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Dear Traveller

Ships of all different sizes and styles can make the selection of a cruise a somewhat hit and miss affair, and whilst some companies attempt to please everybody, we prefer to continue with our focus on small ships and to that end are delighted to have once again chartered the 50-passenger MS Monet for a series of fascinating cruises in 2023. Featured in this brochure are the first three cruises of the 2023 season which include calls into wonderful ports and towns along the beautiful Adriatic Coast before the MS Monet sails to the Aegean, and all three voyages benefit from an overnight mooring in Venice allowing for a full day of exploration.

Due to her size, the MS Monet has the freedom of the seas and can come alongside in small docks or drop anchor in small harbours. This enables us to seek out and visit the ports which the larger cruise ships are unable to access and to take advantage of central moorings allowing for easy individual exploration. In addition to our guided excursions, we have ensured, whenever possible, that you have some time to discover the charming towns and harbours independently whether that be following on from a guided tour or sailing late in the day allowing for the opportunity for an evening stroll.

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. What there will be is a warm and peaceful atmosphere in which you can learn more about the wonders of nature, culture and ancient civilisations in the company of like-minded people in comfortable surroundings and with a high level of service. The vessel's lounge area, the indoor and outdoor dining spaces as well as the open and inviting deck areas are perfect for relaxing or socialising with your fellow travellers and enjoying the magnificent coastal views.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Yours sincerely



Tim Cochrane
Managing Director





MS MONET

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Monet for a series of cruises in the Mediterranean in 2023. Originally built in 1970, the MS Monet was converted and launched as a passenger ship in 1998, fully renovated in 2016 and upgraded again in 2018. She is a 220 foot motor yacht accommodating a maximum of 50 guests. If you find large resort style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers attractive then of course this isn't the vessel for you. However, if you prefer an informal and warm atmosphere more akin to a private yacht combined with an itinerary dedicated to both discovery and relaxation then you need look no further.



Category A Cabin - 309



Category C Cabin

Your Cabin

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

Your Space

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

Your Dining

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



Lumiere Open Deck



Lounge



Restaurant



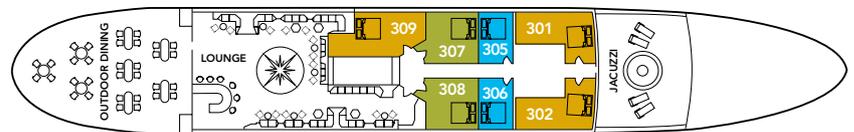
Lounge

Life On Board

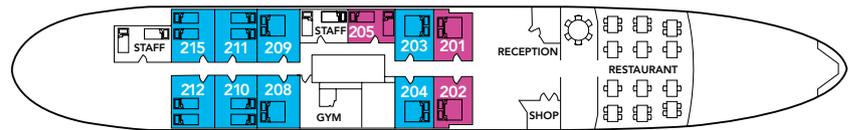
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, relaxing in a comfortable chair with a good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

DECK PLAN

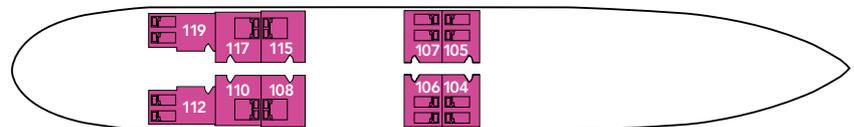
LUMIERE DECK



PARISIAN DECK



CAMILLE DECK



■ CATEGORY A
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 ■ CATEGORY C
 ■ CATEGORY D



MS Monet

SAILING TO LA SERENISSIMA

A voyage along the Adriatic Coast from Split to Venice aboard the MS Monet
21st to 29th April 2023

From its top to bottom, the stunning Adriatic Coast offers some of the finest coastal scenery in the world and its collection of beautiful bays, hidden inlets and a myriad of islands both large and small make it one of the most appealing areas for small ship cruising. If you are to do justice to this enchanting corner of Europe, we believe that exploring by small ship is a must and with the 50-passenger MS Monet we are able to offer a most interesting itinerary as her size enables us to call into some less developed places and once moored, going ashore is quick and easy.

