

SMALL SHIP CRUISING
AROUND THE
ADRIATIC
& AEGEAN

ABOARD THE 50-PASSENGER MS MONET

2025

NOBLE CALEDONIA



MS MONET

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



Category A Cabin - 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 Lumiere Sun Deck provides a delightful sun exposed space with sun loungers and a Jacuzzi, ideal for relaxation and wonderful views.

Your Dining

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



Lumiere Open Deck



Lounge



Restaurant



Lounge

Life On Board

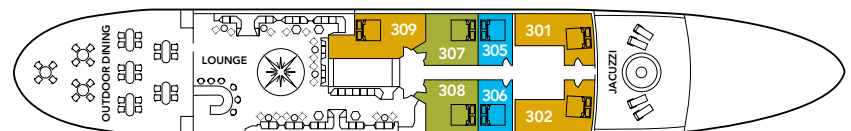
In many ways the virtues of small ship cruising are best expressed by detailing what you will not find on board the MS Monet. For instance, there will be no organised entertainment and no black tie events. What there will be is a warm and convivial atmosphere in which you can learn more about the culture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



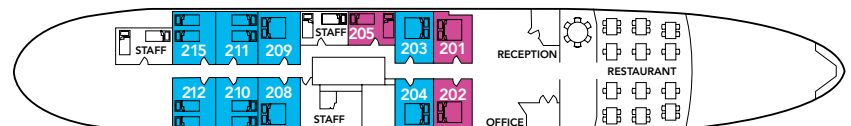
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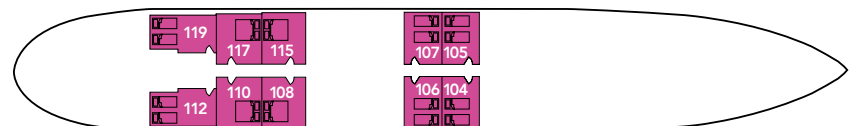
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PARISIAN DECK



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AROUND THE ADRIATIC

An exploration of the Adriatic including Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Albania & Montenegro aboard the MS Monet

24th April to 6th May & 19th to 31st October* 2025

From its top to bottom, the stunning Adriatic Coast offers some of the finest coastal scenery in the world with its intense blue sea, picturesque coastline and charming villages, towns and cities. This comprehensive, 12-night voyage aboard the 50-passenger MS Monet has been designed to visit five of the countries that border the Adriatic - Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Albania and Montenegro. Regular travellers to this part of the world will know that spring and autumn are some of the loveliest times of year in the region with crowd-free sites and ideal weather for touring.

Our exploration combines some 'must see' sites together with little known and rarely visited places that are totally unsuitable for vessels larger than ours. We will visit wonderful Medieval towns and explore fascinating ancient sites including Albania's coastal city of Durres with its Roman amphitheatre, Apollonia, the ancient city of Illyria and Croatia's former Roman settlement of Pula. Highlights will include our exploration of Kotor, Montenegro's 14th century walled fortress town fronted by a sublime bay and the scenic delights of Croatia's Istrian Peninsula. In addition, we spend five days in Italy including time in Puglia and a visit to Venice where we have a full day to explore its timeless wonders.

This is a journey very much for the connoisseur of romantic landscapes and ancient history and will be particularly enjoyable as, with a maximum of just 50 guests, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with our Guest Speaker and local guides, adding immeasurably to our knowledge of the region.





The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Split, Croatia. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Monet. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Zadar. Once a dominant city on the Adriatic Coast rivalling Venice, Zadar is today a treasured city which has preserved its historical core. Enjoy a morning walking tour strolling around the old town with its Roman columns and portals, Romanesque churches and Renaissance and Baroque palaces. Of particular interest are the 9th century circular Church of St Donat, and the 13th century Romanesque cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon cruising as we sail to Rovinj.

Day 3 Rovinj & Pula. Arrive in the atmospheric town of Rovinj where the houses inside the old town are small and lean into each other creating a unique atmosphere. Our guided walking tour will include the Franciscan Monastery, City Palace and the 17th century clock tower before we visit the town's main landmark, St Euphemia Church, which is built on the top of a small hill. This Baroque building built in Venetian style was dedicated to the saint and martyr whose sarcophagus, according to a legend, was miraculously washed ashore somewhere around 800 AD. The afternoon is free to explore further or maybe join a tour to the tip of the Istrian Peninsula and the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula. Here we will discover one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres left in the world. The Arena, built in the 1st century AD was designed to host gladiatorial contests with seating for up to 20,000 spectators.

Day 4 Koper, Slovenia. For our day in Slovenia we drive to Piran, one of the most photogenic cities in the Mediterranean. Influenced by the Venetian Republic, which left its mark on most Istrian towns, Piran has maintained the clustered Medieval structure of narrow winding streets, houses huddled close together and numerous squares and churches. Tartini Square is the gem found in the very centre of the city and named after the violinist and composer Giuseppe Tartini. After lunch on board spend the afternoon at leisure in Koper. Maybe visit Tito Square, the impressive Praetorian Palace or the 11th century cathedral.

Day 5 Venice, Italy. From our central berth we will transfer to the city centre and take a walking tour to discover the hidden corners of Venice. An off the beaten track itinerary takes us for a walk beyond the busy "calli" around St Mark's Square to more hidden away ones in the Castello district. We will see the Church of San Giovanni in Bragora, where Antonio Vivaldi was baptized; the San Giorgio dei Greci Church and its secret courtyard; Campo Santa Maria Formosa, one of the city's largest squares and Marco Polo's House. After a walk to the Rialto area, we will make our way back to St Mark's waterfront via Campo San Zaccaria and its beautiful church, before ending our tour at the Chiesa della Pietà, a former convent and orphanage and an authentic masterpiece of the 18th century by Giorgio Massari. The young orphans that stayed here were encouraged to study music and their most famous teacher was Antonio Vivaldi. It was here that he composed the Four Seasons and we have arranged for an exclusive

private concert of Vivaldi themed music performed by a Venetian orchestra. It will be a thrilling experience to hear the music performed where it was created. We return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to explore the city at your own pace.

