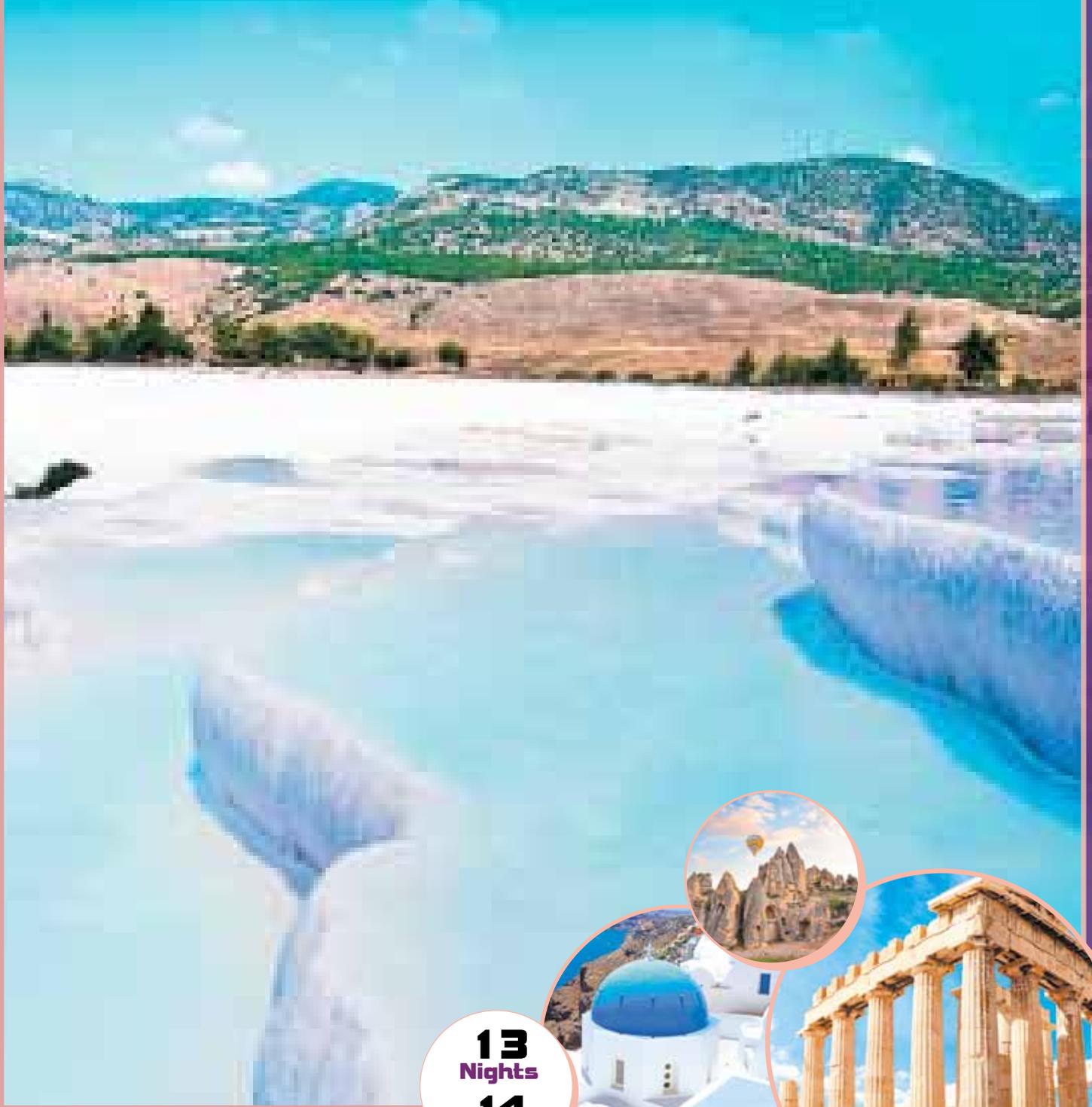


# EXOTIC TURKEY & GREECE



**13**  
Nights  
**14**  
Days



- Istanbul
- Cappadocia
- Kusadasi
- Pamukkale
- Patmos
- Rhodes
- Heraklion (Crete)
- Santorini
- Athens
- Livadia
- Delphi
- Kalambaka
- Meteora
- Thermopylae
- Cape Sounion.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- A complete all inclusive value for money tour with maximum quality sightseeing and minimum travelling time
- Stay in conveniently located & comfortable hotels throughout your holiday
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel
- Local/western Vegetarian lunches as specified in the Itinerary
- Daily Indian / Local - Vegetarian / Non-vegetarian dinners
- Visit Carpet Atelier in Cappadocia
- Visit to Kaymakli Underground City, the natural citadel of Uchisar, Goreme open-Air Museum, Visits to Pasabag Valley and Avonos Village
- Enjoy City Tour of Izmir, Visit house of Virgin Mary, Ephesus, ruins of Odeon, Hercules Gate, Fantastic Greco-Roman Theatre and Basilica of St. John
- Visit the Cotton Fortress in Pamukkale
- Spend 03 Nights on board the celestial cruise
- Visit Patmos, Rhodes & Heraklion (Crete), Santorini on the cruise
- Shore excursion at Patmos, Rhodes & Heraklion (Crete)
- Guided tour of Greek capital city of Athens
- Walking tour of Ancient Delphi - UNESCO World Heritage site
- See the Sanctuary of Apollo and hear tales about the Greek god Zeus
- Visit two of the famous rock monasteries in Meteora with an expert local guide
- Visit white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion
- Services of an experienced professional, friendly, multilingual and experienced Tour Manager travelling with you throughout your tour.



Grand Bazaar - Istanbul

### DAY 03

#### Guided city tour of Istanbul - Visit Topkapi Palace and Grand Bazaar - On to Cappadocia

After breakfast at the hotel, check out & proceed to visit - Topkapi Palace, is a large palace in Istanbul. Then, visit to famous Grand Covered Bazaar (closed on Sundays) dating back to 15th century. It covers over 4,000 shops under one roof. After Indian lunch, proceed to airport for your flight to Cappadocia. (Flight Cost not included). On arrival at Kayseri Airport, drive to the mysterious Cappadocia. Relax at hotel. Tonight enjoy a Local Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at hotel Uchisar Kaya Cave or similar in Cappadocia (B, LL, LD)