Our voyage 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. Following our time in Split during which we will explore the ancient laneways of Diocletian's Palace, our calls along the Adriatic coast will include the delightful islands of Brac, Hvar and Vis as well as charming Mali Losinj in the northern Kvarner Gulf. From Koper in Slovenia we will visit the picturesque Medieval town of Piran and upon arriving in Italy we have a full day to explore the wonders of Venice. In addition to some daytime cruising which allows us to enjoy the magnificent views, our central moorings afford the opportunity to take a stroll after dinner in some marvellous places that are particularly atmospheric in the evening.

Whether it be the 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 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 & Brac. A guided walk of Split takes us to 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. Sail over lunch to 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 afternoon in the charming small town, voted one of the prettiest in Europe, where the building's white roofs create an ambient atmosphere.

Day 3 Hvar & Vis. From our berth in Stari Grad we take a short coach ride across the island to the attractive Old Town of Hvar for a guided walk. We will begin in the main square, the largest piazza in Dalmatia, and will see the cathedral, the Franciscan

Monastery and the Benedictine Nunnery where we hear about the aloe lace still produced today by the nuns. Over lunch we cross to Vis, 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 an authentic tranquillity and unique beauty which we will see on an island drive.

Day 4 Sibenik & Krka National Park. This morning we visit the majestic waterfalls of Krka. Take a guided walk along wooden walkways and across bridges through this unique fjord-like landscape with its multiple waterfalls and interesting flora and fauna. This afternoon we will have some time to explore the historic town of Sibenik seeing the Cathedral of St James, the old city walls, and the theatre. We depart late this evening for anyone wishing to take an after dinner stroll.

Day 5 Mali Losinj. We will spend the morning at sea arriving in the early afternoon at Mali Losinj which sits at the foot of a protected harbour on the southeast coast of Losinj Island. It is the island's mild climate and rich flora that give Mali Losinj its reputation as one of the most fragrant islands in Croatia; its



Vis



Pucisca, Brac



Mali Losinj



Venice

air is scented with lavender, sage and rosemary. The seafront of the old town is lined with a string of imposing 19th century houses and villas and is a pleasant place to wander.

Day 6 Rovinj & Pula. Arrive 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. This afternoon we will drive to the tip of the Istrian Peninsula and the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula. Here we will discover one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres left in the world. The Arena, built in the 1st century AD, was designed to host gladiatorial contests with seating for up to 20,000 spectators.

Day 7 Koper, Slovenia. From our berth in Koper 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

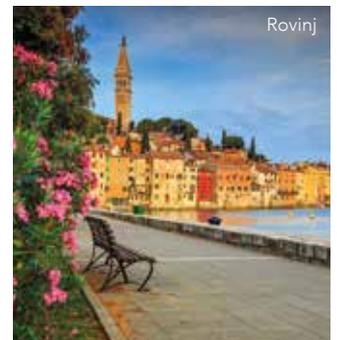
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Day 8 Venice, Italy. Sail into Venice this morning and join a walking tour to discover the hidden corners of the city. An off the beaten track itinerary takes us to the Arsenale, a colossal shipyard of the Serenissima Republic; the San Giorgio dei Greci Church and its secret courtyard; Campo Santa Maria Formosa, one of the city's largest squares and Marco Polo's House. We end at the Chiesa della

Pieta, a former convent and orphanage and an authentic masterpiece of the 18th century by Giorgio Massari. The young orphans that stayed here were encouraged to study music and their most famous teacher was Antonio Vivaldi. It was here that he composed the Four Seasons and we have arranged for an exclusive private concert of Vivaldi themed music performed by a Venetian orchestra. It will be a thrilling experience to hear the music performed where it was created. This afternoon is free to explore further at your own pace.

