

Voyages aboard
PANORAMA II

MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC & AEGEAN
MAY, JUNE, JULY & SEPTEMBER 2018



NOBLE CALEDONIA



PANORAMA II

We are delighted to have chartered the two-masted Panorama II for a series of cruises through the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean in 2018. Launched in 2004, fully renovated in 2012 and upgraded again in 2015, she is a 164 foot motor sailer accommodating just 49 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.

Your Cabin

All the cabins on board Panorama II are designed for comfort and have a nautical feel with light fabrics and wood trimmings. Cabins range in size from 97 to 173 square feet and those located on the Upper and Main Decks are equipped with windows, while those on the Lower Deck have portholes. All cabins accommodate either a

double bed or twin beds. Facilities include fully equipped marble bathrooms, individually-controlled air conditioning, music and satellite TV, mini-fridge, personal safety deposit box and hairdryer.

Your Space

The public areas include a main lounge and bar with comfortable sofas, a restaurant located on the

Lower Deck and the Upper Deck al fresco dining area where meals can be enjoyed when weather permits. There is also a swimming platform enabling guests to swim when weather and anchorage conditions permit and the Upper Deck provides a generous semi covered or sun exposed space with sun loungers and chairs, ideal for relaxation and fantastic views.



Relaxing on board



Dining area



Sun Deck



Double Cabin



Outdoor Dining



Breakfast on deck



Twin Cabin

Your Dining

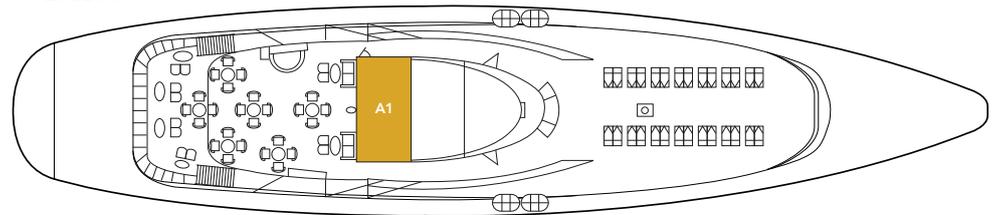
Located on the Lower Deck, the indoor dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and offers generous buffet space. The aft area on the Upper Deck provides a generous semi-covered area where guests can enjoy meals al fresco with wonderful views, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the hot and cold buffets stands. The menu is Greek and international, with a focus on local specialties. On each itinerary, we have included the opportunity for you to dine ashore independently allowing you to experience the local flavours.

Life On Board

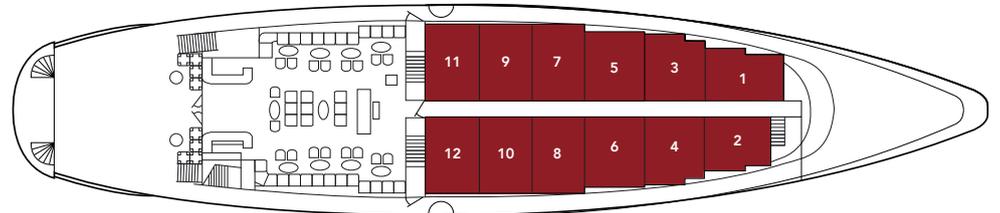
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor dining room, as well as the open and inviting deck areas. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, settling into a comfortable chair with a good book or socialising with your fellow passengers and enjoying the views. The swimming platform on Panorama II's stern enables you to swim off the yacht when weather and anchorage conditions permit (only applicable for voyages around Greece).

DECK PLAN

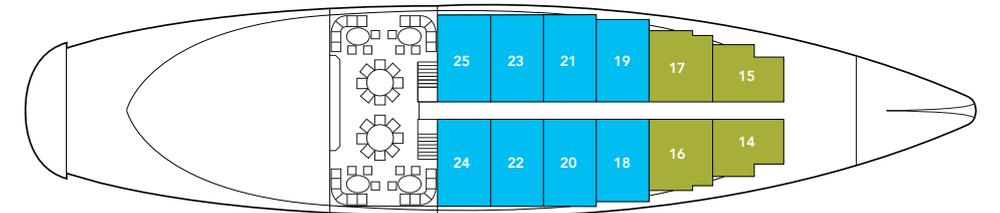
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



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ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD

A voyage from Athens to Cagliari aboard the Panorama II
7th to 18th May 2018

The seas between Athens and Sardinia offer access to a wealth of ancient sites, unspoiled islands and traditional towns. Join us aboard the Panorama II in May and take advantage of comfortable temperatures and the absence of high season crowds. As we journey through the Aegean and Mediterranean, our small ship will take us on a voyage through the playground of the Greek Gods learning of the myths and legends which surround the enchanted islands.

From Athens, the cradle of Western civilization, we will sail through turquoise waters, call into charming villages, admire some wonderful scenery and see some of the Ancient World's most fascinating sites including Mycenae, the home of Agamemnon which stands atop a remote hill in the southern Peloponnese. We also visit Olympia, the principal shrine of Zeus and Hera and the site of the original Olympic Games, set in a lush mountain valley beside the River Kladeos. In addition to ancient sites, we visit some equally interesting Byzantine towns such as Mystra, a Medieval ghost town set on a cliff overlooking the site of ancient Sparta and one of the best preserved Byzantine towns in Greece, with excellent examples of 14th and 15th century architecture.

Our custom-made itinerary focuses mainly on many places that the mega cruise ships cannot access and, in addition to our included guided excursions, we will visit vineyards in both Greece and Italy to sample the local wines and enjoy ample time at leisure for some independent exploration.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Panorama II moored in Piraeus. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Nafplion. Nafplion's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece. From here we will enjoy a choice of morning excursions, either take a scenic drive through the Argos Plain, once ruled by Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, to the famous citadel of Mycenae. High above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines, Mycenae is entered 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. Alternatively visit one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the cool slopes of a beautiful and wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Aesclepius, the god of healing, who restored health to the sick and sometimes (it was said) life to the dead, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret rites. 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 Nafplion for lunch and a free afternoon to

