# VARIETY CRUISES

# SMALL IS INTIMATE, SMALL IS TAILOR-MADE & GETS YOU EVERYWHERE! SEA OUR WORLD...





# OUR FAMILY TRADITION

Dear Fellow Explorer,

I like to think of time as life's architectural plan and the moments that comprise it as the bricks that tie it all together. So, I would like to thank you for taking the time to explore our story and heritage, for time is undeniably our greatest gift.

As you flip through this book, scroll down the pages of our website, look up a fellow traveler's review, or as you happen to overhear someone talking about one of our small ship cruise experiences... you will already have embarked upon your journey with Variety Cruises; for the journey has already begun. As you try to understand more about the cruise options, the services, the people, the yachts, and the destinations we serve... you will find yourself deeper into the journey. And as you walk up the gangplank and shake the hand of our Captain who's welcoming you aboard your yacht... you will have arrived!

In 1949 my father, Diogenis Venetopoulos, had a vision of a journey that would combine enriching oneself educationally and exploring the true identity of a destination, while enjoying the plush comforts and unique advantages of a small wooden ship sailing the seas. My father has long since passed, yet his vision and passion live on with me and -I believe and hope- shall continue to do so for generations to come, as I stand here showing the ropes to my own children. This is the Variety Cruises heritage and just like a grandmother's secret recipe passed down from generation to generation, we look forward to sharing with you an authentic Variety Cruise experience.

Today we have grown to eleven steel hulled state-of-the-art SOLAS safety certified yachts, each uniquely designed and crafted to create one-of-a-kind identities, hosting no more than 74 guests on the largest of them. Our yachts currently serve specially selected itineraries worldwide, including ones in Greece, the Canary Islands, the Adriatic Sea, Cape Verde, the Seychelles, Costa Rica & Panama, Cuba, Spain & Portugal, Iceland, the Dalmatian Coast & Montenegro. We are proud to have been recently voted -by fellow travelers just like you- the number one boutique cruise line worldwide by USA TODAY. This, along with being named the Best Small Ship Cruise Line in Greece by Conde Nast and Top Small Ship Cruise Line by CruiseCritic, as well as our successful partnerships with organizations such as National Geographic, the Grand Prix, and the Olympic Games, make us feel confident that we are on the right track.

Yet, we sometimes still like to think of ourselves as a small wooden ship sailing the seas...

Welcome to our family tradition!

Lakis D. Venetopoulos President of Variety Cruises





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# RETROSPECTIVE

dife and travel are pusses made up stories. Stories we hear stories we see, and most importantly stories tell we Our story began when any father observed the cogenis alegean. Sea as it whispered pleading to be discoursed shared with the world our story has grow and Since 1949 voices that we share it with The have spread aroug the work through continents and generations. The one thing that keeps it all together and that since has tradition is ... become our family the Sea! Let the sea be your quide auns DENETOTONTO.

1. 1949 Diogenis Venetopoulos launches Zeus Tours Company 2. 1973 Zeus Tours introduces the weekly scheduled cruise concept on an 18-cabin motor sailer 3. 1978 Dimitris Vassilakis established Hellas Yachts Group 4. 1978 Zeus Tours is taken over by Lakis Venetopoulos and is renamed Zeus Tours & Yacht Cruises 5. 1990 Zeus Group operates 5 fully owned vessels 6. 1993 Launch of M/S Panorama by Hellas Yachts 7. 1995 Launch of M/S Galileo by Zeus Tours Group 8. 1996 Zeus Tours operates the first ever non-Greek cruise, embarking in the Seychelles 9. 2001 Launch of M/Y Harmony G by Zeus Group 10. 2004 Launch of M/S Panorama II by Hellas Yachts Group 11. 2005 Zeus Tours and Hellas Yachts merge and Variety Cruises is founded 12. 2006 Variety Cruises adds the M/Y Pegasus to the fleet 13. 2009 The M/Y Harmony V is added to fleet 14. 2012 Launch of flagship M/Y Variety Voyager 15. 2015 2015 Acquisition and addition of M/Y Callisto to fleet





# VARIETY CRUISES SFACIR WORLD FEEL AT HOME AT SEA...

Variety Cruises World is a lifestyle brand of boutique yachts offering enriching journeys at Sea, since 1949.

Our mission is to offer travelers a vessel at sea where they can **discover the world** on board our floating homes.

**Our Philosophy** is that since oceans cover over **71%** of our Earth, the world at large remains undiscovered until it is explored at Sea. **Variety Cruises World** reveals the planet's wonders one day at a time, offering unique 360° views wherever our anchors drop. **Our Story began in 1949** when a historian by the name Diogenis Venetopoulos decided to share the heritage and culture of **Greece**, a land whose borders are defined by Sea, by building his first wooden ship Freedom (Ελευθέριος). We hereby invite you to become a part of the New Era, as the torch is passed along to the 3rd Generation.

# **SMALL IS BETTER**

# INTIMATE, TAILOR-MADE & GET'S YOU

# FIND YOUR TRAVEL STYLE

- With the ship of your choice, we vow to give you an unforgettable voyage enchanted by the touch of Greek Philoxenia!
- Our soul of inspiration: a fleet of eleven fully owned boutique floating homes designed by us just for you!
- Indulge your senses aboard one of our sleek Mega Yachts, or experience a slightly more traditional nautical feel aboard our Motor Sailers.
- See the world on-board our 8 mega yachts or our 3 sensational private yachts.
- Whatever your style, see it your way. Select between our tailored exotic voyages or carefully curated European discoveries and last but not least our island hopping explorations!

# SIGNATURE CRUISES

- **Explore** sensational history, culture, cuisine, must-see and seldom seen sights
- **Delve** into the incredible biodiversity of Costa Rica and the Panama, a cruise hosted by an Expert Naturalist
- **Feel** like an intrepid explorer on a voyage through Iceland's myths and legends
- **Embark** on journeys that will transport you back in Ancient Greece and the Byzantium
- **Elevate** your palette in Cape Verde, the Canary Islands, Spain and Portugal.
- Time-travel in the colorful Cuba.
- Venture far in oceans with no borders, yet stay close & intimate.



# EVERYWHERE!

# TRAVEL WITH A SELECTED FEW

- Voyage on-board one of our floating homes with the unique balance between yourself and your fellow explorers.
- On-board every moment matters you choose how to spend it...
- Write your own story!
- Imagine a week enriched with ultimate possibilities
- Relax alone or mingle with like-minded travel spirits!

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- The Yacht Cruise Experience
- Stay in & dine out!

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# INTRODUCING CALLSTO

# WELCOMING CALLISTO TO OUR FLEET...

# 01 INTRODUCING CALLISTO

our floating castle

The elegant Motor Yacht Callisto recently joined the Variety World fleet and is true to her name. Callisto (/ka'listou/; Greek: Καλλιστώ [kallis'tɔ:]). The name Kalliste (Καλλίστη), "most beautiful", may be recognized as a goddess herself. Re-imagining Callisto as a sea-going goddess was no challenge as her beautiful and old-time classic design allow for the highest standard of accommodation, comfort and safety. You will feel at home from day one as you join the Callisto and are embraced by her daily affirmation of a perfect balance between serene elegance and soft adventure.

# OURNEWS 02 UPCOMING VOYAGE COLLECTIONS...

VENTURE INTO OUR NEW VOYAGE COLLECTIONS UNLOCKING WORLD'S SECRET WONDERS IN SPAIN, PORTUGAL

A NEW ERA OF WONDER

Our home, the world...

