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A VOYAGE TRACING THE ANCIENT ROUTES BETWEEN
ATHENS & LARNACA ABOARD THE MS MONET

25TH OCTOBER TO 6TH NOVEMBER & 6TH TO 18TH NOVEMBER* 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Join us for this relaxing and informative voyage exploring the ancient wonders of the Eastern Mediterranean as we cruise between Greece and Cyprus, visiting some of the most fascinating sites of the ancient world and spending time in some of the scenic towns and coastal ports along the way. Our itinerary has been devised to include a rich collection of archaeological, historical and beautiful sites in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, and combines some ‘must see’ sites together with charming ports where the laid back atmosphere will complement our small ship as we explore the delightful towns.



The awe-inspiring sites of Greece and Turkey have fascinated travellers throughout the centuries and during this voyage we will explore some of the most historic and scenically beautiful sites of the region, we will learn about the great cities that flourished and fell, and the intriguing civilisations that so coveted these ancient lands. Our itinerary includes some truly wonderful places such as Nafplio, a beautiful coastal city in the Peloponnese from where we will visit the ancient Greek city of Epidauros, famed as a place of miraculous healing, and we spend a day on Patmos where we will visit the grotto of St John. Continuing to the Turkish Coast we will visit some truly magnificent ancient sites including Ephesus, one of the most famous Graeco-Roman sites in the Mediterranean. We will also discover the ancient cities of Perge and Side, the town of Silifke which dates back to the 3rd century BC, and Tarsus, the birthplace of St Paul. Our enthralling voyage concludes in Cyprus with our final days spent exploring some of the island’s ancient sites including the Temple of Apollo and the ruins of Kourion with its Graeco-Roman Theatre and lovely coastal views.

Our itinerary represents small ship cruising at its best and is timed for autumn when the pleasant temperatures and absence of high summer crowds will contribute towards making this a very memorable journey during which over 3000 years of history can be viewed in relative peace. With a maximum of only 50 guests aboard the MS Monet, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with excellent local guides and by the end of the voyage you will have seen and learnt so much.

Guest Speakers



The Right Reverend Nick Baines 25th October 2027 Departure

The Rt Revd Nick Baines has been the Bishop of Leeds since 2014. He was previously the Bishop of Bradford and the Bishop of Croydon. He read German and French at Bradford University and, before ordination, worked for four years as a Russian

linguist at GCHQ. Nick has a particular expertise in communication. He has over 16 thousand followers on X and a popular blog. He is regularly heard on BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 4, is often asked to comment nationally on topical issues, and has written seven books on Christian faith. Nick has been a member of the House of Lords since 2014, leading on Europe, Russia, Sudan, security & intelligence. He has represented the Archbishop of Canterbury at international faith conferences and for 11 years was the English Co-chair of the Meissen Commission which develops relationships between the Church of England and the EKD (Protestant Church in Germany). He also preaches frequently in Germany – in German. He has a keen interest in music, literature, art, film, theatre and Liverpool FC.



Dr Steve Kershaw 6th November 2027 Departure

Dr Steve Kershaw is a tutor in Classics for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, an accredited lecturer for The Arts Society (ex- NADFAS), and lectures for the Victoria and Albert Museum’s Early Medieval: 300 - 1250 and The Classical World

and Classical Revivals courses. His publications include *The Penguin Dictionary of Classical Mythology*, *A Brief Guide to the Greek Myths*, *A Brief Guide to Classical Civilization*, *A Brief History of the Roman Empire*, *A Brief History of Atlantis: Plato’s Ideal State*, *Barbarians: Rebellion and Resistance to Rome*, and *Mythologica* (a children’s book on the Greek myths). Steve is the author and tutor for Oxford University’s online courses in Greek Mythology, The Fall of Rome, and Minoans and Mycenaeans. In 2016 he appeared as an Expert Contributor to The History Channel’s *Barbarians Rising* series, and he has travelled widely in the world of the Greeks and Romans, both physically and intellectually. Steve is also an honors graduate of the Musicians Institute in Los Angeles, and is regarded as one of the finest jazz double bass players in the UK.

