

GREEK ISLANDS & TURKEY

Sail the Cyclades & Eastern Aegean Islands with a Stop in Historic Kusadasi, Turkey

2026

ATHENS TO ATHENS • PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSIONS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Pre-bookings are required ahead of the cruise





DAY 2 Morning

DELOS

DELOS: TIMELESS ESCAPE INTO THE BIRTHPLACE OF GODS

NOTE: A pre-booking is required 14 days ahead of your cruise

- Duration approx. 3,5-4 hours
- Incl. Round trip boat/Certified Guide/Entry fee
- free of charge

In antiquity, Delos was revered as both the spiritual heart and the commercial hub of the Aegean. After a short ferry or tender ride, you will disembark on this legendary island and gather for a brief introduction before setting off with your lecturer-guide on a fascinating walk through the remarkably preserved ancient quarters.

Strolling along the original streets, you will encounter impressive Hellenistic houses adorned with exquisite mosaics, astonishingly vivid despite the passage of centuries. Continuing onward, you will reach the Sanctuary, where the remains of the temple dedicated to Apollo stand—a poignant reminder that Delos is celebrated in mythology as the birthplace of the god. Nearby, along the Sacred Way, you will admire the iconic row of five 7th-century B.C. marble lions, eternal guardians of the once-sacred lake.

Your exploration then leads to the ancient Theatre and the Roman Quarter, home to statues dedicated to Dionysus. Guests may also opt to visit the island's archaeological museum, renowned for its exceptional collection.

A visit to Delos is an encounter with history at its most vivid. It is rightfully recognized as one of the most important UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



DAY 3

SAMOS

UNESCO SAMOS – SPIRITUAL & ANCIENT

NOTE: A pre-booking is required 14 days ahead of your cruise

- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Incl. Bus/Certified Guide/Entry fee/Samos wine and nibbles
- Per Person: Euro **102€ pp**

Discover the rich history and stunning landscapes of Samos, an island renowned for its ancient ruins, charming villages, and panoramic sea views. This excursion combines archaeological wonders with spiritual heritage, offering both cultural depth and scenic beauty.

Begin at the **Panagia Spiliani Monastery**, a serene hilltop retreat overlooking Pythagoreio and the deep blue Aegean Sea. Explore the **cave church** carved into the rock, wander through the peaceful courtyard, and soak in panoramic views that stretch across the town and coastline.

From the monastery, we continue to the **Heraion of Samos**, a **UNESCO World Heritage** site that stands as a testament to the island's ancient glory. Walk among the remains of the majestic Temple of Hera, where towering columns and scattered ruins whisper stories of Greek mythology, religious devotion, and the island's rich past. Learn about the people who worshipped here thousands of years ago and the cultural significance of this extraordinary archaeological site.

Set in a hidden corner, our next stop invites you to sample **Samos Muscat wine** paired with flavorful local bites. On our return ride, our guide will share fascinating insights, practical tips and local recommendations during our short stroll at the charming seaside town of **Pythagoreion**.

A minimum of **14 guests** is required for the operation of the tour.



DAY 4

KUŞADASI - TURKEY

KUŞADASI - A GLIMPSE INTO ANCIENT EPHEBUS

NOTE: A pre-booking is required 14 days ahead of your cruise

- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Transportation/ Guide/ Entry fees included
- **free of charge**

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the wonders of ancient Turkey on this unforgettable long half-day tour. Begin at Ephesus, one of the world's most remarkable archaeological sites and a **UNESCO** World Heritage treasure. Walk along marble streets that have witnessed centuries of history, and marvel at monumental landmarks such as the Library of Celsus, the Agora, the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, and the awe-inspiring Great Theater, where St. Paul once preached to a crowd of 24,000.

Continue to **St. John's Basilica**, built in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian over the believed burial site of the Apostle St. John. Explore the sacred grounds and feel the echoes of early Christian history in this serene and spiritual setting. On the return to Kuşadası, stop at a charming, traditional ranch-style village. Here, you will witness a live carpet-weaving demonstration and enjoy a delicious light lunch prepared with local ingredients, served in the peaceful garden surroundings of the property immersing yourself in the rich culture of the region.

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DAY 5

PATMOS

PATMOS - FAITH, HISTORY AND BEAUTY

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- Duration approx. 3,5 hours
- Transportation/ Guide/ Entry fees included
- Per Person: **76€pp**

Depart the picturesque harbor of Skala for a short drive to the **Cave of the Apocalypse** and the imposing **Monastery of St. John**, built 900 years ago and exceptional in its architecture. Its thick, high walls are crowned with battlements and eight chapels. Visit the Treasury Museum within the Monastery, home to jeweled chalices, crowns, vestments, and rare manuscripts dating back to 1073.

