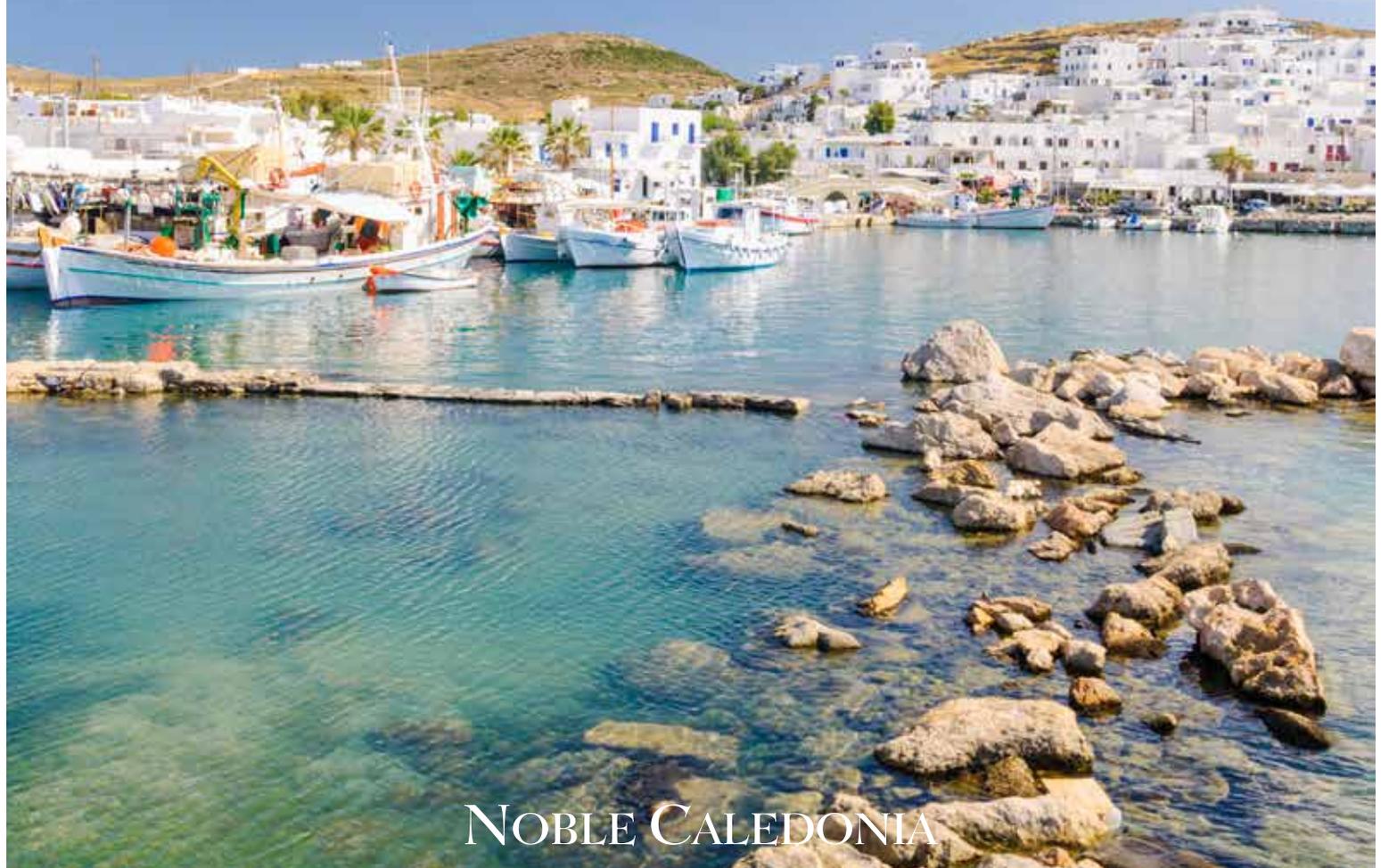


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THE 50-PASSENGER MS MONET  
SEPTEMBER 2020



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# MS MONET

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Monet for a series of cruises through the Adriatic and Aegean in 2020. Launched in 1998, fully renovated in 2016 and upgraded again in 2018, she is a 220 foot motor yacht accommodating a maximum of 50 guests. 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 - 309



Category C 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, minifridge, 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 where meals can be enjoyed when weather permits. The gym can be found on the Parisian Deck and 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 generous covered area where guests can enjoy meals al fresco, 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.



