

WHY BOOK A CELESTYAL EXCURSION

Although we say it ourselves, the destinations we visit on a Celestyal cruise are rather special. In fact call us biased but we think they are among the most exciting, historic, iconic and evocative in the world.

And they lend themselves to incredible tales, some true, some fable but all an integral part of our fascinating storytelling.

You can immerse yourself in ancient civilisations, follow in the footsteps of great figures from history, live and breathe the myths and legends of Ancient Greece and the Mediterranean and journey to places where some of the Seven Wonders of the World once stood.

We like to feel that we are taking you on your very own Greek Odyssey across the Aegean and the Mediterranean.

Our specially designed excursions are central to your Celestyal experience with our expert guides taking you step by step through your voyage and really bringing history alive.

Sometimes in the world of history it's not easy to work out where facts end and legends begin.

So please fire up your imagination and join us to find out.

We really mean it when we say 'every moment is a destination' and 'every destination is a wonder'.

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GUIDE TO SYMBOLS



Short or no walking involved.



Easy walking: General walking over an even surface.



Moderate walking: Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties.



Hard walking: High amount of physical activity for extended periods of time. Recommended only for sporting guests with good physical health.



Includes visits to religious sites, knees and shoulders must be covered.



It is recommended to bring your swimming suit and a towel.



Shopping with an experienced guide.



Meal included on this excursion.



Refreshments included on this excursion.



Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey.



Panoramic, nature, landscapes.



Cultural experience: This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion.



Folklore: We focus on local habits, traditions, food and tasting.



Adventure and fun.



Suitable for families travelling with children.

Half day - up to 5 hours Full day - 6 hours and above

All timings and order of visits are subject to change depending on traffic congestion of the sites and weather conditions.

Operation of tours may be subject to the time of the year please check at time of booking.

Normal excursions require a minimum participation as per terms and conditions.

Please be aware of the dress code in order to enter the monasteries; legs and shoulders should be covered, no shorts, long skirts (below the knee).

Terms and conditions are available at: www.celestyalcruises.com/shorex-conditions

EXCURSION PACKAGES

Find your inner explorer and indulge yourself with our discounted excursion packages. If you embark from another port please contact us for your available packages.

20% discount package includes:

- ✓ Indulge your passion for Wine (KEF-01)
- ✓ Historic Kotor & Budva (KTR-01)
- ✓ The Ever Green Island of Corfu Achillion, Kanoni, the town (CRF-01)
- ✓ Olympia & Archaeological Museum (KAT-01)
- ✓ Bari City Tour (BAR-02)

Package price ADULT €310, CHILD €231 (includes 20% off)

INCLUSIVE fare: ADULT €235, CHILD €156 ENHANCE fare: ADULT €160, CHILD €81 Prices are per person with your discount applied



15% discount package includes:

- ✓ Indulge your passion for Wine (KEF-01)
- ✓ Historic Kotor & Budva (KTR-01)
- ✓ Olympia & Archaeological Museum (KAT-01)
- ✓ Bari City Tour (BAR-02)

Package price ADULT €262, CHILD €203 (includes 15% off)

INCLUSIVE fare: ADULT €187, CHILD €128 ENHANCE fare: ADULT €112, CHILD €53

Prices are per person with your discount applied



10% discount package includes:

- ✓ Indulge your passion for Wine (KEF-01)
- ✓ Historic Kotor & Budva (KTR-01)
- ✓ Bari City Tour (BAR-02)

Package price ADULT €201, CHILD €160 (includes 10% off)

INCLUSIVE fare: ADULT €126, CHILD €85 ENHANCE fare: ADULT €51, CHILD €10 Prices are per person with your discount applied









INDULGE YOUR PASSION FOR WINE

Duration: Half day Tour code: KEF-01

Discover the Ionian's largest island and delve into this jewel's beauty. Marvel at the wonder of the St. Gerasimos Monastery, its unique architectural style and silver sarcophagus filled with glittering relics. You'll also discover the humble cave where St. Gerasimos lived underneath the monastery. Be sure to wear suitable clothing for visiting this holy site.

