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SPRING IN ANTIQUITY

A PASSAGE FROM CYPRUS TO THE TURQUOISE COAST
& THE ISLANDS OF THE AEGEAN ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

21ST MARCH TO 1ST APRIL 2022



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Temple of Aphaia, Aegina

Come with us on a relaxing and informative voyage through some of the most historic and scenically beautiful places in Turkey and Greece. After many years of experience of operating cruises in the region, we believe we have the perfectly balanced itinerary with a mix of guided excursions and time at leisure to discover the charming towns independently. Sailing in March means we have the added benefit of pleasant temperatures and crowd free sites which make spring a lovely time to explore this corner of antiquity.

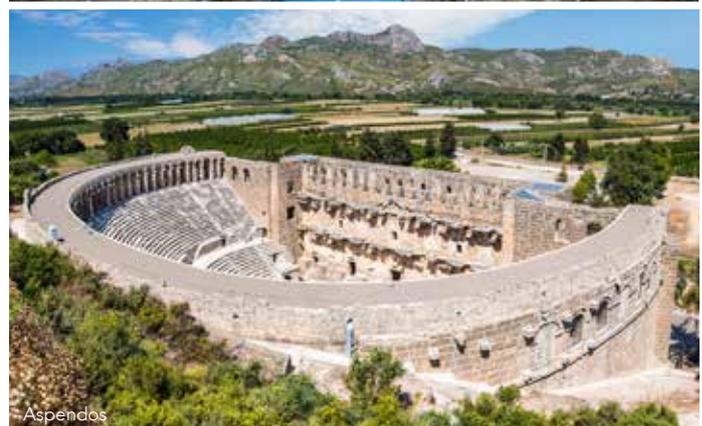


We begin our voyage in the Cypriot port of Limassol from where we visit the Temple of Apollo and the ruins of Kourion with its Greco-Roman Theatre before continuing to Turkey's Turquoise Coast, an astoundingly beautiful stretch of azure coastline backed by the luscious, forested hills. Here we will discover several ancient sites including Side, Perge, the Amphitheatre of Aspendos and the ancient city of Kaunos with its famous Lycian rock tombs of the kings. Sailing on to Greece, we will explore the Aegean in some depth visiting charming islands, delightful towns, sleepy villages and some truly fascinating sites. We will spend time on the island of Patmos where we will visit the grotto of St John and from the delightful port of Nafplio we visit Epidaurus, famed as a place of miraculous healing. Also see the Temple of Poseidon and the Temple of Aphaia, two of the major monuments of the Golden Age of Athens.

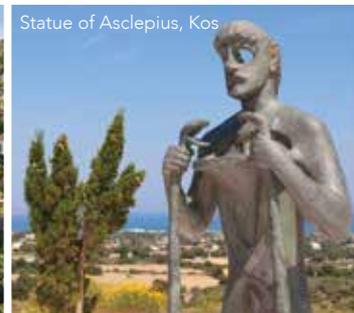
In the company of just 100 or so fellow travellers, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with local guides, adding immeasurably to our knowledge of the region. Whether you are interested in ancient historical sites, discovering new places and islands, or simply enjoy cruising through beautiful regions aboard a small ship, our exploration of the Turquoise Coast and the islands of the Aegean has something for everyone.



Hadrian's Gate in old city of Antalya



Aspendos



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Limassol, Cyprus.

Fly by scheduled flight to Larnaca. On arrival transfer to the MS Island Sky in Limassol and embark. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Limassol. A morning tour will include the Temple of Apollo, one of the main religious centres of ancient Cyprus where Apollo was worshipped as God of the Woodlands. It seems that the worship of Apollo on this site began as early as the 8th century BC and continued until the 4th century AD. We will continue to the ruins of Kourion, a city built in 1200 BC. Of particular interest are the public baths, the necropolis, the Fountain House, House of Gladiators and House of Achilles. The most spectacular site at Kourion is the Greco-Roman Theatre that has been completely restored and is used today for open-air musical and theatrical performances. Return to the ship for lunch and maybe take in a lecture on board as we spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 3 Alanya, Turkey. Arriving in Turkey this morning we drive through Alanya with views of the Taurus Mountains in the east, and then westwards towards Incekum. We will pass citrus and banana plantations along the way and visit Damlatas Cave which is a masterpiece of nature, known for its curative effect on asthma. Drive along the beautiful Turkish Riviera towards the ancient city of Side which was one of the

leading Pamphylian cities on the south coast of Anatolia. Visit the Grand Theatre, a perfect example of a Roman theatre built on vaults on flat land. Walk through the town, view the old harbour and see the remains of the Apollo Temple. After lunch on board enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore the town of Alanya with its Medieval fort.