Lumiere Open Deck



Lounge



Restaurant



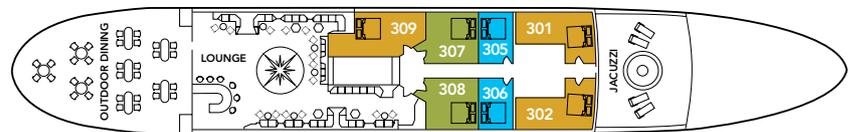
Lounge

### Life On Board

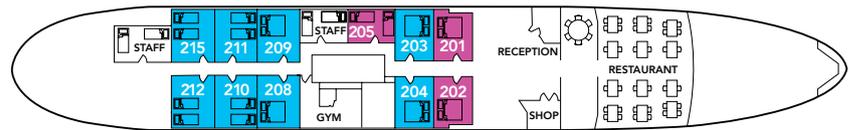
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, relaxing in a comfortable chair with a good book or socialising with your fellow passengers and enjoying the views.

### DECK PLAN

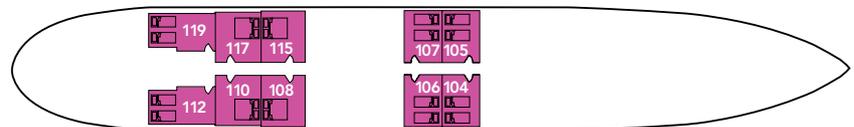
#### LUMIERE DECK



#### PARISIAN DECK



#### CAMILLE DECK



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 ■ CATEGORY B   
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MS Monet

# FROM DALMATIA TO THE CYCLADES

A voyage from Split to Athens aboard the MS Monet

4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Join us for a relaxing and informative voyage as we sail from Split to Athens and explore a magnificent array of ancient ruins, attractive towns and timeless villages. There will be interesting guided excursions each day combined with ample opportunity to explore independently and some relaxing, daytime sailing allowing time to appreciate the beautiful scenery of the region. The MS Monet is the perfect vessel for our voyage, her size allowing us to call into less developed places and once docked, with just 50 passengers, going ashore is quick and easy.

Our voyage is timed perfectly to take advantage of cooling temperatures and the dispersing of summer holiday crowds leaving us free to explore some spectacular Greek ruins such as Delphi and Mycenae, some picturesque villages including Alberobello in the Puglian countryside and some beautiful islands in the Aegean such as Sifnos and Folegandros. An additional highlight of our voyage will be our daytime transit of the Corinth Canal which, whilst only built in the 19th century, was conceived as long ago as the 7th century BC, a wonderful interlude to our cruise and only possible on a small ship such as the MS Monet. Whether you are interested in ancient history, Greek myths or simply the joy of cruising aboard a private yacht and experiencing new places and islands in this beautiful region, our voyage has something for everyone.



## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London Heathrow to Split, Croatia.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet and embark. Sail this evening.

**Day 2 Korcula.** Spend the day on the island of Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. A guided tour will include a walk along Korcula's crooked Medieval streets revealing elegant squares flanked with palaces of the old nobility. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and maybe find a quiet spot to swim in the clear waters of the Adriatic.

**Day 3 Kotor, Montenegro.** This morning we enter the Gulf of Kotor and sail up the fjord-like entrance to the Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kotor. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares nestled at the foot of towering cliffs. Our morning guided walk will include the 12th century cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore at your own pace.

**Day 4 Monopoli, Italy.** Today we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. Enjoy a pleasant walk in Alberobello, a fairy-tale trulli village and a

UNESCO World Heritage Site and see the St Anthony Church also built in trullo style. Afterwards we visit 'Cantina Albea' and its wine museum, home to pictures and old instruments used in the past for the production of wine and where we will enjoy a tasting along with a talk on the wine production. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may want to wander through the historic centre, visit the cathedral or see the Castello di Carlo V.

**Day 5 Otranto.** From the port of Otranto we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its majestic collection of Baroque architecture. A guided walk will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure. A stroll ashore brings you to the town ramparts – wander through the gate and discover tranquil streets and alleys with views over the harbour as well as a 15th century Aragonese Castle.

