

SMALL SHIP CRUISING
IN THE
ADRIATIC & AEGEAN

ABOARD THE MS MONET

MAY TO JULY 2020



NOBLE CALEDONIA



MS MONET

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Monet for a series of cruises through the Adriatic and Aegean in 2020. Launched in 1998, fully renovated in 2016 and upgraded again in 2018, she is a 220 foot motor yacht accommodating a maximum of 50 guests. If you find large resort style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers attractive then of course this isn't the vessel for you. However, if you prefer an informal and warm atmosphere more akin to a private yacht combined with an itinerary dedicated to both discovery and relaxation then you need look no further.



Category A Cabin



Category C Cabin

Your Cabin

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

Your Space

The public areas include a main lounge and bar with comfortable sofas on the Lumiere Deck, a restaurant located on the Parisian Deck and the Lumiere Open Deck al fresco dining area where meals can be enjoyed when weather permits. The gym can be found on the Parisian Deck and the Lumiere Sun Deck provides a delightful sun exposed space with sun loungers and a Jacuzzi, ideal for relaxation and wonderful views.

Your Dining

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



Lumiere Open Deck



Lounge



Restaurant



Lounge

Life On Board

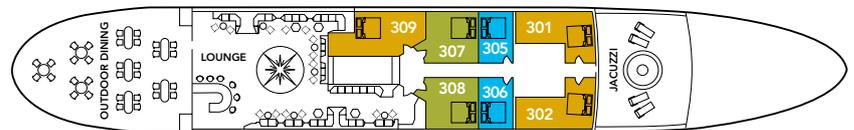
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, relaxing in a comfortable chair with a good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



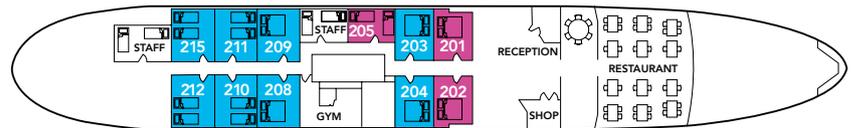
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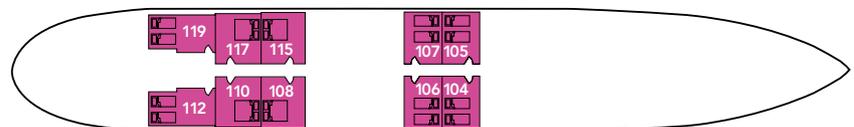
LUMIERE DECK



PARISIAN DECK



CAMILLE DECK



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SPRING IN DALMATIA

A cruise along the Dalmatian Coast from Split to Durres aboard the MS Monet
17th to 25th May 2020

If ever a coastline was purpose built for small ship cruising it would be the Dalmatian Adriatic coast. From its top to bottom, it offers some of the finest coastal scenery in the world. Large bays, hidden inlets and a myriad of islands both large and small make this one of the most appealing cruising areas in the world. If you are to do justice to this enchanting corner of Europe, your exploration should be on a small ship. True, there are a number of large cruise ships plying the coast but in general they content themselves with a port or two before steaming off to distant shores. A small ship such as the MS Monet is capable of a much more interesting itinerary, her size allows us to call into less developed places and once docked, with just 50 passengers, going ashore is quick and easy.

Our itinerary which includes Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania is a heady mix of islands and ports representing a fascinating itinerary combining as it does some 'must see' sites together with little known and rarely visited places that are perfectly suited for our vessel. Whether it be the towering cliffs and rich vegetation, scenic waterways and indentations or the wealth of historic buildings, this unique area has so much to offer the genuine traveller and our itinerary will be appreciated by those who enjoy an eclectic mix of places and an informal style of cruising.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow 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. 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.

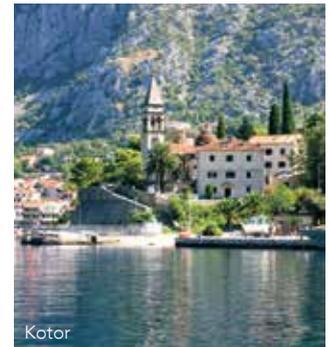
Day 3 Vis & Hvar. Arrive this morning on the island of Vis, an island which spent much of its recent history serving as a Yugoslav military base, cut off from foreign visitors from the 1950s right up until 1989. This isolation preserved it from development, and today it offers tranquility and a unique beauty which we will discover on an island drive. Sail over lunch to Hvar. This afternoon we will drive across the island for our walking tour of the Old Town of Hvar which will include the main square, which is the largest piazza in Dalmatia, the cathedral, the Franciscan Monastery and the Benedictine Nunnery, where we hear about the aloe lace still produced today by the nuns.

