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Greek Islands & Turkey Cruise plus Athens 11 Days (7 nights Cruise & 2 Nights Athens)

Package Inclusions:

- Meeting and assistance upon arrival in Athens.
- **7 Nights Greek Islands and Turkey Cruise aboard the M/V CRISTAL from LOUIS HELLENIC CRUISES in inside cabins category IB (Friday departures from Athens)**
- Optional upgrade to Outside Cabin category XA for only \$115 per person (singles \$230)
- **2 Nights Athens at first class, centrally located Stanley hotel**
- **23 Meals:**
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner daily with your Cruise
Buffet Breakfast daily at your hotel in Athens

Cruise & Land from \$1299 net per person - inside cabin

1 Free sharing a room/cabin with every 20

CRUISE & LAND ITINERARY:



M/V Cristal

Ship Info

Cristal is a luxurious cruise ship, with a unique yacht-like modern design and a cruising speed of 18 knots. She features an array of amenities with all the comforts of an upscale vessel, spacious staterooms and suites, elegant lounges and restaurants, internet corner and open promenades.

Staterooms

All 480 staterooms are equipped with shower, WC, telephone, hairdryer & TV and can accommodate max. 1,200 passengers on board.

Public rooms

On board Cristal you will enjoy our delicious variety at buffet Traviata or dine more formally in the elegant La Scala and Caruso Restaurants. Enjoy the sun & sea breeze at Riviera pool bar, sip your favorite drink at Romeo & Juliet Bar and have lots of fun in the Metropolitan Show Lounge and Stars Lounge & Disco with a fantastic view of the starlit night and the endless ocean. Other facilities feature Monte Carlo casino, Internet Corner, 2 conference rooms, photo gallery, Duty Free & Travel Value shops, swimming pool, whirlpool bath, fitness center, beauty salon, spa & massage. The vessel is fully air-conditioned, has stabilizers, telephone, fax, satellite telephone and physician on board.

Ship Itineraries

Cristal takes you to an unforgettable journey of the Greek Islands, Turkey and Egypt, with her two 8 day "Greece & Turkey" and "Three Continents & Istanbul" cruises.

Ports of Call

FRI : EMBARKATION AT 5PM -SET SAIL AT 6PM
SAT & SUN: ISTANBUL (TURKEY) ARR 3PM- DEPART 7PM
MON: MYKONOS (GREECE) ARR 3PM- DEPART MIDNIGHT
TUE: PATMOS (GREECE) ARR 7AM-DEP 10:30AM
TUE: KUSADASI (TURKEY) ARR 2:30PM-DEP 8:30PM
WED: RHODES (GREECE) ARR 7AM- DEPART 6PM
THU: CRETE-AGIOS NIKOLAOS ARR 7AM- DEPART 11:30AM
THU: SANTORINI (GREECE) ARR 5PM-DEPART 9PM
FRI: ARRIVAL PIREAUS AT 6AM- DISEMBARKATION AFTER BKFST.

Hotel in Athens

Hotel Stanley (4*)



The 4-Star air-conditioned Stanley Hotel is located Hotel 5 minutes away from the city center of Athens, and just a mile from the Syntagma Square, and forty five minutes drive from the Airport. The hotel was built in 1966 and renovated in 2003. It features a roof-top restaurant and bar.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1-Wednesday: USA-Athens

Overnight flight to Athens



Day 2-Thursday: Athens Welcome to Athens. Our representatives will meet you after clearing customs, and you'll be transferred to your centrally located hotel. Overnight in Athens.

Day 3 – Friday: Embarkation- Sailing at 5:00PM

Following breakfast you will be taken to the Port of Piraeus. Set sail at 6:00 pm on your 7 days cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey

**Days 4 & 5– Saturday & Sunday: Istanbul, Turkey Arrive Istanbul 3:00 pm Sat–
Depart Istanbul 7:00pm**

As you approach Istanbul from the sea, the graceful minarets of countless mosques appear on the horizon and the Islamic call to prayer carries over the water. Istanbul's blend of East and West has resulted in some of the most magnificent architecture in the world, including Agia Sofia and the Blue Mosque. At the Topkapi Museum, formerly Sultan's Palace, the treasures of the Ottoman Empire are on view. Bargain for your own treasures in the Grand Bazaar.

Day 6- Monday: Mykonos, Greece Arrive Mykonos 3:00pm – Depart at Midnight



* Weather conditions may require disembarkation by tender.

Mykonos combines in a unique way the luxuriant and sophisticated lifestyle with the simple and yet charming life of a Cycladic Island. The visitor is invited to stroll in the narrow streets bordered by the most famous boutiques to visit the hundreds of tiny chapels, to take pictures of the famous windmills and the white cubic houses with their flower-filled balconies. Have a pleasant leisurely afternoon. Enjoy the sunset of the waterfront. Try a refreshing drink or traditional ouzo, or maybe go shopping. (B, L, D)

Day 7-Tuesday: Patmos-Kusadasi Patmos, Greece Arrive 7:00am – Depart 10:30am



This island is known as the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine, written here during his exile from the Roman Empire. The cave where he lived is near the site of the Monastery of the Apocalypse. The Monastery of St. John built on one of the island's highest points, houses priceless icons and manuscripts in its Treasury.

Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey Arrive 2:30pm – Depart 8:30 pm

Kusadasi, a picturesque Turkish town is approximately 17 km from Ephesus the ancient Greek colony founded by the Athenians. A tour to nearby Ephesus should not be missed, for here history truly comes to life. Walking towards the ancient harbor, down a marble road rutted by the wheels of countless chariots, you pass architectural masterpieces like the Library of Celsus before arriving at the Great Amphitheater where St. Paul was arrested and cast out of the city.

Day 8 -Wednesday - Rhodes, Greece Arrive 7:00 am – Depart 6:00 pm

The beautiful "Island of Roses" has a rich and varied history. On a hill above the charming town of Lindos rises an ancient acropolis dedicated to the goddess Athena. Below lies the bay of St. Paul, where the apostle landed during his voyages. The crusading Knights of St. John left the medieval city of Rhodes behind when they were defeated by Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent. The Ottoman Turks then occupied Rhodes for almost 400 years leaving mosques, minarets and a Turkish bath to mark their presence.

Day 9-Thursday – Crete –Agios, Nikolaos Arrive 7:00am – Depart 11:30am

Heraklion, the capital of Crete and its principal commercial port is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 by Sir Arthur Evans and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. The Archaeological Museum in

Heraklion displays many of the treasures found during the excavations.

Santorini, Greece Arrive 5:00pm – Depart 9:00pm



*Weather permitting, disembarkation by tenders

The island of Santorini is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. The town of Fira white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs, accessible by cable-car or mule. To the south is Akrotiri where recent Minoan excavations support the theories that Santorini might be the fabled lost continent of Atlantis.

Day 10-Friday: Arrival at Piraeus at 6:00am - Full-Day Excursion to Delphi Arrival in Piraeus Greece (Athens at 6:00Am. Breakfast, disembarkation, and transfer to your hotel. Today, we will depart for a full day tour to Delphi beginning with a ride through the fertile plain of Bocotia, past the towns of Thebes, Levidia, with a short stop at Arachova, famous for its colorful rugs and carpets. Continue on to Delphi, the center of the Ancient World - the Omphalos (Navel) of the Earth. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, see the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Also visit the Treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo, and the museum. Lunch is included with your tour today. Return to your hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 11- Saturday : Athens-USA

Breakfast and transfer to Athens airport for your return flight home.