**Day 6 Vathy, Ithaca, Greece.** Enjoy a relaxing day on board as we cross the Adriatic before arriving at the island of Ithaca, one of the most legendary of all Greek islands in the mid-afternoon. This jewel of the Ionian Sea is unspoiled by tourism, yet has a fascinating

history. Relics date back to 4000 BC and by Mycenaean times it was the capital of a kingdom that included surrounding islands and part of the Peloponnese coast. It was under Odysseus that this kingdom reached its zenith, sending 12 ships to the Trojan War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this delightful town and harbour.

**Day 7 Delphi & Corinth Canal.** We arrive during breakfast in Itea and this morning visit the sacred site of Delphi, one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity. The hillside ruins, overlooking the mountains are exceptional and we will explore the Sanctuary of Apollo, site of the sacred Delphic Oracle and walk along Delphi's Sacred Way, visiting the Treasury of the Athenians and the 5000 seat theatre dating from the 4th century BC. We depart in the afternoon and cruise down the Gulf of Corinth. Be on deck as we transit the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like the MS Monet which can now make this journey.

**Day 8 Nafplio, Mycenae & Nemea.** After breakfast enjoy a scenic drive through the Argos Plain to Nemea, the site of a religious sanctuary which hosted the pan-Hellenic athletic games every two years from 573 BC until 271 BC. The mythical origin of the Games is sometimes ascribed to Hercules

who, after his first labour in which he had to kill the Nemean lion living in the caves of Mount Tritos above the site, established the athletic games in honour of his father, Zeus. Nemea was not a town or settlement but a venue where festivities were held during the games and our tour will include the Temple of Zeus, the bath house and the stadium before spending time in the small but excellent on-site museum. Nemea is also famous for its red wines and we will enjoy a wine tasting at a local vineyard. We continue to the famous citadel of Mycenae which is located high above the confluence of two boulder strewn ravines and accessed by way of the Lion Gate. Once inside the gate, we will explore the Royal Palace, the shaft graves and the remains of the city walls. An archaeological briefing within the Treasury of Artreus (also known as the Tomb of Agamemnon) will add to our understanding and appreciation of the sights. Return to Nafplio later in the afternoon and wander ashore before sailing later this evening.

**Day 9 Milos & Sifnos, Cycladic Islands.** Trade drove the early development of civilisation in the Aegean and Milos was a valuable source of quality obsidian used in ancient tools, knives and weapons. Created from volcanic activity, this super hard glass was excavated and one of the Mediterranean's most ancient mines is found on



Korcula



Chora, Folegandros



Trulli Houses, Alberobello



Kotor Bay



Nafplio



Sifnos

this island. The harbour of Adamas is found on a natural caldera and the volcanic activity that shaped the island is evident with lunar landscapes and white cliffs contrasting with the turquoise waters of the Aegean. Spend the morning on Milos and this afternoon we will cruise over to the nearby island of Sifnos and the port of Kamares where you can perhaps find a spot for an evening swim.

#### Day 10 Sifnos & Folegandros.

This corner of the Cyclades is far from the well-trodden tracks of the big ships and you will discover traditional white houses, picturesque churches and narrow lanes and alleys. A morning tour of Sifnos will include Apollonia, the

island's tiny capital, the Virysianni Monastery and the villages of Kastro and Artemos, both delightful places to wander and admire the traditional architecture. We sail over lunch to the little known island of Folegandros and later in the afternoon visit the clifftop capital of Chora, a wonderfully picturesque village with alleys lined with bougainvillea and hibiscus and a dramatic seascape over an edge which drops some 700 feet directly into the Aegean.

#### Day 11 Athens to London

**Heathrow.** Disembark this morning in the port of Piraeus and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

## Athens Extension 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020



If you would like to spend some time in Athens after the cruise, we are offering the opportunity to join our two night post-cruise extension.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Athens, Greece.** Disembark after breakfast and enjoy a trip along the coast to Cape Sounion to see the majestic Temple of Poseidon. Enjoy a local lunch before returning to Athens to check into the NJV Plaza Hotel (or similar) for a two-night stay. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Day 2 Athens.** Today is free to relax or make independent touring arrangements. Perhaps climb up to visit the Acropolis, stroll amidst the lanes and classical ruins of the Plaka or visit one of the many excellent museums.

**Day 3 Athens to London Heathrow.** After breakfast transfer to the airport for our scheduled return flight

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£525**      Single: **£745**

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation with breakfast  
• Excursion on day 1 • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities  
• Transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

### PRICES PER PERSON

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D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£4895	£4695

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Monet on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.