Day 4 Ploce for Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina. From our berth in Ploce we will cross the border into Bosnia & 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 5 Korcula & Mljet, Croatia. Spend the morning in Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. A guided tour will include a walk along Korcula's crooked Medieval streets to the elegant squares which are flanked with palaces of the old nobility. During lunch we sail to Mljet. This is one of the few Dalmatian islands that was never ruled by Venice, which is apparent in the architecture and the absence of any sizeable historic town. What it lacks in terms of great architecture, it more than makes up for in natural beauty as we will see on our walk across the island which is a national park, to the lakes inland.

Day 6 Dubrovnik. Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded by the Romans in the 7th century, it eventually came under the influence of the Byzantine Empire, then Venice, Hungary and finally Turkey. This morning our local guides will lead us through the bustling old town taking in the beautiful civic buildings, the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. After lunch there will be free time to explore further at your own pace and perhaps take the opportunity to walk along the city walls or take a ride on the cable car to see the views down to the city.

Day 7 Kotor, Montenegro. This morning we enter the Gulf of Kotor and sail up the fjord-like entrance to the Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kotor. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our morning guided walk will include the 12th century cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the 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 8 Shengjin, Albania. Arrive this morning in Albania at the northern port of Shengjin and drive to the town of Shkodra which was founded in the 4th century BC and has been occupied by the Romans, Serbians and Venetians. Here we will climb up to visit the Rozafa Castle, which rises majestically on a rocky hill just outside the city and enjoy the views to the plains below. Afterwards we will visit a nearby farm and restaurant for a "slow food" lunch of locally sourced ingredients. Return to the ship in the afternoon and sail this evening.

Day 9 Durres to London Gatwick. Disembark this morning and explore 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. We will explore the Medieval city and the Archaeological Museum before taking lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon transfer to Tirana for our scheduled flight to London.



Mostar



Dubrovnik



Korcula



Split

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck	£3095	£2895
C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£3295	£3095
B	Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck	£3595	£3395
A	Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck	£4095	£3895
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£4095	£3895

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

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Tirana Extension 25th to 27th May 2020



Skanderbeg Square, Tirana

If you would like to spend some additional time in Albania, we are offering a two night hotel stay in the capital city of Tirana.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Durres to Tirana, Albania. Disembark the MS Monet this morning and explore 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. We will explore the Medieval city and the Archaeological Museum before taking lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch transfer to Tirana and check-in to our hotel for a two night stay. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Tirana. After breakfast join a morning tour of Tirana. 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 to the National Museum where we will learn of Albanian history from ancient to modern before walking through the city centre to see the mosque, Clock Tower and the "Bloku" area of the city. Return to the hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently.

Day 3 Tirana to London Gatwick. Enjoy a morning to relax in the hotel or continue to discover the area. This afternoon we drive the short distance to Kruje, renowned as the birthplace of Skanderbeg, a military commander who defended the country against the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century. Visit the 6th century castle perched above the city before visiting the Skanderbeg Museum. We will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant before our transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£525** Single: **£745**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation with breakfast • Lunch on Day 1 & dinner on Day 3 • Two half day tours • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Rozafa Castle

LEGENDS OF THE PELOPONNESE

A circumnavigation of the Peloponnese aboard the MS Monet

3rd to 14th June 2020

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 islands are of course also the setting for numerous myths and legends which will be brought to life by our local guides. It was here that Hercules fought the Nemean lion, the legendary Spartan warriors battled and from 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.

With such an abundance of historical and natural wonders, we have planned our most comprehensive exploration of the region yet. Over the course of eleven nights, our voyage will introduce you to the picturesque ports of Nafplio and Pylos, the Byzantine city of Mystras, the stunning coastal scenery of Mani, the sporting history of Olympia and Nemea and the quirky Odontotos railway. Upon leaving the Peloponnese we ensure we stay a little off the beaten track with our visit to the delightful town of Vathy on the legendary island of Ithaca and make the essential visit to Delphi. Finally, ensure you are on deck when we transit the Corinth Canal which, whilst only built in the 19th century, was conceived as long ago as the 7th century BC, a wonderful end to our cruise and only possible on a small ship such as the MS Monet.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Monet moored in Piraeus. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Nafplio & Epidaurus. Enjoy a morning cruising arriving into Nafplio at lunchtime where we moor in the centre of town. 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 and this afternoon we will visit one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the slopes of a beautiful and wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Aesclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret sites. Most of the ruins of Epidaurus have been reduced to their foundations, with the exception of the astonishing theatre which is in an admirable state of preservation. Built into the ground, rather than above it, it is known for its fantastic acoustics, which we will observe during our visit. Return to Nafplio and enjoy time wandering the twisting labyrinthine streets, view the

Venetian and Turkish architecture and maybe enjoy a pre-dinner drink ashore. Moor overnight.

