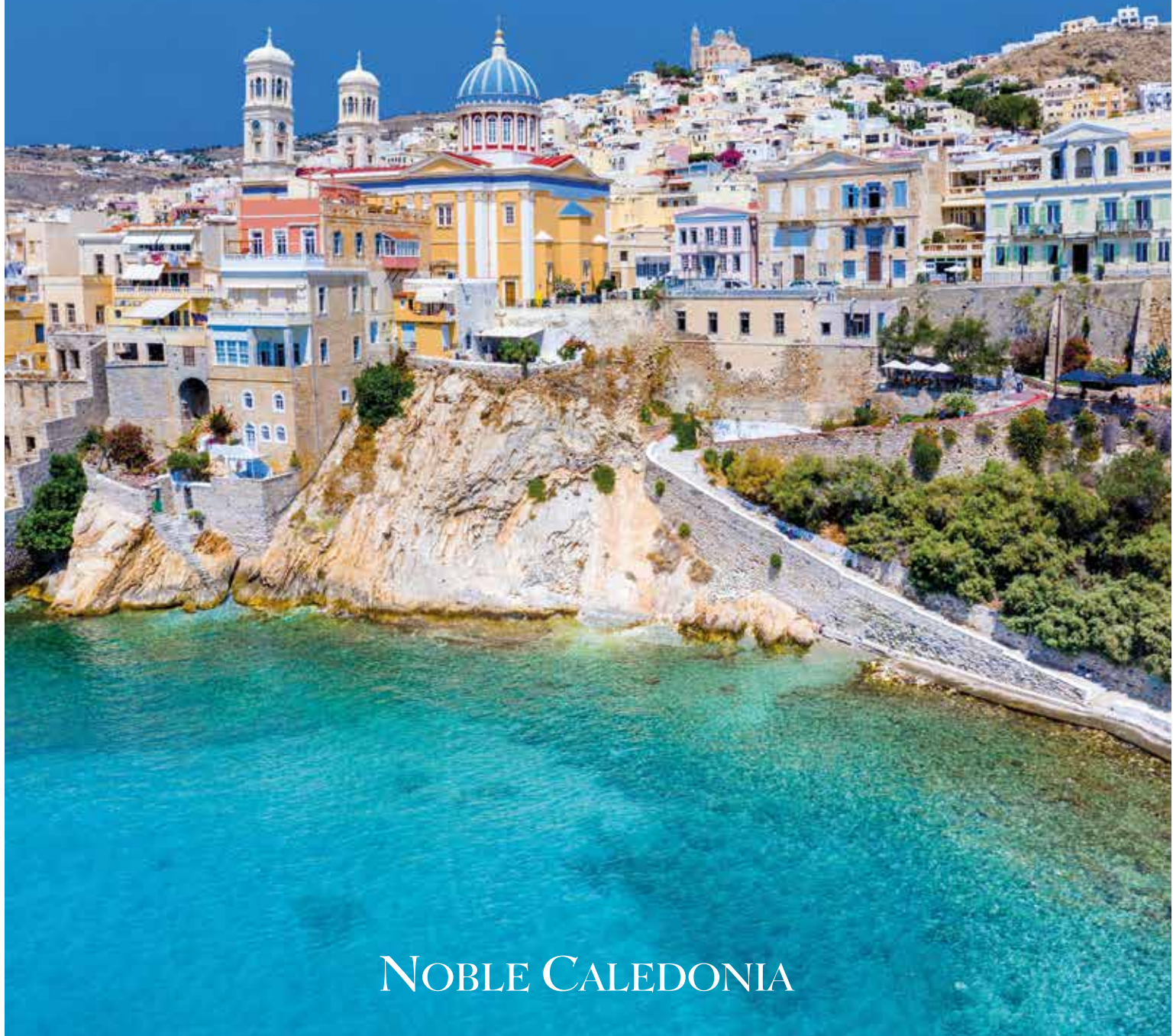


SMALL SHIP CRUISING
IN THE
**ADRIATIC
& AEGEAN**

ABOARD THE 50-PASSENGER MS MONET

APRIL TO NOVEMBER 2026



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DEAR TRAVELLER



Small Ship Cruising aboard the 50-passenger 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 and some unique journeys in the Adriatic and Aegean.

Part of the joy of a cruise aboard a small vessel is its capability to dock in small ports and our custom-made itineraries for the MS Monet focus wherever possible on islands and ports which the larger cruise ships would not be able to access and are planned to take advantage of central moorings allowing for easy individual exploration. Our itineraries are perfect for small ship cruising and our explorations combine some 'must see' sites together with little known and rarely visited places and some delightful islands that are totally unsuitable for vessels larger than ours. In addition to some daytime cruising which allows us to enjoy some magnificent views, there will also be some overnight moorings allowing for the opportunity to take a stroll after dinner in some marvellous places that are particularly atmospheric in the evening. In addition to our included guided excursions, we have ensured, whenever possible, that you have ample time to discover the charming towns and harbours independently.