A stone's throw from the Omala Valley and Robola vineyards, we visit the Kefalonian producers' cooperative factory to savor an aromatic Robola wine. The nearby Drogarati Cave and Cave of the Nymphs capture your imagination as the glistening reflections of the Melissani Lake dance across ancient stalactites and stalagmites. Your rowing boat glides over the lake's surface as captivating colors beam across the walls. We end at Argostoli and its heart-stopping panorama of the Koutavos Lagoon where we finish the day with a thirst-quenching drink.







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DISCOVER THE BEST OF KEFALONIA

Duration: Full day Tour code: KEF-02

The captivating Drogarati Cave is the perfect place to start your tour of the jewel of the Ionian Sea. Immaculate stalactites and stalagmites have stretched across this cave over hundreds of millions of years, leaving a beautiful trail of natural wonders to enjoy. Our next stop is the fabulous Cave of the Nymphs and the dancing colors of the Melissani Lake, where we take a rowing boat across the still waters of this cave where the ancient god Pan was worshipped.

As we approach the seaside town of Sami which inspired Homer's epic poetry, your eyes are drawn to the crystalline waters of the Ionian Sea, lapping on the shore. We take a moment to watch small fishing boats and yachts flocking into the port, before getting closer to some of them in the picturesque village of Agia Efimia. Catch your breath in Myrtos, where the powdery white sand of the island's most beautiful beach matches the effervescent blues and greens of the sea. We end the day in Argostoli where we admire the fir-covered Aenos and sun-kissed views of the Koutavos Lagoon.







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UNVEIL THE WONDERS OF KEFALONIA

Duration: Full day Tour code: KEF-05

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We head to Assos where pastel-shaded houses, emerald waters and blooming flowers welcome us. In the port of Fiskardo, we explore the local cafes and independent restaurants in this untouched village before heading to Argostoli where we admire the fircovered Aenos and sun-kissed views of the Koutavos Lagoon.







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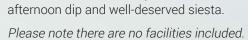




TRANSFER TO MAKRIS GIALOS BEACH

Duration: Half day Tour code: KEF-06

Makris Gialos is the most popular beach in Kefalonia. And as we dip our toes into the warm waters and powdery golden sand, we slip into a truly Greek state of relaxation. Now is the perfect moment for an early















THE STORY OF DUBROVNIK

Duration: Half day Tour code: DBV-01

We ascend to the top of Srdj Hill by cable car for incredible views of the city and the glittering turquoise of the Adriatic beyond. The nearby war museum is the perfect place to orient ourselves in our new surroundings as we explore exhibitions on the invasion of Croatia during the 1990s.

The cable car takes us back to the Ploce Gate, the eastern entrance to the old city where we wind through myriad streets surrounded by powder-white walls at every corner. We visit the 15th-century Rector's Palace, the Church of St. Blaise, and the cathedral, all of which were built at the site of Dubrovnik's old cathedral which was destroyed in the powerful earthquake of 1667. The columned courtyard of Sponza Palace beckons us inside where we marvel at elaborate stone carvings.

We're mesmerized by visions of Croatia as it was 1,500 years ago in the 5D Visia Multimedia Museum. Exhibitions and presentations plunge us deep into the origins and founding of Dubrovnik. Take some time to soak up the old town before returning to the ship.







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DUBROVNIK WALKING TOUR

Duration: Half day Tour code: DBV-02

Our coach takes us to Pile Square and its sweeping panorama of the terracotta roofs of Dubrovnik's old town. We weave our way through the myriad streets of this ancient capital, encountering the Dominican Monastery and cathedral along the way. Beauty lines the streets everywhere we turn, from aromatic bakeries to golden, sun-kissed architecture - and we're ready to see it all.







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WALKING TOUR & CITY WALLS

Duration: Half day Tour code: DBV-03

As we approach Pile Gate, our eyes are drawn to the whitewashed walls lining the city. These UNESCOprotected walls glisten as the sun hits and have protected this city since the 13th century. We walk along the walls, admiring the shimmering Adriatic and golden hues of the Dubrovnik skyline. Next, we delve deep into winding streets, discovering the Minčeta and Bokar fortresses as we go. There's plenty of time to soak up the aromatic scents and shady alleys of this ancient jewel before we leave.