We then continue with an insightful exploration of Chora, Patmos' main town, led by our local expert. Chora holds a rare charm not only because of the dominating Castle and Monastery, but also due to its remarkably preserved Byzantine residences, considered among the strongest built in the Aegean. Whitewashed houses, mansions adorned with antique furniture and embroideries, captain's residences, and narrow cobblestone alleyways create a timeless atmosphere dating back to the 15th century. **Perched on a hilltop, Chora offers sweeping views over the island and the sea, enhancing its serene and spiritual character. Its harmonious blend of religious heritage and traditional island architecture has earned it a place among the most beautiful historic settlements in Greece.**

Enjoy some time at leisure before returning to our ship.

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DAY 6

NAXOS

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Inland Treasures: Citrus, Olive Heritage & Mountain Charm

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- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Incl. Bus/Escort/Entry fee
- Per Person: Euro **84€ pp**

Leave the bustling waterfront of Naxos Town behind and ride into the island's fertile heartland, where traditions, flavors and timeless villages await.

Our first stop is the picturesque village of **Halki**, once the commercial capital of Naxos. Stroll through its elegant alleys and visit the renowned **citrus distillery**, where the island's famous Kitron liqueur has been produced for generations. Learn about the history and production of this unique local spirit and enjoy a tasting of its distinctive varieties.

Continuing through the lush Tragea Valley, we arrive in **Kaloxylos**, home to a beautifully preserved **historic olive press factory**. During our guided visit, discover the importance of olive oil production in Naxian life and gain fascinating insights into the traditional methods once used by local families. A small local treat awaits, offering a taste of authentic island hospitality.

Our final destination is the charming mountain village of **Apeiranthos**, often referred to as the "marble village" for its elegant stone-paved lanes and architecture. Enjoy a guided stroll through its narrow streets, uncovering stories of local culture, history and craftsmanship. Following the tour, there will be free time to browse the village's shops, visit a café, or simply soak up the atmosphere before we return to Naxos Town

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DAY 7

SIFNOS

SIFNOS - THE SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

NOTE: A pre-booking is required 14 days ahead of your cruise

- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Bus/escort/Entry fee
- Per Person: Euro **98€**

Begin your tour by driving southeast toward **Chrysopigi Monastery**, one of Sifnos' most iconic landmarks. It is set on a rocky peninsula, surrounded by olive groves and sea views, offering a serene and spiritual atmosphere. Visitors enjoy its 16th-century architecture, and scenic surroundings.

Continue to the medieval settlement of **Kastro**, one of the most picturesque villages of Sifnos. Built atop a cliff on the eastern side of the island, Kastro features medieval architecture, narrow alleys, and dramatic views over the Aegean.. We will walk through its whitewashed lanes and take pictures of the iconic cliffside scenery.

We will next head to **Apollonia**, the elegant and lively small capital, built on three hillsides. With its bougainvillea-lined lanes, whitewashed alleys, and charming shops, Apollonia provides an authentic and stylish Cycladic experience. The central pedestrian street, the Steno, is a highlight for leisurely strolling, cafés, small tavernas, and boutique browsing. Time at leisure to perhaps enjoy some local drink or to shop among numerous ceramic, jewelry and traditional product sellers. Our tour concludes back at the port.

A minimum of **14 guests** is required for the operation of the tour.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Our curated tours are pre-arranged; therefore, we kindly ask you to pre- book your tours at least 14 days before your cruise.

No prepayment is needed. However, please note that pre-bookings communicated to us are considered as firm, and your account will be charged accordingly.

A minimum of **14 participants** is required for each tour to operate.

Cancellation fees apply for any cancellations made less than **48 hours** before the tour.

Cancellations must be acknowledged by our Cruise Coordinator.

Please contact the Travel Professional with whom you made your cruise reservation to pre-book your desired Shore Excursions. Payment can be made at the end of the cruise, together with any other onboard expenses, by cash or card.

Further remarks:

- Our tours are offered exclusively for Variety' small groups. If a tour cannot operate due to low participation, our team will suggest suitable alternatives. Please note that descriptions, rates, and inclusions may vary for groups of less than 14 guests.
- All tours are designed to match our cruise itinerary and are led by local certified English-speaking guides or professional escorts. We'll take you to the "must-see" highlights while also revealing lesser-known gems.
- Tours may change due to site restorations, weather, traffic, or other conditions. If a site or museum is closed during our visit, an alternative experience will be provided.
- Tours are active and require a good level of physical fitness. Because some sites may be slippery, we recommend comfortable shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and water.
- Please protect your mobiles and cameras during tender rides.
- A modest dress code applies for visits to churches and monasteries.
- Gratuities for drivers and guides are not included.

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