Day 6 Ancona for Urbino & Loreto. Arrive this morning at the busy port of Ancona from where we will have a choice of excursions. We will head inland to the UNESCO city of Urbino, birthplace of the artist Raphael, with a historic centre that appears little changed since the 15th century when it became a centre of culture attracting artists and scholars from all over Italy. See the Duomo, the house where Raphael was born in 1483 and which is now a museum, as well as the impressive Palazzo Ducale, built under Federico da Montefeltro, where we find the National Gallery of Marche containing a stunning collection of Renaissance art. After our visit we enjoy a local lunch in Urbino before returning to the MS Monet. Alternatively, join a morning tour to the renowned Marian pilgrimage site of Loreto to visit the small town, its lovely piazza and the impressive church of the 'Holy House', built for enshrining the house in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed by some Catholics to have lived, which was transported all the way to Marche from Palestine.

Day 7 Ortona for Chieti. Continuing our journey we arrive in Abruzzo. From our berth in Ortona we visit Chieti which lies on a crest along the Pescara River with its unmistakable profile of the high belltower of San Giustino and the Majella Mountains with Gran Sasso in the background. It was a Roman town, Teate, and an important Medieval centre which is why when walking through the city one can see Roman and Medieval ruins side by side. Of special importance is also the Pinacoteca C Barbella, hosting works of Abruzzese artists, as well as the Museo Archeologico Nazionale, the richest archaeological museum in the region where we find the Capestrano Warrior statue. We enjoy a lunch in Chieti, before we drive to the coast south of Ortona to learn about the "Trabocchi", old fishing machines built on stilts and only found in this stretch of Italian coast.

Day 8 Monopoli & Alberobello. Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea while we sail towards the coastal town of Monopoli. After lunch we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with domes 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. Without the summer crowds around, we will have the opportunity to explore the narrow streets and enjoy the unique beauty of the old town. Alternatively enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Monopoli where you can wander through the historic centre, visit the cathedral or see the Castello di Carlo V.

Day 9 Otranto & Lecce. Our last call in Italy is the port of Otranto in Puglia from where we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture. A guided walk will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and



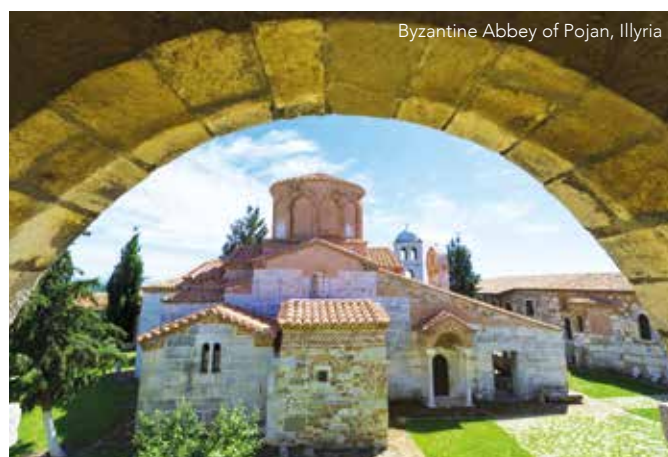
Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. We return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore Otranto independently, maybe walk the winding streets or along the seaside promenade. The highlight is the wonderful cathedral with its Medieval mosaic floor created by the monk Pantaleone between 1163 and 1165. You can also see the Chapel of the Dead which shows the bones and skulls of 813 martyrs killed by the invading Turks in 1480. Tonight we sail late for anyone who wishes to dine ashore or take an after dinner stroll.

Day 10 Vlore, Albania. Spend a relaxing morning at sea while we cross the Adriatic before arriving at Vlore over lunch. This afternoon we drive to nearby Apollonia, the ancient city of Illyria. Set on rolling hills the city reached its zenith around the 4th to 3rd centuries BC when it is believed the population numbered over 70,000. It was here Octavian learned of the assassination of his great uncle Caesar and set upon his bid for power ultimately becoming emperor. See the city council building with its surviving facade, the library, triumphal arch, theatre, Byzantine monastery and temple of Artemis.

Day 11 Durres & Tirana. This morning we arrive at the coastal city of Durres which was colonised by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. This morning we will head inland to Tirana where we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970s and only recently opened to the public. This underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. Afterwards continue walking through the city centre to see the mosque, Clock Tower and the "Blloku" area of the city. After lunch at a local farm we return to Durres to visit the Medieval city and the Archeological Museum before returning to the ship. Sail this evening.

Day 12 Kotor, Montenegro. Be on deck as 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. 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. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below.

Day 13 Dubrovnik, Croatia to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



*** Please note** that the October departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Dubrovnik to Split. Full details can be viewed online.

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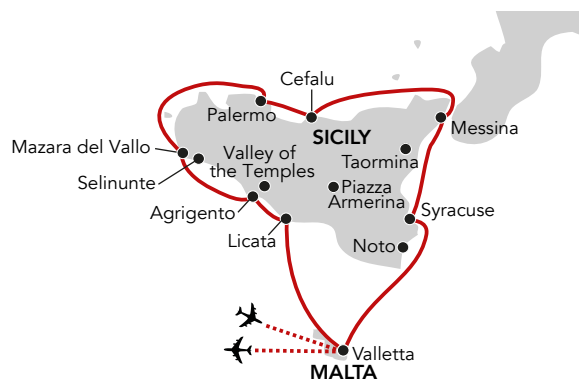