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# VARIETY OF PEOPLE ON BOARD... SPECIAL PEOPLE, SPECIAL CRUISES

Patrick DempseyRodrigo RuasCloria Tang Tsz-keiJosie & CharlieJavier Ortega FigueiralPaola Manfredi@ Actor & Race Driver@Viagem Cultural@ Singer - Songwriter@ Travel Bloggers@El Mundo@Vanity Fair

# **04** AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS OF EXCELLENCE





Years in Small Ship Cruising - 90 Ports of Call - 50 Excursions - Sites - 10 Uninhabited Islands - 2 World-Famous Canals -

# **OVER 100 DESTINATIONS**



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13 Countries - 11 boutique yachts - 25 UNESCO World Heritage 98% of Guests experience "Excellent" - 30% Repeat Guests

# OUR VOYAGE CALENDAR

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OUR FLEET	October 2016	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
VARIETY VOYAGER	SOLD OUT REPOSITIONING	Sights & Sounds of Cuba from Havana: <b>26</b>	Sights & Sounds of Cuba from Havana: <b>10, 24</b> from Cienfuegos: <b>3, 17, 31</b>	Sights & Sounds of Cuba from Havana: <i>7, 21</i> from Cienfuegos: <i>14 <sup>SOLD OUT</sup>, 28</i>	Sights & Sounds of Cuba from Havana: 4 sold out, 18 sold out from Cienfuegos: 11 sold out, 25	Sights & Sounds of Cuba from Havana: <i>4, 18</i> from Cienfuegos: <i>11</i>
HARMONY V	Classical Greece from Athens: <b>14, 21</b>	AVAILABLE	Canary Islands from Gran Canaria: <b>24, 31</b> From Tenerife: <b>25</b>	Canary Islands from Gran Canaria: <b>7, 14, 21, 28</b> from Tenerife: <b>1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b>	Canary Islands from Gran Canaria: <i>4, 11, 18, 25</i> from Tenerife: <i>5, 12, 19, 26</i>	Canary Islands from Gran Canaria: <i>4, 11, 18, 25</i> from Tenerife: <i>5, 12, 19, 26</i>
HARMONY G	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
PANORAMA	AVAILABLE	Cape Verde from Praia: <b>20, 27</b>	The Cuban Panorama from Cienfuegos: <b>24</b>	The Cuban Panorama from Cienfuegos: <b>7, 21</b> soup our from Havana: <b>14, 28</b>	The Cuban Panorama from Havana: 11, 25 <sup>sold</sup> out from Cienfuegos: 4 <sup>sold out</sup> , 18	The Cuban Panorama from Havana: <b>11</b> solp out, <b>25</b> from Cienfuegos: <b>4</b> solp out, <b>18</b> solp out
PANORAMA II	The Cuban Panorama from Cienfuegos: <i>1, 15, 29 <sup>sold our</sup></i> from Havana: <i>8, 22</i>	The Cuban Panorama from Cienfuegos: <b>12</b> from Havana: <b>5, 19</b>	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
GALILEO	Jewels of the Cyclades -Athens: <b>1, 8</b> Antiquity to Byzantium - Athens: <b>21, 28</b>	Antiquity to Byzantium from Athens: <b>4</b>	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	Antiquity to Byzantium from Athens: <b>17, 24, 31</b>
PEGASUS	Cruises in the Garden of Eden from Mahe, Seychelles: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Cruises in the Garden of Eden from Mahe, Seychelles: 5, 12, 19 <sup>SOLD OUT</sup> , 26	Cruises in the Garden of Eden from Mahe, Seychelles: 3 <sup>SOLD OUT</sup> , 10, 17, 24, 31	Cruises in the Garden of Eden from Mahe, Seychelles: <b>7, 14, 21, 28</b> <sup>SOLD OUT</sup>	Cruises in the Garden of Eden from Mahe, Seychelles: <b>4, 11, 18, 25</b>	Cruises in the Garden of Eden from Mahe, Seychelles: <b>4, 11, 18 , 25</b>
CALLISTO	Aegean Odyssey: 14, 21 & Classical Greece: <b>7</b>	REPOSITIONING	The Treasures of Costa Rica, Panama & the Canal from Puntarenas: <b>30</b> from Panama City: <b>21</b>	The Treasures of Costa Rica, Panama & the Canal from Puntarenas: <b>17</b> from Panama City: <b>8</b> <sup>SOLD OUT</sup> , <b>26</b>	The Treasures of Costa Rica, Panama & the Canal from Puntarenas: <i>4, 22</i> from Panama City: <i>13</i>	The Treasures of Costa Rica, Panama & the Canal from Puntarenas: <b>12</b> from Panama City: <b>3</b>

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Classical Greece from Athens: <b>21, 28</b>	Classical Greece from Athens: <b>5, 12, 19, 26</b> SOLD OUT	Classical Greece from Athens: <b>2, 9, 16, 23, 30</b>	Classical Greece from Athens: <b>7, 14, 21, 28</b>	Classical Greece from Athens: <i>4, 11, 18, 25</i>	Classical Greece from Athens: <b>1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b>	Classical Greece from Athens: <i>6, 13, 20</i>	AVAILABLE																								
The Cuban Panorama from Havana: <b>8</b> sold out from Cienfuegos:	REPOSITIONING	The Adriatic Odyssey from Dubrovnik, Croatia: <b>11, 25</b>	The Adriatic Odyssey from Dubrovnik, Croatia: <b>2, 16, 23, 30</b>	The Adriatic Odyssey from Dubrovnik, Croatia: <b>13, 20</b>	The Adriatic Odyssey from Dubrovnik, Croatia: <b>3, 17, 24</b>	AVAILABLE	Cape Verde Islands from Praia: <b>13, 20</b>																								
1 sold out, 15 sold out		The Dalmatian Coast & Montenegro: <b>18</b>	The Dalmatian Coast & Montenegro: <b>9</b>	The Dalmatian Coast & Montenegro: <b>6, 27</b>	The Dalmatian Coast & Montenegro: <b>10</b>		13, 20	13, 20																							
REPOSITIONING	NEW Cruises in Spain from Malaga: 20 from Lisbon: 13, 27	NEW Cruises in Spain from Malaga: <i>3, 17</i> from Lisbon: <i>10, 24</i>	NEW Cruises in Spain from Malaga: <i>1, 15, 29</i> from Lisbon: <i>8, 22</i>	NEW Cruises in Spain from Malaga: 12, 26 from Lisbon: 5, 19	NEW Cruises in Spain from Malaga: <i>9, 23</i> from Lisbon: <i>2, 16, 30</i>	NEW Cruises in Spain from Malaga: <b>7, 21</b> from Lisbon: <b>14</b>	REPOSITIONING																								
Antiquity to Byzantium from Athens: <b>7, 14</b>	Jewels of the Cyclades from	Jewels of the Cyclades from	Jewels of the	Jewels of the	Jewels of the Cyclades from	Jewels of the Cyclades from Athens: <b>6, 13</b>	Antiquity to																								
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# Experience time travel in CUBA

From forgotten streets and ancient marine secrets to UNESCO Heritage Sites, experience time travel through the Voyages in Cuba.

# THE CUBAN PANORAMA ON BOARD THE M/S PANORAMA & PANORAMA II

## EXPLORE LANDS THAT TIME HAS FORGOTTEN... YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Cienfuegos • Casilda • Isla de la Juventud • Maria La Gorda • Havana Ship: M/S Panorama & Panorama II Accomodating: Panorama: 49 guests in 24 oceanview cabins / Panorama II: 49 guests in 25 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Saturdays from Cienfuegos to Havana and reverse Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Havana – Ernest Hemingway • Old Havana • Vinales Valley • Maria la Gorda • Trinidad • Cienfuegos • Isla Juventud



# MYY Callisto

## CABINS & PRICES (€) 2016-2017

	_010_011	October 2016	November 2016	December 2016 to March 2017
Cat C	Panorama: Lower Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins Panorama II: Lower Deck, Double bedded cabins	€ 1.400	€ 1.700	€ 2.025
Cat B	Panorama II: Lower Deck, Twin bedded cabins Panorama II: Lower Deck, Twin bedded cabins	€ 1.700	€ 2.000	€ 2.385
Cat A	Panorama: Main or Upper Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins Panorama II: Main or Upper Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins	€ 2.200	€ 2.600	€ 2.835
	Port Charges	€ 360	€ 360	€ 330
Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy				

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# ANCHORS DOWN



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2016		2016	
> October	1, 15	> October	8, 22
> November	12	> November	5, 19
> December	24	2017	
2017		› January	14, 28
› January	7	> February	11
› February	18	> March	25
› April	8*, 22*	> April > May	15*, 29* 6*

CALENDAR

### **REVERSE FROM HAVANA TO CIENFUEGOS**

Day 1, 2, 3: Havana Day 4: Maria la Gorda Day 5: Bay of Singuanea - Juventud Island Day 6: Casilda Day 7: Casilda -Cienfuegos Day 8: Cienfuegos





## ABOUT MY VOYAGE

> Full Board: Buffet breakfast & Lunch & Dinner
> Housewarming Cocktails
> Host/ Cruise Director (\*English Speaking)
> Private BBQ (\*weather permitting)
> Captain's Honor Night
> Shore Excursions (\*optional)
> Visit to UNESCO World Heritage Sites
> Visit to Tobacco farm (\*optional)

#### Important note:

All CUBAN excursions must be PRE-BOOKED and PRE-PAID 20-days prior to embarkation, with no possibility for last-minute notice/participation.