Day 3 Nafplio, Mycenae & Nemea. After breakfast we will enjoy a scenic drive through the Argos Plain to Nemea, the site of a religious sanctuary which hosted the pan-Hellenic athletic games every two years from 573 BC until 271 BC. The mythical origin of the Games is sometimes ascribed to Hercules who, after his first labour in which he had to kill the Nemean lion living in the caves of Mount Tritos above the site, established the athletic games in honour of his father, Zeus. Nemea was not a town or settlement but a venue where festivities were held during the games and our tour will include the Temple of Zeus, the bath house and the stadium before spending time in the small but excellent on site museum. Nemea is also famous for its red wines and we will enjoy a wine tasting at a local vineyard before we continue to the famous citadel of Mycenae which is located high above the confluence of two boulder strewn ravines and accessed by way of the Lion Gate. Once inside the gate, we will explore the Royal Palace, the shaft graves and the remains of the city walls. An archaeological briefing within the Treasury of Artreus (also known

as the Tomb of Agamemnon) will add to our understanding and appreciation of the sights. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Nafplio this afternoon and sailing this evening.

Day 4 Monemvasia. This is a magical place. 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 morning walking tour we will visit the town and have some free time to enjoy there, perhaps climb up to the fort to enjoy the views from the plateau before returning to the ship for lunch. We sail in the afternoon along the coast toward Kalamata.

Day 5 Kalamata & Mystras. We arrive in Kalamata this morning. Our destination today is Mystras, a remarkably intact Byzantine hillside 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 Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa, with its brilliant frescoes. Before returning to the vessel for lunch, refreshments will be served at the picturesque tavern located just beneath the site offering sweeping views over the local terrain. The afternoon is free to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps explore Kalamata old town or stroll along the promenade and dip into the turquoise waters from the beach.

Day 6 Kalamata, Diros Caves & Mani Peninsula. After breakfast this morning we will head to the beautiful Mani peninsula. Our day will start at the impressive Diros Caves, an area of 16,700 square metres where over 2800 water passages have been discovered. We will board small boats in the cave and enjoy a 2.5 kilometre long, winding passageway through an intricate network of passages and galleries, decorated with gleaming stalagmites and stalactites, whose reflection in the water accentuates their natural beauty. The remainder of the morning will be spent on the Mani Peninsula visiting the villages and enjoying the wonderful views along the coast and the flowers along the roadside. 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, which are distinct from the traditional blue and white buildings that characterise many Greek villages. Meanwhile in Kardamyli we find a seaside village with unique architecture and beautiful views. Enjoy a traditional Greek lunch with great views before a scenic drive back to the MS Monet later in the afternoon.

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 central 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 the site of his palace situated a short distance from Pylos and considered one

of the best preserved of the Mycenaean Palaces in Greece.

Day 8 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 9 Vathy, Ithaca. Ithaca, one of the most legendary of all Greek islands, will be our port of call today. This jewel of the Ionian Sea is spoiled by tourism, yet



Nafplio

has a fascinating history. Relics date back to 4000 BC and by Mycenaean times it was the capital of a kingdom that included surrounding islands and part of the Peloponnese coast. It was under Odysseus that this kingdom reached its zenith, sending 12 ships to the Trojan War. The morning is free to enjoy this delightful town and harbour at leisure and for those that wish, there will be an afternoon tour of the island which will explore the ruins of Stavros and the Medieval capital of Perachori with its Byzantine and Venetian architecture.

Day 10 Delphi, Itea. North of the Peloponnese, we arrive during

breakfast in Itea. This morning we will 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, 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. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon along the waterfront in Itea or join a visit to the nearby picturesque seaside village of Galaxidi where a guided walk will pass the Agios Nikolaos Church and historical buildings and you can enjoy some free time. After an evening cruise along the Gulf of



Olympia



Itea



Monemvasia



Corinth Canal

Corinth, we moor overnight at the port of Corinth.

Day 11 Corinth & Corinth Canal.