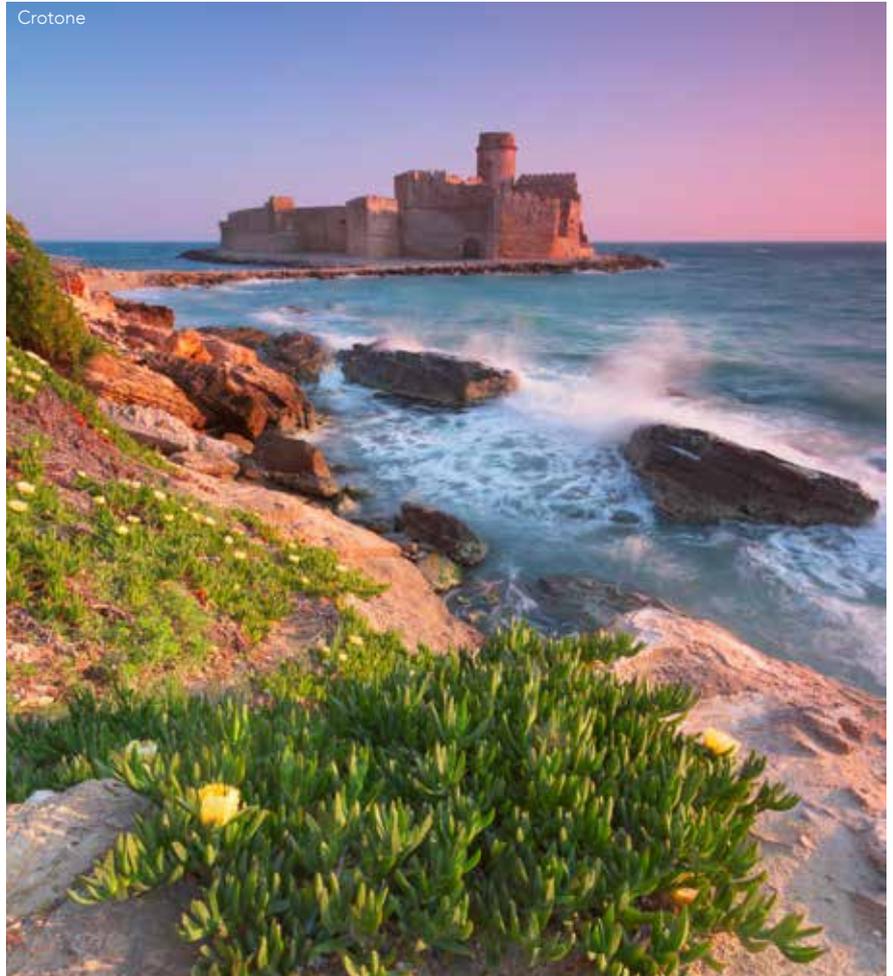




Mystras



Nafplion



Croton

wander the twisting labyrinthine streets and view the Venetian and Turkish architecture. Tonight take the chance to dine independently in one of the harbour side restaurants.

Day 3 Kythira. Situated between the Peloponnese and Crete, the island of Kythira was, according to mythology, the birthplace of the goddess Aphrodite. After a relaxing morning cruising we spend the afternoon in this picturesque mountainous island where we will explore the villages, see the beautiful beaches and drive through the countryside. Visit the Medieval village of Mylopotamo where we will see the little church, the abandoned castle and enjoy some local delicacies in the town square. In Katolivadi we will visit the Byzantine museum which houses a collection of Byzantine and Post Byzantine art including murals from the old Early Christianic years to the post Byzantine, works of religious painting and objects of religious rituals. In Livadi we will see the Great English stone bridge built during English rule before ending in the capital of Chora where we view the Venetian castle, old mansions and enjoy the traditional architecture.

Day 4 Gythio & Mystras. We arrive in picturesque Gythio this morning and head north towards Mystras, a remarkably intact Byzantine town that once housed a population of 20,000 people. Here we visit the Cathedral of Agios Dimitrios. On the floor of the church is the two-headed eagle, the symbol of the Palaeologos Dynasty, carved into a plaque. According to tradition, this is where Constantine XII stepped when he was crowned king. Strolling through the narrow lanes of the dead city, you will visit the Church of Agia Sophia, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa with its brilliant frescoes. Before returning to the vessel, refreshments will be served at the picturesque taverna located just beneath the site offering sweeping views over the local terrain. After lunch on board enjoy some free time to wander in the town before we sail in the late afternoon.

Day 5 Olympia. The port of Katakolon will be our base today for our excursion to Olympia. Pastoral and lush, Olympia's plentiful ruins are shaded by Aleppo pines and olive trees. The fame of Olympia rests upon the Olympic Games. During the

celebrations that accompanied the Games, competitors, while not forgetting that they were Athenians, Spartans or from other city states, remembered that they were Greeks and regarded an Olympic victory as the highest honour. We will see the gymnasium, the stadium and the palestra or wrestling school. We will also explore the Altis, or sacred precinct of Zeus, which houses structures including the Temple of Zeus, one of the largest temples on the Greek mainland and the Archaeological Museum that houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. After our visit there will be some free time for lunch and to explore Olympia independently. Return to the ship later this afternoon and sail this evening.

Day 6 Kefalonia. The largest of the Ionian Islands, Kefalonia is immortalised in the novel Captain Corelli's Mandolin and has great charm. We will arrive this morning in the capital Argostoli and see the famous lighthouse before driving to the nearby Botanical Gardens which were founded in 1998 to display and preserve the wild and endemic plants of the island including orchids and olive groves.

We end our tour at one of the local vineyards which create the island's famous Robola wines. Learn about the growing techniques and enjoy a tasting before returning to the Panorama II for lunch and a relaxing afternoon sailing to Italy.

Day 7 Croton, Italy. Arrive this morning in Calabria and the port of Croton which is on the site of the ancient Greek City of Kroton. Whilst little remains of the Greek city it was one of the most important settlements of Magna Graecia, where Pythagoras set up a school in 530 BC and whose athletes were very successful at the Olympic Games. We will take a scenic drive inland to Santa Severina, one of Italy's prettiest towns overlooking the Neto River valley. We will explore the majestic Carafa Castle which was built by the Normans in 1076 and is surrounded by strong, crenellated walls with a moat on three sides and contains intricate underground labyrinths and stables, with the remains of Medieval frescoes. Also see the cathedral the beautiful Byzantine baptistery and wander the town's tangled streets. As we return to the ship we will stop at one of the vineyards that produce famous Calabrian wine, Ciro, for



a tasting accompanied by typical Calabrian food. Enjoy lunch on board and an afternoon at sea as we continue our journey to Sicily.

Day 8 Syracuse, Sicily. Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. On leaving the vessel we visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we find a well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Dionysus' Ear', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore independently before dining independently in a local restaurant this evening.

