

Athens & the Greek Islands - Sail Back in Time

Late October is a lovely time to sail the Greek Islands—the summer crowds are gone, as are the intensely hot temperatures. The "summer of Agios Dimitrios" (the Greek Indian Summer) prevails, and the Aegean islands are extremely pleasant. Autumn in general is beautiful: the light is softer, the sea often balmier than the air, and the colors more subtle.

Our seven night cruise aboard the all-inclusive *Silver Spirit* will not only include the Greek Islands of Rhodes, Mykonos, Crete and Santorini. We'll also visit the Turkish coastal resort town of Kusadasi and the seaport of Nafplion on the Greek mainland. No matter where your interests lie (be they Roman ruins, beach days or enjoying the delights of local culture) this voyage has something for you.

If you enjoy learning about ancient civilizations you'll want to explore the wonders of ancient Ephesus (during the stop in Kusadasi), and the incredible Palace of the Grand Masters in Rhodes' Old Town. Athens' ancient wonders will also amaze you during our time in the city.

If the words "Greek Islands" suggest blazing sun and sea, bare rock and mountains, olive trees and vineyards, white rustic architecture and ancient ruins, fresh fish and fruity oils, you'll certainly enjoy the Cyclades Islands ports of Mykonos and Santorini. These islands are popular holiday destinations, and are known for their beaches, ancient sites, rugged



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landscapes and traditional blue-and-white stucco towns overlooking the sea.

Crete, Greece's largest island, offers varied terrain ranging from fine-sand beaches at Elafonisi to the White Mountains. Chania is a city on the northwest coast which is known for its 14th-century Venetian harbor, narrow streets and waterfront restaurants.

Nafplion, Greece's first capital, remains the weekend escape of choice for Athenians who enjoy the peninsula's perfect beaches, crystal clear waters, and fortress-capped mountains. Nafplion is a blend of Greek, Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman influences. Stroll the seafront promenade or explore the old town's narrow streets and neoclassical architecture.

We've included three nights in Athens at the beautiful, well-located Electra Palace hotel so you can tour the city in depth. You'll want to see the Acropolis and the Temple of Zeus, of course, but you'll also have time to visit the major museums and to discover the delights of the historic Plaka district which surrounds our hotel.

Because anticipation is half the fun of travel, why not anticipate spending the lovely fall months of September and October here in Michigan, and then extend the pleasure of the season with ten days sailing the Greek Isles aboard the luxurious, all-inclusive Silver Spirit?



Daily Itinerary

Oct 26 Fly Detroit/Athens, Greece

Oct 27 Athens

Oct 28 Athens Hop on/off bus pass

Oct 29 Athens Embarkation

Oct 30 Mykonos

Oct 31 Kusadasi, Turkey

Nov 1 Rhodes

Nov 2 Crete

Nov 3 Santorini

Nov 4 Nafplion

Nov 5 Athens Disembarkation
Nov 6 Fly Athens/Detroit

Included Features

• Escorted from Detroit by your NexTour Leader *

• Airport parking and shuttle to terminal *

• Pre-trip gathering with fellow NexTourists *

 3 nights hotel lodging, 7 nights aboard ship, including port taxes and transfer

• 23 meals (9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners)

• Hop on/Hop off bus pass in Athens

 All-inclusive package onboard: gratuities, select wines and premium spirits, in-suite dining, 24-hour room service, transportation into town in most ports, nightly entertainment, unlimited standard internet access

Hotel and ship porterage of one piece of luggage per person

• Airline baggage fees, 1 bag per person

 Round-trip economy air and destination transfers will be included at the additional price noted below unless you advise us otherwise at time of reservation.

*Exclusive NexTour features





Pricing (per person)

 Vista (window, deck 4)
 \$4,790
 \$7,570

 Classic veranda (decks 5-6, fwd)
 \$5,760
 \$9,030

 Dlx veranda (decks 6-7-8, mid-ship)
 \$6,170
 \$9,640

Only three singles are available at this rate. Other cabin categories are available on request. Venetian Society savings are available.

We will add \$1,185 for round-trip economy air from Detroit to the above cost unless you tell us you wish to make your own air arrangements at time of reservation. Economy air tickets may not be upgradable using money or miles

Payment in full is required at time of reservation. Call the office for prices which do not include the early payment discount.

Cancellation: \$2,370 through 7/1/20

\$5,580 through 8/27/20 No refund after 8/27/20

Airlines: Delta, Air France, KLM

Documents Required: Passport valid through

May 6, 2021

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Terms and Conditions 1-12 and Notes A and B on page 7 apply to this tour.

Accommodations

Electra Palace, Athens Classical in its architecture and design, the hotel blends with the historical buildings of the Plaka area in the heart of Athens. The hotel offers majestic views of the Acropolis from the rooftop restaurant and pool; there is also a fitness center.

Silver Spirit This six-star luxury ship carries 608 guests and was refurbished in early 2018. Each suite has a sitting area; veranda suites have furnished balconies. Vista suites are 312 sq. ft.; veranda suites are 376 sq. ft. (including a 65 sq. ft. balcony). Ship facilities include eight restaurants (two at extra cost), a pool and Jacuzzi, Panorama Lounge, theater, casino, spa, beauty salon, internet cafe, and a fitness center.

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