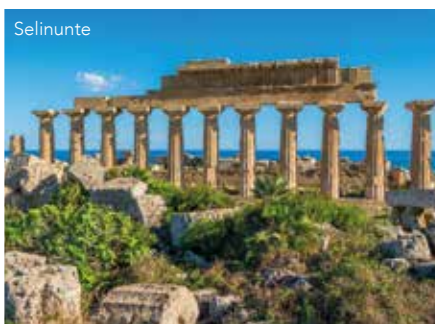
SICILIAN SPLENDOURS

A circumnavigation of Sicily aboard the MS Monet with Guest Speaker Jeremy Paterson
15th to 24th May 2025

The island of Sicily has an incredible wealth of treasures and a geography which lends itself beautifully to exploration by sea with most points of interest located close to the coast. Owing to its benevolent climate and superb strategic position, Sicily has been coveted, fought over and colonised numerous times with the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, Byzantines and Bourbons having all made their mark. From magnificent Doric temples to great Byzantine cathedrals and bizarrely styled villas, there is so much to explore during our circumnavigation of the island which we have timed for May when the crowds of summer have yet to arrive and the temperatures will be pleasant for our guided tours.

During our nine night voyage we will explore Sicily's rich heritage at a relaxing pace and in the company of just a small group of fellow travellers. We will visit some of the must-see sites such as the ancient Doric temples at Valle dei Templi, Palermo's Byzantine Monreale Cathedral and the stunning Greek theatre at Taormina as well as some of the lesser-known gems including the Roman mosaics of Villa Romana di Casale, the impressive archaeological park of Selinunte and the charming fishing town of Cefalu. We have also planned some late departures from port, which afford the opportunity to enjoy dining ashore or an after dinner stroll in some towns which are particularly atmospheric in the evening. In addition, local guides and our onboard Guest Speaker will contribute greatly to your enjoyment and understanding of Sicily.





Guest Speaker – Jeremy Paterson



Jeremy Paterson studied Classics and Ancient History at Oxford, where he was also President of the University Archaeological Society. Subsequently he was Craven Research Fellow at The British School at Rome, where he studied the ancient Roman wine trade. For most of his career he taught Ancient History at Newcastle University, where he was also Dean of Arts and chaired

the University Teaching Committee. For many years he chaired the Primary Latin Project, 'Minimus', which is successfully introducing Latin into primary schools. His research interests include economic history, the ancient wine trade, Cicero, the court of the Roman emperor, the nature of power in the ancient world, and early Christianity. He has travelled extensively throughout the Mediterranean and Europe and is a very experienced lecturer on cruises and land-based tours.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Valletta, Malta. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Monet. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Licata for Piazza Armerina, Sicily. From the port of Licata we travel inland to what is regarded as the finest Roman site in 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 winemaking 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 the chance to sample some wine over a Sicilian lunch before returning to the ship. We sail in the early evening towards Porto Empedocle, where we plan to moor overnight.

Day 3 Agrigento for Valley of the Temples. Although handsome in its own right and awash with Medieval atmosphere, Agrigento is not our main reason for calling at this southern coast port. Close by is the Valle dei Templi, a series of Doric temples and the most captivating of Sicilian Greek remains, a grouping unique outside Greece. Surrounded in greenery of olive and almond trees, admire the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concordia, the Dioscuri Temple, the Temple of Olympic Jove and the Temple of Hercules. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to explore Agrigento and shuttles will run from Porto Empedocle to the town and the excellent archaeological museum which you can explore at leisure.

Day 4 Mazara del Vallo for Selinunte. Founded in the 9th century BC by the Phoenicians, Mazara del Vallo was used as a strategic location for their trans-Mediterranean trading interests, before it became part of Magna Graecia when it served as a port for the nearby city of Selinunte. This morning we will visit the impressive remains of the ancient city of Selinunte. Once one of the most eminent cities of Magna Graecia it was sacked by the Carthaginians, led by Hannibal, who sent 100,000 soldiers to attack in 409 BC, massacring thousands of the inhabitants with the remainder being taken into slavery. The city was destroyed and forgotten until 1823 when excavations began. Situated on a high plain overlooking the sea, it is a lovely place to walk and our guided tour will explore the acropolis, the eastern temples and the ancient city. Return to the vessel for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea sailing towards Palermo.

Day 5 Palermo. Arrive this morning in the Sicilian capital of Palermo. After breakfast we will explore the city, famous for its jumbled and picturesque streets punctuated with ornate Baroque churches, domed Arab mosques and glittering Byzantine mosaics that reveal a unique and diverse heritage. We visit the impressive 12th century cathedral which houses the royal tombs of Henri VI and King Ruggiero. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon either enjoy some time to explore independently or join an excursion to Monreale Cathedral, said to be the most beautiful Norman Church in Italy, designed and completed by William the Good in 1174. With its thick walls and powerful towers, the exterior looks like an austere fortress yet it is the interior of this great



cathedral which is its crowning glory. Here the large nave, with its side aisles and grey granite columns, set off the exquisite Byzantine mosaics on the walls above the arches.

Day 6 Cefalu. Enjoy a relaxing morning as we cruise the short distance to reach the port of Termini Imerese from where we drive along the coast to visit the picturesque fishing town of Cefalu. The town exudes typical Sicilian charm and we will see the Gothic-Norman style cathedral and Medieval Wash House on a walking tour before enjoying some free time to stroll among the narrow streets perhaps tasting the famous Sicilian ice creams and cakes.

Day 7 Messina for Taormina. From the nearby port of Messina we will visit Taormina, a walled town lying in the shadow of Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano. The town has been a popular tourist destination since the 19th century and our guided tour will include walking the characteristic alleys before visiting the 15th century Palazzo Corvaja and the impressive Greek Theatre from where there are marvellous views over the town and coast. Those who wish to spend longer here will be able to take lunch independently in one of the local restaurants and spend an afternoon exploring before our coach returns to Messina. Alternatively, return to the ship for lunch and enjoy free time in Messina before we sail this evening.