Day 9 Valletta, Malta. Over breakfast we will sail into the grand

harbour of Valletta and enjoy a city tour of this 16th century 'Fortress City' built by the Knights of St John. Our morning tour will include the highlights of Valletta with its stunning views across the harbour from the Barakka Gardens. We will explore Merchants Street containing the surviving auberges built by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, together with the palace where Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have stayed in 1798. Our final stop will be at St John's Cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to return to Valletta and explore independently or spend time in Mdina, originally given the name of 'Citta Nobile' and now known as the 'Silent City', at the heart of the island. Mdina is Phoenician in origin and was the fortified capital of the island, before the arrival of the Knights.

Day 10 Piazza Armerina, Sicily. From the port of Licata we travel inland to what is regarded as the finest Roman site on Sicily, the Imperial Roman Villa of Casale, which is located close to Piazza Armerina amidst wooded rolling countryside. This huge villa was built in the 3rd century and has some stunning floor mosaics. Our return drive takes us through

the province of Caltanissetta, recognised today as one of the best wine making regions in Italy thanks above all to its production of high quality, prestigious red wines including Nero D'Avola. We will break our journey at one of these vineyards and enjoy a chance to sample some wine over a Sicilian lunch. Return to the Panorama II in the late afternoon and sail.

Day 11 Trapani. Over breakfast we sail into Trapani, our base for a morning tour to the nearby town of Erice, famed in antiquity for its temple dedicated to the

goddess of love, the Phoenician Astarte, Greek Aphrodite or Roman Venus. Our tour will take us to this stunning site high above the sea and to the beautifully preserved Medieval town characterised by its winding cobblestone streets and beautiful courtyards. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea cruising to Sardinia.

Day 12 Cagliari, Sardinia to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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| Cat | Cabin Description | Brochure Price | Special Offer Price |
| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin/Double | £3720 | £3520 |
| 2 | Lower Deck Twin/Double | £4050 | £3850 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin/Double | £4270 | £4070 |
| 4 | Upper Deck Twin/Double | £4710 | £4510 |
| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin/Double for sole use | £4050 | £3850 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin/Double for sole use | £4710 | £4510 |

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 11 nights aboard the Panorama II, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (except lunch on day 5 and dinner on days 2 & 8), house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, Noble Caledonia Cruise Director, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on day 5, dinner on days 2 & 8.



WONDERS OF CORSICA & SARDINIA

A voyage from Cagliari to Tuscany aboard the Panorama II
18th to 27th May 2018

Join us aboard the Panorama II for a glorious journey to many places that are beyond the reach of the mega-cruise ships. We begin in Sardinia which is ideal for exploration by small ship with its unspoilt coastline and fascinating cultural heritage and sail to Corsica for four days. Although officially part of France, the island of Corsica has its own identity in everything from customs to language and benefits from magnificent geographical diversity ranging from wonderful natural harbours to picture perfect hilltop villages and a majestic countryside of vineyards and deep valleys. After time spent calling into some stunning harbours, exploring Medieval towns, charming villages and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, we continue to the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile before our voyage ends in Tuscany.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Cagliari, Sardinia. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Panorama II and enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Cagliari. Spend the morning exploring the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, an ancient city which dates back to the Phoenicians and Romans. On a walking tour we will stroll around the old town with its narrow streets running along a steep hillside. See the terraced Piazza del Palazzo and the 14th century cathedral of St Cecilia. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea as we sail around the Sardinian coast.

Day 3 Alghero. The Medieval city of Alghero was colonised by the Catalans in the 14th century and

today there is still a strong Catalan identity throughout the town and it is often even referred to as "Barceloneta". We will use the attractive port as our base for a day of exploration in the region. This morning's panoramic drive takes us to Nuraghe Palmavera. The main tower of the Nuraghe, which still has its dome shaped ceiling, dates back to 1,100 years BC. The complex, which was abandoned in the 5th century BC due to fire, shows the different phases of social life and political organisation of the tribal community. You are free to enjoy lunch in the city and spend the afternoon exploring Alghero at your own pace. Return to the ship for dinner as we sail this evening. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender.*

Day 4 Olbia & La Maddalena.

Spend a morning at sea before arriving into the fetching city of Olbia, with its charming historic centre full of boutiques, wine bars and piazzas, at lunchtime. On our afternoon tour we will travel to the island of La Maddalena by local boats from the port of Palau and spend time exploring this pretty island well off the beaten tourist track. In 1789 Napoleon, then a young artillery commander was thwarted in his attempt to take the Maddalena archipelago by local Sardinian forces and in 1803 Lord Nelson arrived and used the superb anchorage at La Maddalena to shelter his fleet during the long blockade of Toulon from 1803 to 1805. In recognition of the kindness shown by the islanders, Nelson donated some silver candle holders and a crucifix which can still be seen today in the church. Alternatively take the chance to explore Olbia at your own pace.

Day 5 Bonifacio, Corsica. Our first day in Corsica will be in Bonifacio's stunning natural harbour. Well known by Odysseus as the home of the savage and giant Laestrygonians, today Bonifacio's breathtaking cliff-top setting and relaxed pace make it one of the most welcoming ports in the Mediterranean. On our morning tour we will explore the narrow streets and the historical heart of the town. We will discover the Bosco quarter with the St Francis Convent, the 14th century church of St Marie Majeure and take in the views from the cliff top on which the city is built. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon and evening in port to explore further at your own pace. Maybe take a local boat ride to the Lavezzi Islands or a walk in the nearby Marine Park which offers some stunning views.

Day 6 Ajaccio. The capital of Corsica is famed as the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte whose family arrived here in 1492 with about 100 other Genoese and Ligurian families intent on colonising this part of Corsica. On a leisurely morning walking tour of the old town we will take in many of the places



associated with Napoleon including the late 17th century Maison Bonaparte, which is now a museum, and Ajaccio Cathedral, where it is rumoured Napoleon was born on the cathedral steps. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon to explore independently, you may wish to visit Palais Fesch, established by Napoleon's uncle it houses France's largest collection of Italian paintings outside of the Louvre. This evening is free to dine in one of the towns many stylish restaurants or cafes.