**Note:** This itinerary may be subject to change as a result of weather and other factors not in our control.

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# DAY BY DAY Let the colors be your guide & the music be your navigator

#### Day 1: Saturday - CIENFUEGOS

Transfer by car or minivan from Havana's COHIBA MELIA HOTEL for embarkation in Cienfuegos. Continue to the pier for embarkation of the Panorama, followed by a boat drill and welcome briefing. Late afternoon, we will drive to Trinidad for a walking tour in the evening followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Late at night the ship will sail to Casilda. Overnight at sea to Casilda.

#### Day 2: Sunday – CASILDA -CIENFUEGOS & TRINIDAD

This morning we return to Trinidad for an extensive visit of a city sometimes referred to as the 'Museum City of Cuba'. We walk through the town and then meet with a representative of the Office of the City Historian. Attend a presentation and visit a scale model of the city. We drive to Cienfuegos for lunch and a visit of the "Pearl of the South and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Dinner on board. Sail overnight to Isla de la Juventud.

#### Day 3: Monday – AT SEA

All day sailing. We reach Isla de Juventud late afternoon and anchor in Bay of Singuanea. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 4: Tuesday – ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD

We disembark in the morning and board the bus for the short drive to the capitol city of the island – Nueva Gerona. We visit the "Universidad de la Isla de la Juventud Jesus Montane Oropesa," enjoy panoramic sightseeing and tour the Presidio Modelo, abandoned panopticon prison of Cuba. Stop for lunch in Nueva Gerona before returning to the beach at the Colony Hotel for an afternoon of leisure. Dinner on board. Overnight at sea to Maria la Gorda.

#### Day 5: Wednesday – LAND JOURNEY FROM MARIA LA GORDA TO HAVANA C

Morning arrival in Maria la Gorda. Disembarkation and we leave the ship for a 1 day land tour ending in Havana on Thursday. We will visit Vinales Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the Pinar del Rio Province of Cuba. Visit a tobacco. After lunch at an organic restaurant, we'll visit and organic farm. Our tour will also include Las Terazzas where we will overnight. Overnight in hotel.

#### Day 6: Thursday – HAVANA C

Early in the morning we reach Havana by bus where we rejoin the ship. Walking exploration of Old Havana. We stop at Fusterlandia, studio of artist Jose Rodriguez Fuster. Lunch at one of the restaurants or paladares on shore, followed by a stop at the Merger Art Studio. Here, in an old 1885 warehouse near the pier, you will find wonderful gifts. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, followed by an opportunity to hear some wonderful Cuban music at the "Café Taberna," or similar, salsa music in the style of the Buena Vista Social Club. Return to the ship. Overnight in Sierra Maestra – Havana.

#### Day 7: Friday – HAVANA C

Optional excursion in Havana. Disembark for a visit the University of Havana, followed by a visit to Finca Vigia, beloved home of Ernest Hemingway. Enjoy lunch at another paladar before continuing to a car garage. Short drive back to Havana for an exciting performance from the Havana Compass Dance Troupe. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board. Overnight in Sierra Maestra – Havana.

#### Day 8: Saturday – HAVANA

Disembarkation after breakfast.

# SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CUBA ON BOARD THE M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER



Your cruise at a glance: • Havana • Isla Juventud • Cayo Largo • Trinidad • Cienfuegos Ship: M/Y Variety Voyager Accomodating: 72 guests in 36 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Saturdays from Havana to Cienfuegos and reverse Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Havana – Ernest Hemingway • Old Havana • Isla Juventud • Cayo Largo • Trinidad • Cienfuegos



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2016		2016	
>November	26	> December	3, 17, 31
> December	10, 24	2017	
2017		> January	28
› January	7, 21	> February	25
> March	4, 18	> March	11

## REVERSE FROM CIENFUEGOS TO HAVANA

Day 1: Cienfuegos Day 2: Casilda / Trinidad Day 3: Cayo Largo Day 4: Isla de la Juventud Day 5: Day at Sea Day 6, 7, 8: Havana



## CABINS & PRICES ( $\epsilon$ ) 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck - Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.655
Cat B Lower & Main Deck - Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 3.150
Cat A Main Deck – Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 3.510
Cat P Upper Deck – Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 4.320
Owner's Suite Upper Deck – Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 5.400
Port Charges	€ 390



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Experience time travel from forgotten streets & ancient marine secrets to UNESCO heritage sites

#### Day 1: Saturday – HAVANA C

Embark the Variety Voyager at the Sierra Maestra Port. Alternatively for passengers already in Havana - Optional excursion in Havana including the Plaza de la Revolucion, followed by a visit to Finca Vigia, beloved home of Ernest Hemingway. After lunch in a traditional paladar, we visit a car garage. Enjoy a performance with dancers, musicians and performers of Havana's Compas Dance Group before we continue to the pier for embarkation on the VARIETY VOY-AGER. Overnight in Sierra Maestra - Havana.

Day 2: Sunday – HAVANA C

After breakfast, disembark for another - Optional Havana excursion. Walking exploration of Old Havana. We stop at Fusterlandia, studio of artist Jose Rodriguez Fuster. Lunch will be at another of Cuba's paladares, followed by a stop at the Merger Art Studio before we continue to the San Jose Arts and Crafts Market. Dinner to be enjoyed at the Cafe Taberna or similar. Overnight in Sierra Maestra – Havana.

#### Day 3: Monday - AT SEA

Early morning sailing around Western Cuba for a day at sea toward the Isla de la Juventud. Our Cruise Director and local guide will conduct informative programs and lectures about Cuba and its people. Overnight at sea to Juventud Island - Singuanea Bay

#### Day 4: Tuesday – ISLA JUVENTUD

We reach Isla de Juventud. Enter the Bay of Singuanea and moor in front of the Colony Hotel. After breakfast disembark on the beach and board the bus for an Optional Juventud Island excursion. We drive to the capital city of the island – Nueva Gerona. Visit the Universidad de la Isla de la Juventud Jesus Montane Oropesa, enjoy panoramic sightseeing and tour the Presidio Modelo. We visit Nueva Gerona before returning to ship for a late lunch. Passengers not taking the optional excursion will have free time for enjoying the sea at the Colony Hotel. Overnight at sea to Cayo Largo.

#### Day 5: Wednesday – CAYO LARGO

Disembark in mid-morning ready for our Optional Cayo Largo excursion. We visit the local clinic. Visit the Sea Turtle Breeding Center and Endangered Species Protection program. There will be time for some snorkeling and swimming to explore the coral reef in open sea. Overnight at sea to Casilda /Trinidad.

## Day 6: Thursday – CASILDA -TRINIDAD C

Optional Trinidad excursion. Meet with a representative of the Office of the City. Stop at the Romantic Museum located in the old palace of the Count Brunet. Lunch at a local restaurant. Midafternoon we sail for Cienfuegos. Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Cienfuegos port.

## Day 7: Friday – CIENFUEGOS C

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking for our Optional Cienfuegos excursion. Visit the graphic arts workshop and the Benny More School of Art. A special treat will be a concert by the singers of the Chorus of Cienfuegos, or string quartet. Overnight in port.

### Day 8: Saturday – CIENFUEGOS

Disembark after breakfast and included transfer from Cienfuegos to Havana.

# Unveil the mysteries of ICELAND

From volcanic landscapes of geysers to hot springs, waterfalls, glaciers and black-sand beaches, dive into the mysterious, and beautiful world of Iceland.





# THE ICELANDIC CRUISES ON BOARD THE M/Y CALLISTO

# UNVEIL THE MYSTERIES THAT AWAIT YOU... YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Reykjavik • Heimaey Island • Akranes • Bildudalur • Isafjordur • Siglufjordur • Husavik • Akureyri Ship: M/Y Callisto Accomodating: 34 guests in 17 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Saturdays From Reykjavik To Akureyri, Iceland or reverse Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Eldheimar Geological Museum • Deildartunguhver • Dynjandi • Bolungravik • Herring Museum • Folk Music Center



# ANCHORS DOWN



# $CABINS \& PRICES ( \epsilon)$ 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.070
Cat B Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.340
Cat A Main Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.835
Cat P Main Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 3.060
3rd Person in Cat C	€ 1.449
3rd Person in Cat B	€ 1.638
Port Charges	€ 260

@ Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy

Special Offers Are Available On Request

Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

NOTE: AIRFLIGHTS AND LAND TRANSFERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN RATES

# CALENDAR

From Reykjavik to Akureyri, Iceland			From Akureyri to Reykjavik, Iceland	
Saturday S	ailings in 2017	Saturday S	ailings in 2017	
> June	10, 24	> June	17	
> July	8, 22	> July	1, 15, 29	
> August	5, 19	August	12, 26	
> Septembe	er 2	> Septembe	er 9	

#### REVERSE FROM AKUREYRI TO REYKJAVIK

Day 1: Akureyri Day 2: Akureyri - Husavik Day 3: Husavik - Siglufjordur Day 4: Isafjordur Day 5: Isafjordur - Bildudalur Day 6: Akranes Day 7: Heimaey Westmann Islands Day 8: Reykjavik





> Full-Board: Buffet breakfast & Lunch & Dinner Host/ Cruise Director (\*English speaking)







# DAYBYDAY

Dive into Iceland's mysteries from volcanic landscapes of geysers to hot springs, waterfalls & glaciers

### Day 1: Saturday - REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Embarkation at 3-4 pm. Sailing at 5pm & overnight at sea to Heimaey/ Westmann islands.