# ISLAND HOPPING IN GREECE

A late summer voyage through the Greek Isles aboard the MS Monet

14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

A cruise aboard the MS Monet is a wonderful way to experience the lesser known islands of the Aegean and encounter their timeless quality. Setting sail from Athens, the cradle of western civilisation, we will cruise through the turquoise waters of the Aegean on a voyage through the playground of the Greek Gods learning of the myths and legends which surround the enchanted islands. Some of the islands we have included are very difficult to access without relying on the local ferry network and it is during our time on such islands that you will truly be able to appreciate the unique atmosphere and island life. When combined with the dramatic scenery and the clear waters of the Aegean, it is evident why this region has inspired writers, poets and artists since the time of Homer.

We have devised our island hopping itinerary to allow ample time to wander through whitewashed villages and picturesque harbours of some hidden Greek Island gems such as Nisyros, Symi, Tilos and Lipsi. In addition we will spend time on Patmos where we will visit the grotto of St John, discover the 11th century Monastery of Nea Moni on the island of Chios, one of the most important ecclesiastical monuments in Greece and finally we will visit the remarkable site of Troy in Turkey.

Our custom-made itinerary focuses on many islands that the mega cruise ships cannot access and, in addition to our included guided excursions, there will be ample time at leisure for some independent exploration or to swim in the intensely blue Aegean from the local beaches. We have scheduled in some late departures from port and overnight moorings, allowing for the opportunity to enjoy the evening atmosphere of some delightful harbour towns. With a maximum of only 50 guests, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with local guides who will also join us on board for our cruise, adding immeasurably to our knowledge of the region.



## The Itinerary

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

**Day 2 Paros.** Awake in the Cyclades and the island of Paros, famed for the marble that is drawn from the island's interior and used in the Venus de Milo statue. We moor at Parikia, a beautiful village of whitewashed houses and labyrinthine streets. Explore the 4th century Panagia Ekatondayliani, one of the finest churches in the Cyclades and the fine Byzantine Museum, housing icons from the churches and monasteries of the island. We will sail later in the afternoon allowing time for independent exploration.

**Day 3 Nisyros & Symi.** Arrive this morning at the small island of Nisyros. From the port of Mandraki you may wish to wander through the village and climb to the Monastery of Panagia Spilianior or visit the archaeological museum. Alternatively, join the drive to the Polyvotis Volcano, named after the Titan imprisoned under the rock of Nisyros during the battle with the gods. Here we will learn

more of the legends and have the chance to walk into the caldera. Enjoy an afternoon at sea as we sail to Symi, a small, mountainous and much indented pretty island arriving in the early evening. The Simians were famous boat builders and are mentioned in the Iliad as sending boats to assist the siege of Troy but are better known today for their sponge diving. We remain moored overnight.

**Day 4 Symi & Tilos.** The harbour of Gialos on Symi is particularly attractive and we have time to stroll through the colourful cobbled streets before sailing later in the morning to timeless Tilos. This lovely island has still to find its way onto the pages of our tour operator's brochures and so retains its traditional atmosphere. We arrive in the mid afternoon at Livadia, a lively little town and Megalo Chorio, its tiny capital rich in Crusader castles. There is a beach nearby for those that prefer to have a swim.

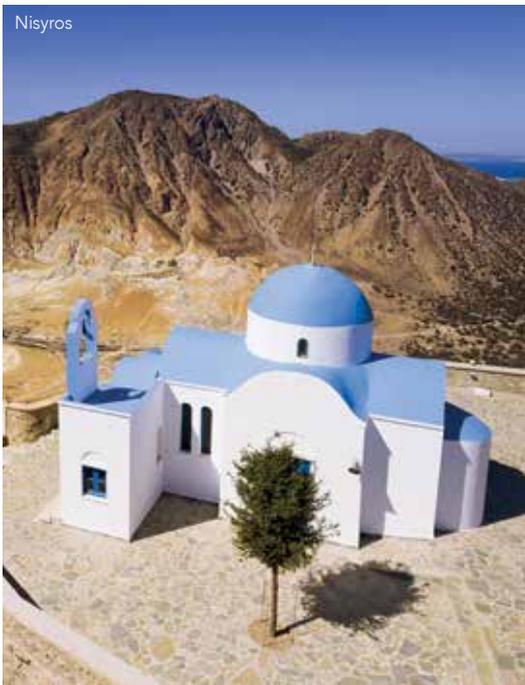
**Day 5 Leros & Lipsi.** Today we can use our small ship to visit two of the less visited islands of the Dodecanese. Spend the morning on Leros, the island of Artemis the God of hunting. We