Day 8 Syracuse. Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean which 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 will 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 'Ear of Dionysius', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we will 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. The afternoon is free to explore independently. We remain moored tonight, for anyone wishing to dine out in town.

Day 9 Noto. From our berth in Syracuse we will explore the Baroque village of Noto. Built in 1703, Noto is a picturesque city located on the terraced slopes of the Iblei Mountains among olive groves and almond trees. A quiet walk along the central streets will reveal the 18th century Palazzo Ducezio and some Baroque churches: The Immacolata, the cathedral, San Carlo, Santa Chiara and the imposing Palazzo Nicolaci di Villadorata, built in 1737. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a final afternoon at leisure in Syracuse.

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



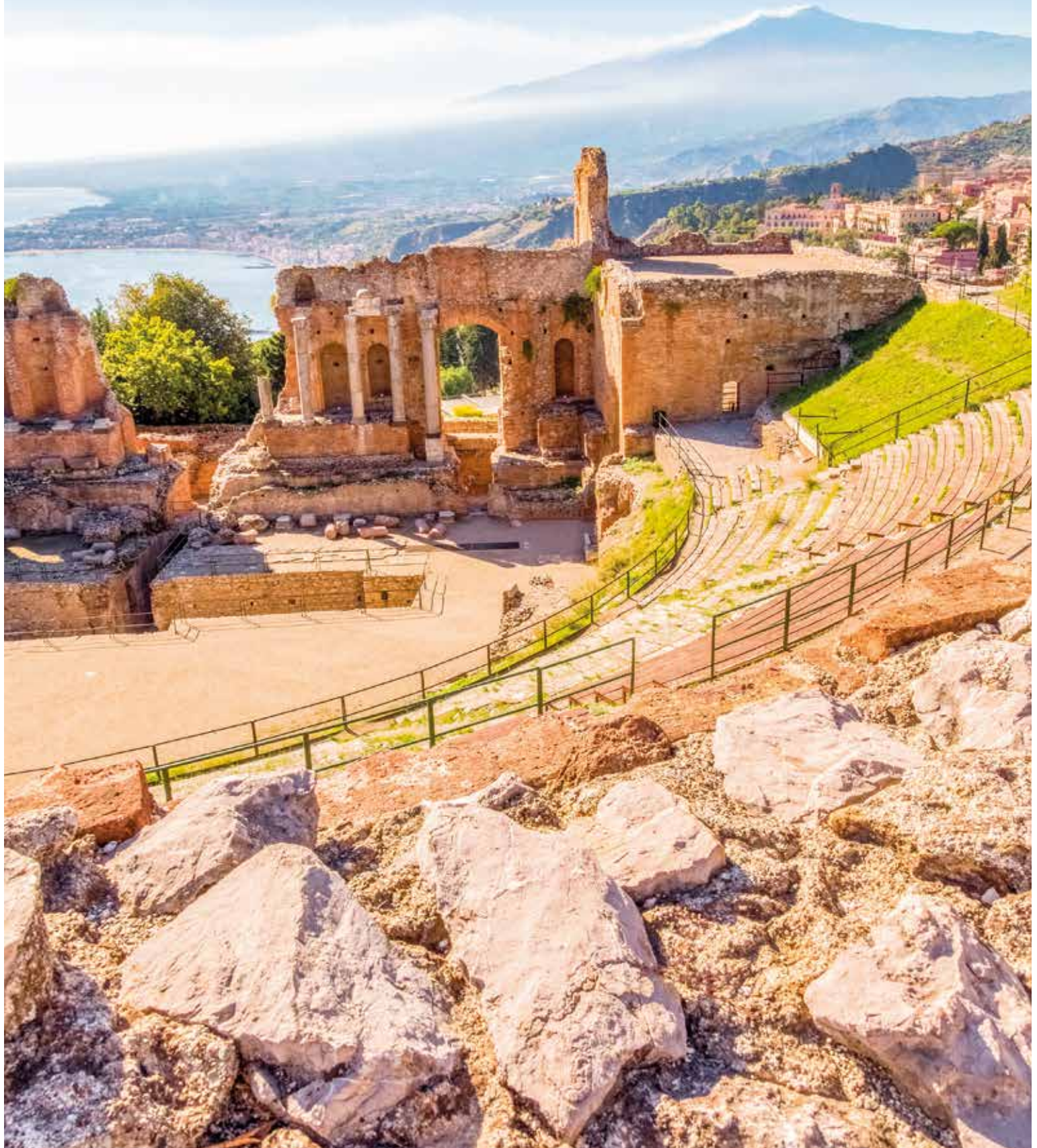
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CLASSICAL CIVILISATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

A voyage from Valletta to Athens aboard the MS Monet with Guest Speaker David Stuttard
24th May to 4th June 2025

The seas between Malta and Greece offer access to a wealth of ancient sites, unspoiled islands and traditional towns. Join us aboard the 50-passenger MS Monet in May and take advantage of comfortable temperatures and the absence of high season crowds as we sail from Valletta's Grand Harbour to Athens. During our journey through the Mediterranean and the Aegean, our small ship will take us on a voyage through a rich collection of archaeological, historical and beautiful sites in Italy and Albania and onto the playground of the Greek Gods, learning of the myths and legends which surround the enchanted islands.



Our eleven nights of discovery will begin with a day in Sicily to visit timelessly beautiful Syracuse and appreciate the island's rich legacy of so many invading civilisations. We then spend time in the heel of Italy to discover some of the region's many gems before arriving in Albania where we visit the marvellous site of Butrint, where settlement can be traced back to the 8th century BC. Continuing on to the Peloponnese we will sail through turquoise waters, call into charming villages and admire some wonderful scenery. We will explore the Ancient World's most fascinating sites including Olympia, the principal shrine of Zeus and Hera and the site of the original Olympic Games, the picturesque port of Nafplio and the Medieval castle town of Monemvasia.