#### Day 2: Sunday - HEIMAEY WESTMANN ISLANDS, ICELAND

We reach Heimaey island in the morning, also known as the Pompeii of the north. Optional half excursions to 2 volcanoes and the Eldheimar geological museum. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 3: Monday - AKRANES, ICELAND

In the morning we reach Akranes and disembark for our optional full day excursion to Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful thermal spring, to the Haunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls area. We stop

in Reykholt which was at one time one of the intellectual centers of the island. In the afternoon we rejoin the ship and sail to the west fjords. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 4: Tuesday - BILDUDALUR -ISAFJORDUR, ICELAND

We sail past the latrarbag cliffs. Optional excursion will take us to the Dynjandi waterfall and we will walk around Bildudalur and visit the sea monsters museum. In the afternoon, we cruise around the Westfjords to Isafjordur. Evening arrival in Isafjorfur. Overnight in port.

#### Dav 5: Wednesdav -ISAFJORDUR, ICELAND

Optional excursion to Bolungravik and Osvor town to visit a restored fisherman's hut. Back in town to the maritime museum and walk around the town known for its rich cultural heritage. Afternoon sail to Siglufjordur. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 6: Thursday -SIGLUFJORDUR - HUSAVIK, ICELAND C

Optional walking tour to the herring museum & the folk music center. Late afternoon sail in the Skjafandi Bay and reach Husavik, Europe's capital of whale watching. We will have time to stroll around this charming fishing village and visit the wooden church, the best preserved church in Iceland. Overnight in port.

#### Day 7: Friday - HUSAVIK -AKUREYRI, İCELAND C

Full day optional excursion to Akureyri. You will visit the lake Myvatn, Namarksard and Dimmuborair, all fine examples of the volcanic world. After lunch we continue to Godafoss waterfall - the falls of the gods. We rejoin the Callisto in Akureyri. Overnight in port.

#### Day 8: Saturday - AKUREYRI, ICÉLAND

Disembarkation 6 am-10 am.

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# GLORIES OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL ON BOARD THE M/S PANORAMA II

## DISCOVER VIBRANT CITIES WITH GRAND SOULS YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Granada • Ronda • Gibraltar • Seville • Jerez de la Frontera • Lisbon • Portimao Ship: M/S Panorama II Accomodating: 49 guests in 25 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Saturdays from Malaga, Spain to Lisbon, Potugal or reverse Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Granada • Ronda • the "Rock" Gibraltar • Seville • Jerez de la Frontera • Cadiz • Silves • Monchique



# ANCHORS DOWN



## CABINS & PRICES ( $\in$ ) 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.990
Cat B Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.390
Cat A Main or Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.990
3rd Person in Cat B	€ 1.673
Port Charges	€ 320

*Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy* 

Special Offers Are Available On Request

Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

# CALENDAR

From Malaga – Spain		From Lisbon – Portugal	
Saturday Sailings in 2017		Saturday Sailings in 2017	
> May	20	> May	13, 27
› June	3, 17	> June	10, 24
> July	1, 15, 29	> July	8, 22
> August	12, 26	> August	5, 19
> September	9, 23	September	2, 16, 30
> October	7, 21	> October	14

#### REVERSE FROM LISBON, PORTUGAL TO MALAGA, SPAIN

Day 1: Lisbon Day 2: Portimao Day 3: Cadiz For Seville Day 4: Cadiz For Jerez De La Frontera Day 5: Gibraltar Day 6: Gibraltar - Port Banus For Ronda Day 7: Motril For Granada Day 8: Malaga











# DAYBYDAY

Discover the glories of Spain & Portugal from monuments & architectural jewels to lively old towns

#### Day 1: Saturday – MALAGA 🌑

Embarkation 4 pm - Dinner on board. Overnight in port.

#### Day 2: Sunday – MALAGA -MOTRIL FOR GRANADA

Morning arrival in Motril. Optional full day excursion to Granada. We visit one of the jewels of universal architecture, the Alhambra. Afternoon return to Motril. Overnight at sea to Porto Banus.

#### Day 3: Monday – PORTO BANUS FOR RONDA

Arrival in Porto Banus. Full day optional excursion to Ronda, also famous as the birthplace of modern bullfighting. Late in the afternoon visit Marbella, one of the most cosmopolitan European ports. Overnight in port.

## Day 4: Tuesday – PORTO BANUS - GIBRALTAR

Morning arrival in Gibraltar. Optional half day excursion in the "Rock". We reach the Cable Car Base Station, taking us to the summit of Gibraltar for a breathtaking view. Return to your yacht or stay out in the town and make your own arrangements for returning to the yacht. Overnight at sea to Cadiz.

# Day 5: Wednesday – CADIZ FOR SEVILLE C

We drive inland for our full day optional excursion to Seville. Optional excursion to the Cathedral, the Alcazar Palace and its Andalusian gardens, the Maria Luisa Park and the district of Santa Cruz. Late in the evening we return to Cadiz. Overnight in port.

#### Day 6: Thursday – CADIZ FOR JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA

Optional excursion to Jerez de la Frontera, famous for its wines, horse breeding and flamenco. See the Alcazar, the cathedral and a "ganadería", where bulls are raised to take part in bull fighting. Lunch on board and afternoon optional guided tour of Cadiz and Sanlucar de Barrameda. Then to Sanlucar de Barrameda to visit a wine cellar renowned for its production of "Manzanilla". Late afternoon return to ship. Overnight at sea to Portimao – Portugal.

#### Day 7: Friday – PORTIMAO

Optional half day excursion to Silves. Browse the historic exhibits at the Museu Arqueológico. We travel to the picturesque city of Monchique nested between two hills. Walk through its cobbled streets with small doorways housing various artisan trades. Return to Portimao. Early afternoon sail to Lisbon.

## Day 8: Saturday – LISBON

Disembarkation 7 to 10 am.

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# Wander into the MEDITERRANEAN

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From serene secluded coves to cultural and artistic seaside hubs, unearth the beauty of Greece.



# CLASSICAL GREECE ON BOARD THE M/Y HARMONY G

# UNVEIL ANCIENT LANDS, MYSTERIES AND ISLAND TALES YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Cape Sounio • Kea • Delos • Mykonos • Santorini • Crete • Kythira • Monemvasia • Nafplion • Hydra Ship: M/Y Harmony G Accomodating: 44 guests in 21 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Fridays from Marina Zea, Athens Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Delos • Santorini • Knossos, Crete • Mycenae





# ANCHORS DOWN



## CABINS & PRICES ( $\in$ ) 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.115
Cat B Main Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.592,5
Cat A Main Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.966,5
Cat P Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 3.306,5
3rd Person in Cat C	€ 1.398,3
Port Charges	€ 245





Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy









# DAYBYDAY

Unveil the mystery from ancient lands to spiritual centers of gravity

### Day 1: Friday – ATHENS - KEA

2-3 pm embarkation from Marina Zea, depart via Cape Sounion to Kea. Time at leisure to explore Kea's tiny port, Korrisia after dinner. Early departure for Delos. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 2: Saturday – DELOS – MYKONOS C

Optional morning tour to the unique archaeological site of Delos, antiquity's most sacred island. On to the port of Mykonos, with a swim stop on the way. Free afternoon and evening to enjoy the island's cosmopolitan lifestyle. Overnight in Mykonos.

### Day 3: Sunday – SANTORINI

Noon arrival in Santorini (anchorage at Fira). Experience the stunning natural scenery of the volcanic caldera. Optional tour to archaeological sites and typical villages with unique views over the Aegean Sea. Overnight sailing to Crete.

#### Day 4: Monday – RETHYMNON, CRETE

Morning arrival at Crete's famous and lively port of Rethymnon. Optional tour to the ancient city of Knossos near Heraklion. Late departure for Kythira. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 5: Tuesday – KYTHIRA C

Late morning swim stop and afternoon arrival to Kythira, a less known island gem now fast becoming a favourite among visitors to Greece. Evening at leisure to visit the picturesque main town of Chora and experience the subdued charms of this peaceful island. Overnight in Kithyra.