Day 9 Venice to London.

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.



Rovinj

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck	£3495	£3295
C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£3795	£3595
B	Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck	£4195	£3995
A	Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck	£4595	£4395
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£4795	£4595

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

ADRIATIC ODYSSEY

A voyage from Venice to Brindisi aboard the MS Monet with Guest Speaker Christopher Joll

29th April to 9th May & 9th to 19th May* 2023

During this delightful voyage from the wonderful city of Venice to the heel of Italy we will explore the beautiful Adriatic with its intense blue sea, picturesque coastline and charming villages, towns and cities. We have designed our itinerary to combine time in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Albania all of which are easy to visit individually but difficult to combine independently in a ten night trip. Regular travellers to this part of the world will know that late spring is one of the loveliest times of year in the region; the summer crowds have yet to arrive and the weather is ideal for touring and sightseeing.

After an overnight stay in Venice, we set sail for our exploration of the Adriatic Coast which combines some 'must see' sites together with little known and rarely visited places that are totally unsuitable for vessels larger than ours. We will visit wonderful Medieval towns and explore fascinating ancient sites including Albania's coastal city of Durres with its Roman amphitheatre. A highlight for many will be our exploration of Kotor, Montenegro's 14th century walled fortress town fronted by a sublime bay and surrounded by limestone cliffs. In addition, we spend three days in Croatia including a visit to the majestic waterfalls at Krka and on our final day we explore the stunning Italian city of Ostuni with its magnificent cathedral and whitewashed houses.

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.



Guest Speaker – Christopher Joll



After Oxford University and the RMA Sandhurst, Christopher spent six years as an officer in The Life Guards with whom he served four tours of duty in Northern Ireland. On leaving the Army, he worked for the next thirty-five years in the City. From his earliest days, Joll has written articles, features, short stories and reportage. In 2012 he wrote the text for *Uniquely British: A Year in the Life of the Household Cavalry*; with a Foreword by HM The Queen. Since 2018, Nine Elms Books have published his *The Drum Horse in the Fountain: Tales of the Heroes & Rogues in the Guards*; *Spoils of War: The Treasures, Trophies & Trivia of the British Empire*; *Black Ice*, the memoirs of the former soldier, double-amputee and World Para-bobsleigh champion, Corie Mapp; and *The Imperial Impresario: The*

Treasures, Trophies & Trivia of Napoleon's Theatre of Power. He is also the author of the fifteen-volume military-historical/action-adventure series, *The Speedicut Saga*. Since leaving the Army in 1975, Joll has been involved in devising and managing charity fund-raising events and when not writing or directing 'military theatre', he is a video podcaster and a Trustee of The Art Fund Prize for Museums. He is also the Regimental Historian of the Household Cavalry.





Pula



Korcula



Kotor

The Itinerary

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Day 2 Venice. This morning is free to explore Venice at your own pace. After lunch we embark on a walking tour to discover the hidden corners of Venice. An off the beaten track itinerary takes us to the Arsenale, a colossal shipyard of the Serenissima Republic; the San Giorgio dei Greci Church and its secret courtyard; Campo Santa Maria Formosa, one of the city's largest squares and Marco Polo's House. We end at the Chiesa della Pietà, a former convent and orphanage and an authentic masterpiece of the 18th century by Giorgio Massari. The young orphans that stayed here were encouraged to study music and their most famous teacher was Antonio Vivaldi. It was here that he composed the Four Seasons and we have arranged for an exclusive private concert of Vivaldi themed music performed by a Venetian orchestra. It will be a thrilling experience to hear the music performed where it was created.