In many ways the virtues of small ship cruising are best expressed by detailing what you will not find on board. For instance, there will be no organised entertainment and no black tie events aboard the MS Monet. What there will be is a warm and peaceful atmosphere in which you can learn more about the fascinating culture and ancient civilisations of the regions in the company of like-minded people, in comfortable surroundings and with a high level of service.

Our bespoke itineraries will be appreciated by those who enjoy an eclectic mix of places and an informal style of cruising. Depending on which itinerary you choose, our days will be spent visiting some wonderful Medieval towns, exploring fascinating ancient sites such as Albania's coastal city of Durrës with its Roman amphitheatre, Apollonia, the ancient city of Illyria, the sacred site of Delphi, the ruins of Olympia and the renowned theatre at Epidaurus. There will also be opportunities to explore some wonderful cities in the Aegean including Split, Dubrovnik and Kotor or discover some hidden Aegean island gems such as Syros, Sifnos and Fourni, wander through the whitewashed villages and spend time in picturesque harbours.

With a maximum of just 50 guests, our included guided excursions will be a pleasure as we explore with local guides who will add 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, our voyages aboard the MS Monet have something for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Tim Cochrane
Managing Director



NOBLE CALEDONIA CHARITABLE TRUST

During our worldwide explorations over the years, we have come across many situations where help is desperately needed, be it following a natural disaster, civil unrest, abject poverty or to save an endangered species. To this end we established the Noble Caledonia Charitable Trust in 2013 (NCCT). It is our vision to use the Noble Caledonia framework to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in the areas we work and visit. Our onboard teams are uniquely positioned to identify projects and lead fundraising initiatives, whilst many of our guests genuinely care about the people and places we visit and want to make a difference. 100% of all donations go directly to the beneficiaries as Noble Caledonia Ltd covers all the administration costs and donates a percentage of profits annually. Details of our projects can be found on our website www.noble-caledonia.co.uk





MS MONET

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Monet, a 220 foot motor yacht accommodating a maximum of 50 guests. Originally built in 1970, MS Monet 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



Category C Cabin – fixed twin 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. 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.



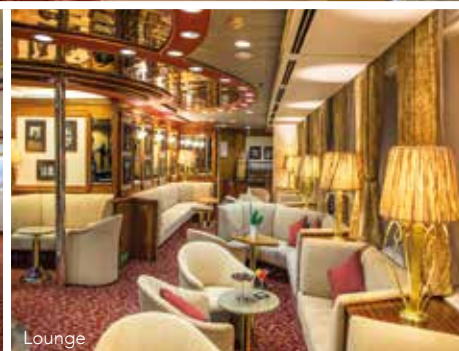
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Category D Cabin



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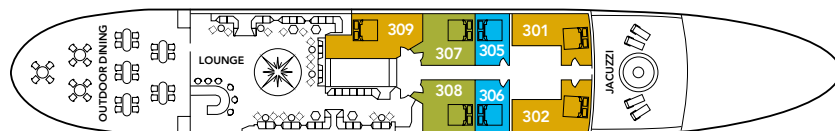
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Life On Board

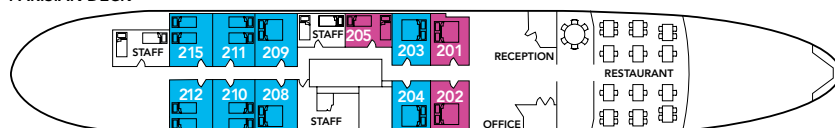
There is a warm and convivial atmosphere on board. During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al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

DECK PLAN

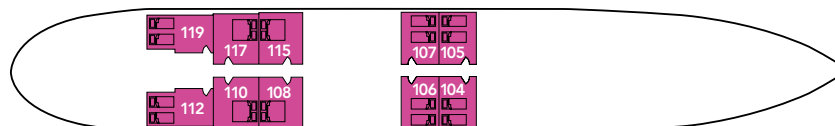
LUMIERE DECK



PARISIAN DECK



CAMILLE DECK



■ CATEGORY A
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Lumiere Deck

TREASURES OF THE BALKANS

A voyage from Split to Corfu aboard the MS Monet

17th to 27th April 2026

Cultural and natural wonders abound in the Balkans and the region offers so much for the genuine traveller. At the crossroads of east and west and with a history forged over the centuries and influenced by so many, 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 this unique voyage aboard the MS Monet we will sail from Split to Corfu visiting Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania along the way, cruising through turquoise waters, admiring the spectacular landscapes and visiting some of the region's greatest sites in the company of our knowledgeable Guest Speaker and local guides.

Whilst in Split we will visit the Diocletian Palace built by the Romans which we will explore before setting sail for Bosnia and Herzegovina to discover the enchanting World Heritage Site of Mostar. Returning to Croatia we visit the wonderful walled city of Dubrovnik and spend time in the old town before sailing to Montenegro where 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. Next is Albania which, often overlooked, is full of scenic wonders, Medieval towns, culturally rich cities and sweeping landscapes. We will spend four days exploring its treasures including the vibrant city of Tirana, the evocative ruins of the ancient city of Apollonia and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint before our journey concludes in Corfu with its rich historical heritage dating back to the 8th century BC.

This is not an itinerary that a large cruise ship could operate but one that is ideal for the 50-passenger MS Monet. We are able to visit some marvellous places that 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.