Walk along the

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PANORAMIC DUBROVNIK, VILLAGE LIFE & WINE

Duration: Half day Tour code: DBV-04

Our bus ride drops us at Dubrovnik's famous main street, Stradun, where we explore the old town's independent cafes, restaurants and gift shops for memorable souvenirs. Our guided tour takes us through the shady alleys of the old town before we head to the green and thriving Konavle Valley. In Komaji, we meet the Crvik family and savor the crisp and refreshing tastes of their vineyards. We head to Poljica to immerse ourselves in the traditional Dalmatian way of life. Local musicians serenade you with traditional songs and you relish the best of Dalmatian hospitality, with local grape brandy, olive oil and wine that's been served and produced in the exact same way for generations.







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THE GAME OF THRONES LOCATIONS TOUR

Duration: Half day Tour code: DBV-05

The UNESCO-listed city of Dubrovnik and its surrounding area serve as the capital of the Seven Kingdoms in the hit TV series, Game of Thrones. We clamber the city forts to admire the views of Dubrovnik's terracotta-shaded old town but also to marvel at the sites of the King's Landing, the Battle of Blackwater Bay, and the House of the Undying's dungeon. The fort used as Red Keep hides secrets and stories of its own that perfectly blend into its more recent history. Your guide will tell you all about the marvels of the city and the fantasy world of the series and how the two live together. And, once we've uncovered all of the old town's famous sites, we continue to Lokrum Island to see the Iron Throne in the island's visitor center.





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HISTORIC KOTOR & BUDVA

Duration: Half day Tour code: KTR-01

Embark on a captivating journey through the breathtaking wonders of Montenegro with our exclusive tour featuring the iconic destinations of Sveti Stefan, Budva, and Kotor. Prepare to be enchanted as you delve into the rich history, picturesque landscapes, and vibrant culture that define this extraordinary region.

Our adventure begins in the jewel of the Adriatic, Sveti Stefan, an enchanting islet adorned with medieval architecture and surrounded by azure waters. Immerse yourself in the captivating ambience as you freeze the views of this charming islet.

Next, we venture to the bustling coastal town of Budva, where ancient history seamlessly blends with a modern cosmopolitan atmosphere. Explore the charming Old Town, where medieval walls and cobblestone streets lead you to lively cafes, trendy boutiques, and a vibrant nightlife scene.

As the tour continues, we set our sights on the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kotor, a captivating town nestled at the foot of majestic mountains. Lose yourself in the labyrinthine streets, marvel at the aweinspiring medieval architecture, and uncover centuries-old secrets within the impressive city walls.

Whether you are a history enthusiast, nature lover, or simply seeking an escape to paradise, our Historic Kotor and Budva promise an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the magic of Montenegro as you



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discover the allure of these enchanting destinations, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Join us on this extraordinary adventure and let the beauty of Montenegro captivate your heart and soul.







KOTOR WALKING TOUR

Duration: Half day Tour code: KTR-04

When a town is two thousand years old like Kotor there are plenty of stories to tell, its ancient Roman beginnings; its Middle Ages struggle of ownership between Goths, Saracens and Serbians; its Venetian past. With a history like this, it's no surprise Kotor has got itself a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. And what better way to explore it than with a guided walking tour? In every stone of its timeworn walls, on every fresco painting and every hidden alley, you'll relive its glorious past. The old town center is still really well preserved and the crisscrossed narrow streets and squares have monuments at every corner.

From Prince's Palace and Napoleon's Theatre to the most recognizable symbol of the city - the Romanesque Cathedral of Saint Tryphon - you'll be mesmerized from the word go. And how many towns in this part of the world have preserved their fortifications from the middle Ages? Not many. But Kotor is one of the few. The chunky walls surrounding the old town are impressive to say the least - at some places they reach 20 meters in height and 16 meters in thickness. If you don't believe us, you'll have plenty of time to measure them in the free time you'll get here. Inside visits will be made to the Cathedral and the Maritime Museum in Kotor.











