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# WONDERS OF ANTIQUITY

A voyage from Cyprus to Cairo aboard the MS Monet

13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Exploring by small ship allows us to incorporate a heady mix of fascinating places with ease into this eight night cruise from the ancient sites of Cyprus to the biblical landmarks of Israel and the ancient wonders of Cairo. Sailing in October means we have the benefit of gentle temperatures and crowd free sites which make it a lovely month to explore this corner of antiquity. Dotted with ancient temples, archaeological sites and Byzantine churches, Cyprus is a land steeped in ancient mythology with a fascinating history, compelling culture and lifestyle and Israel offers a plethora of renowned landmarks including an extraordinary collection of classical and Biblical sites.

Our voyage begins in the Cypriot port of Limassol from where we will visit the Temple of Apollo and the ruins of Kourion with its Greco-Roman Theatre and lovely coastal views. We continue to Israel for five days of exploration visiting the biblical cities of Acre, Nazareth and Jerusalem and discovering the ancient ruins in coastal Caesarea and Capernaum's ancient synagogue on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here the layers of architectural and archaeological heritage come to life from the Canaanites, Egyptians, Assyrians and Babylonians to the Romans, Crusaders and Ottomans and no matter what your faith and beliefs, this land of antiquity offers an insight into a past and the greatest stories that have influenced the course of Western civilisation. After our comprehensive exploration of the Holy Land we sail for Egypt where we disembark and transfer to Cairo for an overnight stay and the opportunity to see the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and visit the magnificent Egyptian Museum.

With the comfortable MS Monet as our base and in the company of just 50 fellow guests, our trips ashore will be a pleasure and with the aid of our knowledgeable local guides and excellent Guest Speaker, we will learn of some fascinating civilisations.

## The Itinerary

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

**Day 2 Limassol.** Our 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. The afternoon is free for independent exploration before we sail this evening.

**Days 3 to 5 Haifa, Israel.** After a morning at sea we arrive in Israel and the northern port of Haifa, our base for two and a half days of exploration. During our time here we will visit Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus. Called the City of Annunciation, Nazareth is revered as the spot where the Angel Gabriel appeared before Mary to tell her she was to bear the Son of God. Enjoy panoramic views of the city and visit the Church of the Annunciation, which is built where Mary is said to have lived. There will also be the opportunity to visit the shores of the Sea of Galilee where we find Capernaum's ancient synagogue and Peter's House before stopping in Tabgha, home to the Church of the Multiplication





of Loaves and Leaves, with its 5th century mosaic floor. We will drive up Mount Carmel for a breathtaking view over the bay from the top of the city's famous Bahai Gardens. We also plan to visit Acre, one of the oldest continuously inhabited sites of the region and once the chief port of the Crusaders. Visit the underground city seeing the Crusader halls, crypt and tunnels used as a secret route to the port. Also visit the bazaar and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kahn El Umdan (Inn of the Columns), one of the best-preserved caravanserais in Israel. The last option is to drive to Caesarea – the impressive ruins rest on the coast halfway between Haifa and Tel Aviv. This grand ancient city and harbour were built by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC and reigned capital over its region for almost 600 years. Named after the Roman Caesar Augustus, it had all the amenities of a splendid Roman city: baths, a hippodrome, a theatre and an aqueduct and we can explore the remains in the archaeological park.

**Days 6 to 8 Ashdod.** Having sailed to Ashdod we spend the next two and a half days exploring the south of Israel. Drive inland to Jerusalem including a visit to the Mount of Olives from where we can enjoy spectacular views over the 'Golden City' of Jerusalem. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk through the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent the last moments before his arrest. Wander the streets of the Old City from Jaffa Gate to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and continue through the Christian Quarter to the bazaar, passing the Roman Cardo in the Jewish Quarter and the Western (or Wailing) Wall. See Jaffa, the ancient port city from which Tel Aviv developed. Famous for its association with the biblical stories of Jonah, Solomon and St Peter, it has a fascinating history stretching back over four thousand years. We will explore the highlights including the Clock Tower, Flea Market and the renovated alleys and buildings of the city. Another full day excursion takes us to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Masada and the Dead Sea. Visit the Masada Fortress, located a little to the north of ancient Sodom. The mountain fortress of Masada looms high above the Dead Sea's desolate landscape and is often described as the most spectacular archaeological site in Israel. Among the fascinating sights you will see are the casement wall, the bathhouse, the magnificent three-tiered Northern Palace, the synagogue, the Western Palace, the Roman ramp and siege camps. Following lunch we transfer to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, where you have the opportunity to take an "unsinkable" dip in its salty waters.

**Day 9 Port Said & Cairo, Egypt.** Disembark this morning and drive to Cairo where we visit the impressive Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, the only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the tombs of the great Pharaohs and their queens. Continue to the Grand Egyptian Museum. This complex is a cultural hub and includes one of the largest museums in the world displaying the heritage of a single civilisation. The museum contains over 50,000 artefacts reflecting Egypt's past from prehistory until the Greek and Roman periods. As you enter the museum, you cannot miss the colossal statue of King Ramses II, nor the 87 huge

royal artefacts exhibited at the grand stairs. These stairs lead up to an impressive 28 metre high glass facade overlooking the pyramids of Giza. The museum also hosts over 5,000 artefacts from the tomb of the golden Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Later this afternoon we transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay and the remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening.

**Day 10 Cairo to London.** After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London.



## 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	£3695	£3495
C	Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck	£3995	£3795
B	Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck	£4395	£4195
A	Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck	£4795	£4595
D	Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use	£4995	£4795

**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 & dinner • Overnight hotel accommodation in Cairo with breakfast • Lunch & dinner on day 9 • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Egyptian visa.



Category A Cabin - 309



MS Monet



Restaurant

## MS MONET

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Monet, a 220 foot motor yacht accommodating a maximum of just 50 guests, for a series of cruises in the Mediterranean for 2022. 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.

### 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.

### Life On Board

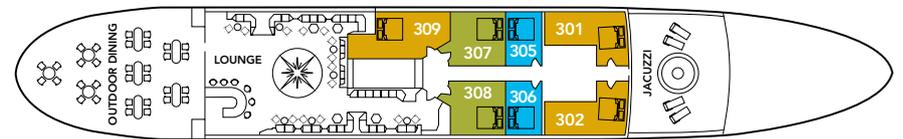
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, relaxing in a comfortable chair with a good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



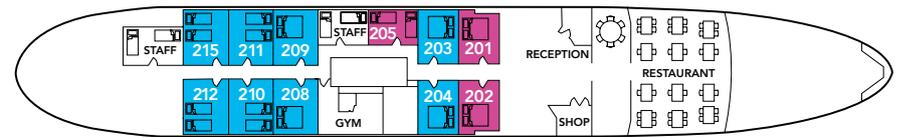
Lumiere Open Deck

### DECK PLAN

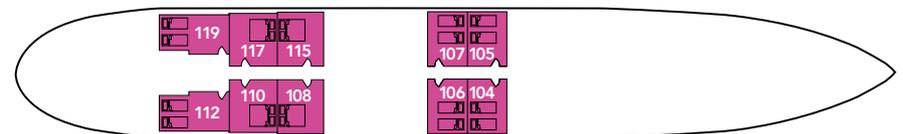
#### LUMIERE DECK



#### PARISIAN DECK



#### CAMILLE DECK



■ CATEGORY A
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