The port of 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. Today we travel to the lesser known mountainous region of the North Peloponnese and enjoy a trip on the Odontotos railway which climbs 750 metres from the seaside village of Diakopto

to the mountain town of Kalavrita through the Vouraikos Gorge. The train passes through stunning scenery as it travels alongside the river, past waterfalls and through tunnels up the mountain. Enjoy some time to explore Kalavrita before returning to the MS Monet for lunch. Be on deck later this afternoon as we transit the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like ours which can now make this journey. This evening we continue sailing to Piraeus where we moor overnight.

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

Athens Extension
1st to 3rd June 2020



Acropolis, Athens

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

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to your centrally located hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 2 Athens. A day at leisure to relax or make independent touring arrangements.

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£525** Single: **£745**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation with breakfast • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Excursion on day 3 • Gratuities • Transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

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C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£4345	£4145
B	Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck	£4645	£4445
A	Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck	£5145	£4945
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£5480	£5280

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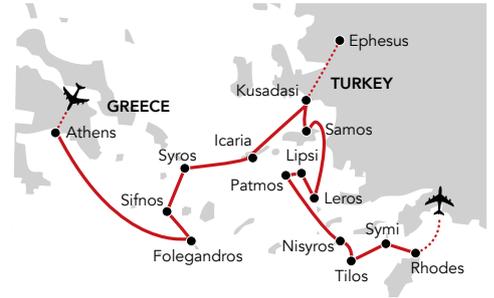


ISLAND HOPPING IN THE AEGEAN

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

14th to 24th June & 24th June to 4th July* 2020

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, Tilos 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.



The Itinerary

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

Day 2 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 Ermoupoli 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 remain in Syros overnight for those who wish to take an after-dinner stroll.

Day 4 Icaria. Departing Syros over breakfast we will have a morning at sea arriving at Icaria after lunchtime. According to Greek myth, Icaria was created when Icarus crashed into the sea after flying too close to the sun. Today it is one of the least developed but visually dramatic of Greek islands with beautiful coves, deep valleys and hidden beaches. On a scenic drive we will explore the villages and discover why the islanders here have a longer life expectancy than anywhere else in Europe. The island is also revered as the birthplace of Dionysus, the God of



Celsus Library, Ephesus

wine and we plan to visit one of the local vineyards.

Day 5 Kusadasi, Turkey & Samos, Greece. From our berth in Kusadasi we will drive to the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, a stunning and partially excavated site where digging has been taking place for over a century. Broad streets are lined by impressive buildings including the library of Celsus and the temples of Serapis and Hadrian. Once the capital of Ionia, St Paul preached here on his second missionary journey and we will see the Church of the Virgin Mary, the most important Christian monument in Ephesus. Also see the spectacular Grand Theatre, originally built in the 3rd century BC by the Greeks, and later expanded by the Romans to its present capacity of 24,000. We will enjoy a local lunch before sailing the short distance to Samos, which lays claim to be the birthplace of Hera, the mathematician Pythagoras and philosopher Epicurus.

Day 6 Samos. 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 Hereion 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 enjoy a free afternoon and evening in Vathy. Perhaps visit a local beach or wander through the historic quarter of Ano Vathy. We will set sail late this evening.

Day 7 Leros & Lipsi. Today we can use our small ship to visit two of the less visited islands of the Dodecanese. Spend the morning on Leros, the island of Artemis the God of hunting. We will drive to the capital, Platanos to see the Pandeli Castle which overlooks Agia Marina offering wonderful views from the ramparts to the harbour below and islands beyond. Over lunch we sail to nearby Lipsi. At just eight kilometres long, the tiny island of Lipsi is popular with yachts and has avoided the development of many of the surrounding islands. It is a wonderful place to spend a few hours walking amongst the whitewashed houses or take the opportunity to visit a local beach for a swim. We remain in Lipsi overnight for anyone wishing to enjoy an evening ashore in the pretty harbour.

Day 8 Patmos. Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western and it was here that St. John received his revelation. This morning, after sailing the short distance from Lipsi, we will make our way to the grotto of St. John. This small cave, now converted into a 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 the remainder of the day is free to explore the picturesque town of



Ermoupolis



Leros



Monastery of St John, Patmos



Nisyros



Chora

Skala independently or maybe enjoy a swim at a nearby beach. We will remain moored overnight.

Day 9 Nisyros & Tilos. Arrive this morning at the small island of Nisyros. From the port of Mandraki you may wish to wander through the village and climb to the Monastery of Panagia Spilianor or visit the archaeological museum. Alternatively, join the drive to the Polyvotis Volcano named after the Titan imprisoned under the rock of Nisyros during the battle with the gods. Here we will learn more of the legends and have the chance to walk into the caldera. Over lunch we sail to timeless Tilos, this lovely island has still to find its way onto the pages of tour operator's brochures and so retains its traditional atmosphere. See Livadia, a lively little town and Megalo Chorio, its tiny capital rich in Crusader castles. There is a beach nearby for those that prefer to have a swim. We will remain moored overnight.