HIGHLIGHTS OF MONTENEGRO

Duration: Half day Tour code: KTR-05

The port of Kotor finds a home on the world's southernmost fjord - or the 'Bride of the Adriatic', as it's also known. As places go, it's beautiful. Think blue seas. A stony shore. Green mountains. All drenched in the heavenly scent of lemons, oranges, mimosas and camellias. And here's your chance to explore this gorgeous part of the world.

First you'll stop at the mountain village of Njegusi to taste the region's delicious prosciutto ham and cheese. Stomach full, you're ready for Cetinje. Known as the 'Valley of Gods', it was once the smallest European capital and it's filled to bursting with beautiful buildings. Passing Cetinje, you'll continue your drive to Kotor via Budva - the most popular tourist destination on Montenegro's map. Your tour will end with a coach ride back to Kotor where you will have introductory tour of this unique town. Walk back to the ship at leisure.

Note: Weather permitting.

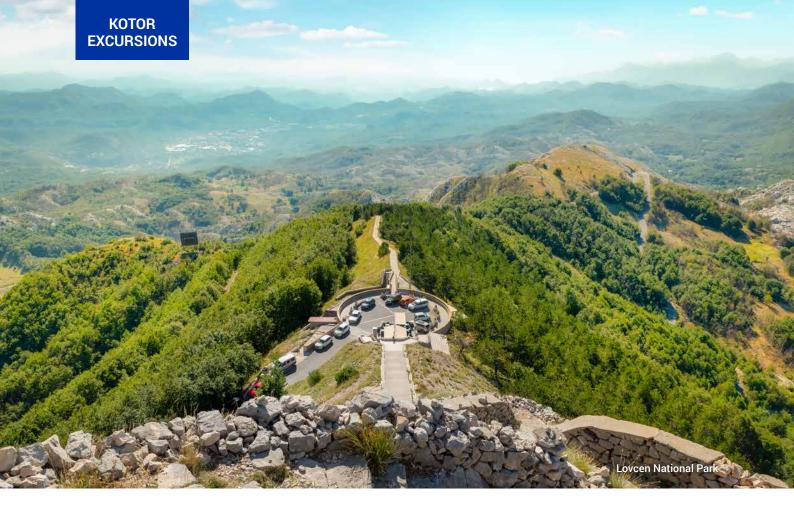












KOTOR OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE

Duration: Half day Tour code: KTR-03

Head off-road and discover the beauty of Kotor and the Adriatic coast from a different perspective. Our adventure begins at Boka Bay, weaving through Kotor and into the luscious and green Lovcen National Park. As we navigate the serpentine road and its famous 25 curves, our eyes are drawn to the coast, where the emerald water of Boka Bay glimmers below. We continue off-road, toward the traditional villages of Dolovi and Ivanova Korita. Ivanova Korita is 1270m above sea level and boasts clear water flowing straight from the nearby mountain peak of Trstenik.

From this beautiful green valley, we head on to the Lovcen mountain. Njegusi has exceptionally preserved folk architecture, making it the perfect place to enjoy typical Montenegrin cheese and ham.





















DISCOVER A FAIRYTALE TOWN

Duration: Half day Tour code: BAR-01

Be captivated by the unique charm of Alberobello, in the heart of Italy's Apulia region (also known as Puglia). This picturesque town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its clusters of trulli: distinctive limestone huts with whitewashed walls and conical roofs, dating back centuries.

Your local guide will take you through this fairytale-like setting and immerse you in the history of the town. You'll imagine life when the trulli were the only kind of building allowed in the area, used for everything from homes to animal shelters. Now many are souvenir shops, craft shops and restaurants; the largest, Trullo Sovrano, is a museum. Don't forget to look up: many of the roofs are decorated with mythological or religious symbols and there's a huge variety of spire designs.

After the tour, you'll have plenty of time to wander the streets, take pictures, and taste local produce before heading back to the ship.

