will drive to the capital, Platanos to see the Pandeli Castle which overlooks Agia Marina offering wonderful views from the ramparts to the harbour below and islands beyond. Over lunch we sail to nearby Lipsi. At just eight kilometres long, the tiny island of Lipsi is popular with yachts and has avoided the development of many surrounding islands. It is a wonderful place to spend a few hours walking amongst the whitewashed houses or take the opportunity to visit a local beach for a swim. We remain in Lipsi overnight for anyone wishing to enjoy an evening ashore in the pretty harbour.

**Day 6 Patmos.** Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western and it was here that St John received his revelation. This morning, after sailing the short distance from Lipsi, we will make our way to the grotto of St John. This small cave, now converted into the beautiful chapel, is where the Saint lived, had his revelation and wrote 'Book of the Apocalypse'. From here 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 into 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 an afternoon and evening at leisure. Explore the picturesque town of Skala or maybe enjoy a swim at a nearby beach. We sail later in the evening.

**Day 7 Chios.** The birthplace of Homer, Chios remained a significant Aegean island into the Byzantine period. Homer mentions the island by name several times in the Odyssey, calling it 'paipaloessa', or craggy, a richly deserved epithet. The island is rich in ancient ruins and this morning we will visit the 11th century Monastery of Nea Moni, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important ecclesiastical monuments in Greece. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon either relax and explore Chios Town independently or join a tour to the south of the island where we visit the beautifully preserved 14th century fortress village of Mesta and the elaborately decorated



Nisyros



Agia Marina, Leros



Monastery of St John, Patmos



Ancient ruins, Troy

houses of Pirgi enjoying time to wander through their maze-like streets.

**Day 8 Limnos.** Arrive over breakfast in Myrina, the small capital of Limnos in the northern Aegean, known for its romantic castle built over the rocky promontory. The castle foundations date back to Classical times, when it was the site of a temple of Artemis. A guided walk will include the picturesque quay, Romeikos Gialos, lined with charming neoclassical house one of which houses the Archaeological Museum. The afternoon is free to explore independently; perhaps seek out one of the island's secluded beaches or, if you are feeling energetic, join a longer countryside walk along a rural pathway to Kondias village.

**Day 9 Canakkale, Turkey.** This morning we call at Canakkale, strategically placed on the Dardanelles and our gateway for Troy, where ongoing archaeological excavations have revealed nine different layers of cities superimposed in rings on a massive mound rising above the Plain of Ilium. It was at one of these cities, as legend has it, that the Greeks fought the Trojans as told by Homer in the Iliad. Our tour follows the excavations made by Heinrich Schliemann, the archaeologist who discovered Troy and "Priam's Treasure", the jewels that, Schliemann claimed, were worn by Helen of Troy. We will walk the walls that held Helen of Troy and look down at the plain where Achilles dragged the dead body of Hector. We can also visit the new Troy museum

on site. Be on deck this afternoon as we continue our voyage through the Dardanelles and into the Sea of Marmara en-route to Istanbul.

**Day 10 Istanbul to London Heathrow.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

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D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£4720	£4520

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**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Turkish visa.

## Athens Extension 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020



If you would like to spend some time in Athens before embarking the MS Monet, we are offering the opportunity to join our two night pre-cruise extension.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London Heathrow to Athens.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the NJV Plaza Hotel (or similar) for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2 Athens.** Today is free to relax or make independent touring arrangements. Perhaps climb up to visit the Acropolis, stroll amidst the lanes and classical ruins of the Plaka or visit one of the many excellent museums.

**Day 3 Athens.** After breakfast enjoy a trip along the coast to Cape Sounion to see the majestic Temple of Poseidon sitting atop a craggy rock overlooking the sea. Enjoy a local lunch before transferring to the port of Piraeus to embark the MS Monet.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£525**      Single: **£745**

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation in Athens with breakfast  
• Tour as described • Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



## Istanbul Extension 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020



For those who wish to spend some time discovering Istanbul we are offering a three night hotel extension with included sightseeing.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Istanbul, Turkey.** Disembark after breakfast and take a guided city tour enjoying the sights of old Constantinople with visits to the Hippodrome and the great Byzantine church of Santa Sophia as well as the Blue Mosque. After enjoying a local lunch, we check into the Marmara Pera Hotel (or similar) for a three-night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2 Istanbul.** Discover the Topkapi Palace on a guided morning tour with its restored pavilions, harems and treasury. Enjoy a local lunch and continue to visit the excellent Mosaic Museum as well as the Suleymaniye Mosque overlooking the Golden Horn. The evening is at leisure.