Day 7 Calvi. Arrive this morning in Calvi, the capital of the prosperous Balagne region of the island. Enjoy the vista of the surrounding green hills that form a natural amphitheatre, known as the 'Garden of Corsica'. A guided tour will lead us through the alleyways and cobbled streets before continuing to the imposing citadel. Built by the Genoese, this 15th century structure has seen off several assaults through the centuries and offers wonderful views from its five bastions. We will also see the Caserne Sampiero and 13th century Cathedral St Jean Baptiste. This afternoon, after lunch on board, there will be an opportunity to explore the flora of Corsica with a visit to the seven hectare Parc de Saleccia where you can explore the range of paths through the gardens and see the tough plants of the maquis, pines, myrtles, figs and over 100 varieties of olive trees. Alternatively return to the town for some free time. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender.*

Day 8 Bastia. Situated on the north of the island of Corsica, Bastia was the old Genoese capital and is now a busy port. Its setting is handsome, the classic

Mediterranean allure of pale, sunlit streets flanked with tall colourful buildings. Our walking tour of the historic quarter will include the 15th century cathedral, chapels and Baroque buildings such as the Oratoire St Roch, Oratoire de l'Immaculee Conception and the Roccoco church, St Jean Baptiste, famous for its twin campaniles. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon choose to relax on board, enjoy some free time in Bastia or join an excursion to the small fishing port of St Florent. Our drive will take us through the Nebbio which takes its name from the thick mist that sweeps over the region and is now reputed for its fine wines from Patrimonio. On arrival in St Florent we will have time to wander the maze of narrow streets and take a coffee in one of the waterfront cafes whilst watching the yachts in the marina. Enjoy dinner on board this evening and, as we sail late tonight, perhaps have an after dinner stroll.

Day 9 Elba, Italy. Leaving Corsica behind we call into the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. Departing from the island's busy capital Portoferraio, we set out for a delightful drive exploring the southern region of

this charming island with superb views over the coastline. The first stop will be Villa San Martino which was the summer residence of Napoleon Bonaparte and has been transformed into a museum. Later enjoy some time at leisure in Porto Azzurro to browse around and shop among the many local boutiques of this delightful town which is dominated by an ancient Spanish fortress and a picturesque harbour. Our drive continues along the coast to the 17th century country wine farm, La Chiusa which is beautifully nestled in a vineyard estate surrounded by olive trees and overlooking the ocean. As any self-respecting mansion on Elba, La Chiusa claims to have once housed Napoleon during his exile here. Experience the estate's interesting cellar to learn how the wine is handled and produced and in the estate's garden facing the sea, we will enjoy a delicious sampling of the local wine. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio. Tonight is free to dine independently at one of the restaurants in town.

Day 10 Livorno to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Pisa airport for our scheduled flight to London.



PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin/Double | £3095 | £2895 |
| 2 | Lower Deck Twin/Double | £3395 | £3195 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin/Double | £3595 | £3395 |
| 4 | Upper Deck Twin/Double | £4095 | £3895 |
| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin/Double for sole use | £3395 | £3195 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin/Double for sole use | £3995 | £3795 |

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, nine nights aboard the Panorama II, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (except lunch on day 3 and dinner on days 6 & 9), house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, Noble Caledonia Cruise Director, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on day 3 and dinner on days 6 & 9.

COMBINATION CRUISE – 7TH TO 27TH MAY 2018

If you would like to sail from Athens to Livorno by combining our 'Ancient Wonders of the Classical World' shown on pages 4 to 6 with our 'Wonders of Corsica & Sardinia' voyage, the prices are as follow (please note it may be necessary to change cabin for the second half of the voyage and this will be advised at the time of booking):

PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy

| Cat | Cabin Description | Brochure Price | Special Offer Price |
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| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin/Double | £6400 | £6200 |
| 2 | Lower Deck Twin/Double | £7000 | £6800 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin/Double | £7200 | £7000 |
| 4 | Upper Deck Twin/Double | £8000 | £7800 |
| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin/Double for sole use | £7000 | £6800 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin/Double for sole use | £8000 | £7800 |

PUGLIA & BEYOND

A voyage from Sicily to Croatia aboard the Panorama II
22nd June to 1st July 2018

Here is the perfect voyage for those who love Italy, travelling in the company of a small group of like minded travellers and sailing aboard small, private yacht-like vessels with a varied programme of interesting visits ashore. Sailing between Sicily and Dubrovnik, our itinerary will take us off the beaten track to many places that are beyond the reach of the mega-cruise ships. The centrepiece of our voyage is our four days spent sailing around the heel of Italy and discovering Puglia's many gems. Based on its strategic location, the region was colonised, invaded and conquered for centuries with each dynasty leaving its mark. From prehistoric dwellings and traditional trulli abodes to splendid Baroque architecture and 15th century palazzos, we will explore the region with local guides. Our voyage ends in the beautiful, azure waters of the Croatian coast with our calls in Split and Korcula before we end with an overnight mooring in the pearl of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik where you may choose to extend your stay before returning to London.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Catania, Sicily. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer to the Panorama II and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner this evening as we sail to Syracuse where we moor overnight.

Day 2 Syracuse. Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. On leaving the vessel we visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we find a well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Dionysus' Ear', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore independently.

Day 3 Croton, Italy. After a morning at sea we arrive in Calabria and the port of Croton which is on

the site of the ancient Greek City of Kroton. Whilst little remains of the Greek city it was one of the most important settlements of Magna Graecia, where Pythagoras set up a school in 530 BC and whose athletes were very successful at the Olympic Games. We will take a scenic drive inland this afternoon to Santa Severina, one of Italy's prettiest towns overlooking the Neto River valley. We will explore the majestic Carafa Castle which was built by the Normans in 1076 and is surrounded by strong, crenellated walls with a moat on three sides and contains intricate underground labyrinths and stables, with the remains of Medieval frescoes. Also see the cathedral, the beautiful Byzantine baptistry and wander the town's tangled streets. As we return to the ship we will stop at one of the vineyards that produce famous Calabrian wine, Ciro, for a tasting accompanied by typical Calabrian food.

Day 4 Taranto. Today we arrive in Puglia for our morning tour which will take us into Basilicata as we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi di Matera (stones of Matera). Situated in the old town of Matera, the Sassi are prehistoric dwellings dug into the rock itself and are suspected to be some of the first human settlements in Italy. The

site comprises over 1,000 buildings including houses, churches, shops, workshops and monasteries covering over 1,000 hectares and we will learn more about the history of the town on a walking tour of the labyrinthine streets. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon in Taranto. You may want to see the 15th century Aragonese Castle or the 11th century cathedral in the old town or cross the bridge to the newer town and visit the archeological museum. Return to the ship for dinner and sail this evening.



Day 5 Otranto & Lecce. From the port of Otranto we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture including an abundance of churches and noble palaces decorated with the 'Leccese stone', a chalky stone ranging in colours which became the local style due to its ease to work with. A guided tour 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. After the tour, there will be



an exclusive, private visit to the 15th century Palazzo Tamborino-Cezzi. The owner of the palazzo will personally take us on a tour, sharing interesting stories and anecdotes regarding his family and the palazzo itself. Enjoy a light lunch of local specialities before a concert of traditional music of the Salento region called La Pizzica, a popular Italian folk dance, originally from the Salento peninsula which later spread throughout the Puglia region. Return to Otranto for some free time to explore the town before sail this evening.