Epidaurus



Nafplio

Syros



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet in the port of Lavrion and embark. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Nafplio. After breakfast we depart on a tour to Epidaurus, one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the slopes of a beautiful, wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Asclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths, and certain secret rites were accessible only to priests. Most of the ruins of Epidaurus have been reduced to their foundations, with the exception of the astonishing theatre. Still used for special performances, the theatre is in an admirable state of preservation. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is at leisure in Nafplio to explore at your own pace, perhaps wandering through its labyrinth of narrow streets and admiring the Venetian and Ottoman architecture of this charming town.

Day 3 Syros. After a relaxing morning at sea, we arrive at Syros which was the Aegean's foremost cultural and trading centre in the 19th century and the capital Ermoupoli was Greece's principal port. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon with a stroll through the town of Ermoupoli, the capital of the Cyclades. The prosperity of the island in the 19th and early 20th centuries is reflected in the architecture, with its grand town hall, theatre and beautiful square. Overlooking Ermoupoli stands hill-top Ano Syros, the original Medieval district with narrow lanes and whitewashed houses.

Day 4 Patmos. Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians, both Orthodox and Western alike, as it was here that St John received his revelation. This morning we will make our way to the Grotto of St John. This small cave, now converted into a beautiful chapel, is where the Saint lived, had his revelation and wrote 'Book of the Apocalypse'. From here we continue to the village of Chora, with its simple houses and Byzantine churches, and climb to the Monastery of St John the Theologian. Upon entering the courtyard, admire the intricate pebbled-laid floor, decorated arches and frescoes adorning the entrance to the chapel of Christodoulos. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and this afternoon and evening are at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala.

Day 5 Kusadasi, Turkey. Arrive in Kusadasi over breakfast. From our berth we drive to the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, a stunning and partially excavated site where archaeological work has been taking place for over a century. Broad streets are lined with impressive buildings including the Library of Celsus and the Temples of Serapis and Hadrian. Once the capital of Ionia, St Paul preached here on his second missionary journey and we

will see the Church of the Virgin Mary, the most important Christian monument in Ephesus. Also visit the spectacular Grand Theatre, originally built in the 3rd century BC by the Greeks, and later expanded by the Romans to its present capacity of 24,000. After lunch in a local restaurant we will return to the MS Monet in Kusadasi where the remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure.

Day 6 Fethiye. Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea. After lunch on board, we arrive in Fethiye and travel southeast to discover the rich Lycian towns of the past. Drive along the Esme River to the ancient city of Xanthos, Lycia's prominent capital city built on a high cliff overlooking the river. Xanthos boasts several significant ruins, including the Nereid Monument, an exquisite classical building whose figured friezes are in the British Museum. Continue to Letoon, a city named after Leto, the mother goddess of Lycians. The history of Letoon is closely linked with that of Xanthos. It is known to have been one of the most important religious centres of the Lycian region in Anatolia. Due to the rising water level, archaeological digs have been suspended. The remains unearthed indicate they belong to the period between the 7th century BC and the 6th century AD. We will see the ruins of the temples dedicated to Leto, Artemis and Apollo, and the amphitheatre.

Day 7 Antalya. This morning from Antalya we will explore the principle Roman ruins along Turkey's southern coast. We pass the modern city of Antalya en route to the ancient city of Perge, which dates back to 1000 BC and was founded by Mopsus and Calchas after their retreat from Troy. See the Basilica of Perge, which played an important role in the spread of Christianity, the 2nd century AD stadium, the baths complex and two magnificent round towers of the Greek Gate. We drive further east for a visit to Aspendos, whose amphitheatre built in the 2nd century AD is considered the best preserved in the Mediterranean. After lunch in a local restaurant, continue to visit the excellent Archaeological Museum or return to the ship for some free time.