Guest Speaker – Nirvana Romell



Nirvana left her native Croatia during the turbulent 1990s, with a degree in History of Western and Yugoslav art from the University of Zagreb as well as an MA in English Language and Literature. After a decade in South Africa, she arrived in England in 2003 where she worked as a freelance lecturer, and on museum collection interpretations and staff training.

Recently, she has been 'commuting' between the UK and Geneva. For nearly 20 years, she has also led study tours to the places close to her heart - the Balkans, northern Italy, France, Sweden and South Africa – and is passionate about travel that expands cultural horizons and connects people, past and present.





Apollonia



Split



Rozafa Castle



Tirana



Kotor

The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Split. After breakfast we will take a guided walk through the town including the Palace of Diocletian which was 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 and a wonderful spot to wander the maze of streets. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore further at your own pace. Alternatively, join us as we drive the short distance to the ancient site of Salona, the Roman capital of Dalmatia and a city that was once home to over 40,000 people. Archaeologists have excavated remains of temples, amphitheatres, early Christian churches, burial grounds, and baths which we can explore with our local guides.

Day 3 Ploce for Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. From our berth in Ploce we will cross the border into Bosnia and Herzegovina for our visit to Mostar. In the 15th century, Mostar became a thriving centre on the banks of the emerald Neretva River under the Ottoman Turks. Damaged by the military conflict in the 1990s, the town has been carefully restored by UNESCO and declared a World Heritage Site. Admire the ethereally graceful Stari Most ("The Old Bridge"), originally built in 1566, the nearby Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque and an old Turkish house, among other sites. After lunch in a local restaurant you may also wish to explore the old bazaar, a haven for the city's artists and craftsmen.

Day 4 Dubrovnik, Croatia. After breakfast, enjoy a guided walk through this breathtaking city. Dubrovnik's many historic and cultural treasures have earned it designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and we will see the major attractions such as the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries, and the Sponza Palace. This afternoon is free to explore independently and perhaps enjoy a walk on the city walls.

Day 5 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 6 Shengjin, Albania. Our exploration of Albania begins 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 Rozafa Castle which rises majestically on a rocky hill just outside the city, explore the site and enjoy the views of 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 ship in the afternoon and we will sail towards the port of Durres where we moor overnight.

Day 7 Durres. The coastal city of Durres 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 to 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. Alternatively, for a more leisurely option, join a panoramic tour of Tirana's main sights. After lunch at a local farm we return to Durres to visit the Medieval city and the Archeological Museum before sailing late this evening.



Day 8 Vlore. Just south of Durrës is the port of Vlore and from here we drive two hours to another UNESCO treasure, the hillside town of Berat, with its steep cobbled streets and Ottoman style houses surrounded by mountains and olive and grape groves. We will explore the oldest quarter of the city known as Kalaja, where the castle has presided over the city for 2,000 years, and enjoy a local lunch here. En-route back to Vlore, we plan to visit Apollonia, once a great city and an important port. Founded by the Corinthians in 588 BC, it 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. Alternatively, for a more leisurely option, you may choose to visit Apollonia in the morning followed by lunch on board the MS Monet and an afternoon at leisure.

Day 9 Sarande. 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 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 a relaxing afternoon on board while we sail the short distance to Corfu where we moor overnight.

Day 10 Corfu, Greece. 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 is free to explore Corfu Town with its idyllic pastel coloured Venetian mansions and fine museums.

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



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Not Included: Travel insurance.



TREASURES OF THE PELOPONNESE & IONIAN ISLANDS

A voyage between Corfu & Athens aboard the MS Monet

27th April to 6th May 2026

Spring 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 for 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 will 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

Day 1 London to Corfu, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Monet. Enjoy dinner on board as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Corfu. Praised by Homer in 'The Odyssey' and selected by Shakespeare as the setting for 'The Tempest', Corfu 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 3 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. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore this pretty, yacht lined harbour town.

Day 4 Argostoli, Kefalonia. Arrive today into Kefalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands. From our berth in Argostoli we have a choice of excursions. 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. In the afternoon you are 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.





Day 5 Katakolon. 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 you may choose to return to the MS Monet for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in Katakolon or stay in Olympia to explore further independently.

Day 6 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 an afternoon at leisure to explore Pylos independently. For those interested in learning more about King Nestor we will arrange an afternoon tour of his palace situated a short distance from Pylos and considered one of the best preserved of the Mycenaean Palaces in Greece.

Day 7 Gythio & Monemvasia. 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 town 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. Get to sample the local specialities during an olive oil tasting followed by a buffet lunch of local products and wines. Transfer back to the ship for a free afternoon in Gythio.

Day 8 Nafplio. Looking out across the translucent water of the bay towards the Arcadian Mountains, Nafplio's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is

perhaps unrivalled in Greece. After a relaxing morning at sea and lunch on board, we will head to the famous citadel of Mycenae which is located high above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines and accessed by way of the Lion Gate. Once inside the gate, we will explore the Royal Palace, the shaft graves and the remains of the city walls. An archaeological briefing within the Treasury of Atreus (also known as the Tomb of Agamemnon) will add to our understanding and appreciation of the sights. We moor in Nafplio tonight, for anyone for anyone who wishes to take an after-dinner stroll.