**Day 3 Istanbul.** Today is free to explore at your own pace. Maybe look for a bargain in the Grand Bazaar, visit the fascinating Basilica Cistern or take a boat trip on the Bosphorus. We meet this evening for dinner in a local restaurant.

**Day 4 Istanbul to London Heathrow.** Transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

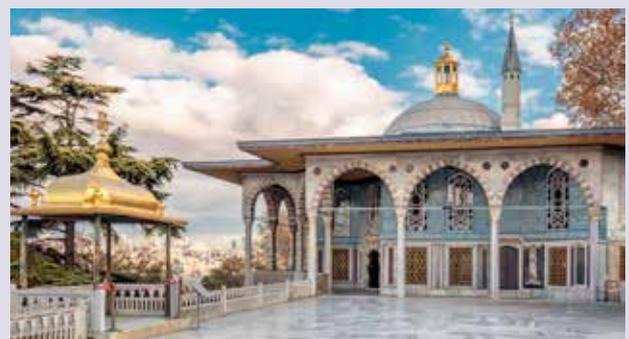
### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£745**      Single: **£945**

**Price Includes:** Three nights hotel accommodation in Istanbul with breakfast • Lunch on days 1 & 2, Dinner on day 3 • Tours as described  
• Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Turkish visa.





# AEGEAN ANTIQUITIES

A voyage from Istanbul to Athens with Guest Speaker, Lord Chartres aboard the MS Monet  
23<sup>rd</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

September in the Aegean is the perfect time for visiting some of the unspoiled islands, timeless villages and ancient sites. Join us aboard the 50-passenger MS Monet and explore ancient sites where 3000 years of history can be viewed in relative peace and quiet at a time of year when the absence of high summer crowds will contribute towards making this a memorable journey. We will explore some truly fascinating sites including sacred Delos, the ancient city of Ephesus where digging has been taking place for over a century and is rightly one of the most famous Graeco-Roman sites in the Mediterranean as well as Pergamum which was one of the cultural capitals of antiquity and is one of the finest archaeological sites in Turkey.

After many years of experience of operating cruises in the Aegean, we believe we have the perfectly balanced itinerary with a mix of guided excursions and time at leisure to explore the charming villages independently or perhaps visit a nearby beach. We have planned some late departures from port, which affords the opportunity to enjoy an after dinner stroll in some towns which are particularly atmospheric in the evening. Owing to the fact that our small ship can moor centrally, we have the added advantage of being able to access the towns and villages by foot in many of the ports of call instead of by long coach transfers. Whether you are interested in ancient history, Greek myths or simply enjoy cruising amongst beautiful scenery, this voyage has a lot to offer.



## Guest Speaker



Lord (Richard) Chartres GCVO PC

Richard Chartres is an honorary fellow of Trinity College Cambridge where he studied history. He taught ancient history in the International School in Seville and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. After serving for more than 20 years as Bishop of London, he retired in 2017 and was appointed a Life Peer. He has over thirty years' experience as a guest speaker on cruise ships.

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London Heathrow to Istanbul, Turkey.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet and embark.

**Day 2 Canakkale.** Be on deck this morning as we pass through Dardanelles. We arrive in the early afternoon at Canakkale, our gateway for Troy, where ongoing archaeological excavations have revealed nine different layers of cities superimposed in rings on a massive mound rising above the Plain of Ilium. It was at one of these cities, as legend has it, that the Greeks fought the Trojans as told by Homer in the Iliad. Our tour follows the excavations made by Heinrich Schliemann, the archaeologist who discovered Troy and "Priam's Treasure", the jewels that, Schliemann claimed, were worn by Helen of Troy. We will walk the walls that held Helen of Troy and look down at the plain where Achilles dragged the dead body of Hector. We can also visit the new Troy museum on site.