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Day 5 Korcula. Our final day in Croatia will be spent 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 6 Kotor, Montenegro. Be on deck this morning 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 7 Dures & Tirana, Albania. Arrive in Albania at the coastal city of Dures which was colonised by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. This morning we will head inland to Tirana where we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970s and only recently opened to the public. This underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. Afterwards continue walking through the city centre to see the mosque, Clock Tower and the "Bloku" area of the city. After lunch at a local farm we return to Dures to visit the Medieval city and the Archeological Museum before sailing late this evening.

Day 8 Vlore for Apollonia. Spend a relaxing morning at sea before



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

Day 9 Otranto & Lecce, Italy.

Returning to Italy we drive this morning 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 in Otranto for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore 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 10 Brindisi & Ostuni. From our berth in Brindisi we head to

the "White City" of Ostuni, so called due to the almost blinding sunlight reflecting on the walls of its whitewashed dwellings. Ostuni has a privileged position as it was built on three hills and from the top of the town you can enjoy a stunning view of the Adriatic coast from which Ostuni is separated by an ocean of centuries-old olive trees. The town has maintained its Medieval atmosphere which we will experience as we walk through the meandering, narrow and picturesque streets of the old town which lead to the impressive 15th century cathedral, a beautiful example of Apulian Romanesque style. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Brindisi, maybe take a stroll along the waterfront promenade and see the Roman Arch which marks the end of the Roman Road "Via Appia" used by pilgrims, soldiers and traders as they travelled to Greece and the Holy Land. Alternatively, visit the 12th century Tempio di San Giovanni al Sepolcro or wander the palm-tree lined Corso Garibaldi.

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

***Please note** that the 9th May departure operates in the reverse direction from Brindisi to Venice. Full details can be viewed online.



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CROSSROADS OF EMPIRES

A journey through the Adriatic & Aegean aboard the MS Monet

19th to 31st May 2023

For thousands of years southeastern Europe has been a crossroads of empires. Greeks, Persians, Romans, Byzantines and Ottomans all left their mark on the culture, philosophy, art and architecture of this region. In more recent times, some of the countries that occupy this strategic part of Europe have been at the centre of conflict as world powers continue to contend for influence and control. We invite you to join us on this voyage from Venice to Athens to explore this fascinating corner of the world as we sail through turquoise waters, admire rugged landscapes and visit some of the region's greatest sites.

This is not an itinerary that a large cruise ship could operate but one that is ideal for the 50-passenger MS Monet. The month of May when days are warming but the summer crowds have yet to arrive, is an ideal time to experience the beauty and charm of Venice, picturesque Slovenia, the wonderfully preserved Medieval town of Korcula, and Montenegro's walled fortress town of Kotor along the Dalmatian coast. It is also a perfect time to explore some of the fascinating ancient sites in the region including Diocletian's Palace in Split, the UNESCO World Heritage site of Butrint, Albania, whose ruins span some 2,500 years and the ancient Sanctuary of Apollo in Delphi, Greece. Finally, ensure you are on deck to take in the dramatic views as we sail through the remarkable Corinth Canal, a fitting end to this memorable voyage.

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 and knowledgeable Guest Speaker. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey has much to offer.



Grand Canal, Venice



Piran



Roman amphitheatre, Pula



Castle of Miramare, Trieste



Split

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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 will explore with our local guides.

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Gulf of Kotor



Corfu town



Butrint, Albania

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Day 8 Durres & Tirana, Albania.

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

Day 9 Sarande for Butrint. Spend a relaxing morning at sea before arriving into Sarande which 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 and this evening we sail the short distance to Corfu where we moor overnight.

Day 10 Corfu, Greece. Today we explore 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 is free to explore Corfu Town at your own pace.

Day 11 Preveza for Nikopolis.

Sail to the Greek mainland and 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. After lunch on board there will be a few hours to explore this pretty yacht lined, harbour town before we sail in the late afternoon.

Day 12 Delphi & Corinth Canal.

From our berth in Itea 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 5000 seat theatre dating from the 4th century BC. Be on deck 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. Later we arrive into the port of Piraeus and moor overnight.

Day 13 Athens to London.

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

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