Day 9 Nafplio. After breakfast we depart on a tour to one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the slopes of a beautiful wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Asclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and 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 the ship for lunch and the afternoon is at leisure in Nafplio to wander the twisting labyrinthine streets and admire the Venetian and Turkish architecture of this charming town.

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

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TO THE LAND OF GODS & HEROES

A passage around the Peloponnese combined with the islands of Kefalonia & Kythira aboard the MS Monet

25th May to 5th June 2026

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 will travel with us aboard the 50-passenger MS Monet for the duration of the cruise, adding an extra dimension to all we see and experience.



The Peloponnese was where Hercules fought the Nemean lion, the legendary Spartan warriors battled and where Paris of Troy eloped with Helen. Beyond these fascinating sites, there is also beautiful mountainous scenery, mysterious caves, vast gorges, charming villages and superb beaches. Our fascinating cruise begins with a transit of the Corinth Canal which, whilst only built in the 19th century was conceived as long ago as the 7th century BC. It is only possible to transit the canal on a small ship like the MS Monet and the experience offers a wonderful start to our cruise.

We have designed our eleven night itinerary to include many of the fascinating sites in the region combined with ample time at leisure to wander the picturesque lanes and harbours of some of Greece's most delightful spots including Kefalonia's delightful harbourside villages of Fiskardo and Assos, the fishing town of Gythio on the Mani Peninsula and the beautiful city of Nafplio. Amongst the many ancient world highlights of our voyage are our visits to the Temple of Aphaia on Aegina, the sacred site of Delphi, the ruins of Olympia, the famous citadel of Mycenae, the renowned theatre at Epidauros and the Byzantine hillside town of Mystras.

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.



Methoni



Olympia

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet in Piraeus for embarkation. Over dinner we will sail the short distance to Aegina where we moor overnight.

Day 2 Aegina & Corinth Canal. Spend the morning in Aegina which, from 1827 to 1829, served as the temporary capital of the newly formed Greek state. Here we see the Temple of Aphaia, built in 480BC and dedicated to the goddess Athena, before spending time exploring the narrow alleys and Neoclassical buildings of the harbour town. Sail over lunch and be on deck later this afternoon as we navigate the narrow Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like the MS Monet which can now make this journey. We will moor in Corinth this evening.

Day 3 Corinth. Corinth flourished under both Greek and Roman rule due to its significant location on the Isthmus of Corinth which controlled trade



routes as well as being home to the naval power which took colonies in Syracuse and Corfu. It has also been closely linked to St Paul who lived here for a number of years and is known through his letters to the Christian community. On a morning tour we explore the site of Ancient Corinth seeing the Temple of Aphrodite, the 6th century BC Temple of Apollo, built on a hill overlooking the marketplace, and the Roman Forum. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon cruising to Itea where we arrive in the early evening and moor overnight.

Day 4 Itea for Delphi. The port of Itea is our gateway to 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. This afternoon is free to relax on board, take a stroll in Itea or maybe visit one of the nearby beaches.

Day 5 Kefalonia. Arrive this morning into Kefalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands. From our berth in Argostoli we have a choice of excursions. On a half day tour we 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 Cephalonia, 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.

Day 6 Katakolon for 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. This afternoon is free to explore Katakolon at your own pace and we sail late for anyone wishing to spend an evening ashore.

Day 7 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. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

Day 8 Gythio. Arrive this morning at the picturesque port of Gythio from where we have a choice of tours. Perhaps head inland to Mystras, a remarkably intact Byzantine hillside town that once housed a population of 20,000. Here we visit the Cathedral of Agios Dimitrios, where the two-headed eagle which is the symbol of the Palaeologos Dynasty is carved into a plaque on the floor. Strolling through the narrow lanes of the dead city, we will also visit the Church of Agia Sophia, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa, with its brilliant frescoes. Alternatively, join a scenic drive to the Mani Peninsula visiting the villages and enjoying the wonderful views along the coast. Visit Aeropoli, named after Ares, the God of War, for its role in the War of Independence. Here we find tower houses, constructed with field stones, that are distinct from the traditional blue and white buildings that characterise many Greek villages. The afternoon is free to explore Gythio at your own pace, maybe take a walk on the promenade, visit the lighthouse or people watch from a waterfront taverna.

Day 9 Kapsali, Kythira. Situated between the Peloponnese and Crete, the island of Kythira was, according to mythology, the birthplace of the goddess Aphrodite. On our morning tour we hope to see expanses of wildflowers while driving through the countryside. See the Medieval village of Mylopotamos where we will visit the little church, the abandoned castle and enjoy some local delicacies in the town square. In Katolivadi we will visit the

Epidaurus theatre, Nafplio



Byzantine museum which houses a collection of Byzantine and Post Byzantine art including murals from the 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 explore the Venetian castle, old mansions and enjoy the traditional architecture. The afternoon is free to explore Kapsali at your own pace or maybe take a swim from the beach.