#### City sights of Cappadocia. Visit Carpet Atelier, Kaymakli Underground City, Uchisar, Goreme Open - Air Museum and Pasabag Valley.

### DAY 04

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for Sightseeing in this unique corner of the world. Morning visit to Carpet Atelier and have a demonstration carpet weaving. After local lunch visit to Goreme Open Air Museum and Citadel of Uchisar. Visit the Kaymakli Underground City, Pigeon Valley and Avanos Region. Tonight enjoy a Local Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at hotel Uchisar Kaya Cave or similar in Cappadocia (B, LL, LD)

### DAY 05

#### On to Kusadasi

After breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to the airport to board your direct flight to Izmir. (Flight Cost not included) Upon arrival, enjoy local lunch and drive to Kusadasi later, check in to the hotel. The rest of the evening is free at leisure. Tonight enjoy a Local Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Efe Boutique or similar in Kusadasi. (B, LL, LD)

#### Visit Pamukkale Cotton Fortress. See City of Hierapolis

### DAY 06

After breakfast at the hotel drive to Pamukkale for full-day tour. Visit Pamukkale Cotton Fortress with its travertine and ancient City of Hierapolis which has the biggest Nekropol with 1200 gravestones in Anatolia. After a Local lunch return back to Kusadasi. Tonight enjoy a Local Dinner.

Overnight at Hotel Efe Boutique or similar in Kusadasi. (B, LL, LD)

Blue Mosque



### DAY 01

#### Today start your fun filled tour to Turkey with, Onto Istanbul.

Bon Voyage! On arrival at Istanbul Airport, meet tour manager on arrival area and proceed to your hotel & check in. Later this evening proceed for Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Titanic City or similar in Istanbul (D)

#### Visit St. Sophia, Visit Byzantine Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Spice Market, Grand Covered Bazaar and Enjoy Bosphorus Cruise.