SEE THE REAL-LIFE RELICS OF SANTA CLAUS

Duration: Half day Tour code: BAR-02

Over its long and turbulent history, Bari has been repeatedly ransacked, destroyed and rebuilt. The influence of different nations has led to a rich and diverse city, just waiting to be discovered.

We start in the labyrinthine streets of the Old Town, where you'll find the impressive Swabian Castle. With its thick walls and moat, this coastal fortress is an iconic sight. Once you've explored the ramparts and vaulted halls, it's a short walk to the Cathedral of San Sabino, a fine example of Romanesque architecture.

From here, we'll move on to the Basilica di San Nicola which houses the relics of Saint Nicholas - patron saint of Bari and, according to legend, Santa Claus. Then it's time to soak up the vibrant atmosphere of the Piazza del Ferrarese and Piazza Mercantile; adjoining squares that were the historical centres of Bari's social, economic and political life. A drive through the modern side of the town, with its elegant seafront promenade, takes you back to the port and the ship.

















BE DAZZLED BY THE WHITE CITY

Duration: Half day Tour code: BAR-03

Looking at the picturesque Italian city of Ostuni, you'd be forgiven for thinking you're in Greece. Built on three hills, it has rows of whitewashed houses gleaming in the Mediterranean sun. It's perhaps not surprising that Ostuni is known as the White City.

Its hilltop location means Ostuni boasts spectacular views: an ocean of centuries-old olive trees stretching all the way to the glimmering Adriatic coast. You'll have plenty of photo opportunities as we walk along the city walls to the Piazza della Libertà, with its stately town hall and an ornate obelisk that towers more than 20m high.

From here we climb the narrow streets to the medieval Old Town, where whitewashed walls contrast with bright flowers and potted plants. At the top of the hill, you'll find Ostuni's cathedral - Cattedrale Santa Maria Assunta - with its stunning 15th century Gothic design. Take some time to explore, then enjoy a drink or gelato in your free time before we head back to the ship.















COOL CAVES AND A CLIFFTOP TOWN

Duration: Half day Tour code: BAR-04

This tour combines underground wonders with the authentic soul of Apulia (or Puglia). We start at the Grottoes of Castellana: Italy's biggest cave network. Reaching depths of around 70 metres, you'll follow a trail through cool caverns with incredible formations of stalactites, stalagmites and fossils, and eyecatching shimmering colours formed by mineral deposits clinging to the cave walls.

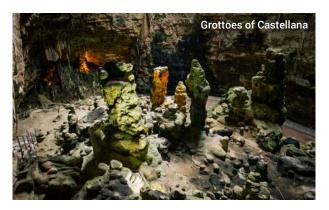
Back above ground, we'll move on to Polignano a Mare. Perched on 20 metre-high rugged limestone cliffs above the turquoise waters of the Adriatic, this charming town is a breathtaking sight. You'll be free to explore the maze of narrow streets and secret gardens at your own pace; look out for traces of its Greek, Roman and Norman heritage. Admire the views from the Lama Monachile Bridge, spot poems on walls and doors and stairs around the town, or simply stop for a coffee or aperitivo in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and watch the world go by.







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THE EVER GREEN ISLAND OF CORFU - ACHILLION, KANONI, THE TOWN

Duration: Half day Tour code: CRF-01

The blessed island of Corfu captivates visitors with its innumerable delights, inexhaustible nature, architectural wealth and refined character. Empress Elizabeth of Austria asked to erect a mansion on the island, due to her sensitive health. Thus the Achilleion was built in 1890 by two Italian architects in Pompeian order. It is an exceptional edifice, one of the most renowned royal mansions in Europe. Empress Sissy dedicated the mansion to Achilles and decorated the yard with statues inspired by Greek mythology, such as the "Nine Muses" and "Dying Achilles".

Next is cosmopolitan Kanoni which offers unique sunsets and an incredible view of Pontikonisi island and the island with the Vlacherna Monastery. Then to the capital of Corfu, the Old Town, here you will experience a unique atmosphere with buildings that preserve ancient Byzantine and Venetian craftsmanship. The two Old Fortresses delimit the Old Town with their historical walls. The tour will bring you to the largest square in the Balkans, Spianada Square, the historical building of the British Governor, Liston with the arched colonnade. The alleyways and the cobbled streets hide many surprises, squares, gardens, and neighborhoods waiting for you to discover them.