Day 10 Nafplio. Looking out across the translucent water of the bay towards the Arcadian Mountains, Nafplio's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece. On a full day tour we visit the famous citadel of Mycenae which is located high above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines and accessed by way of the Lion Gate. Once inside the gate, we will explore the Royal Palace, the shaft graves and the remains of the city walls. An archaeological briefing within the Treasury of Atreus (also known as the Tomb of Agamemnon) will add to our understanding and appreciation of the sights. We also visit one Greece's most renowned ancient sites, Epidaurus, which situated on the slopes of a beautiful and wooded valley was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Asclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret rites curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret sites. 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. As we moor overnight you may take the chance for an after dinner stroll.

Day 11 Nafplio. From the port we take a scenic drive through the Argos Plain to Nemea, the site of a religious sanctuary which hosted the pan-Hellenic athletic games every two years from 573 BC until 271 BC. The mythical origin of the Games is sometimes ascribed to Hercules who, after his first labour in which he had to kill the Nemean lion living in the caves of Mount Tritos above the site, established the athletic games in honour of his father, Zeus. Nemea was not a town or settlement but a venue where festivities were held during the games and our tour will include the Temple of Zeus, the bathhouse and the stadium before spending time in the small but excellent onsite museum. Nemea is also famous for its red wines and we will enjoy a wine tasting at a local vineyard before returning to the ship. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Nafplio to wander the twisting labyrinthine streets and admire the Venetian and Turkish architecture of this charming town.

Day 12 Athens to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



Corinth Canal

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C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£5595	£5395
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ISLAND HOPPING IN THE AEGEAN

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

5th to 15th June, 15th to 25th June*, 14th to 24th September & 24th September to 4th October* 2026

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 wonderful ancient sites in the area and we will discover the fascinating site of 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.



Gialos Harbour, Symi



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.

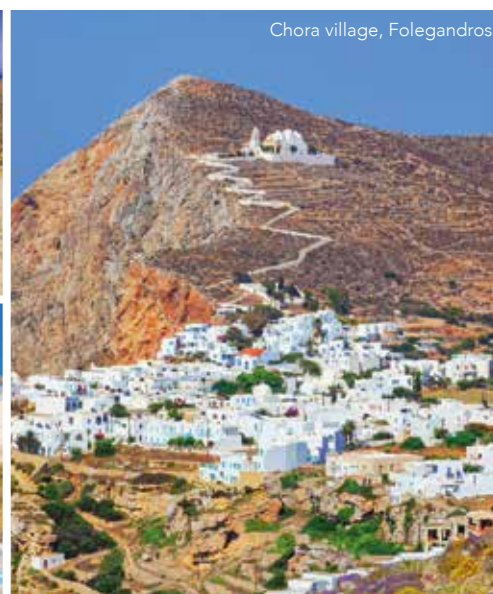
Day 5 Samos. Today we explore Samos which lays claim to be the birthplace of Hera, the mathematician Pythagoras and philosopher Epicurus. From the port of Vathy we will visit the excellent archaeological museum with one of the richest collections in Greece including the five metre tall Kouros rescued 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



Symi



Polyvotis Volcano, Nisyros



Chora village, Folegandros



Syros

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 are 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.



Library of Celsus, Ephesus

***Please note** that the 15th June & 24th September departures operate in the reverse direction to that shown, from Rhodes to Athens. Full itinerary can be viewed online.

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D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck	£4995	£4695
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AEGEAN & ADRIATIC ODYSSEY

A voyage between Athens & Split aboard the MS Monet

25th June to 6th July & 3rd to 14th September* 2026

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.



Fiskardo, Kefalonia



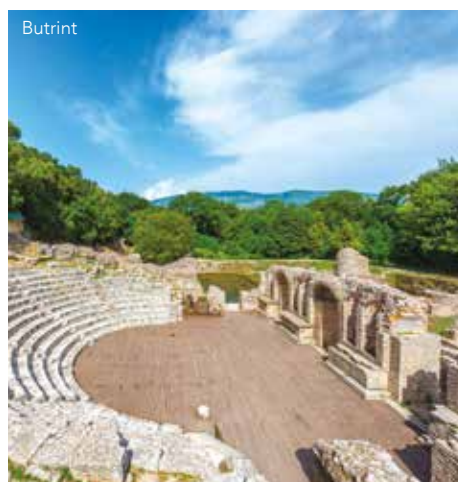
The Itinerary

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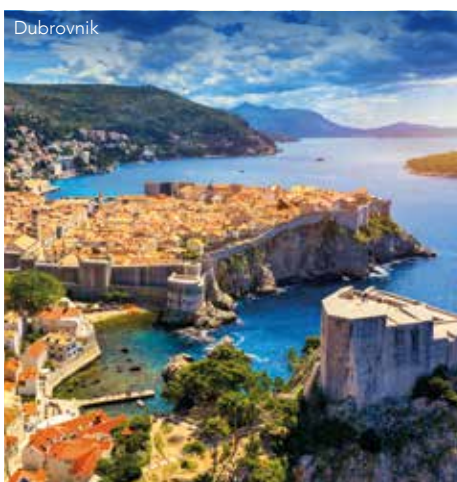
Day 2 Corinth Canal & Itea. Be on deck this morning as we transit the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like ours which can now make this journey. Later we arrive into the port of Itea from where we visit the sacred site of Delphi, 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.