Day 6 Monopoli. Today we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. We will 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 wine tasting along with a talk on the wine production. Return to the ship for lunch and this

afternoon is free to return to the old town to explore independently or maybe take a swim from one of the nearby beaches.

Day 7 Manfredonia. Our final call in Italy is on the Gargano Promontory, a wonderful mix of beaches, lagoons and mountains. For centuries this region was isolated and modern development was thwarted when the peninsula became a national park in 1991. This morning we will follow the pilgrim trail to Monte Sant'Angelo where it is claimed archangel Michael made four appearances in the 5th century making this one of the earliest Christian shrines in Europe. We will visit the cave church dedicated to St. Michael, the Medieval baptistry 'Tomba di Rotari', and the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board sailing for Croatia.

Day 8 Split, Croatia. We have a full day in Split and this morning's walking tour will include the Diocletian Palace, St Dulmus Cathedral and the treasury and the Diocletian's cellars. Split, the second largest city in Croatia and 'the capital of Dalmatia', has gradually developed around the palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian which was built more than 1700 years ago by the emperor as his retirement villa. Much of this large building is well preserved and the palace contains Split's old town within its walls, making it the only Roman palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. This afternoon is free to explore independently and tonight you have the chance to dine ashore at one of the many seafront restaurants on the Riva.

Day 9 Korcula. This morning we will call into Korcula and enjoy a guided walk along Korcula's crooked streets to the elegant

squares which are flanked with Palaces of the old nobility and visit the house believed to be the birth place of Marco Polo. You will have the opportunity to choose from one of the local restaurants for lunch and afterwards there will be free time to explore further, return to the ship or maybe take a swim from one of the nearby beaches. Spend the late afternoon and evening cruising to Dubrovnik where we will moor overnight.

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

POST-CRUISE DUBROVNIK EXTENSION
1st to 3rd July 2018

If you would like to spend some time in Dubrovnik after your cruise we are offering a two night stay at a four star hotel. After disembarking, our extension will include a city tour before transferring to our hotel. The remainder of the time will be at leisure for you to enjoy all the magnificent city has to offer.



PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy
Twin: **£295**; Single: **£395**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, city tour with lunch, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy

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| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin | £3095 | £2895 |
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| 3 | Main Deck Twin | £3595 | £3395 |
| 4 | Upper Deck Twin | £4095 | £3895 |
| 1 | Lower Deck Forward Twin for sole use | £3395 | £3195 |
| 3 | Main Deck Twin for sole use | £3995 | £3795 |

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Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on day 8 and lunch on day 9.



ADRIATIC & AEGEAN ODYSSEY

A voyage from Dubrovnik to Athens aboard the Panorama II

1st to 11th July & 24th September to 4th October 2018

This is not an itinerary which a large cruise ship could operate but one which is ideal for the Panorama II. Sailing from Dubrovnik to Athens we will explore a magnificent array of ancient ruins and attractive towns and villages during our guided excursions, combined with some relaxing, daytime sailing allowing time to appreciate the beautiful scenery of the region. Our journey will start with an overnight and full day in Dubrovnik before we sail south to Albania, calling into wonderful Kotor along the way. Unusually we have dedicated four days to Albania, a fascinating country where one of the highlights of our explorations will be the marvellous site of Butrint where settlement can be traced back to the 8th century BC. Our route continues to ancient Olympia and Delphi and on through the Corinth Canal to charming Nafplion and finally to Athens. By the end of the voyage you will have seen and learnt so much and exploring in small groups, our trips ashore will be a pleasure. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey has something for everyone.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer to the Panorama II and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner this evening. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Dubrovnik. Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage

Site. Founded by the Romans in the 7th century, it eventually came under the influence of the Byzantine Empire, then Venice, Hungary and finally Turkey. This morning our local guides will lead us through the bustling old town taking in the beautiful civic buildings, the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque- Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. After lunch we

have free time to explore further at our own pace and perhaps walk along the city walls to enjoy the views.

Day 3 Kotor, Montenegro. Be on deck early this morning as we sail through the stunning fjord-like scenery into Kotor. On arrival at our berth, a morning walking tour will explore this Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our 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 ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace. This evening is free to enjoy dinner in one of the local restaurants. Moor overnight.

Day 4 Shkodra, Albania. There will be a choice of activities today and on the full day tour we will drive from Kotor through the Montenegro countryside. We will cross the border into Albania to reach Shkodra which was founded in the 4th century BC and has been occupied by the Romans, Serbians and Venetians. Here we will visit the Rozafa Castle which rises majestically on a rocky hill just outside the city, and explore the museum within the walls. We will continue into the countryside for lunch where we will enjoy a slow food experience of Albanian specialities before returning to the Panorama II which will have relocated to Shengjin port. Alternatively you may prefer to stay on board and enjoy a day cruising through the Kotor fjord and along the coast.

Day 5 Durres. From our berth in Durres we embark on a full day tour to include the Albanian capital of Tirana. Here we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970's and only opened to the public in 2014. This five storey underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. We continue to the National Museum where we will learn of Albanian history from ancient to modern before walking through the city centre to see the



Mosque, Clock Tower and the 'Blok' area of the city. It is here where the politburo officers once lived, an area forbidden to ordinary Albanian citizens. We will enjoy lunch in the city before returning to Durres which was colonized by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. We will explore the Medieval city before returning to the Panorama II this afternoon.

Day 6 Sazan Island. Located around ten miles from the port of Vlore, Sazan is Albania's largest island albeit at only 2.2 square miles. Having been under Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman control due to its strategic location it was occupied by the Italians in 1914 and only returned to Albania in 1947. During the Cold War the Russians built a submarine base and the Albanian Communist regime built a military base complete with bunkers and tunnels which could withstand a nuclear attack or western invasion. Since 1992, following the end of communism, the island has fallen into disrepair but we are able to explore this derelict base and ruined buildings which still contain original furniture and the tunnels. We return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon explore the rest of the island which is situated in the Karaburan – Sazan National Marine Park.