### Day 6: Wednesday – MONEMVASIA - NAFPLION C

Early morning sailing to Monemvasia. Discover a remarkable medieval fortified town, with time at leisure to explore the uniquely preserved Byzantine and Venetian architecture. Depart for Nafplion in the early afternoon, with a swim stop on the way. The old quarter is charming, with narrow streets and characteristic period architecture. Impressive medieval fortifications can be seen in the port and crowning the hills above. Overnight in Nafplion.

#### Day 7: Thursday – NAFPLION -HYDRA C

Optional tour to Mycenae, the powerful walled palace of Agamemnon, the Homeric Achaean king. Early afternoon departure for the islands of Hydra. Time at leisure to explore this picturesque port town. Overnight in port.

#### Day 8: Friday – ATHENS

Departure in the early hours for Marina Zea, Piraeus. Arrival and disembarkation after breakfast.

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# JEWELS OF THE CYCLADES ON BOARD THE M/S GALILEO

## WANDER INTO THE AEGEAN BRIGHT WORLD YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Poros • Poliegos • Folegandros • Santorini • Paros • Antiparos • Delos • Mykonos • Syros • Kythnos Ship: M/S Galileo Accomodating: 49 guests in 25 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Fridays from Marina Zea, Athens Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Santorini • Paros • Delos • Syros



# ANCHORS DOWN



# $CABINS \& PRICES ( \epsilon)$ 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.691,5
Cat B Lower Deck, Flexible bedded Cabins	€ 2.082,5
Cat A Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.592,5
3rd Person in Cat A	€ 1.814,8
Port Charges	€ 245



CALENDAR

\* Star Marked Dates have a Discount of 10%



Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request




- Housewarming Cocktails
   Greek "Philoxenia" Night
- Private BBQ "Meraki" Event (\*weather permitting)
   Captain's Honor Night
- Host/ Cruise Director (\*English speaking)
   Shore Excursions (\*optional)







## DAYBYDAY

Discover magnificence from serene secluded coves to cultural and artistic hubs

#### Day 1: Friday – ATHENS - POROS

Embarkation between 2-3 pm. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your crew and fellow passengers. Sailing and arrival at Poros. Then we set sail for Poliegos. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 2: Saturday – POLIEGOS -FOLEGANDROS C

Morning arrival in Poliegos, a very small island known for its amazing beaches. Morning swim stop followed by a BBQ on deck. Afternoon sailing to Folegandros, one of the most amazing and less known islands in the Aegean Sea. Walk around the town and dine at a traditional Greek taverna. Overnight in Folegandros.

#### Day 3: Sunday – SANTORINI C

Early in the morning sail and arrival at Santorini, (occasionally at an-

chor) to explore its famously unique capital Fira. Optional Excursion to Akrotiri excavations and a tour of the villages including the small beautiful village of Oia known for its breathtaking view over the caldera. Overnight in Santorini.

#### Day 4: Monday – ANTIPAROS -PAROS C

In the morning you will enjoy a swim stop in an enchanting bay of Antiparos. Early noon arrival in Paros. Visit Parikia and the quaint village of Naoussa. Time to have a fun night and show us your dancing skills during our famous Greek Night. Overnight in Paros.

#### Day 5: Tuesday – DELOS -MYKONOS C

Optional morning tour to the unique

archaeological site of Delos, antiquity's most sacred island. Later on, we stop at one of Mykonos beautiful bays for swimming off the ship before sailing into the port of Mykonos. The island of the jet setters is yours to explore and the night is young. Overnight in Mykonos.

#### Day 6: Wednesday – SYROS C

After a morning swim we will arrive in Syros, the capital of the Cycladic islands where you can enjoy one of its beautiful sandy beaches or walk through town and enjoy the unique architecture of the buildings. Overnight in Syros.

#### Day 7: Thursday – KYTHNOS -CAPE SOUNION

In the morning we will arrive in Kythnos to enjoy a swim in Kolones bay and will then set sail for Marina Zea for a late afternoon arrival to the temple of Poseidon, via Cape Sounion. Captain's Farewell Dinner and overnight in Marina Zea.

#### Day 8: Friday – ATHENS

Disembarkation at 8-9 am after breakfast.

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## ANTIQUITY TO BYZANTIUM ON BOARD THE M/S GALILEO

### LET THE ANCIENT MYTHS BE YOUR GUIDE YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Ancient Epidavros • Nafplion • Monemvasia • Gythion • Pylos • Olympia • Delphi • Corinth Canal • Dirou Caves Ship: M/S Galileo Accomodating: 49 guests in 25 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Fridays from Marina Zea, Athens Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Ancient Epidavros • Mycenae • Gythion • Pylos • Olympia • Delphi



## ANCHORS DOWN



 $\begin{array}{c} CABINS \& PRICES ( \boldsymbol{\epsilon} )\\ 2017 \end{array}$ 

	€ LOW SEASON	€ HIGH SEASON
Cat C Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.050	€ 1.400
Cat B Lower Deck, Flexible bedded Cabins	€ 1.390	€ 1.800
Cat A Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.790	€ 2.200
3rd Person Rates in Cat A	€ 1.253	€ 1.540
Port Charges	€ 220	€ 220



Marina Zea, Athens	
Friday Sailings in 20	17
LOW SEASON	
> March	17, 24, 31
November	3, 10
HIGH SEASON	
> April	7, 14
> October	20, 27

**CRUISE DETAILS** 

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Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy
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#### ABOUT MY VOYAGE

> Theme cruise with Expert Guest speaker
> Corinth Canal Crossing
> 4 UNESCO Heritage Sites
> Full-Board: Buffet breakfast & Lunch & Dinner
> Greek "Philoxenia" Night
> Private BBQ "Meraki" Event (\*weather permitting)
> Host / Cruise Director (\*English speaking)
> Shore Excursions (\*optional)

#### Accompanied by... EXPERT GUEST LECTURER

Eugenia Alexiou was born in Athens. She studied Archaeology and Art History in the National University of Athens and hold a Master on Byzantine Art. Her real 'passion' is Prehistoric Aegean civilization since she participated in the excavations on Santorini island, one of the most important sites of Bronze Age and amongst the greatest excavations in Greece.







### DAY BY DAY Find yourself sailing from ancient ruins to old towns and fortified cities

#### Day 1: Friday – ATHENS

Galileo in Monemvassia

Embarkation between 2-3 pm. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your crew and fellow passengers. Sail for Ancient Epidaurus. Evening arrival and dinner on board.

#### Day 2: Saturday – PALAIA EPIDAURUS

Early morning drive to Ancient Epidaurus and optional excursion. Epidaurus was known throughout the Greek world as a healing sanctuary and for its theater, which is once again in use today. Lunch on board and afternoon sailing to Nafplion. Overnight at port.

#### Day 3: Sunday – NAFPLION -MYCENAE

After a short walking tour of Nafplion, drive through the colorful city and the beautiful countryside of Argolis towards Mycenae for an optional excursion. Visit the remains of the ancient city, which Homer calls "rich in gold". Lunch on ship and afternoon sailing to Monemvasia. Overnight sailing to Gythion.

#### Day 4: Monday – GYTHION

Early morning arrival to Gythion. Optional excursion to Mani peninsula, Cape Tenaro and the spectacular Dirou Caves with their stalactites and stalagmites. We drive to nearby Areopolis for a short stroll through the town. Overnight at sea to Pylos.

#### Day 5: Tuesday – PYLOS

We visit Pylos, historical site of naval battles. Optional excursion to Nestor's Palace, before a short trip to the town's archaeological museum with artifacts recovered from the site. Overnight sailing to Katakolon.

#### Day 6: Wednesday – KATAKOLON - OLYMPIA C

Early morning arrival in Katakolon. Optional excursion to Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Following lunch in the town of Olympia, we visit the museum of the History of the Olympic Games of Antiquity. Time at leisure and then travel overland to Patras on the north Corinth. Overnight at Itea.

#### Day 7: Thursday – ITEA -DELPHI

Morning optional excursion to Delphi, one of the most revered sites from the ancient world. We will disembark the ship early this morning and proceed to the ruins complex. We will have a half day to walk around the ruins complex and visit the adjoining museum. Return to the ship and cross the Corinth Canal. Later in the evening we sail to Marina Zea. Overnight in Marina Zea.

#### Day 8: Friday – ATHENS

Disembarkation after breakfast.