Day 4 Antalya. Over breakfast we will arrive in Antalya from where we explore the principal Roman ruins along Turkey's southern coast. We pass the modern city of Antalya en-route to the ancient city of Perge which dates back to 1000 BC and was founded by Mopsus and Calchas after their retreat from Troy. See the Basilica of Perge, which played an important role in the spread of Christianity, the 2nd century AD stadium, the baths complex and two magnificent round towers of the Greek Gate. We drive further east for a visit to Aspendos, whose amphitheatre built in the 2nd century AD is considered the best preserved in the Mediterranean. After lunch in a local restaurant continue to Antalya to visit the excellent Archaeological Museum.

Day 5 Marmaris. Spend the morning cruising arriving into Marmaris over lunch. This afternoon we will drive inland to Kaunos which was a city of ancient Caria and said to have been founded by Kaunos, son of Miletos and Kyane. Located at the foot of Mount Tarbelos, its acropolis was

called Imbros and it exported highly prized figs chiefly to Rome. It was the home of the painter Protogenes and was a member of the Chrysaorian League. The ruins of the city are near Dalyan, on the right bank of the ancient Kalbis (Dalyan River) and include a theatre, a large rectangular building that may have been a temple, a Roman bath, a Byzantine church, and rock-hewn tombs. Accessible only by river we will take local boats to the site.

Day 6 Rhodes, Greece. Our first call in Greece is the island of Rhodes from where we visit the ancient Acropolis of Lindos. From here the views of the Pelagus and St Paul's Bay, where the apostle anchored during his voyage to Ephesus, are stunning. The Medieval walls which guard Lindos were constructed by the Knights of St John. This afternoon there will be the opportunity to relax on board, explore at leisure or join a guided walk through Rhodes Town before sailing in the late evening.

Day 7 Kos. According to myth, Kos was the homeland of the Giants. The island has given to the world Hippocrates, father of medicine, Pythagoras, and the 4th century painter Apelles. We will drive the short distance to the Asklepon, the infirmary of Antiquity, which was constructed in the 4th century BC. Among the ruins are part of the Doric temple, the altar and the Stoa which housed the famous Hippocrates Medical School. After lunch on board

you have the afternoon to explore Kos Town at your own pace, maybe head to the once impregnable Castle of the Knights, the 3rd century BC Agora, see the museum housing fine mosaics or simply relax at one of the cafes in the squares.

Day 8 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 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. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala at your own pace.

Day 9 Syros & Paros. We arrive in the Cyclades and the island of 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. We take a walk in the town of Ermoupolis, the capital of the Cyclades. The prosperity of the island in the 19th and early 20th century created through commerce



and shipping is reflected in the architecture with a beautiful square, town hall and theatre. Overlooking Ermoupolis stands the hill-top Ano Syros, the original Medieval district with narrow lanes and white washed houses. In the early afternoon we arrive at the island of Paros, famed for the marble that is drawn from the island's interior and used in the Venus de Milo statue. We moor at Parikia, a beautiful village of whitewashed houses and labyrinthine streets. Explore the 4th century Panagia Ekatonpalyiani, one of the finest churches in the Cyclades and the fine Byzantine Museum, housing icons from the churches and monasteries of the island.

Day 10 Nafplio & Epidaurus.

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 Asclepius, 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 except for 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.

Day 11 Aegina & Lavrion. Sail this morning into Aegina which, from 1827 to 1829, served as the temporary capital of the newly formed Greek state. Here we see the Temple of Aphaia which is one of the major monuments of the Golden Age of Athens and one of the "sacred triangle" of temples alongside the Parthenon in Athens and the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion. Explore the site before we wander the narrow alleys and Neoclassical buildings of the harbour town. Sail over lunch to Lavrion from where it is a short drive to Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon. Also see the Temple of Athena and a fortress built in 413 BC during the Peloponnesian War against the Spartans.