Day 7 Sarande for Butrint. Our last call in Albania sees us discover the archaeological and ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the ruins that feature the remains of many eras and cultures. From the Hellenistic period there are temples, the promenade and the 4th century BC theatre. From the Roman era are the public baths, gymnasium and fountains. From the Byzantine



Delphi



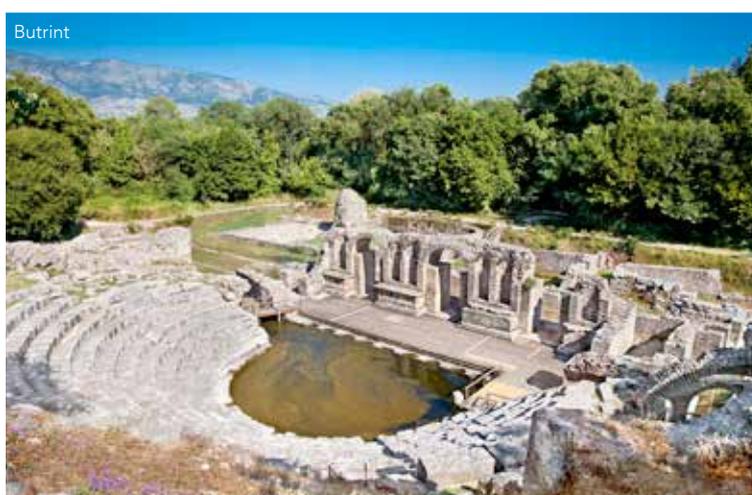
Tirana



Nafplion



Dubrovnik



Butrint

era we see chapels and the large Basilica of St Peter and St Paul, whilst the Venetians are represented by a watchtower and a small castle with commanding views over the Straits of Corfu. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon cruising.

Day 8 Olympia, Greece. The port of Katakolon will be our base today for our excursion to Olympia. Pastoral and lush, Olympia's plentiful ruins are shaded by Aleppo pines and olive trees. The fame of Olympia rests upon the Olympic Games. During the celebrations that accompanied the Games, competitors, while not forgetting that they were Athenians, Spartans or from other city states, remembered that they were Greeks and regarded an Olympic victory as the highest honour. We will see the gymnasium, the stadium and the palestra or wrestling school. We will also explore the Altis, or sacred precinct of Zeus, which houses structures including the Temple of Zeus, one of the largest temples

on the Greek mainland and the Archaeological Museum which houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. After our visit enjoy free time for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in Olympia before returning to the ship.

Day 9 Delphi & Corinth Canal. From our berth in Itea, we will drive through lush olive groves up to Delphi, stunningly situated upon a mountain terrace and one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity. Our visit begins at the Castalian Spring, erupting from the spot where Pegasus is said to have struck his hoof. We will continue up the Sacred Way, passing the treasury of the Athenians and the bases of many monuments, the temple of Apollo, the 5000 seat theatre dating from the fourth century BC and the ancient stadium. Return to the vessel for lunch and be on deck later this afternoon 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 ours which can now make this journey.

Day 10 Nafplion. Nafplion's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece. From here we will enjoy a scenic drive through the Argos Plain, once ruled by Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, to the famous citadel of Mycenae. High above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines, Mycenae is entered 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. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 11 Athens to London. Disembark after breakfast and enjoy a panoramic drive through Athens before transferring to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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AEGEAN ANTIQUITIES

Discover Greece's ancient wonders & classical sites aboard the Panorama II
4th to 14th September 2018

September in the Aegean is the perfect time for visiting some of the unspoiled islands, timeless villages and ancient sites. We have planned our voyage with the objective of keeping our distance from the main ports and exploring some of the lesser visited islands 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 11th century monastery of Nea Moni and the famous citadel of Mycenae and Epidaurus. We have also included a call in Turkey to visit Ephesus which is rightly one of the most famous Graeco-Roman sites in the Mediterranean.

We have devised our itinerary to allow ample time to wander through the whitewashed villages and picturesque harbours of some hidden Greek island gems such as Fourni, Nisyros and Sifnos. For those who wish to swim in the intensely blue Aegean there will be time at leisure to explore the local beaches on some islands. In addition we have ensured there is some daytime cruising through magnificent scenery and have scheduled in some late departures from ports, allowing for the opportunity to dine ashore independently and enjoy the evening atmosphere of the delightful harbour towns.

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 island hopping voyage has something for everyone.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece.
Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Panorama II moored in Piraeus. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Delos & Syros. This morning we visit 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. Sail during lunch to Syros which was the largest cultural and trade centre of the Aegean in the 19th century and the capital Ermoupolis was Greece's principal port. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon with a stroll in the town of Ermoupoli, the capital of the Cyclades. The prosperity of the island in the 19th and early 20th century created through commerce and shipping is reflected in the architecture with a beautiful square, town hall and theatre. Overlooking Ermoupoli stands the hill-top Ano Syros, the original Medieval district with narrow lanes and white washed houses.



Day 3 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 houses of Pirgi enjoying time to wander through their maze like streets. Tonight is free to enjoy dinner ashore.





Kos



Monastery of St. John, Patmos



Sifnos



Library of Celsus, Ephesus



Nisyros

Day 4 Kusadasi for Ephesus, Turkey. 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. We will 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. From this theatre, which has a row of seats 30 metres above the orchestra, St Paul used to give his sermons. Enjoy a free afternoon in Kusadasi before returning to the vessel for dinner and to set sail back to Greece.

Day 5 Icaria & Fourni, Greece. According to Greek myth, Icaria was created when Icarus crashed into the sea after flying too close to the sun. Today it is one of the least

developed but visually dramatic Greek islands with beautiful coves, deep valleys and hidden beaches. On a morning scenic drive we will explore the villages and discover why the islanders here have a longer life expectancy than anywhere else in Europe. The island is also revered as the birthplace of Dionysus, the God of wine and we plan to visit one of the local vineyards. Enjoy lunch on board as we sail to one of the best kept secret islands in the Aegean, Fourni. Once a haven for pirates who enjoyed the island's remote setting and little changed for centuries, it has a wonderfully peaceful atmosphere. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to walk up from the harbour to the charming main square or maybe enjoy a drink in a cafe and watch island life. Alternatively walk to one of the nearby beaches for a swim. This evening is free to enjoy dinner ashore in one of the local restaurants.

Day 6 Patmos. Of all the Greek islands, Patmos, is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western; 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 laid floor, decorated arches and frescoes adorning the entrance to the chapel of Christodoulos. Return to the Panorama II for lunch and enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala.

Day 7 Kos. According to Myth, Kos was the homeland of the Giants. The island has given to the world Hippocrates, father of medicine, Pythagoras, and the 4th century painter Apelles. We will drive the short distance to the Asklepios, the infirmary of Antiquity, which was constructed in the 4th century BC. Among the ruins are part of the Doric Temple of Aesculapius, the 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, maybe head to the once impregnable Castle of the Knights, the 3rd century BC. Agora, see the museum housing fine mosaics or simply relax at one of the cafes in the squares.