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## Sail through the ADRIATIC

From majestic ports to eternal cities and picturesque islands, embrace magnificence in Dalmatia and the Adriatic Coast.



## THE ADRIATIC ODYSSEY: Tales of 4 Countries ON BOARD THE M/S PANORAMA

### ONE SEA, FOUR DIFFERENT CIVILIZATIONS YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Adriatic Sea • Ionian Sea • Croatia • Montenegro • Greece • Albania Ship: M/S Panorama Accomodating: 49 guests in 24 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Sundays from Dubrovnik, Croatia Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Butrint/ Albania • Kotor/ Montenegro • Saranda/ Albania • Corfu/ Greece • Budva/ Montenegro • Korcula/ Croatia



## ANCHORS DOWN



*CABINS & PRICES (€)* 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.845
Cat B Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.070
Cat A Main or Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.610
3rd Person in Cat B	€ 1.449
Port Charges	€ 290

Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy
 Special Offers Are Available On Request
 Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

## CALENDAR

Dubrovnik, Croc	ntia	
Sunday Sailings i	n 2017	
> June	11, 25	
> July	2, 16, 23, 30	
> August	13, 20	
> September	3, 17, 24	











## DAYBYDAY

Embrace history from majestic ports to eternal cities and picturesque islands

#### Day 1: Sunday – DUBROVNIK, CROATIA C

Embarkation between 3 pm and 4 pm. Welcome dinner – Overnight in port.

#### Day 2: Monday – DUBROVNIK -KORCULA ISLAND, CROATIA

Early morning sailing to Korcula, Croatia. Enjoy a refreshing morning swim stop near Korcula \* before arriving at Korcula port in the afternoon. Optional excursion in Korcula Town or in Korcula Town and to LUMBARDA Village for wine tasting. Overnight at sea to Bar, Montenegro.

#### Day 3: Tuesday – BAR (FOR BUDVA) MONTENEGRO

Enjoy a morning swim stop\*. Midday arrival at Bar. Afternoon optional sightseeing excursion to Old Budva and to Cetinje, a museum town. Explore Budva's vast cultural heritage and Venetian architecture. Overnight at sea to Paxi, Greece.

#### Day 4: Wednesday – PAXI, GREECE C

Short stop in Corfu for clearance and continue to Paxos. Sail into a nearby bay for a refreshing swim stop and a BBQ lunch on board. This afternoon arrive in the unique port of Paxos. Overnight in port.

#### Day 5: Thursday – PAXI – CORFU, GREECE

Early morning sailing to Corfu. All day optional excursions to explore Corfu's imperial past, the impressive historic centre declared UNESCO World Heritage site and the byzantine churches, or to take a scenic tour through the lush Corfiot countryside. Overnight in port.

#### Day 6: Friday – CORFU GREECE - SARANDA, ALBANIA

Early morning sailing to the charming town of Saranda. Join the optional excursion to the nearby archaeological site of Butrint. Afternoon sailing to Kotor, Montenegro. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 7: Saturday – KOTOR, MONTENEGRO C

Early morning navigation in the Bay of Kotor, the deepest natural fjord in the Mediterranean. Take a refreshing swim in the bay or join the optional excursion to the medieval Old Town. Overnight in port.

#### Day 8: Sunday – KOTOR, MONTENEGRO – DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Early in the morning sailing to Dubrovnik. Arrival and disembarkation after breakfast.

\* SWIM STOPS IN CROATIA & MON-TENEGRO ARE SUBJECT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES PERMITION

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## THE ADRIATIC ODYSSEY: The Dalmatian Coast & Montenegro ON BOARD THE M/S PANORAMA

## DIVE INTO THE LAND OF MEDIEVAL TREASURES... YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Dubrovnik/ Croatia • Split/ Croatia • Rab/ Croatia • Sibenik/ Croatia • Hvar/ Croatia • Korcula/ Croatia • Kotor/ Montenegro Ship: M/S Panorama Accomodating: 49 guests in 24 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Sundays from Dubrovnik, Croatia Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Split • Rab • Korcula • Sibenik • Hvar • Korcula • Kotor • Trogir • Krka National Park



## ANCHORS DOWN



CABINS & PRICES  $(\epsilon)$ 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.845
Cat B Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.070
Cat A Main or Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.610
3rd Person in Cat B	€ 1.449
Port Charges	€ 290

Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy
 Special Offers Are Available On Request
 Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

## CALENDAR

Dubrovnik, Cro	atia	
Sunday Sailings	in 2017	
> June	18	
> July	9	
> August	6, 27	
September	10	











## DAYBYDAY

Open your eyes as you sail through medieval treasures, stunning fjords, and magical Palaces

#### Day 1: Sunday – DUBROVNIK/ CROATIA

Embarkation 3 - 4 pm. Welcome dinner and evening sailing to Split, Croatia. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 2: Monday – SPLIT/ CROATIA

Morning arrival in Split, Croatia. Enjoy a morning optional walking tour to the city of Split. After lunch on board, optional afternoon excursion to nearby Trogir, starting with a scenic journey along the Dalmatian Coast to this coastal tow. Late afternoon sailing to Rab.

#### Day 3: Tuesday – RAB/ CROATIA

Morning arrival in Rab. Enjoy a morning optional walking tour of Rab. Discover cultural and historical monuments including the Church of Justina, the Church of St. John the Baptist, the Prince's Palace. Later in the afternoon, we sail south passing between the beautiful Kornati Islands to reach Sibenik. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 4: Wednesday – SIBENIK/ CROATIA C

We reach Sibenik through a spectacular fjord. Our optional all day excursion will take us to the Krka National Park home to abundant indigenous flora and fauna, including over 200 bird species, before exploring the seaside city of Primosten and Sibenik old Town – Overnight in port.

#### Day 5: Thursday – SIBENIK -HVAR - KORCULA/ CROATIA C

Early morning sailing and arrival in Hvar. Enjoy a morning optional walking tour to discover the island's Venetian flavor. Early afternoon leisurely sailing to Korcula. Late evening arrival in Korcula and overnight in port.

#### Day 6: Friday – KORCULA/ CROATIA

Enjoy all day optional excursions in Korcula Town and to LUMBARDA Village for wine tasting. Evening sailing and overnight at sea to the coastal town of Kotor in Montenegro.

#### Day 7: Saturday – KOTOR/ MONTENEGRO - DUBROVNIK/ CROATIA C

Early morning navigation in Kotor, the deepest natural fjord in the Mediterranean. Join the optional morning excursion to medieval Old Town. We leave Kotor after lunch and sail through the stunning fjord of Kotor Bay, before we enjoy a refreshing swim\* in the stunning Kotor Bay. Late evening arrival in Dubrovnik- Overnight in port.

#### Day 8: Sunday – DUBROVNIK/ CROATIA

Disembarkation at 9 am after breakfast.

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SWIM STOPS IN CROATIA & MON-TENEGRO ARE SUBJECT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES PERMITION.



# journey deep into the warm shores of CANARY ISLANDS

From the unforgettable Tenerife to National Parks and unique UNESCO sites, there is no end to the beauty of The Canary Islands.



## THE CANARY ISLANDS DISCOVERY ON BOARD THE M/Y HARMONY V

### JOURNEY DEEP INTO THE WARM SHORE... YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Las Palmas • Lanzarote • Tenerife • Fuerteventura • La Gomera • Santa Cruz • Mount Teide • Valle Gran Rey Ship: M/Y Harmony V Accomodating: 49 guests in 25 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Saturdays from Gran Canaria to Gran Canaria & Sundays from South Tenerife to South Tenerife Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Optional Excursions: • Mount Teide • Taburiente National Park • Santa Cruz de la Palma • La Laguna • Lanzarote • Fuerteventura



# Harmony V Dining Room

## ANCHORS DOWN



## CABINS & PRICES (€)

2017

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Cat C Main Deck, Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.790
Cat B Main Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.090
Cat A Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.490
Cat P Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.990
3rd Person Rates in Cat A	€ 1.743
Port Charges	€ 220

@ Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy

Special Offers Are Available On Request

@ Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

## CALENDAR

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Saturday Sc in 2016 & 20	0	Sunday Saili in 2016 & 20	
2016		2016	
> December	24, 31	> December	25
2017		2017	
› January	7, 14, 21, 28	> January	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
>February	4, 11, 18, 25	> February	5, 12, 19, 26
> March	4, 11, 18, 25	> March	5, 12, 19, 26
> April	1		











## DAYBYDAY

There is no end to the beauty of the Canaries from unforgettable Tenerife to unique UNESCO sites

#### Day 1: Saturday – LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA

Embarkation between 2.30 - 4 pm. Welcome drink and evening dinner. Overnight at sea to Los Cristianos.