Day 4 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



Butrint



Dubrovnik



Monopoli

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 for lunch, the afternoon is free to explore this pretty, yacht-lined harbour town.

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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FROM THE CYCLADES TO PELOPONNESE

A voyage around the Cyclades & Peloponnese aboard the MS Monet

4th to 14th October 2026

Join us for a relaxing and informative voyage aboard the MS Monet as we island hop around some of the most idyllic isles in the Cyclades followed by some time in the Peloponnese which is home to an extraordinary collection of great archaeological sites. Cruising aboard the delightful MS Monet is a wonderful way to experience some of the lesser known islands and ports of the Aegean and encounter their timeless quality. In addition to some daytime cruising which allows us to enjoy the magnificent views, there will also be some overnight moorings that afford the opportunity to take a stroll after dinner in some marvellous places that are particularly atmospheric in the evening.



Setting sail from Athens, we will cruise through the turquoise waters of the Aegean on a journey through the playground of the Greek Gods learning of the myths and legends which surround the enchanted islands. There will be ample time to wander through the whitewashed villages and picturesque harbours of some hidden Greek island gems such as Syros, Sifnos and Folegandros and it is during our time on such islands that we will truly be able to appreciate the unique atmosphere and island life. Continuing on to the Peloponnese we will explore the Byzantine city of Mystras, the magical castle town of Monemvasia and learn of the sporting history of Olympia. Beyond these fascinating sites, there is also beautiful mountainous scenery, mysterious caves, vast gorges, charming villages and superb beaches to be discovered. Finally, after making the essential visit to the sacred site of Delphi, ensure you are on deck as we transit the Corinth Canal, a wonderful end to our cruise and an experience only possible on a small ship such as the MS Monet.

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 voyage has something for everyone.



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 Syros & Naxos. Over breakfast we arrive at Syros which was the largest cultural and trade centre of the Aegean in the 19th century and the capital Ermoupoli was Greece's principal port. Enjoy a leisurely morning with a stroll in the town of Ermoupoli, the capital of the Cyclades. The prosperity of the island in the 19th and early 20th centuries 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. In the afternoon we sail over to the largest island of the Cyclades, Naxos, where we moor overnight for anyone wishing to enjoy a post dinner stroll.

Day 3 Naxos & Paros. Naxos offers a blend of ancient ruins, mountainous landscapes and sandy beaches. Across the harbour lies the ancient Portara, all that remains of an ancient temple built for Apollo and according to mythology where Theseus abandoned his love Ariadne after killing the Minotaur in Crete. After breakfast we can stroll through the narrow alleys to the old castle of Hora, built by an Italian adventurer in the 13th century, and walk past 14th century mansion houses, the cathedral and maybe visit the archaeological museum which provides a journey through Naxian history. Return to the MS Monet and sail to the island of Paros over lunch, famed for the marble that is drawn from the island's interior and used in the Venus de Milo statue. We will moor at Parikia, a beautiful village of whitewashed houses and labyrinthine streets. Here we will explore the 4th century Panagia Ekatondaypyliani, one of the finest churches in the Cyclades and the fine Byzantine Museum, housing icons from the churches and monasteries of the island. Alternatively, opt to walk to one of the nearby beaches for a swim.



Day 4 Sifnos. After breakfast we enjoy a relaxing morning at sea while we sail to Sifnos, arriving 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. An afternoon 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 5 Folegandros. 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. We return to the ship for lunch and sail across the Myrtoan Sea towards the Peloponnese.

Day 6 Gythio. We arrive in picturesque Gythio this morning for our excursion to magical Monemvasia. As we approach, view the massive rock that rises dramatically out of the sea and the fortress on top. 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 town castle, followed by a short transfer to Liotriki 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 have the opportunity to sample the local specialities during an olive oil tasting followed by a buffet lunch of local products and wines. After lunch we return to the ship for a free afternoon in Gythio.

Day 7 Gythio for Mystras. This morning we head north towards Sparta, the capital of Laconia and a prominent city-state in ancient Greece. However our destination today is Mystras, a remarkably intact Byzantine town that once housed a population of 20,000 people. Here we visit the Cathedral of Agios Dimitrios, where the two-headed eagle which is the symbol of the Palaeologos Dynasty is carved into a plaque on the floor. According to tradition, this is where Constantine XII stepped when he was crowned king. Strolling through the narrow lanes of the dead city, we will also visit the Church of Agia Sophia, the Palace of the Despot and the Monastery of Pantanassa, with its brilliant frescoes. Before returning to the vessel, refreshments will be served at the picturesque tavern located just beneath the site offering sweeping views over the local terrain. There will be the opportunity for another stroll in pretty Gythio before we sail in the late afternoon.

Day 8 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.

Day 9 Katakolon for 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 which houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. After our visit you may choose to return to the MS Monet for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in Katakolon or stay in Olympia to explore further independently.

Day 10 Itea & Corinth Canal. The port of Itea is our gateway to 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. Sail over lunch and in the late afternoon 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. We will arrive into Piraeus late this evening and moor overnight.