Our custom-made itinerary focuses on many places that the mega cruise ships cannot access and, in addition to our included guided excursions and the magnificent sites we will explore, also on offer is beautiful mountainous scenery, mysterious caves, vast gorges, charming villages and superb beaches, and there will be ample time at leisure for some independent exploration.

Guest Speaker – David Stuttard



David took an MA in Classics from St Andrews University. He subsequently taught Classics for eleven years in Edinburgh, St Andrews and York. David is a prolific author of books on classical history and literature and founded the theatre company, Actors of Dionysus, to perform productions of Greek drama throughout the UK and beyond, directing his own translations and adaptations of Greek tragedies. David has curated events at The British Museum (including in association with its exhibitions, Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum and Defining Beauty) and at The Ashmolean Museum (in association with the Last Supper in Pompeii exhibition). David is an energetic champion of Classics and writes for publications such as Minerva, The British Museum Magazine, All About History and The Wall Street Journal. He has served on the Council of the Roman Society and speaks at a wide range of venues including academic institutions and literary festivals. In October 2018, David was elected a Fellow of Goodenough College, London.



Monemvasia



Carafa Castle



The 'Ear of Dionysius'



Roman theatre, Preveza



Piazza Duomo, Lecce

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Day 3 Crotone, Italy. After a morning at sea we arrive in Calabria and the port of Crotone 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. This afternoon we will take a scenic drive inland to Santa Severina, one of Italy's prettiest towns overlooking the Neto River valley. Here 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. The castle contains intricate underground labyrinths and stables, with the remains of Medieval frescoes. Also see the cathedral, the beautiful Byzantine baptistery and enjoy some time to wander the town's tangled streets. Before returning to the ship we will stop at a local farmhouse for a tasting of typical Calabrian food served with local wine.

Day 4 Otranto. 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. 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. We return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore Otranto independently, maybe walk the winding streets or along the seaside promenade. The highlight is the wonderful cathedral with its Medieval mosaic floor created by the monk Pantaleone between 1163 and 1165. You can also see the

Chapel of the Dead which shows the bones and skulls of 813 martyrs killed by the invading Turks in 1480. Alternatively, perhaps take a swim from the nearby beaches.

Day 5 Sarande, Albania. This morning we will discover the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided tour 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 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.

Day 6 Preveza, Greece. Sail to the port of Preveza from where we head for the little-known ancient city of Nikopolis, one of the largest and most important sites in the whole of Greece. Built by the Roman Emperor Octavianus Augustus following his victory at Actium in 31 BC over Antony and Cleopatra, inside its extensive walls are the Odeum, the Theatre, the Nymphaeum and the monument to Augustus. Later, the city flourished in the early Christian period as the seat of the archbishop of old Epiros, but earthquakes and invading Goths and Vandals led to its demise. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore this pretty, yacht lined harbour town.

Day 7 Katakolon. The port of Katakolon will be our base 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 return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 8 Gythio. We arrive in picturesque Gythio this morning and board our coach heading east towards magical Monemvasia. A massive rock rises dramatically out of the sea and on top there is a fortress. However, the real



attraction is the Medieval town with its narrow, cobbled streets and winding stairways which lead to a warren of stone houses with walled gardens and courtyards, and the main square dominated by an old cannon and the cathedral. On a walking tour we will visit the castle, followed by a short transfer to Liotrivi mansion. The estate was cultivated by the family of Eleftherios Ritsos (the father of Greek poet Yiannis Ritsos), and it was used as a summer house by the poet's family. We will sample the local specialities at an olive oil tasting followed by a buffet lunch of local products and wines. Return to the MS Monet for a leisurely afternoon in Gythio.

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Day 11 Sifnos. 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. 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.

Day 12 Athens to London. Disembark this morning in Piraeus and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



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ISLAND HOPPING IN THE AEGEAN

Discover some of the most beautiful Greek Isles aboard the MS Monet

4th to 14th June; 14th to 24th June*; 13th to 23rd September & 23rd September to 3rd October* 2025

Join us for a relaxing and informative voyage to some of the most idyllic islands in the Aegean. Part of the joy of a cruise aboard a small vessel is its capability to dock in small ports and cruising aboard the delightful MS Monet is a wonderful way to experience the lesser known islands of the southern Aegean and encounter their timeless quality. In addition to some day time cruising which allows us to enjoy some magnificent views, there will also be some overnight moorings. These afford the opportunity to take a stroll after dinner in some marvellous places that are particularly atmospheric in the evening. For those who wish to swim in the intensely blue Aegean there will also be time at leisure to explore the local beaches.

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 Sifnos, Lipsi, Nisyros, Fourni and Symi. In addition, whilst ensuring a relaxing time will be had by all, we could not devise an itinerary in this wonderful region without including visits to at least some of the fascinating ancient sites in the area and we will discover Ephesus where St Paul preached and spend some time on Patmos where we will visit the grotto of St John.

With a maximum of just 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. Whether you are interested in ancient history, Greek myths or simply the joy of cruising aboard a small ship and experiencing new places and islands in this beautiful region, our island hopping voyage has something for everyone.



Library of Celsus, Ephesus



Apollonia, Sifnos

The Itinerary

Day 1 London 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 Folegandros & Sifnos. Arrive this morning at the little known island of Folegandros. 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. Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea as we sail to Sifnos arriving in the early evening. 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. Maybe take the chance for a pre or post-dinner drink ashore as we will moor overnight.

Day 3 Sifnos & Syros. 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. 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. We will sail late this evening allowing time for those who wish to take an after-dinner stroll.

Day 4 Fourni. After a morning at sea we arrive at 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 and enjoy a drink whilst observing island life.