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



PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£5295	£4995
Columbus	Superior	£5495	£5195
Marco Polo	Premium	£5795	£5495
Marco Polo	Corner	£6295	£5995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£6595	£6295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£6995	£6695
Explorer	Island Suite	£7895	£7595
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£5295	£4995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£5495	£5195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 11 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



Deluxe Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean Sky. Both vessels were built in the same shipyard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them two of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.

Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities and quick access to the deck. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, dressing table and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD/CD player and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

Your Dining

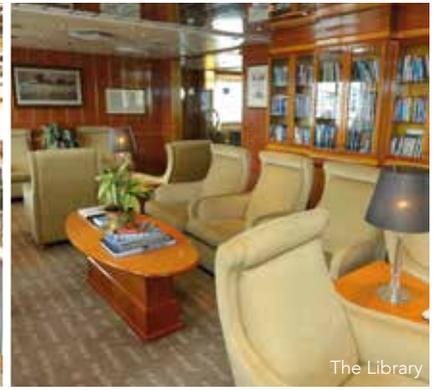
With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants at your leisure; whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers in the elegant à la carte Restaurant or outside buffet-style on the Lido Deck in the evening sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. The Welcome and Farewell dinners are a sumptuous five course affair. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.



Superior Suite



The Club



The Library

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Columbus Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Marco Polo Deck which features the main bar. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Columbus Deck is the Library. Well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads, you will not find yourself short of excellent literature on board. A collection of games as well as devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can also be found in the Library. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (*signal strength varies depending on location and demand*). The main Restaurant, which can seat all guests at one sitting, is located on the Magellan Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck there is an observation area ideal for spotting wildlife, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship giving outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

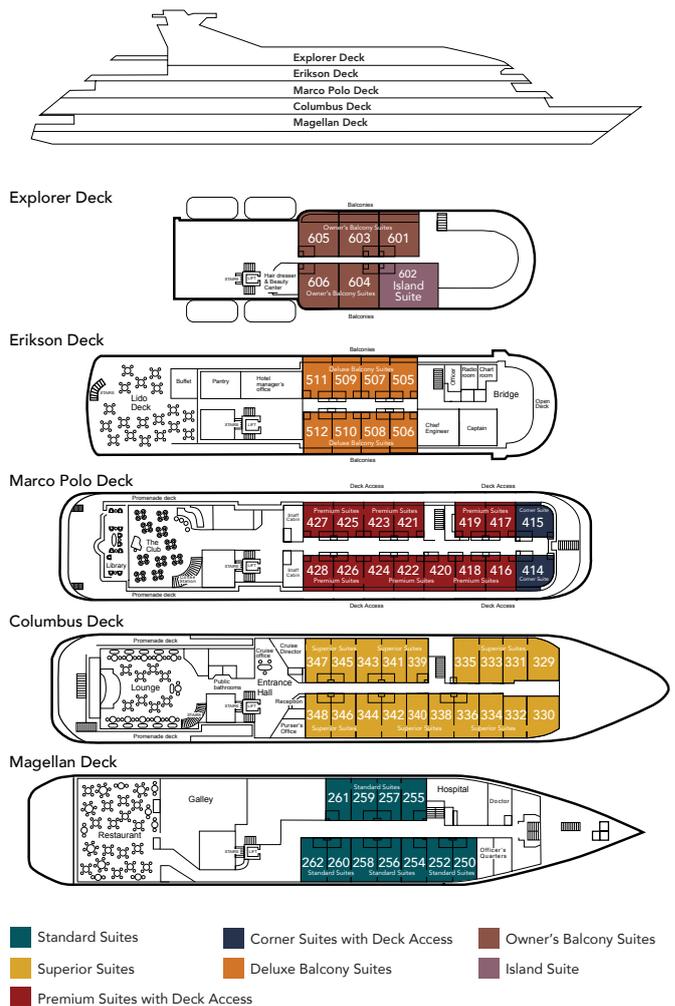
Your Comfort

The MS Island Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilisers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks. When at anchor our nimble Zodiacs will ferry you ashore or, on select cruises, enjoy Zodiac cruises getting you closer to the natural world.

Your Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers and our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our Captains are experienced mariners. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship where peace, high quality of service and attention to detail are the order of the day. A little music in the Lounge after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



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