Day 8 Nisyros & Tilos. Arrive this morning in the pretty port town of Mandraki on the small island of Nisyros. You may wish to enjoy a relaxing morning wandering 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. Over lunch sail to the timeless island of Tilos which has yet to find its way onto the pages of tour operator's brochures and so retains its traditional atmosphere. See Livadia, a lively little town and Megalo Chorio, its tiny capital, rich in Crusader castles. There is a beach nearby for those who prefer to relax or enjoy a swim. Tonight



you are free to dine in one of the harbour-side restaurants.

Day 9 Sifnos. Spend the morning at sea as we cruise across the Aegean arriving at the little known island of Sifnos over lunch. This corner of the Cyclades is far from the well-trodden tracks of the big ships and you will be greeted by traditional white houses, picturesque churches and narrow lanes and alleys. Our tour 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.

Day 10 Nafplion. Nafplion's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece. From here we will enjoy a scenic drive

through the Argos Plain, once ruled by Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, to the famous citadel of Mycenae. High above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines, Mycenae is entered 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. Alternatively visit one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the slopes of a beautiful and wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Aesclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret rites. Most of the ruins of Epidaurus have been reduced to their foundations, with the exception of the astonishing theatre. Built into the ground,

rather than above it, it is known for its fantastic acoustics, which we will observe during our visit. This afternoon is free to explore picturesque Nafplion before we sail this evening.

Day 11 Athens to London.

Disembark this morning and after a panoramic drive of Athens transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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PRE CRUISE EXTENSION

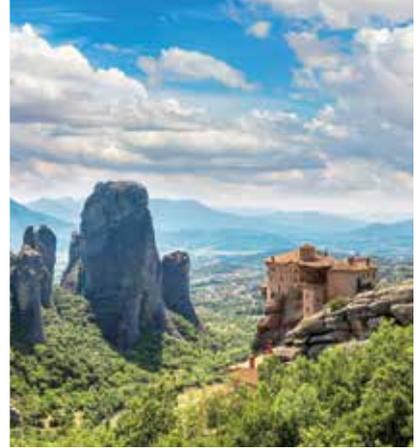
Athens



Thessaloniki



Meteora Monastery



PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION - THESSALONIKI TO ATHENS

31st August to 4th September 2018

If you would like to explore some of northern Greece before embarking the MS Panorama II, we have a four night extension available.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Thessaloniki, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet tonight for a Welcome Dinner.

Day 2 Thessaloniki & Kalambaka. After breakfast we will enjoy a morning walking tour of Thessaloniki visiting the early Christian and Byzantine monuments including the Kastro, Byzantine walls and Church of Agios Dimitrios before we continue to Vergina. After lunch in a local restaurant we will explore the Vergina Royal Tombs Museum. Discovered in 1977 by the archaeologist Manolis Andronikos, they display the superb decorated facades of the temple-like tombs of King Philip II and a young prince (thought to be Alexander IV), the treasures found within them and a reconstruction of the Great Mound that originally marked the site of the Royal Tombs. After our visit we continue to Kalambaka for our overnight stay. Enjoy free time for dinner in the town.

Day 3 Meteora & Pelion Railway. Today we will spend the morning at awe-inspiring Meteora, where extraordinary monasteries are perched on a cluster of majestic soaring rock pillars; a truly spectacular and unique sight. We will visit the nunnery of Agios Stefanos and then continue to the imposing Varlaam Monastery, founded in 1518, which contains frescoes by the Theban iconographer Fragkos Katelavos. Later relax over lunch in a local restaurant in Milies before we board the Pelion Railway to Volos which follows the 60 centimetre gauge line, one of the narrowest in the world, from Milies to Ano Lehonia. Our journey will offer spectacular views over

Pagasitikos Bay before we drop through mountainous terrain. On arrival we transfer to Volos for an overnight stay.

Day 4 Volos & Thermopylae. Spend the morning at the Archaeological Museum of Volos, one of the oldest in Greece and the main archaeological museum in Thessaly. Continue to the site of Thermopylae, a mountain pass made famous as the location where 300 Spartans and their legendary leader Leonidas led the Greek army of only 6000 men against the invasion of 100,000 Persians in 480 BC. Despite their inferior numbers they held the pass for three days before being overrun. After lunch in a local restaurant we will continue to Athens for an evening at leisure and an overnight stay.

Day 5 Athens. After breakfast we drive to the Acropolis, a symbol of the glory of ancient Greece. We will see the Temple of Athena Nike (Wingless Victory), and the Erechtheum, with its classical Porch of Maidens, the Caryatids. Stand in awe of what is considered the most perfect example of classical architecture in the world – the Parthenon, designed as a shrine to Athena and at one time housing a massive gold and ivory statue of the warrior goddess. A brief walk will bring you to the new Acropolis museum followed by a traditional Greek lunch and some free time in Plaka before we transfer to Piraeus to embark the Panorama II.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy
Twin: **£895**; Single: **£995**

Price Includes: Overnight hotel accommodation in Thessaloniki, Kalambaka, Volos and Athens on a bed and breakfast basis, lunch on days 2, 3, 4 and 5, dinner on day 1, guided excursions, transfers, gratuities, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

LATE SUMMER IN THE AEGEAN & ADRIATIC

A voyage from Athens to Dubrovnik aboard the Panorama II
14th to 24th September 2018

Anyone who has sailed around the islands of the Aegean and along the Adriatic Coast will tell you that it is one of the most beautiful places on earth. The combined effect of the natural beauty of the islands and coast with the intriguing history and stunning architecture of its towns and cities make for a fascinating voyage. We will sail through turquoise waters, admire rugged landscape and visit some of the region's greatest sites in the company of knowledgeable local guides.

From Athens, our journey to Dubrovnik includes picturesque Nafplion, the fascinating ancient site of Olympia and Byzantine town of Mystras, the stunning beauty of Montenegro's Kotor Fjord and the historic and scenic wonders of Dubrovnik where we have the added advantage of an overnight mooring. Our journey will be particularly enjoyable as it includes some daytime sailing, allowing for time to relax on board and enjoy the magnificent views.