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

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IONIA TO THE ADRIATIC

A voyage from Athens to Bari aboard the MS Monet

14th October to 24th October 2026

The Ionian and Adriatic seas have always been an important sea route, straddling the boundary between the Eastern and Western Mediterranean. Over the centuries trade, warfare, and cultural exchange have informed the rise and fall of many nation states along these storied shores, and during our voyage between Athens and Bari aboard the 50-passenger MS Monet, we will discover the lasting legacies of these civilisations. Autumn is a wonderful time to be in the region and you can expect bright warm days which allow for plenty of exploration, without the intense heat and crowds of summer. It is the perfect time to explore the rich archaeological history that remains left by Greeks, Romans and many other distinct cultures over the millennia.

Upon leaving Athens, our exploration begins with a transit of the Corinth Canal which, whilst only built in the 19th century was conceived as long ago as the 7th century BC. It is only possible to transit the canal on a small ship like the MS Monet and the experience offers a wonderful start to our cruise. Our journey onwards to Puglia in the heel of Italy will introduce you to the history, archaeology and cultures of this corner of the Mediterranean through expertly guided shore excursions and interesting onboard lectures combined with ample time at leisure to explore some of the charming towns independently.

Our guided excursions include impressive ancient Greek sites such as the sanctuary of Delphi, the little known ancient Roman city of Nikopolis, Albania's fascinating site of Butrint with its remains from multiple eras and the wonderfully atmospheric hillside town of Berat with its Ottoman style houses. Our voyage ends with three days in Italy's charming region of Puglia where we will witness the Baroque grandeur of Lecce, enjoy a trip into the countryside to the trulli village of Alberobello and discover the Medieval walled old town in Bari. In addition to our guided tours, we have designed our itinerary to ensure there is ample time for you to discover the pretty harbours and picturesque towns at leisure.

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 Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet in Piraeus and embark. Enjoy a welcome dinner on board as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Corinth Canal & Corinth. Sail this morning across the Saronic Gulf and be on deck later this morning as we navigate the narrow Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like the MS Monet which can now make this journey. We will moor in Corinth this afternoon for our guided tour. Corinth flourished under both Greek and Roman rule due to its significant location on the Isthmus of Corinth which controlled trade routes as well as being home to the naval power which took colonies in Syracuse and Corfu. It has also been closely linked to St Paul who lived here for a number of years and is known through his letters to the Christian community. During our

afternoon tour we will explore the site of Ancient Corinth seeing the Temple of Aphrodite, the 6th century BC Temple of Apollo, built on a hill overlooking the marketplace and the Roman Forum.

Day 3 Itea. The port of Itea is our gateway to 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 5000-seat theatre dating from the 4th century BC. After our visit you can choose to enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and drive through breathtaking mountain scenery to the Ossios Loukas Monastery, one of the finest examples of a 12th century Byzantine Church. Alternatively return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board, take a stroll in Itea or maybe visit one of the nearby beaches.

Day 4 Preveza. Sail to the port of Preveza from where we head to the little-known ancient city of Nikopolis. One of the largest and most important sites in the whole of Greece, Nikopolis was built by the Roman Emperor Octavianus Augustus following his victory over Anthony and Cleopatra at Actium in 31 BC. 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, but earthquakes and invading Goths and Vandals led to its demise. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon exploring the pretty, yacht lined harbour town of Preveza.

Day 5 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,



Delphi



Leece



Trulli Houses, Alberobello



Otranto



Bari

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 is free to explore Corfu Town with its idyllic pastel coloured Venetian mansions and fine museums.

Day 6 Sarande, Albania. The port of Sarande is our base to discover the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During our guided tour we will 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 MS Monet for lunch and spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace.

Day 7 Vlore, Albania. We will sail overnight to Vlore where on arrival we will drive inland to another of Albania's UNESCO treasures, the hillside town of Berat which artist 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 and grape groves. On a guided walking tour 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 local lunch here. En-route to Berat, we plan to visit Apollonia, once a great city and an important port. Founded by the Corinthians in 588 BC, it prospered under Greek colonisation and Roman rule. 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, certainly considerably more than Lear witnessed after spending a draughty night in a 13th century monastery. For a more leisurely option today you can choose to visit Apollonia in the morning followed by a free afternoon.

Day 8 Otranto & Lecce, Italy. From our berth in 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 a leisurely afternoon 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.

Day 9 Monopoli & Alberobello. From the port of Monopoli, enjoy a trip 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. This afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure in Monopoli where you can wander through the historic centre, visit the cathedral or see the Castello di Carlo V.

Day 10 Bari. Over breakfast we arrive in Bari, capital of the region of Puglia. We will explore the walled old town, which dates to the Middle Ages, and displays influences from the various empires and cultures that controlled this key port over the centuries. Admire the architecture of ancient churches, basilicas and theatres hidden amongst the ancient streets, and marvel at the imposing Swabian Fortress that has defended the city and its port since the 12th century. This afternoon is free to explore further independently, perhaps visit Bari's three kilometre long ocean promenade or seek out some of the culinary delights of Puglia, including the local orecchietti pasta.