Day 8 Alanya. After breakfast we drive along the beautiful Turkish Riviera towards the ancient city of Side, once one of the leading Pamphylian cities on the south coast of Anatolia. Visit the Grand Theatre, a perfect example of a Roman theatre built on vaults on flat land. Walk through the town, view the old harbour and see the remains of the Temple of Apollo. We drive back to Alanya with views of the Taurus Mountains in the east, then continue towards Incekum along the Turkish Riviera to the west. Our drive passes citrus and banana plantations before arriving at Damlatas Cave - a masterpiece of nature, renowned for its curative properties for asthma. After lunch on board, we visit the Archaeological Museum in the city centre,

Old Fortress, Alanya



Letoon



Ulu Mosque, Tarsus



Kourion

which displays artefacts from Perge and the Pamphylian coast of Turkey. Continue on to the Alanya Castle, a Seljuk era citadel dating from 1226. Inside the castle is the Suleymaniye Mosque and Caravanserai, built by Suleiman the Magnificent. We end our day with a visit to the Kizil Kule (Red Tower). This is the last of Alanya Castle's 83 towers that protects the Tersane (arsenal) and still remains one of the finest examples of Medieval military architecture.

Day 9 Tasucu. Our morning tour starts with a drive into the Taurus Mountains to Uzuncaburç, where the remnants of Roman Diocaesarea are located within the village. Originally the ancient city of Olba, the most conspicuous remains are those of the ancient Temple of Zeus Olbuis and a great watch tower. After lunch on board there will be an afternoon tour to Silifke. Silifke, the ancient Seleucia, is situated at the foot of the town hill on both sides of the Goksu River, known in antiquity as the Calycadnus, and was founded between 296 and 280 BC by Seleucus Nicator, one of the most famous generals of Alexander the Great. We will visit the underground church of St Thecla, a Christian site dedicated to St Thecla, one of St Paul's early devotees. Thecla is said to have spent her later years here trying to convert the locals of Seleucia to Paul's teachings and it is one of the most famous pilgrimage sites in Turkey. We continue to Silifke Archaeological Museum which displays Roman and Byzantine objects, as well as local folk costumes. Continue along the shore to Corycos where, in 191 BC, the fleet of Antiochus the Great was defeated by the Romans. See the ancient tombs and view the castle of Kiz Kalesi from the shore.

Day 10 Mersin. This morning we arrive in Mersin, the capital of Icel province, which borrows its name from myrtle, the evergreen vegetation which grows in the area. From here it is a short drive to Tarsus, the birthplace of St Paul which was an important part of the trade route to the interiors of Asia Minor. We will see the well dedicated to St Paul and the church built in 1862 to his name. Walk through the narrow streets of old Tarsus with typical stone and timber-built houses, see the Roman road in the north of the city and visit the Tarsus Museum where we will see the relics from Gozlukule excavations. We end at the Ulu Mosque and Makami-Sherif Mosque, both converted from ancient churches. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon sailing.

Day 11 Limassol, Cyprus. Today we drive to Paphos, the ancient capital of Cyprus and birthplace of Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love and Beauty symbolised by the legendary Aphrodite's Rock. We will visit the 13th century Chrysopolitissa Church which is shared by the Anglican and Catholic congregations. Saint Paul visited Paphos in AD 45 in an attempt to convert the ruler of the time to Christianity. He was successful in his efforts,

but not before being tied and whipped to an otherwise unremarkable lump of stone, the Pillar of Saint Paul, which we will see during our visit. After lunch in a local restaurant and some free time in the picturesque fishing harbour of Paphos, we continue to the archaeological park, known as the House of Dionysus with the fabulously preserved mosaics which date back to the 2nd century AD.

Day 12 Limassol. This morning we drive to the Temple of Apollo, one of the main religious centres of ancient Cyprus. We will continue to the ruins of Kourion, a city built in 1200 BC. The most spectacular site at Kourion is the Greco-Roman Theatre which has been completely restored and is used today for open-air musical and theatrical performances. We will also visit Kolossi Castle, which was built in the 15th century on the ruins of a former fortress dated to the beginning of the 13th century. Some of these ruins can still be seen east of the present castle. After lunch on board, the afternoon is at leisure to explore further at your own pace.