#### Day 2: Sunday – LOS CRISTIANOS - SOUTH TENERIFE C

Morning arrival in Los Cristianos. Enjoy swimming at nearby beaches or an optional half day excursion to Mount Teide. Visit Cañadas National Park to witness one of the biggest craters in the world. Overnight in port.

#### Day 3: Monday – SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA, LA PALMA

Early morning arrival in Santa Cruz de la Palma. Optional full day excursion to Taburiente National Park. Travel towards the crater itself (weather permitting). Optional walk to the Volcano San Antonio rim. Overnight in Port.

#### Day 4: Tuesday – VALLE GRAN REY, LA GOMERA - SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, TENERIFE

Early morning sailing and arrival in Valle Gran Rey. Optional half day excursion to the village of Rosas, to enjoy a demonstration of the famous Gomera whistling language. Continue to the Garajonay National Park. Evening sailing to Tenerife.

#### Day 5: Wednesday – SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, TENERIFE

Morning arrival in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Optional half day excursion to Santa Cruz and La Laguna, UNESCO Heritage Site. We visit the Town Hall, the Casa de Anchieta, the Palacio de Nava and the Monastery of Santa Catalina de Siena. Evening sailing to Lanzarote. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 6: Thursday – MARINA RUBICON (PLAYA BLANCA), LANZAROTE

Morning arrival in Lanzarote. Optional half day excursion to the El Janubio salt mines and the "Lava Coast". Visit the César Manrique Foundation and continue towards La Geria the Lanzarote wine route, for wine tasting (included in the optional excursion). Overnight in port.

#### Day 7: Friday – CORRALEJO, FUERTEVENTURA ISLAND

Morning arrival in Corralejo Port. Optional half day excursion to Betancuria. We stop in an Aloe Vera factory to learn about its benefits. Afternoon at leisure and the possibility for a swim. Late evening sail to Las Palmas. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 8: Saturday – LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA - GRAN CANARIA ISLAND

Morning arrival - Disembarkation 8 to 9.30 am.

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## Explore volcanic landscapes in CAPE VERDE

From lush and forgotten valleys to cultural capitals and art galleries, discover the true soul of the Islands of Cape Verde Archipelago.



## THE ISLANDS OF CAPE VERDE ARCHIPELAGO ON BOARD THE M/S PANORAMA

### EXPLORE VOLCANIC LANDSCAPES & LUSH VALLEYS YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Praia, Santiago • Fogo • Monte Grosso • San Nicolau • Santo Antao • San Vicente Ship: M/S Panorama Accomodating: 49 guests in 24 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Sundays from Praia, Santiago Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Cidade Velha • Fogo Volcano • San Nicolau & the Gordo Volcano • Santo Antao • Mindelo • San Vincente • Vila Do Maio



## ANCHORS DOWN



CALENDAR

CABINS & PRICES ( $\in$ ) 2016

Cat C Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 1.550
Cat B Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 1.800
Cat A Main or Upper Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 2.200
3rd Person in Cat B	€ 1.260
Port Charges	€ 220

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 Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

#### Praia, Santiago Sunday Sailings in 2016 November 20, 27











## DAYBYDAY

Discover Cape Verde's soul from volcanic landscapes & forgotten valleys to cultural capitals and art galleries

#### Day 1: Sunday – PRAIA, SANTIAGO C

4 pm embarkation from Santiago and its capital Praia, the largest and most African island of the Cape Verde Archipelago. Overnight in port.

#### Day 2: Monday – PRAIA, SANTIAGO

Morning at leisure and lunch on board. Optional afternoon excursion to Cidade Velha, the Old Portuguese capital and the Museum of Maritime History. Late in the evening we will sail to Fogo. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 3: Tuesday – SAN FILIPE, FOGO

Early morning arrival in Fogo, the island of fire due to the dominating sight of the Fogo Volcano. Optional full day excursion to the top of the volcano. You will walk through a landscape of lava and have lunch at the crater's village. Late evening sail to San Nikolau. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 4: Wednesday – TARRA-FAL, SAN NICOLAU

Morning arrival in San Nikolau, a peaceful island with dozens of coffee plantations and friendly residents. Optional full day tour to the Monte Gordo volcano, the nearby forest and the Faja Valley. Enjoy a seafood lunch before visiting the town of Ribeira Brava. Late evening sail to Santo Antao. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 5: Thursday – PORTO NOVO, SANTO ANTAO - MIND-ELO, SAN VICENTE C

Morning arrival in Santo Antao, the greenest of all Cape Verde Islands.

Optional full day excursion to the luxuriant Valley Paul where you will taste the "grogue" the national drink of the Archipelago. Visit the Valley of Ribeira das Patas and discover rock formations coming from lava formations. Evening sailing to Mindelo on the island of San Vicente to enjoy the famous nightlife and possibly a musical event. Overnight in port.

#### Day 6: Friday – MINDELO, SAN VICENTE

Optional walking excursion to visit galleries and discover busy restaurants, musical events that give Mindelo its label of the Cultural Center of the Cape Verde. Overnight at sea to Maio.

#### Day 7: Saturday – MAIO C

Noon arrival in Maio. Our walking

tour of the city of Vila do Maio will include a visit to the huge Baroque church. Afternoon excursion. Overnight in port.

#### Day 8: Sunday – MAIO -SANTIAGO

Morning sailing to Praia, Santiago. Arrival at 09:00. Disembarkation.

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## Leave your compass behind in COSTA RICA & PANAMA

From unforgettable Canals and Milaflores locks to Nature Reserves and tropical forests, unleash your senses in Costa Rica, Panama & the Panama Canal.



## THE TREASURES OF COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL ON BOARD THE M/Y CALLISTO

### LEAVE YOUR COMPASS BEHIND YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • Panama Canal Crossing • Gatun Lake • Manuel Antonio National Park • Curu • Isla Coiba •Granito de Oro • Tortuga, Ship: M/Y Callisto Accomodating: 34 guests in 17 oceanview cabins Embarkation: From Puntarenas Port, Costa Rica to Panama City, Panama or reverse Duration: 10 days / 9 nights

Optional Excursions: • Casa Orquideas • Mogue Embera Reserve • Punta Patino • Curu • Osa Peninsula • Coiba Island • Gatun Lake



### *CABINS & PRICES (€)* 2017

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Cat C Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 2.550
Cat B Lower Deck, Twin bedded Cabins	€ 3.000
Cat A Main Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 3.500
Cat P Main Deck, Twin or Double bedded Cabins	€ 3.950
3rd Person Rates in Cat C	€ 1.785
3rd Person Rates in Cat B	€ 2.100
Port Charges	€ 600

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Special Offers Are Available On Request

Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

## ANCHORS DOWN



## CALENDAR

From Puntar Costa Rica	renas Port,	From Flame Panama	nco Marina,
Sailings in 20	016 & 2017	Sailings in 2	016 & 2017
2016		2016	
> December	30	> December	21
2017		2017	
› January	17	> January	26
› February	4, 22	> February	13
> March	12	> March	3



#### REVERSE ITINERARY FROM PANAMA TO COSTA RICA

Day 1: Flamenco Marina. Panama City Day 2: Gatun Lake Day 3: Flamenco Marina Day 4: Punta Patino Day 5: Granito De Oro Day 6: Coiba Day 7: Golfito-Puerto Jimenez-Golfo Dulce Day 8: Quepos-Playa Biesanz Day 9: Curu-Tortuga Day 10: Tortuga-Puntarenas

#### ABOUT MY VOYAGE

> Full-Board: Buffet breakfast & Lunch & Dinner
> Housewarming Cocktails
> Gatun Lake exploration
> Private BBQ (\*weather permitting)
> Visit to Casa Orquideas flowers sanctuary
> Host/ Cruise Director (\*English speaking)
> Shore Excursions (\*optional)
> Panama Canal Crossing

Mogue Embera Reserve Pana







### DAY BY DAY Unleash your senses from the unforgettable Panama Canal to untouched nature reserves & tropical forests

#### Day 1: PUNTARENAS PORT -CURU, COSTA RICA C

Embarkation 3-4 pm. Sailing and evening arrival in Curu. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 2: CURU - TORTUGA ISLAND, COSTA RICA C

Morning optional walking excursion in the Curu Nature Reserve with the local Rangers and our on board naturalist. Noon arrival in Tortuga for swimming, snorkeling & beach BBQ. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 3: TORTUGA ISLAND -QUEPOS - PLAYA BIESANZ COSTA RICA

Early morning sailing and arrival at Quepos. Transfer to the Manuel Antonio Reserve. Sailing to Playa Biesanz for swimming and tropical evening with dinner and party. Late evening sailing to Golfo Dulce. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 4: PUERTO JIMENEZ - GOLFO DULCE - CASA ORQUIDEAS, COSTA RICA

Optional Osa Peninsula excursion. Enjoy a late lunch while we cross Golfo Dulce towards Casa Orquideas. Optional excursion in the grounds and time to swim at the end of the visit. We sail into Golfito Bay and stop for immigration procedures. Sail to Coiba Island. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 5: ISLA COIBA / GRANITO DE ORO, PANAMA

Morning arrival in Coiba and optional walking exploration exploration of Coiba. Deck barbeque and swimming and snorkeling at Granito de Oro. Afternoon sail to Punta Patino. Overnight at sea.