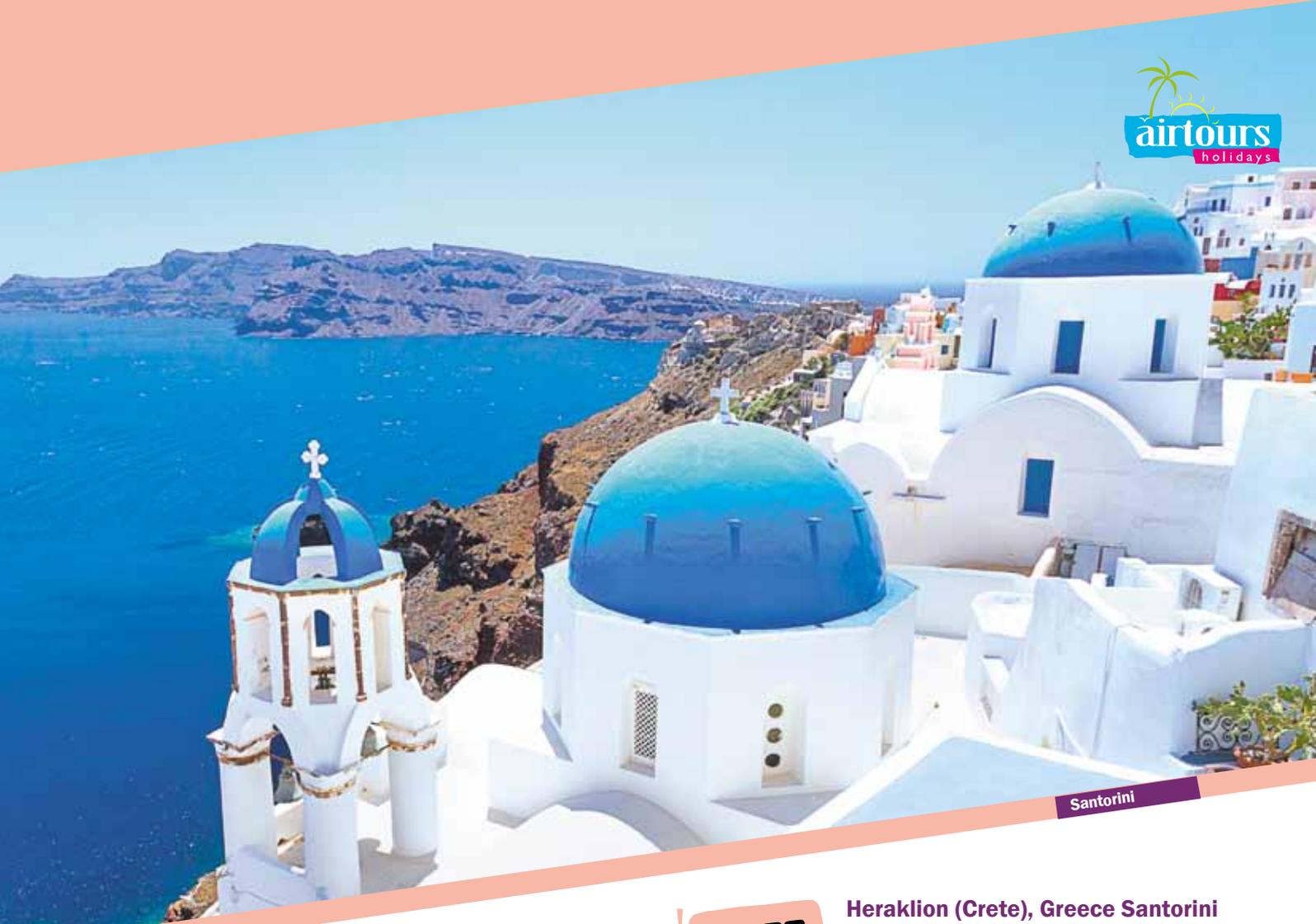
### DAY 02

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for full day city tour of Istanbul. Visits the St. Sophia (closed on Mondays), Byzantine Hippodrome, in which stand the obelisk brought from Egypt by Theodosius and the Serpent Column taken from Delphi by Constantine. Also visit the Blue Mosque (closed to visit on Friday mornings due to Friday Pray) (VISIT FROM OUTSIDE ONLY),

Pls note, Blue Mosque will be under renovation for around 2 years. Due, to which it will be visited from outside only. which has six minarets and a middle dome of 109 feet.

After Indian lunch proceed for a Cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding strait separating Europe & Asia. Along the shores there is a delightfully mixture of the past and the present, as well as the grand splendor and quaint beauty of the ancient wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses and small fishing villages. The rest of the evening is free at leisure. Tonight enjoy Dinner at Indian Restaurant.

Overnight at hotel Titanic City or similar in Istanbul. (B, LL, D)



Santorini

**DAY 07**

**Visit Ephesus. On Board on Louise Cruise. Visit Patmos.**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to the port and board your Greek Islands Cruise. Enjoy local Lunch on board. In the late afternoon the cruise arrives into Patmos.

Visit Patmos, Step out for an arranged tour of the city. Located on the eastern borderline of the Aegean Sea, Patmos is the northernmost island of the Dodecanese island group. Its interesting landscape features low barren hills succeeded by small plateaux, while its lacy coastline is deeply intended by tens of promontories forming countless picturesque bays and coves. Return back to the cruise and enjoy local dinner on board.

Overnight on board the Celestyal Olympia cruise (outside cabins) (B, LL, LD)

**Rhodes, Greece**

After breakfast, arrive in Rhodes. Step out for an arranged tour of the friendliest city in the Mediterranean (Shore Excursion included), situated at the island's northernmost point. This sunny retreat is also home to many historic sites, such as the ruins of the Temple of Venus and the medieval Street of Knights. Enjoy Local Lunch and Dinner on board.