Day 11 Bari to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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AUTUMN IN THE ADRIATIC

A voyage from Bari to Split aboard the MS Monet

24th October to 3rd November 2026

Join us as we discover the beauty and wonders of the Adriatic, a captivating region that offers a delightful combination of lovely scenery and fascinating history. Our autumn cruise includes some charming places in both Italy and Croatia and over the course of ten nights we will immerse ourselves in the region's rich heritage and cultural diversity whilst enjoying some stunning coastal scenery. Regular travellers to this part of the world will know that autumn is one of the loveliest times of year in the region; the summer crowds have departed and the weather is ideal for touring and sightseeing.

Our journey begins in Puglia, the heel of Italy, from where we make our way along the Adriatic coast of Italy and across to Croatia. We will call into cities and towns, learning of their intriguing history from our informative local guides. 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 Medieval towns and delightful coastal cities. An added benefit of discovering the region by small ship is our ability to spend evenings in port which affords the opportunity to take a stroll after dinner in some marvellous places that are particularly atmospheric in the evening.





The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Bari, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Monet in Bari and embark. Enjoy a welcome dinner on board and sail this evening.

Day 2 Manfredonia. Our first call is on the Gargano, a mountainous promontory in the northernmost part of Puglia with 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.

Day 3 Ancona for Urbino or Loreto. Today we head into the Italian Marches to visit the hilltop town of Urbino. The birthplace of the painter and architect Raphael, Urbino was an early centre of Renaissance art and culture during the 15th and 16th centuries. During our walking tour of this hilltop town, we will explore the winding streets, passing the birth house of Rafael and the Cathedral of Santa Maria as we make our way towards the UNESCO listed Palazzo Ducale, which dominates the crown of the hill. The impressive 15th century palace was once the seat of the Dukes of Urbino

and today houses the National Art Gallery of the Marche. The collection includes works from Raphael and Titian, alongside many other Renaissance artists. Following our visit to the palace, we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before returning to the MS Monet in Ancona. Alternatively, visit the town of Loreto, where millions of worshippers gather each year at the shrine of the Holy House of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Explore the holy square with its famous basilica, before enjoying some free time in the town. Return to Ancona in time for lunch.

Day 4 Chioggia & Padua. Over breakfast we sail into the Venetian lagoon for our visit to the city of Padua which is situated on the Venetian Plain. This historic city is home to one of the oldest universities in the world. Founded in 1222, the university has played host to names such as Galileo and Copernicus, and the botanical gardens have been granted UNESCO status. The city is also home to the Basilica di Sant'Antonio, an important pilgrimage site, and burial place of Saint Anthony of Padua. Admire the architecture and grand buildings of the historic city centre before returning to the vessel for lunch. We will spend the afternoon exploring the charming town of Chioggia. Affectionately named 'Little Venice', the colourful houses, bustling markets, and picturesque canals of the town offer a slower paced experience, without the crowds. Explore the fish markets that are still popular with many locals or admire the tranquil canals and Medieval churches of the old town.



Day 5 Trieste. Overnight we sail to the port of Trieste. Tumbling down to the Adriatic from a wild, karstic plateau, the city is almost entirely surrounded by Slovenia and is geographically and culturally isolated from the rest of the Italian peninsula. As such, it preserves its own unique border-town mentality and retains a fascinating air of fluidity encapsulated in the 'Triestino' dialect, a strange mix of Italian, Austrian-German, Croatian and Greek. Exploring the city we see the Piazza Unita' d'Italia, Italy's largest sea-facing piazza and the 19th century city hall, which is flanked by the city's grandest palazzi, including Palazzo del Municipio. Later we drive the short distance along the coast to the Castle of Miramare, located on the northern point of the Adriatic Sea. Formerly the home of Emperor Maximilian its interior is unique as each room resembles a different passion. The extensive 22-hectare castle grounds and gardens are rich and lush and feature thriving tropical species of trees and plants.

Day 6 Koper & Piran, Slovenia. Over breakfast we sail the short distance to Koper for a day in Slovenia. This morning, 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 the afternoon is free to explore Koper at your own pace or alternatively drive to Lipica, the village giving its name to the Lipizzan horse breed. We will visit the Lipica Stud Farm, one of the very first farms to develop the Lipizzan breed in the 16th century, for a guided tour and a show to learn more about their majestic horses.

Day 7 Rovinj, Croatia. Sail today to the atmospheric town of Rovinj where the houses inside the old town are small and lean to each other creating a unique atmosphere. Our guided walking tour will include a visit to 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.

Day 8 Zadar. After a morning sailing, we arrive at Zadar. Once a dominant city on the Adriatic Coast rivaling Venice, Zadar is today a treasured city which has preserved its historical core. Enjoy an afternoon 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. Sail this evening.

Day 9 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 10 Split. After breakfast we will take a guided walk through the town including the Palace of Diocletian which was 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. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore further at your own pace. Alternatively, join us as we drive the short distance to the ancient site of Salona, the Roman capital of Dalmatia. Archaeologists have excavated the remains of temples, amphitheatres, early Christian churches and baths that served a city of over 40,000 people at its height.

Day 11 Split to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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