Day 5 Samos. Today we explore Samos which lays claim to be the birthplace of Hera, the mathematician Pythagoras and philosopher Epicurus. From the port of Vathy we will visit the excellent archaeological museum with one of the richest collections in Greece including the five metre tall Kouros rescued from the Heraion and dedicated to the god Apollo. Continue to the Sanctuary of Hera, the second largest temple ever built in Greece dating from the 6th century BC before arriving at the charming village of Pythagorio. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and



Harbour at Lipsi



Polyvotis Volcano, Nisyros



Agia marina, Leros



Mosaic from the Monastery of St John, Patmos

enjoy a free afternoon in Vathy where you may wish to learn about the local wine production at the museum of Samos wines, visit a local beach or wander through the historic quarter of Ano Vathy. We moor overnight for anyone wishing to take an after dinner stroll.

Day 6 Kusadasi, Turkey. Arrive in Kusadasi over breakfast. From our berth 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 an afternoon at leisure in Kusadasi.

Day 7 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 laid floor, decorated arches and frescoes adorning the entrance to the chapel of Christodoulos. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and this afternoon and evening is at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala or maybe enjoy a swim at a nearby beach. Over dinner we sail the short distance to Lipsi where we moor overnight.

Day 8 Lipsi & Leros. Today we can use our small ship to visit two of the less visited islands of the Dodecanese. Spend the morning on 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. Over lunch we sail to 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. The Battle of Leros was a central event in World War II and we will also visit the War Museum and Commonwealth Cemetery before returning to the vessel.

Day 9 Nisyros & Symi. Arrive this morning at the small island of Nisyros. From the port of Mandraki we 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. Alternatively, maybe wander through the village, climb to the Monastery of Panagia Spiliani or visit the archaeological museum. We sail this afternoon to the island of Symi where we moor overnight.

Day 10 Symi & Rhodes. Spend the morning on the island of Symi, a small, mountainous and much indented pretty island. The harbour of Gialos is particularly attractive and we have time to stroll through the colourful cobbled streets. The Simians were famous boat builders and are mentioned in the Illiad as sending boats to assist the siege of Troy but are better known today for their sponge diving. In the mid afternoon we sail to Rhodes arriving in the late afternoon and moor overnight.

Day 11 Rhodes to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London.



Syros

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AEGEAN & ADRIATIC ODYSSEY

A voyage between Athens & Split aboard the MS Monet

24th June to 5th July & 2nd to 13th September* 2025

Anyone who has sailed through 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 with the intriguing history and stunning architecture of the towns and cities makes for a fascinating voyage. During our voyage between Athens and Split, we will sail through turquoise waters, admire rugged landscapes and visit some of the region's greatest sites in the company of our knowledgeable Guest Speaker.

This is not an itinerary that a large cruise ship could operate but one which is ideal for the 50-passenger MS Monet. Our fascinating cruise begins with a transit of the remarkable Corinth Canal after which we will explore the Peloponnese including a visit to the ancient Sanctuary of Apollo in Delphi. We will discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint in Albania, whose ruins span some 2,500 years and arriving at the heel of Italy we will explore some of Puglia's gems. Sailing across to Montenegro a highlight for many will be our arrival into Kotor, a 14th century walled fortress town fronted by a sublime bay and surrounded by limestone cliffs. Our final days will be spent in Croatia including visits to Dubrovnik and the delightful islands of Brac and Korcula before our voyage ends in the historic city of Split.

The rich legacy of multiple civilisations, each building atop another, is evident everywhere during our itinerary and our guided trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore in small groups with our excellent local guides. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey has much to offer.



Assos, Kefalonia



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet and embark. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Corinth Canal & Itea. Be on deck this morning 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. Later we arrive into the port of Itea from where we visit the sacred site of Delphi, one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity. The hillside ruins here are exceptional and we will explore the Sanctuary of Apollo, the site of the sacred Delphic Oracle and walk along Delphi's Sacred Way, visiting the Treasury of the Athenians and the 5,000 seat theatre dating from the 4th century BC. Alternatively, enjoy some free time in Itea or visit one of the nearby beaches.

Day 3 Argostoli, Kefalonia. The largest of the Ionian Islands, Kefalonia is immortalised in the novel Captain Corelli's Mandolin and has great charm. From our berth in Argostoli we have a choice of excursions today. A half day tour will drive to the famous lighthouse of Agioi Theodori, the remarkable Venetian castle of Saint George, and the 16th century Monastery of Agios Gerasimos. St Gerasimos is the patron saint of Kefalonia, and his relic is kept in the monastery in a silver urn. Near to the monastery we find the Robala vineyards. Wines have been grown here since the 12th century and we will learn about the processes and enjoy a tasting before we return to the ship. The afternoon is free to explore the town of Argostoli. Alternatively, a full day tour will drive to the north of the island passing the famous Myrtos beach as we drive to the village of Assos. With just 100 residents it is one of the most charming spots on the island. Built on a small peninsula the town is dominated by the ruins of a 16th century Venetian castle. After time to wander the streets viewing the traditional architecture, pretty harbour and pebbled beaches we continue to the small port of Fiskardo which curves serenely beside coral-blue waters, gazing out towards Ithaki. Thanks to its colourful crop of Venetian villas, spared from earthquake damage because they rest on a sturdy bed of flat rock, Fiskardo is home to upscale restaurants built around the small harbour where yachts jostle for space to dock. After lunch in the port and some free time to explore we return to the MS Monet.

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Day 5 Sarande, Albania. The port of Sarande is our base to discover the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided tour 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 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 spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace.

Day 6 Otranto & Lecce, Italy. After breakfast we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing 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. We return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore Otranto independently, maybe walk the winding streets or along the seaside promenade. The highlight is the wonderful cathedral with its Medieval mosaic floor created by the monk Pantaleone between 1163 and 1165. You can also see the Chapel of the Dead which shows the bones and skulls of 813 martyrs killed by the invading Turks in 1480.