Day 13 Larnaca to London. Disembark in Limassol after breakfast and transfer to Larnaca Airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

***Please note that the 6th November departure operates in the reverse direction from Larnaca to Athens. Full itinerary can be viewed online.**

PRICES PER PERSON

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C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£6695	£6395
B	Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck	£7295	£6995
A	Deluxe Double with windows on Lumiere Deck	£7895	£7595
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£8095	£7795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 nights aboard the MS Monet on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
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MS MONET



Ships of all different sizes and styles can make the selection of a cruise a somewhat hit and miss affair, and whilst some companies attempt to please everybody, we prefer to continue with our focus on small ships and to that end are delighted to have once again chartered the 50-passenger MS Monet for a series of fascinating cruises in the Adriatic and Aegean. Originally built in 1970, the MS Monet is a 220 foot motor yacht and was converted and launched as a passenger ship in 1998, fully renovated in 2016 and upgraded again in 2018. If you find large resort style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers attractive then of course this isn't the vessel for you. However, if you prefer an informal and warm atmosphere more akin to a private yacht combined with an itinerary dedicated to both discovery and relaxation then you need look no further.



Category A Cabin

Your Cabin

All the cabins on board the MS Monet are designed for comfort and have a warm and inviting feel with light fabrics and wood trimmings. Cabins range in size from 9 to 22 square metres and Categories A, B & C are equipped with windows, while those in Category D have portholes. Cabins 104-107, 112, 119, 205 and 210-215 feature twin beds and all other cabins have fixed double beds. Facilities include en-suite bathroom with shower, television, mini-fridge, safety deposit box, air-conditioning and hairdryer.

Your Space

The public areas include a main lounge and bar with comfortable sofas on the Lumiere Deck, a restaurant located on the Parisian Deck and the Lumiere Open Deck al fresco dining area. The Lumiere Sun Deck provides a delightful sun exposed space with sun loungers and a Jacuzzi, ideal for relaxation and wonderful views.

Your Dining

Located on the Parisian Deck, the glass enclosed indoor dining room seats all passengers in a single sitting with unassigned seating and allows for wonderful panoramic views of the stunning scenery as we sail. The Lumiere Open Deck provides a covered area where guests can enjoy meals al fresco on some days, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the hot and cold buffet stands. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties. A choice of house wine, beer and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.



Category C Cabin – fixed twin cabin



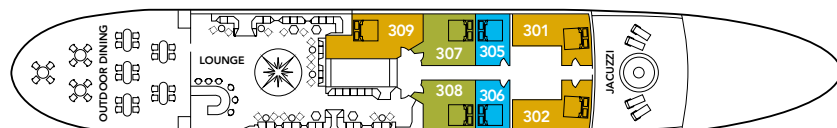
Life On Board

In many ways the virtues of small ship cruising are best expressed by detailing what you will not find on board the MS Monet. For instance, there will be no organised entertainment and no black tie events. What there will be is a warm and convivial atmosphere in which you can learn more about the culture and ancient civilisations of the region in the company of like-minded people with a high level of service. During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for relaxing in a comfortable chair with a good book or socialising with your fellow passengers and enjoying the views.

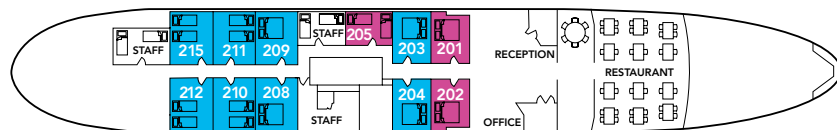


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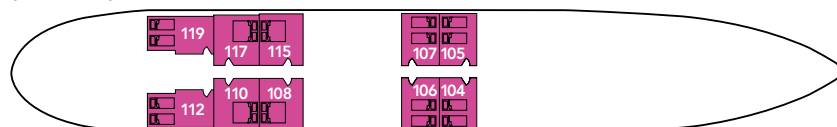
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