**Day 3 Dikili.** From the port of Dikili we will drive inland to Pergamum with its splendid Acropolis towering above the valley of the Caicus River. This city, built

by Alexander's warring generals became one of the cultural capitals of antiquity, its library rivalling those of Athens and Alexandria. Today Pergamum is one of Turkey's finest archaeological sites. Take a cable car up to the Acropolis to see the remains of the citadel and the city walls, the foundations of the Zeus Altar and the Royal Palace. We will enjoy a local lunch before returning to MS Monet for some time at leisure before sailing in the early evening.

**Day 4 Kusadasi.** From our berth in Kusadasi we will drive to the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, a stunning and partially excavated site where digging has been taking place for over a century. Broad streets are lined by 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 see 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. We

will enjoy a local lunch and visit the lesser known site of Priene, once a small but wealthy Ionian town on the slopes of the Mycale escarpment overlooking the broad expanse of the Menderes River plain.

**Day 5 Patmos, Greece.** Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western and 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 the beautiful chapel, is where the Saint lived, had his revelation and wrote 'Book of the Apocalypse'. From here 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 into the courtyard, admire the intricate pebbled floor, decorated arches and frescoes adorning the entrance to the chapel of Christodoulos. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and an afternoon and evening at leisure. Perhaps explore the picturesque town of Skala or maybe enjoy a swim at a nearby beach.

**Day 6 Kos.** According to Myth, Kos was the homeland of the Giants. The island has given to the world Hippocrates, father of medicine and the 4th century painter Apelles. We will drive the short distance to the Asklepon, the infirmary of Antiquity, which was constructed in the 4th century BC. Among the ruins are part of the Doric Temple of Aesculapius, the

Celsus Library, Ephesus





Lindos



Mykonos



The Temple of Trajan, Pergamon

altar and the Stoa which housed the famous Hippocrates Medical School. After lunch on board you have the afternoon to explore Kos Town at your own pace.

**Day 7 Rhodes.** Our tour this morning will take us to the ancient Acropolis of Lindos. From here the views of the Pelagus and St Paul's Bay, where the apostle anchored during his voyage to Ephesus, are stunning. The Medieval walls which guard Lindos were constructed by the Knights of St John. This afternoon there will be the opportunity to relax on board or explore the street and walls of at leisure or on a guided tour before sailing in the late evening.

**Day 8 Tilos.** Awake in timeless Tilos, this lovely island of the Dodecanese has still to find its way onto the pages of our operator's brochures and so retains its traditional atmosphere. See Livadia, a lively little town and

Megalochorio, its tiny capital rich in Crusader castles. Enjoy some time at leisure before sailing later in the afternoon. There is a beach nearby for those that prefer to have a swim.

**Day 9 Mykonos.** From Mykonos we take a local boat over to the uninhabited island of Delos, which though the smallest of the Cyclades, was once the political and religious centre for the whole of the Aegean. Birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, it boasted an oracle second only to that of Delphi. Explore the magnificent archaeological site including the marble sanctuary of Apollo. Return to the MS Monet and explore Mykonos town at leisure.

**Day 10 Athens to London Heathrow.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

**SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY**

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck	£3795	£3595
C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£3995	£3795
B	Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck	£4295	£4095
A	Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck	£4795	£4595
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£4995	£4795

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

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Turkish visa.

## Istanbul Extension 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020



For those who wish to spend some time discovering Istanbul before embarking the MS Monet we are offering a three night hotel extension with included sightseeing.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London Heathrow to Istanbul, Turkey.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Marmara Pera Hotel (or similar) and check in for a three night stay. The rest of the evening is at leisure.

**Day 2 Istanbul.** After breakfast take a guided tour to the Topkapi Place and explore its restored pavilions, harems and treasury before enjoying the sights of old Constantinople with visits to the Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque. Enjoy a local lunch before seeing the grandeur of the great Byzantine church of Santa Sophia.

**Day 3 Istanbul.** Today is free to explore at your own pace. Maybe look for a bargain in the Grand Bazaar, visit the fascinating Basilica Cistern or take a boat trip on the Bosphorus. We meet this evening for dinner in a local restaurant.

**Day 4 Istanbul.** After a leisurely morning we continue our exploration of this iconic city and visit the excellent Kariye Museum with its golden byzantine mosaics as well as the Suleymaniye Mosque overlooking the Golden Horn. After a local lunch, transfer to the MS Monet and embark.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£745**      Single: **£945**

**Price Includes:** Three nights hotel accommodation in Istanbul with breakfast • Lunch on days 2 & 4 • Dinner on day 3 • Tours as described • Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Turkish visa.



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