Overnight on board the Celestyal Olympia cruise (outside cabins) (B, LL, LD)

**DAY 08**

**DAY 09**

**Heraklion (Crete), Greece Santorini**

After breakfast, the ship arrives into Crete - the largest island in Greece, and the fifth largest one in the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy an arranged tour (Shore Excursion included), where you will admire the remnants of brilliant civilizations, explore glorious beaches, impressive mountains capes, fertile valleys and steep gorges, and become part of the island's rich gastronomic culture. Crete is, after all, a small universe teeming with beauties and treasures that you will probably need a lifetime to uncover!

After Local lunch on board, the cruise arrives late afternoon on the island of Santorini, Step out ON YOUR OWN and you'll find a classic Greek seascape-whitewashed houses accented by sea-blue roofs. This is a treasure trove for both professional and amateur archeology buffs, with sites that include tombs that date back to the 9th century and the sanctuary of Apollo. Later return back to the ship. Enjoy local Dinner on board.

Overnight on board the Celestyal Olympia cruise (outside cabins) (B, LL, LD)

**Onto Athens. Enjoy guided tour of Athens.**

**DAY 10**

After breakfast, the ship sails into Piraeus - the main port of Athens. Check out and proceed on a guided tour of Athens with a local guide. See the House of Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Visit the Acropolis, Theatre of Dionyssos, Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Olympian Zeus (visit), the Olympic Stadium, the Royal Palace, the Academy, the University, and the National Library. Enjoy Indian Lunch at restaurant. Continue with visit to the Acropolis Museum famous for the wonders of the Greek classical era. Enjoy Dinner at Indian restaurant

Overnight at hotel Titania Athens or similar in Athens (B, LL, D)



Acropolis

## DAY 12

### Kalambaka – Meteora – Thermopylae – Athens

After breakfast in your hotel, check out and drive to Meteora, your first destination of the day! The UNESCO World Heritage site is home to more than 20 rock monasteries, either perched precariously on top of Meteora's towering sandstone cliffs or built into the cliffs themselves inside naturally formed caves. With your guide, visit two of the incredible monasteries and hear fun facts and trivia about the monks who once called them homes. Originally lived in by 11th-century hermits, the monasteries later became safe havens for monks fleeing bloodshed when the Roman Empire began to fall. The two monasteries you may visit are subject to change but typically include Grand Meteora Monastery, Moni Varlaam or Moni Agiou Stefanou. After your tour of Meteora, drive back to Athens. The full route lasts around four hours, so enjoy a stop halfway in the coastal town of Thermopylae, near Lamia. Stop for lunch in between and to stretch your legs while learning about Thermopylae's historical battle between the Greek Spartans and Persians. Dinner at Indian Restaurant.

Overnight at hotel Athens Titania or similar (B, LL, D)

### Athens - Cape Sounion - Athens

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure. After Indian Lunch drive along the scenic coastal road through the wonderful beach resort areas of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza, arriving at the southeastern most point of Attica, Cape Sounion. There the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon still stand. This is a photographer's delight, so bring your camera! Evening return to your hotel. Enjoy Dinner at Indian Restaurant

Overnight at hotel Athens Titania or similar (B, LL, D)

## DAY 14

### Departure

This morning, after a buffet / boxed breakfast, check out and proceed to the International airport for your flight back home. Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to join this departure due to your flight timings. Return home with wonderful memories of your holiday, which we're sure you will treasure for a lifetime. (B)

### Athens – Livadia – Delphi – Kalambaka

## DAY 11

After breakfast, check out and drive to northwest to Delphi. Stop in the historical spa town of Livadia to stretch your legs, and then continue through the larger town of Arachova to Delphi. Dominating the top of a cliff on the site of Mt Parnassus, the village is home to one of the country's most famous archeological sites: Ancient Delphi. Head inside the UNESCO World Heritage site for your 1.5-hour walking tour, and learn all about the Ancient Greek civilization in Delphi from your guide. Built on the spot where eagles of the Greek god Zeus collided when released from opposite ends of the Earth, Ancient Delphi is strewn with monuments from the era such as the Sanctuary of Apollo, a highlight of the site. Later enjoy a local lunch, and then travel through central Greece. Gaze out of your window as you cross the Thessalian plains, passing the pretty towns of Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala, and then arrive at Kalambaka and check in to the hotel. After checking in you can explore town on your own.