Roman theatre, Preveza

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Panorama II in Piraeus. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Nafplion. Nafplion's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece. From here we will enjoy a scenic drive through the Argos Plain, once ruled by Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, to the famous citadel of Mycenae. High above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines, Mycenae is entered 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. Alternatively visit one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the slopes of a beautiful and wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Aesclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret rites. Most of the ruins of Epidaurus have been reduced to their foundations, with the exception of the astonishing theatre. Built into the ground, rather than above it, it is known for its fantastic acoustics, which we will observe during our visit. This afternoon is free to explore picturesque Nafplion before we sail this evening.



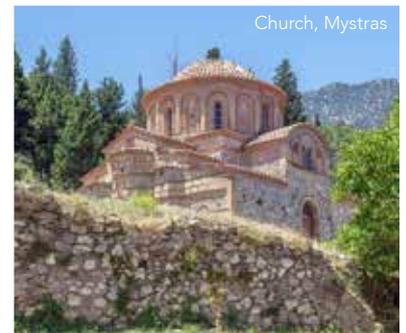
Day 3 Gythion for Mystras. We arrive in picturesque Gythion this morning and head north towards Mystras, a remarkably intact Byzantine town that once housed a population of 20,000 people. Here we visit the Cathedral of Agios Dimitrios. On the floor of the church is the two-headed eagle, the symbol of the Palaeologos Dynasty, carved into a plaque. According to tradition, this is where Constantine XII stepped when he was crowned king. Strolling through the narrow lanes of the dead city, you will visit the Church of Agia Sophia, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa, with its brilliant frescoes. Before returning to the vessel, refreshments will be served at the picturesque taverna located just beneath the site offering sweeping views over the local terrain. Return to the Panorama II for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Olympia. The port of Katakolon will be our base today for our excursion to Olympia. Pastoral and lush, Olympia's plentiful ruins are shaded by Aleppo pines and olive trees. The fame of Olympia rests upon the Olympic Games. During the celebrations that accompanied the Games, competitors, while not forgetting that they were Athenians, Spartans or from other city states, remembered that they were Greeks and regarded an Olympic victory as the highest honour. We will see the gymnasium, the stadium and the palestra or wrestling school. We will also explore the Altis, or sacred precinct of Zeus, which houses structures including the Temple of Zeus, one of the largest temples on the Greek

mainland and the Archaeological Museum that houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. After our visit you will have the opportunity to find a local restaurant for lunch and some time to explore Olympia independently or maybe visit the Museum of the Ancient Olympic Games. Return to the ship later this afternoon and sail this evening.

Day 5 Preveza. Arrive back on the Greek mainland during breakfast at the pretty port of Preveza. From here we learn of the Battle of Nicopolis in 31 BC in which the army of 100,000 led by Antony and Cleopatra were defeated by Octavian who marked his victory by building a great city. Amongst the ruins is one of the largest and best preserved Roman theatres in the Eastern Mediterranean. Alternatively enjoy time to explore this pretty yacht lined, harbour town and nearby beaches. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon cruising.

Day 6 Otranto & Lecce, Italy. From the port of Otranto we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture including an abundance of churches and noble palaces decorated with the 'Leccese stone', a chalky stone ranging in colours which became the local style due to its ease to work with. A guided tour 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. After the tour, there will be an exclusive,



private visit to the 15th century Palazzo Tamborino Cezzi. The owner of the palazzo will personally take us on a tour, sharing interesting stories and anecdotes regarding his family and the palazzo itself. Enjoy a light lunch of local specialties before a concert of traditional music called La Pizzica, a popular Italian folk dance, originally from the Salento peninsula which later spread throughout the Puglia region. Return to Otranto for some free time to explore the town before sailing this evening

Day 7 Monopoli. Today we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. We will 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 wine tasting along with a talk on the wine production. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to return to the old town to explore independently or maybe take a swim from one of the nearby beaches.

Day 8 Manfredonia. Our final call in Italy is on the Gargano Promontory, a wonderful mix of beaches, lagoons and mountains. For centuries this region was isolated and modern development was thwarted when the peninsula became a national park in 1991. This morning we will follow the pilgrim trail to Monte Sant'Angelo where it is claimed archangel Michael made four appearances in the 5th century making this one of the earliest Christian shrines in Europe. We will visit the cave church dedicated to St. Michael, the Medieval baptistery 'Tomba di Rotari', and the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board sailing for Montenegro.

Day 9 Kotor, Montenegro. Be on deck early this morning as we sail through the stunning fjord-like scenery into Kotor. On arrival, a morning walking tour will explore this Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our 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 ship for lunch

and enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace. The more active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below. This evening is free to enjoy dinner in one of the local restaurants.

Day 10 Dubrovnik, Croatia. Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded by the Romans in the 7th century, it eventually came under the influence of the Byzantine Empire,

then Venice, Hungary and finally Turkey. This morning our local guides will lead us through the bustling old town taking in the beautiful civic buildings, the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. After lunch we have free time to explore further at our own pace and perhaps walk along the city walls to enjoy the views.

Day 11 Dubrovnik to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

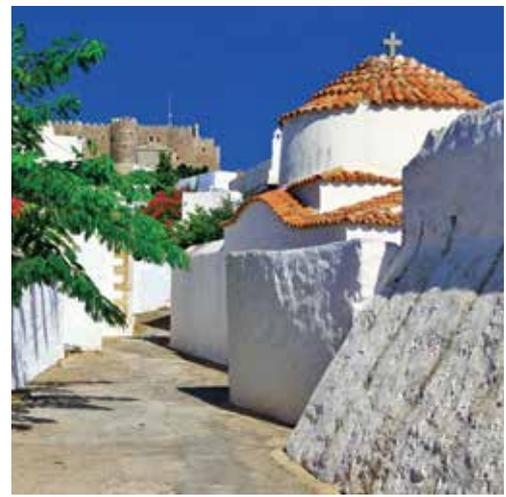
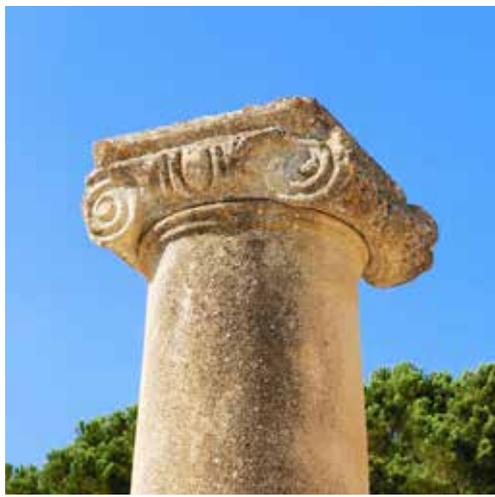
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