Day 10 Tilos & Symi. We will sail from Tilos mid-morning for those who wish to spend some time ashore and we will arrive over lunch into 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.

Day 11 Rhodes to London Gatwick. Sail this morning to Rhodes where we will disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

*Please note that the 24th June departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Rhodes to Athens. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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A	Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck	£4795	£4595
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Not Included: Travel insurance.

Athens Extension

12th to 14th June & 4th to 6th July* 2020

The Parthenon



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The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to your centrally located hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 2 Athens. A day at leisure to relax or make independent touring arrangements.

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

*Please note that the 4th of July extension date is in-conjunction with the 24th June cruise and will be a post-cruise extension. Full details can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£525** Single: **£745**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation with breakfast • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Excursion on day 3 • Gratuities • Transfers.
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WONDERS OF THE AEGEAN & ADRIATIC

A summer cruise from Athens to Split aboard the MS Monet

4th to 13th July 2020

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 make for a fascinating voyage. During our voyage from Athens to Split, we will sail through turquoise waters, admire rugged landscapes and visit some of the region's greatest sites in the company of knowledgeable local guides.

This is not an itinerary which a large cruise ship could operate but one which is ideal for the MS Monet. Sailing from Athens and through the Corinth Canal, we will explore a magnificent array of ancient ruins including the sacred site of Delphi, the ancient city of Nikopolis and the marvellous site of Butrint in Albania where settlement can be traced back to the 8th century BC. We will spend time in some charming towns and villages and have scheduled in some daytime sailing allowing time to appreciate the wonderful scenery of the region including the stunning beauty of Montenegro's Kotor Fjord. By the end of the voyage you will have seen and learnt so much and exploring in small groups with excellent guides, our trips ashore will be a pleasure. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey has something for everyone.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Athens, Greece. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Monet moored in Piraeus. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Corinth Canal, Corinth & Itea. Be on deck this morning as we transit the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and merely 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like ours which can now make this journey. During breakfast arrive into the port of Corinth, which flourished under both Greek and Roman rule due to its significant location on the Isthmus of Corinth. It controlled trade routes as well as being home to the naval power which took colonies in Syracuse and Corfu. Corinth has also been closely linked to St Paul who lived here for a number of years and through his letters to the Christian community. This morning 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 enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea as we make our way to Itea where we moor overnight.

Day 3 Itea. This morning we will 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, 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. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Itea or join a visit to the nearby picturesque seaside village of Galaxidi. Take a guided walk which will pass the Agios Nikolaos Church and historical buildings followed by some time to explore independently.

Day 4 Preveza. This morning we will arrive in Preveza, situated at the entrance of the Gulf of Amvrakikos. Our tour will take us to the ruins of the ancient city of Nikopolis which was built in 31 BC by Octavina (later Emperor Augustus) to commemorate defeating Marc Antony and Cleopatra in the naval Battle of Actium. The scale of this vast site is breathtaking. We will explore the Roman and Byzantine walls, churches and theatre before also spending some time in the excellent museum. Continue on to the picture perfect town of Parga where we will have some time to explore the charming old quarter or enjoy a swim before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon will be at leisure to relax on board or discover this pretty yacht-lined harbour town and nearby beaches independently.

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, 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 6 Sarande, Albania & Otranto, Italy. 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. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon at sea as we sail to Otranto, where we will arrive before dinner and moor overnight.

Day 7 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. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon exploring at leisure. 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 8 Monopoli. Today we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. Enjoy a pleasant walk in



Monastery of the Virgin, Paleokastritsa



Bay of Kotor



Alberobello, a fairy-tale trulli village and a UNESCO World Heritage Site and see the St Anthony Church also built in trullo style. Afterwards we visit 'Cantina Albea' and its wine museum, home to pictures and old instruments used in the past for the production of wine and where we will enjoy a tasting along with a talk on the wine production. Return to the MS Monet for lunch and this afternoon is free to explore Monopoli independently.

UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kotor. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our morning guided walk will include the 12th century cathedral of St Trython, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. During lunch we will sail out of the gulf and enjoy an afternoon at sea as we make our way to Split.

Day 9 Kotor, Montenegro. This morning we enter the Gulf of Kotor and sail up the fjord-like entrance to the Medieval town and

Day 10 Split, Croatia to London Heathrow. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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Panathenaic Stadium



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