culinary experience at a local hilltop farm. Or, visit the Historical Museum of Crete, walk amid Heraklion's living history and embark on a scenic drive through the island.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 SANTORINI | VOLCANIC VISTAS

Today, explore Santorini, the jewel of the small volcanic archipelago known as the Cyclades. Here, you might choose to visit the Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri, its houses, streets, squares and workshops all preserved in volcanic pumice. Alternatively, opt for a hike up the crater of Nea Kameni, followed by a dip in the thermal springs of nearby Palea Kameni. Or, embark on a scenic drive through the hills, pausing for a tour and tasting at a local winery. Later, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in the towns of Oia or Fira.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 RHODES | MEDIEVAL MARVELS

Discover Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese islands. Once ashore, you might choose a guided walk of the Old Town's medieval fortifications, the Grand Master's Palace, the Avenue of the Knights and the Archaeological Museum. For a more active experience, head toward the ancient Doric town of Lindos for a hike to its acropolis, taking in the temple of Athena Lindia and the Byzantine church along the way. Or, watch the artists of a local ceramics workshop ply their skill before attempting your own piece. Alternately, visit the Grand Master's Palace and take a walking tour of Rhodes' Old Town before transferring to a rustic restaurant for a hands-on cooking experience.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 8 MYKONOS | COSMOPOLITAN PARADISE

Today, explore Delos, a small uninhabited island that legend holds as the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Discover the island's remarkably preserved ruins, including government buildings, homes, a cistern and an amphitheater. Alternatively, stay in Mykonos for a walk along its narrow streets. Or, choose a panoramic drive through the island, pausing to take in its sun-drenched beaches, the quaint village of Ano Mera and its Monastery of Panagia Tourliani.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 9 PATMOS | VILLAGE OF CHORA

Uncover the hidden gem of Patmos, one of the smaller islands of the Dodecanese. Here, you might stroll through the hilltop village of Chora, visiting the House of Simandris and the historical Nikolaidis mansion. Alternately, visit the Monastery of St. John and the quaint village of Chora. For a more active experience, opt for a



hike to the hermitage of Zaroi and a secluded beach.

'L'Austral' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**DAY 10 DEPART ATHENS**

Arrive in Piraeus and disembark your vessel after breakfast. Then, transfer to the Athens airport and board your return flight home, or join our Treasures of Northern Greece extension to visit Meteora.

Meals: Breakfast

*October departure begins with embarkation of ['Le Bougainville'](#) on Day 1 in Athens and ends with a stay at the Hotel Grande Bretagne after disembarkation on Day 8.*

# Extensions



## Peloponnese Pre-Tour Extension

Discover the ancient and historic Peloponnese Peninsula including the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Olympia and Epidaurus.

4 days from \$4,495 per person  
Single Supplement from \$2,295 per person

### DAY 1

Arrive in Athens and transfer to the centrally located Hotel Grande Bretagne for one night.

Hotel Grande Bretagne

### DAY 2

Travel through the Peloponnese peninsula toward Nafplion. En route, visit Nemea and stop at a local winery for a visit.

Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 3

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the archaeological site of Olympia, one of the most influential ancient Greek sanctuaries, including its temples and stadium that hosted the original Olympic Games.

Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 4

Today, visit the UNESCO sites of Epidaurus, experiencing the impressive acoustics of its ancient theater, as well as Mycenae. Return to Athens and join your main Luxury Expedition Cruise program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



## Northern Greece Post-Tour Extension

Discover Thessaloniki, monasteries in Meteora and ancient Pella on this experience back in time.

4 days from \$3,795 per person  
Single Supplement from \$795 per person  
✈ Athens/Thessaloniki

One-way internal air included

### DAY 1

Arrive in Thessaloniki. After lunch, take a panoramic city tour that reveals the iconic White Tower, the Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda.

Electra Palace Thessaloniki | Meals: Lunch

### DAY 2

Experience a full-day tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, where you visit two monasteries.

Electra Palace Thessaloniki | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 3

Enjoy a visit to fascinating Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai in Vergina and discover Pella, birthplace of Alexander the Great.

Electra Palace Thessaloniki | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 4

Transfer to the airport for your independently booked flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

# Dates & Prices

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
<b>Jun 25 - Jul 04, 2024</b>			
Category 1 - Classic Stateroom	\$12,995 (was \$13,995)	\$5,248 (was \$10,495)	Available
Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom	\$14,495 (was \$15,495)	\$5,813 (was \$11,625)	Available
Category 3 - Premier Stateroom	\$15,495 (was \$16,495)	\$6,688 (was \$13,375)	Limited Availability
Category 4 - Superior Stateroom	\$17,495 (was \$18,495)	\$16,625	Available
Category 5 - Prestige Suite	\$23,495 (was \$24,495)	\$22,325	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 6 - Premier Two-Room Suite	\$28,495 (was \$29,495)	\$27,075	Limited Availability
Category 7 - Prestige Two-Room Suite	\$34,995 (was \$35,995)	\$33,245	Available
Category 8 - Owner's Suite	\$36,995 (was \$37,995)	\$35,145	Limited Availability

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

<b>Oct 01 - Oct 10, 2024</b>			
Category 1 - Classic Stateroom	\$13,495 (was \$13,995)	\$10,495	Available
Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom	\$14,995 (was \$15,495)	\$11,625	Limited Availability
Category 3 - Prestige Stateroom	\$15,995 (was \$16,495)	\$12,375	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 4 - Deluxe Suite	\$21,995 (was \$22,495)	\$20,425	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 5 - Privilege Suite	\$23,995 (was \$24,495)	\$22,325	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 6 - Prestige Two Room Suite	\$28,995 (was \$29,495)	\$27,075	Call for Availability
Category 7 - Grand Deluxe Suite	\$35,495 (was \$35,995)	\$33,245	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 8 - Owner's Suite	\$37,495 (was \$37,995)	\$35,145	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

This departure begins with embarkation of 'Le Bougainville' on Day 1 in Athens and ends with a stay at the Hotel Grande Bretagne after disembarkation on Day 8.

['Le Bougainville' Deck Plan >](#)

## Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 5–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard 'L'Austral'.

Categories 4–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard 'Le Bougainville'.

### June Departure

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Jun 25.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Jul 4.

### October Departure

First group event: embarkation between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Oct 1.

Last group event: farewell reception on Oct 9.

## Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offers subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Single supplement offer not combinable with Marco Polo or any other single supplement discounts.

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Single supplement offer not combinable with Marco Polo Club or any other single supplement discounts.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).