Dinner and Overnight at hotel Kalambaka Amalia or similar in Kalambaka (B, LL, LD)

## DAY 13

(Abbreviation - B: Breakfast, L: Indian Lunch, LL: Local Lunch, PL: Packed Lunch, D: Indian Dinner, LD: Local Dinner)

### Goreme Open - Air Museum



## WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

### SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

#### TURKEY

- Istanbul**
- : Visit Topkapi Palace
  - : Visit Grand Covered Bazaar
  - : Visit St. Sophia, Byzantine Hippodrome, Blue Mosque
  - : Visit of Spice Market
  - : Bosphorus Cruise along the Bosphorus

#### Cappadocia

- : Visits Carpet Atelier,
- : Visit the Goreme Open-Air Museum, Citadel of Uchisar, Kaymakli Underground City,
- : Visit Pigeon Valley and Avanos Region

#### Pamukkale

- : Visit Pamukkale Cotton Fortress

#### Kusadasi

- : Tour to Ephesus

- : Visit to House of Virgin

#### GREECE

- : Enjoy 4 Day Celestial Olympia Cruise
- : Enjoy Shore Excursion Ancient Ephesus through the ages-Hellenistic/Roman
- : Enjoy Shore Excursion • Rhodes- Medieval Tour- Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the knights.

#### Athens

- : Guided City tour of Athens.
- : Visit Acropolis museum with Guide.

- : Guided tour of Zeus temple

#### Delphi

- : Enjoy Visit Delphi Oracle and museum
- : See the Sanctuary of Apollo and hear tales about the Greek god Zeus
- : Visit two of the famous rock monasteries in Meteora with an expert local guide
- : Visit Temple of Poseidon

### ACCOMMODATION

- 02 nights accommodation at Titanic City Hotel or similar in Istanbul
- 02 nights accommodation at Uchisar Kaya Cave or similar in Cappadocia
- 02 nights accommodation at Efe Boutique Hotel or similar in Kusadasi
- 03 nights accommodation on board the Celestial Olympia cruise (outside cabins)
- 03 nights accommodation at Titania Athens or similar in Athens
- 01 nights accommodation at Kalambaka Amalia or similar in Kalambaka

### MEALS

- Daily breakfast at the hotel.
- Local / western vegetarian lunches as per the itinerary
- Daily local / Indian / Western - Veg / Non Veg dinners

### TRANSFERS

- All transfers will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.

### TOUR MANAGER

- Services of a professional and experienced tour manager or a local representative throughout your tour.

### TIPS, PORTERAGE & WATER

- Tips to the guides/driver
- Porterage of 01 bag per person at the hotels & cruise
- 02 Water bottles (500 ml) per person per day

## TOUR COST

### Land Cost

- Per Person on Twin Share : USD 3,350  
Single Room Supplement : USD 850

### Note:

- Supplement cost of USD 125 will be applicable on above cost for September Departure.
- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case of any one member sharing room with other cancel their reservations.

## DEPARTURE DATES

May : 29

September : 04

### Note:

- Tour starts in Istanbul on the above mentioned dates. There could be possibility of flight departure on the previous evening.
- On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

## WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDES

- **Cost of deviation** - In case you wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.
- **Cost of Transfer:** The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you have opted for deviation or purchase on separate ticket & not traveling under group ticketing.
- **Cost of visas to travel on this tour**
- Medical/Travel Insurance
- Any expenses of personal nature such as porter age, laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels etc.
- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- Group is operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying guests travelling together.
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## VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

**USA Citizen** : Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)  
Turkey Visa required.

**Green Card Holders** : Single Entry Schengen Visa  
Single Entry Turkey Visa

**Indian National** : Single Entry Schengen Visa  
Single Entry Turkey Visa

- Cost of the above mentioned visa is **not included** in your tour price.
- The Schengen visa is valid for travel into Greece.

## OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- It is extremely important to possess an overseas travel insurance policy before you travel on your tour.
- It's very important to find out whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas, your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors and hospital visits in other countries. Always look into the aspects of covering your trip for unforeseen events.

## IMPORTANT

- All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 25 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.
- Check for detail cancellation rules in our booking form.
- Updating of Mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- We request the airlines for your preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion to confirm the same.
- Keeping in view of Luggage compartment of coach & Internal Flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry only medium size Bag of 20kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours Holidays are not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process and any situations arises out of delay in granting visa by the consulate/embassy.
- Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- The Company shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- Management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- We reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.
- For the convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary, however all the other services will remain the same.
- The Tour Cost is combination of all the arrangement and hence cannot be calculated on individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated on individually.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case any of the guest cancel the reservations sharing room together.
- Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline.
- Please refer to the booking form for detailed 'Terms and Conditions'.