



# **New!** Athens & Ionian Sea Voyage from Albania to Greece

Albania: Tirana, Berat, Saranda | Greece: Corfu, Preveza, Patra, Itea, Athens



### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

New Republics of the Balkans: North Macedonia & Kosovo PRE-TRIP: 6 nights from **\$1,295** 

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Crete: Isle of Myth & Beauty POST-TRIP: 6 nights from **\$1,495** 

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**16** days starting from **\$4,445** including international airfare

from San Francisco (SFO) or Los Angeles (LAX) Single Supplement: **\$995 Departure Dates:** DECEMBER 2, 2025 **Return Dates:** DECEMBER 17, 2025 **Activity Level:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Moderately Easy

### **ITINERARY SUMMARY**

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Depart U.S.
2-5	Tirana, Albania
6	Saranda • Embark ship
7	Butrint
8	Corfu
9	Prevesa
10	Zakynthos
11	Katakolo
12	Itea • Delphi
13	Patras • Disembark ship • Athens
14-15	Athens
16	Return to U.S.

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Information & Reservations 1-800-955-1925

#### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly from the U.S. to Tirana, Albania.

#### DAY 2 • Arrive in Tirana, Albania

Arrive in Tirana and transfer to your hotel, where you'll meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers—including those who are arriving from the conclusion of their *New Republics of the Balkans: North Macedonia & Kosovo* pre-trip extension.

#### DAY 3 • Discussion with cleric of the Bektashi Order • Explore Tirana

Visit the headquarters of the Bektashi order, where a priest will explain the tenets of this liberal Muslim sect and its relationship with the broader Islamic world. Then explore Tirana, including the renovated marketplace of the New Bazaar, bustling Skanderbeg Square, and the Byzantine-era Tirana Castle.

#### DAY 4 • Explore Tirana & Dajti Mountain • Visit Bunk'Art Museum • Overland to Berat

Explore Tirana's House of Leaves, a museum dedicated to the victims of the Gestapo, then later the victims of the secret service of Albania's communist dictatorship. Then ascend Mount Dajti by cable car for panoramic views of Tirana. Later, visit the Bunk'Art Museum, an underground bunker revealing the impacts of World War II and the Cold War on Albania's past and present.

#### DAY 5 • Explore Berat • Home-Hosted Lunch

Discover Berat—a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is regarded as one of Albania's most beautiful cities. Then, meet a local woman who crafts intricate lace products to learn more about this local tradition, followed by a **Home-Hosted Lunch** with a local family on their farm in a nearby village.

### **IT'S INCLUDED**

- 14 nights accommodation, including 7 nights aboard our privately owned 50-passenger M/V *Arethusa*
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- 35 meals: 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners—including a Home-Hosted Lunch—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks
- 24 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All port charges
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

#### DAY 6 • Explore Gjirokaster • Embark ship in Saranda

This morning, we'll begin our private motorcoach transfer to Saranda. Along the way, we explore the hillside town of Gjirokaster, whose collection of Ottomanera mansions is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### DAY 7 • Explore Butrint

Visit the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine ruins of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then visit the seaside village of Saranda for an included lunch.

## DAY 8 • Corfu • Old Town • Achilleion & Philharmonic Orchestra

Discover Corfu's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its Venetian architecture, and then visit Achilleion Palace, the 19th-century villa of the Empress Sisi. In the afternoon, meet a member of one of Corfu's many philharmonic orchestras for an introduction to this unique cultural tradition, followed by a performance.





## DAY 9 • Preveza • *A Day in the Life* of Kleisoura village

Today we will spend **A Day in the Life** of Kleisoura village. With the local community leader as our guide, we'll help prepare local dishes including handmade pies and homemade cheese, and tour the village, meeting its people and viewing its medieval castle. We'll share lunch at the community center before returning to our ship in Preveza.

## DAY 10 • Explore Zakynthos • Local folk music performance

Explore Zakynthos on a tour this morning, taking in the Venetian-style architecture of this Greek island town. Later, a group of *kantades* (musicians) will serenade us with traditional Zakynthian songs.

#### DAY 11 • Katakolo • Explore Olympia • Visit local olive oil farm

From our port in Katakolo, we drive for a tour of Olympia—birthplace of the Olympian Games, forerunner of our modern Olympic Games. Then visit the city's Archaeological Museum. This afternoon, enjoy lunch at a local olive oil farm.

#### DAY 12 • Itea • Explore Delphi

Visit Delphi, including the Temple of Apollo and the Delphi Archaeological Museum, whose holdings include a larger-than-life bronze charioteer. Then enjoy time for independent discoveries this afternoon in nearby Arachova before returning to the ship in Itea.

#### DAY 13 • Patras • Disembark ship • Visit local honey farm • Athens

We'll disembark our ship this morning and begin our drive toward Athens, stopping en route to visit a local honey farm for a firsthand look at how traditional Greek honey is made, as well as to learn how the special qualities of the land make this particular variety of honey so delectable.

#### DAY 14 • Explore Athens

Discover Athens, starting with a visit to Plaka, the city's oldest neighborhood, and Monastiraki square, a bustling shopping district. Tonight, enjoy an included Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 15 • Discover the Acropolis

Explore Athens' ancient Acropolis this morning. Its remnants—including the Parthenon—provide glimpses into Greece's Golden Age.

## DAY 16 • Return to U.S. or begin your post-trip extension



# New Republics of the Balkans: North Macedonia & Kosovo

6 nights pre-trip from \$**1,295** Only \$216 per night Single Supplement: FREE

### **IT'S INCLUDED**

- Accommodations for 3 nights in Pristina at the Hotel Afa or similar and 3 nights in Skopje at the Solun Hotel & Spa or similar
- 13 meals—6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 2 dinners
- 8 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



# Crete: Isle of Myth & Beauty

6 nights post-trip from \$1,495 Only \$250 per night Single Supplement: FREE

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodations for 4 nights in Heraklion at the Olive Green Hotel or similar, and 2 nights in Chania at the Kydon Hotel or similar
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- 10 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Services of a local Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



## 2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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А		\$3495
В	Upper Deck	\$3395
С	Main Deck	\$3295
D	Main Deck (Window Stateroom)	\$3095
E	Lower Single	

#### **AIR ADD-ON**

San Francisco (SFO) or Los Angeles (LAX)	\$1,350
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$750 Deposit per person.

**Single Supplement:** \$995. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

## reservations & information: 1-800-955-1925

Dates, prices, itineraries subject to change

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based on a trip price of \$6,500 per person

Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Good Buy Plan Savings Per Person:	Good Buy Savings Per Couple:
12 months or more	10% off	\$650	\$1,300
11 months	9% off	\$585	\$1,170
10 months	8% off	\$520	\$1,040
9 months	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
8 months	6% off	\$390	\$780
7 months	5% off	\$325	\$650
6 months	4% off	\$260	\$520
5 months	3% off	\$195	\$390
Make your final payment by check within 120 days	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings are calculated based on total reservation cost.

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