Day 7 Monopoli. From our berth in Monopoli we have the option to 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 St Anthony Church also built in trullo style. Alternatively, spend the morning in charming Monopoli where you can wander through the historic centre, visit the cathedral or see the Castello di Carlo V. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea as we cross the Adriatic Sea.

Day 8 Kotor, Montenegro. Over breakfast 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. 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. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below.

Day 9 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. This afternoon is free to relax on board or explore independently. Maybe take a walk on the city walls or ride the cable car up Mount Srd for the wonderful views over the city.

Day 10 Korcula. Spend the day on the island of Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. A morning guided tour will include a walk along Korcula's crooked Medieval streets revealing elegant squares flanked with palaces of the old nobility. After lunch on board we drive to the interior of the island, past olive groves and vineyards offering views down to the coast below. On our visit to a winery we will learn more about the, mainly white, wines that have been cultivated on the island for centuries before enjoying a tasting.

Day 11 Brac & Split. Awake on the island of Brac and the attractive port of Pucisca located at the end of a long bay. Brac is world renowned for the quality of its stone which was used for the Diocletian's Palace in Split as well as the White House in Washington and other parliament buildings in Europe. Spend the morning in the charming small town, voted one of the prettiest in Europe, where the buildings' white roofs create an ambient atmosphere. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Split where a guided walk includes the Diocletian's Palace, built by the emperor in 295-305 AD 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. It is a wonderful spot to wander the maze of streets. We moor overnight for anyone wishing to take an after dinner stroll.

Day 12 Split to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

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TREASURES OF THE PELOPONNESE & IONIAN ISLANDS

A voyage from Athens to Corfu aboard the MS Monet

3rd to 12th October 2025

October is a wonderful time of year to discover Greece's Peloponnese region and Ionian islands by small ship with quiet sites and pleasant temperatures. Join the 50-passenger MS Monet in Athens and embark on a journey of discovery through the lands of gods and heroes. The combination of history and natural beauty of the area makes for the perfect balance and we will enjoy some day time sailing as well as some late departures from port allowing for some pre or post dinner strolls.

The Peloponnese is home to an extraordinary collection of great archaeological sites with tangible traces of the many civilisations which have at one point over the course of history called this region home including classical temples, Mycenaean palaces, Byzantine cities and Ottoman and Venetian fortresses. The peninsula is of course also the setting for numerous myths and legends which will be brought to life by our local guides who travel with us aboard the MS Monet, adding an extra dimension to all we see and experience.

Our time in the Peloponnese will introduce you to the picturesque ports of Nafplio and Pylos, the famous citadel of Mycenae, the ancient site and renowned theatre at Epidaurus, the Medieval castle town of Monemvasia, and the sporting history of Olympia. Beyond these fascinating sites, there is beautiful mountainous scenery, vast gorges and charming villages and we will also enjoy the opportunity to sample local delights including the olive oil and wines of the region. Whether you are interested in ancient history, Greek myths or simply the joy of cruising aboard a small ship and experiencing new places and islands in this beautiful region, our voyage has something for everyone.



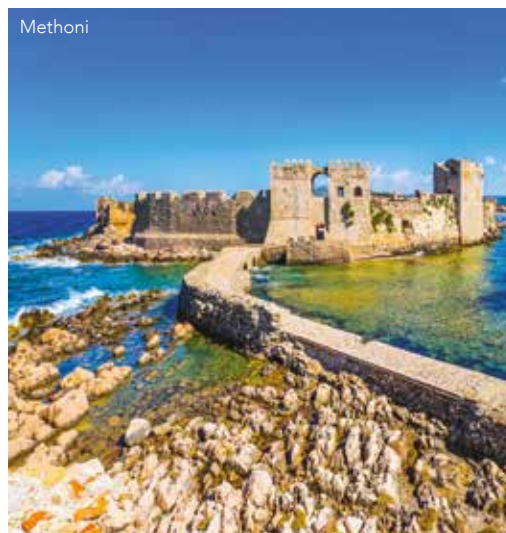
The Itinerary

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Day 5 Pylos. This morning we will call into the home of Nestor, the wise king of Pylos who fought for the Greeks at Troy and advised Odysseus's son, Telemachus, on how best to deal with the evil suitors chasing his mother, Penelope. From our berth in Navarino Bay, we will drive through the enchanting countryside to Methoni, one of the most impressive Medieval fortresses in Greece. The Venetians built Methoni on the Ionian Sea and Koroni on the Gulf of Messenia in the 13th century to safeguard their newly acquired Greek Empire. Also visit the castle of Neokastro which today houses the Centre for Underwater Archaeological Studies. Enjoy lunch on board and a free afternoon to explore Pylos independently. For those interested in learning more about King Nestor we will arrange an afternoon tour to his palace situated a short distance from Pylos and considered one of the best preserved of the Mycenaean Palaces in Greece.

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waters, gazing out towards Ithaki. Thanks to its colourful crop of Venetian villas, spared from earthquake damage because they rest on a sturdy bed of flat rock, Fiskardo is home to upscale restaurants built around the small harbour where yachts jostle for space to dock. After lunch in the port and some free time to explore we return to the MS Monet.

Day 8 Preveza. Sail to the port of Preveza from where we head for the little known ancient city of Nikopolis, one of the largest and most important sites in the whole of Greece. Built by the Roman Emperor Octavianus Augustus following his victory at Aktium in 31 BC over Antony and Cleopatra, inside its extensive walls are the Odeum, the Theatre, the Nymphaeum and the monument to Augustus. Later, the city flourished in the early Christian period as the seat of the archbishop of old Epiros, but earthquakes and invading Goths and Vandals led to its demise. Returning to the ship in Preveza for lunch the afternoon is free to explore this pretty, yacht lined harbour town.