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PALEOKASTRITSA - NATURAL BEAUTY AND BYZANTINE PRESENCE - THE CITY OF CORFU AND KANONI

Duration: Half day Tour code: CRF-02

In this fantastic scenery, full of endless olive groves, green hills and protected coves, you will find Paleokastritsa. One of the most beautiful villages of the island, it has been characterized as the "Capri of Greece". According to some scholars, in this area Nausica found Ulysses and also here lay the capital of the Phaeacians. At the top of a low hill you will visit the male Zoodochos Pigi Monastery, a Byzantine building dated to 1228 dedicated to the Virgin. It includes a small museum with icons from the 15th century, as well as a traditional olive-press in the monastery's interior.

We leave Paleokastritsa headed towards cosmopolitan Kanoni. The view of Pontikonisi island and the island with the Vlacherna Monastery is enchanting, and if you have the time it is well worth watching the sunset from this spot. Walk through the alleys of the Old Town of Corfu and on your strolls discover places of unique aesthetics. Spianada Square, the historical building of the British Governor, the Palaces of St. Michael and St. George, the Liston, the Kapodistrias Megaron, and the Church of St. Spyridon are just some of the magnificent sights of the capital.



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ACHILLEION - CORFU TOWN

Duration: Half day Tour code: CRF-03

Our exploration begins at the Achilleion Palace, former home to the Empress Elizabeth of Austria where we explore the shady and colorful gardens of this beautiful historic palace. Our path takes us next to Corfu, where a walking tour peels back centuries of cultural influences.









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KATAKOLO EXCURSIONS



Statue of Hermes, Archaeological Museum of Olympia



OLYMPIA & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Duration: Half day Tour code: KAT-01

Our adventure begins in the ancient city of Olympia birthplace of the Olympic Games in 776 BC and one of the most important sites in antiquity. We wonder at the Temple of Hera, where the Olympic Flame burns. We will also explore the Temple of Zeus, where the golden and ivory statue of Zeus (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World) was housed. We visit the site of the original Olympics Stadium and Bouleuterion, where locals assembled to discuss the topics of the day.

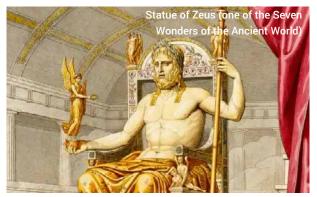
Our tour heads on to the Archaeological Museum of Olympia where we'll be amazed at ancient exhibits such as the marble statues of the Temple of Zeus and the unique statue of Hermes carved by the ancient Greek sculptor Praxiteles.







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OLYMPIA & WINE TASTING

Duration: Half day Tour code: KAT-05

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We venture to the a winery to relish the region's best grape varieties. From a crisp Robola to a refreshing Assyrtiko, we discover Katakolo through our senses and adventures.

















OLYMPIA & OLIVE OIL TASTING

Duration: Half day Tour code: KAT-03

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We drive on through the mountains to discover a truly Greek pleasure. We'll learn about the ancient practices of olives and olive oil production before setting our senses alight by sampling some of the local produce ourselves.







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OLYMPIA HIKING

Duration: Half day Tour code: KAT-04

We head deep into the countryside in search of soulcapturing views. The rolling Olympian wilderness holds secrets that hark back to true antiquity and we're on a journey to find them all. As we reach 430ft of elevation, we soak up sweeping panoramas and birdsong before venturing on to the ancient temple nearby. Wonder at the Temple of Hera, where the Olympic Flame burns and explore the Temple of Zeus, where the golden and ivory statue of Zeus (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World) was housed.









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TRANSFER TO KOUROUTA BEACH

Duration: Half day Tour code: KAT-06

We make our way to Kourouta Beach, just outside Amaliada. The golden sand here stretches miles along the coast and as we leap straight into the warm Ionian Sea, we know we're set for a day of total relaxation and bliss.

Please note there are no facilities included.









ATHENS MONUMENTS AND THE ACROPOLIS

Duration: Half day Tour code: PIR-01

A walk with us through the very heart of Athens brings us to one of most recognisable, historic and most photographed sites in the world, the famous Acropolis with the Parthenon at its summit.

It is a reminder of Ancient Greece's powerful civilisation and the greatest architectural complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity.

The monuments on the Acropolis (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) have survived for almost 25 centuries.

On this hill that still dominates Athens, democracy and philosophy were born so it is little wonder that a visit to Classical Athens is quite simply awe-inspiring.

The Parthenon is dedicated to the goddess Athena, protector of the city.

At the foot of the Acropolis and its ancient temples lies the oldest neighbourhood of Athens, Plaka. Visitors are mesmerised and charmed by its beautiful houses, cobblestone streets and tiny shops, architecture, elegant atmosphere and neo-classical colours and the well preserved gardens and Byzantine churches.







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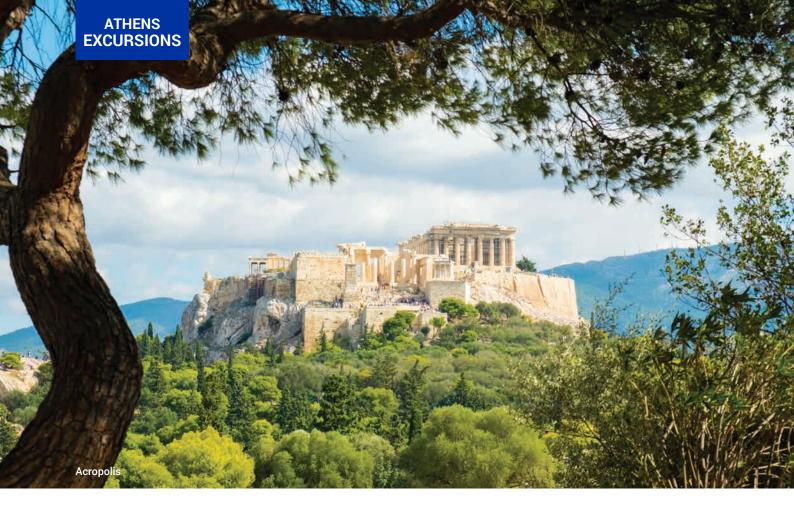
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As we head away from the Acropolis and Plaka, we pass the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament with the familiar sentries or Evzones, synonymous with the city. No visit to Athens can be complete without a stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896.

We also see the 'Trilogy of Athens' which comprises the University of Athens, National Library and the Academy of Athens.

Our three hour odyssey through ancient history ends appropriately at the Squares of Omonia and Syntagma, the very centre of modern day Athens.





ATHENS TOUR AND THE NEW ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

Duration: Half day Tour code: PIR-07

We head to central Athens for a panoramic tour of the city named after the goddess of wisdom and warfare.

First we see the magnificent Temple of Zeus, standing at the south east of the Acropolis.

The Temple is dedicated to the father of the 12 gods.

We continue past the Greek Parliament Building and stop at the Panathenaic Stadium which staged the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

We arrive at the "Trilogy of Athens": three 19th century buildings, influenced by classical architecture, on Panepistimiou Street.

A trip through Omonia Square and Syntagma Square, the epicentre of modern Athens, will bring us to the beautiful, picturesque preserved quarter of Plaka, beneath the Acropolis.

Our final destination is the modern, bright and imposing Acropolis Museum.







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Opened in 2009 and on multiple levels, it houses a whole host of exhibits of classical antiquity and is thematic.

It's the perfect way to draw everything together and give context to the wonderful structures you have just

At the end of our journey we hope you will have a full appreciation of the glories of classical Athens and a sense of one of the most historically important capitals in the world.





YOUR GREEK WELCOME IS WAITING!

We can't wait to share the beautiful Blue.

All we're missing is you!





For more information and bookings please visit **celestyal.com** or your local travel agent