Day 9 Corfu. Arrive this morning on the island of Corfu, one of the most richly endowed of all the Greek Isles. Praised by Homer in 'The Odyssey' and selected by Shakespeare as the setting for 'The Tempest', the island retains evidence of cultural heritage from each of its past rulers - Byzantium, Venice, France, Russia and Great Britain. Our guided tour will include the famous Byzantine Monastery of the Virgin at Paleokastritsa which is still inhabited by a community of monks. The small museum houses some priceless Byzantine icons. Spend some time in the serene monastery gardens that afford a splendid view over the turquoise waters of the bay. Continue to Mon Repos Palace, the summer residence of the British Governors of Corfu which now houses a museum including many Ionian treasures and is surrounded by a large park. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon will be free to explore Corfu Town with its idyllic pastel coloured Venetian mansions and fine museums.

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

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HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE ADRIATIC

A voyage from Corfu to Dubrovnik including Albania & Montenegro aboard the MS Monet
12th to 20th October 2025

When discovering the wonders of the Adriatic, Albania is often overlooked yet the country is full of scenic wonders, Medieval towns, culturally rich cities and sweeping landscapes. We have therefore devised this itinerary to include four days exploring the treasures of Albania combined with two days in beautiful Montenegro before our voyage concludes in the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', Dubrovnik. During our voyage from Corfu to Dubrovnik we will sail through some of the best cruising waters in the world with the added benefit of sailing in autumn, a lovely time to be in the Adriatic with mild temperatures and crowd free sites. The combined effect of the natural beauty with the intriguing history and stunning architecture of the towns and cities makes for a fascinating voyage.

This is not an itinerary which a large cruise ship could operate but one which is ideal for the 50-passenger MS Monet. We are able to visit some marvellous places which do not cater for the big ships and our daily tours, accompanied by excellent local guides, will introduce you to the fascinating history of the region as we explore Roman ruins, Ottoman houses, Venetian castles, Byzantine churches and some charming towns. Highlights of our journey include the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint, the evocative ruins of the ancient city of Apollonia and the vibrant city of Tirana. These calls in Albania are followed by visits to two of Montenegro's gems, Old Bar and the Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kotor. Upon reaching Dubrovnik for an overnight stay, you will have seen and learnt so much. 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 Corfu, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Monet.

Day 2 Sarande, Albania. After sailing the short distance from Corfu to Sarande early this morning, we will discover the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided tour 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 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. The afternoon is free to relax on board or explore Sarande independently.

Day 3 Vlore. Just north of Sarande is the port of Vlore from where there will be a choice of excursions. Our full day tour will discover Berat and Apollonia. Once a great city and an important port, Apollonia was founded by the Corinthians in 588 BC, and prospered under Greek colonisation and Rome. It was here Octavian learned of the assassination of his great uncle Caesar and set upon his bid for power ultimately becoming emperor. Archaeological excavations by successive French missions dating back to Napoleon III mean a large area of the site is now visible. After exploring the site we will continue to the town of Berat, a UNESCO treasure which the English painter Edward Lear visited in 1848. Some of his most important works were painted here and even today it is an artist's dream with its steep cobbled streets and Ottoman style houses surrounded by mountains and olive groves. We will explore the oldest quarter of the city known as Kalaja, where the castle has presided over the city for 2000 years and enjoy a lunch here. Alternatively, for a more leisurely option, you may choose to visit Apollonia in the morning followed by lunch on board the MS Monet and a leisurely afternoon.



Rozafa Castle, Shkoder



Kotor



Skanderbeg Square, Tirana



Dubrovnik

Day 4 Durres & Tirana. Arrive at the coastal city of Durres which was colonised by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. This morning we will head inland to Tirana where we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970s and only recently opened to the public. This underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. Afterwards continue walking through the city centre to see the mosque, clock tower and the 'Blloku' area of the city. After lunch at a local farm, we will return to Durres to visit the Medieval city and the Archeological Museum before sailing in the late afternoon.

Day 5 Shengjin. Our exploration of Albania continues this morning from the northern port of Shengjin. We drive inland to the town of Shkodra which was founded in the 4th century BC and has been occupied by the Romans, Serbians and Venetians. Those feeling active can choose to climb up to visit the Rozafa Castle which rises majestically on a rocky hill just outside the city, explore the site and enjoy the views to the plains below. Alternatively, a scenic drive of the landscapes of northern Albania will be available before re-joining your fellow travellers for a visit to the local Marubi Museum and a 'slow food' lunch of locally sourced ingredients at a nearby farm and restaurant. Return to the MS Monet in the afternoon and sail the short distance to the town of Bar, where we will moor overnight.

Day 6 Bar, Montenegro. From our berth we drive the short distance to the ruins of Old Bar which was built in the hills to protect its residents from attack yet was still subject to invasion from the Venetians, Serbians and Ottoman Empire. We will enter via the 11th century city gates and as we wander through the citadel we can see the Ottoman bathhouse, the 17th century aqueduct plus the remains of a Franciscan monastery and cathedral which were converted to mosques by the Turks. Alternatively remain in the new town, take a stroll on the seaside promenade and visit the elegant Palace of King Nikola built facing the water in 1885. Today, it houses a collection of antiquities, folk costumes and royal furniture whilst the gardens feature plants cultivated from seeds and cuttings collected from around the world.

Day 7 Kotor. Be on deck as 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. 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 a leisurely afternoon to explore at your own pace. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below.

Day 8 Dubrovnik, Croatia. Disembark this morning and spend the day in Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. We will start with a ride on the Dubrovnik Cable Car to the top of Srd Hill for a breathtaking, panoramic view of the Old Town and Adriatic Coast. On our return, enjoy a guided walk through the unique Medieval Old Town which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. See the major attractions such as the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. After some free time for an independent lunch, we will meet again to check-in at the Hilton Imperial Hotel. Choose to relax at the hotel or enjoy the remainder of the afternoon exploring Dubrovnik independently, before we meet this evening for dinner at the hotel.

Day 9 Dubrovnik to London. Check out of the hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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