#### Day 6: PUNTA PATINO -DARRIEN, PANAMA

Afternoon arrival Punta Patino - San

Miguel Gulf. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 7: PUNTA PATINO -DARRIEN, PANAMA

Optional excursion to Punta Patino in the Darrien National park and to the Mogue Embera Reserve. In the evening we sail to Panama City.

#### Day 8: PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

Early morning arrival in Panama City. Optional Panama City excursion. We prepare for an early afternoon canal crossing around 15:00. We cross the Miraflores and the Pedro Miguel Locks to enter the Gatun Lake - Evening at anchor in Gatun Lake.

#### Day 9: GATUN LAKE - PANAMA CANAL, PANAMA

Gatun Lake exploration. Morning Optional excursion to Smithsonian's Institute facility on Barro Colorado Island. Late in the evening we once again exit the Gatun Lake at the Pedro Miguel and Miraflores Locks.

#### Day 10: FLAMENCO MARINA -PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

We exit the Canal at the Miraflores Locks in the early hours of the morning and reach Flamenco Marina in Panama City - Disembarkation 06:00 to 09:30.

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## Propyour anchor in the SEYCHELLES

From mangrove and ancient rain forests to wild life retreats and colonial plantations, allow yourself to be taken away by The Seychelles.



## CRUISES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN ON BOARD THE M/Y PEGASUS

### DROP YOUR ANCHORS INTO THE AZURE SEA YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Your cruise at a glance: • St Anne • Vallee de Mai • Anse Lazio • La Digue • Curieuse • Moyenne • Cousin • Aride • Felicite Ship: M/Y Pegasus Accomodating: 44 guests in 21 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Saturdays from Mahe, Seychelles Duration: 8 days / 7 nights Optional Excursions: • Praslin • La Digue • Aride • Cousin • Curieuse





## ANCHORS DOWN



#### *CABINS & PRICES (€)* 2017

	LOW SEASON €	HIGH SEASON €
Cat C Sun Deck, Twin Beds	€ 1.665	€ 1.845
Cat B Main and Sun Deck - Double or Twin Beds	€ 1.845	€ 2.070
Cat A Main and Upper Deck - Double or Twin Beds	€ 2.250	€ 2.475
3rd Person Rates in Cat A	€ 1.575	€ 1.732,5
Port Charges	€ 330	€ 330

@ Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy

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Dearly Bird Specials Are Available On Request

CALENDAR

From Mahe	, Seychelles		
Saturday Sailings in 2016 & 2017			
HIGH SEASON		LOW SEASON	
2016		2017	
> November	5, 12, 19, 26	> May	27
> December	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	> June	3, 10, 17, 24
2017		> July	29
› January	7, 14, 21, 28	> August	5, 12, 19, 26
> February	4, 11, 18, 25	September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
> March	4, 11, 18, 25		
> April	1, 8, 15, 22, 29		
> May	6, 13, 20		
October	7, 14, 21, 28		
CRUISE DETAILS			

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## DAYBYDAY

Allow yourself to be taken away from ancient rain forests to wild life retreats and colonial plantations

#### Day 1: Saturday – MAHE INTER ISLAND QUAY - ST ANNE

3-4 pm embarkation. Welcome cocktail and safety drill. Sail to nearby St Anne for a refreshing swim stop off the ship. Overnight at anchor near St Anne. Welcome dinner.

#### Day 2: Sunday – ST ANNE ISLAND - CURIEUSE

Early morning sail to Curieuse, home to giant tortoises. Walking excursion with a park guide to the farm, along mangrove forests. Beach barbeque under the trees. In the afternoon enjoy the beach and sea activities. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 3: Monday – CURIEUSE – COUSIN ISLAND - ANSE LAZIO C

Morning sail for Cousin Island. Op-

tional excursion to the Bird Sanctuary. Afternoon arrival in Anse Lazio, one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Time for water sports, snorkeling or optional diving. Evening at anchor.

#### Day 4: Tuesday – ANSE LAZIO - ARIDE - ST PIERRE - BAIE ST ANNE, PRASLIN C

Morning sailing to Aride. Optional excursion to the top of the island for an amazing view. At noon we sail to St Pierre Island for 3 hours of snorkeling and swimming. At sunset we sail into Baie St Anne. Overnight at dock. Creole Night.

#### Day 5: Wednesday – BAIE ST ANNE, PRASLIN -FELICITE - LA DIGUE C

Optional tour to Vallee de Mai. Af-

ternoon sailing to Felicite for snorkelling or optional diving excursion. Evening sailing and arrival to La Digue. Overnight in La Digue.

#### Day 6: Thursday – LA DIGUE -MOYENNE ISLAND C

Half day excursion in La Digue. Optional excursion by bus to the Veuve Nature Reserve and through Union Plantation to I' Anse Source d' Argent beach. Tour of the Copra Kiln, traditional coconut oil mill. Time at Anse Source D'Argent beach and souvenir hunting at La Passe. Late afternoon sailing and arrival in Moyenne. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 7: Friday – MOYENNE ISLAND - MAHE, INTER ISLAND QUAY C

Enjoy swimming and beach bar-

beque on the island. We reach the Inter Island Quay – Mahe. Captain's farewell dinner with live music and dancing. Overnight in Mahe.

#### Day 8: Saturday – MAHE (VICTORIA)

Disembarkation 9 -10 am.

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## MINI CRUISES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN ON BOARD THE M/Y PEGASUS

## **5 - DAY ITINERARY**





## ANCHORS DOWN

#### Day 1: Saturday – MAHE INTER ISLAND QUAY -ST ANNE ISLAND

Embarkation 3-4 pm. Welcome cocktail and safety drill, we sail to nearby St Anne for a refreshing swim stop off the ship. Overnight at anchor near St Anne. Welcome dinner.

#### Day 2: Sunday – ST ANNE ISLAND – CU-RIEUSE C

Morning sailing to Curieuse. Our walking excursion with a park guide will bring us to the farm, along mangrove forests. We return to the beach for a barbeque under the trees. In the afternoon enjoy the beach and sea activities. Overnight at anchor.

#### Day 3: Monday – CURIEUSE - COUSIN IS-LAND - ANSE LAZIO C

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Morning sail for Cousin. Excursion to the Bird Sanctuary which is in the care Bird Life International. Afternoon sail to Anse Lazio. Time for water sports, snorkeling or optional diving. Evening at anchor.

#### Day 4: Tuesday – ANSE LAZIO – ARIDE - ST PIERRE - BAIE ST ANNE, PRASLIN C

Morning sailing to Aride. Our excursion will take you to the top of the island for an amazing view of the island. At noon we sail for St Pierre and after lunch enjoy 3 hours of snorkeling and swimming stop. We leave for Baie St Anne. Overnight at dock. Creole Night.

#### Day 5: Wednesday – BAIE ST ANNE, PRASLIN

Disembarkation 9-10 am.

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## CALENDAR

From Mahe, Seychelles			
Saturday Sailings in 2016 & 2017			
HIGH SEASON		LOW SEASON	
2016		2017	
November	5, 12, 19, 26	> May	27
> December	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	> June	3, 10, 17, 24
2017		> July	29
> January	7, 14, 21, 28	>August	5, 12, 19, 26
› February	4, 11, 18, 25	September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
> March	4, 11, 18, 25		
> April	1, 8, 15, 22, 29		
> May	6, 13, 20		
October	7, 14, 21, 28		

#### CABINS & PRICES (€) 2017 LOW SEASON € HIGH SEASON €

Cat C Sun Deck, Twin Beds	€ 1.215	€ 1.305
Cat B Main and Sun Deck - Double or Twin Beds	€ 1.341	€ 1.431
Cat A Main and Upper Deck - Double or Twin Beds	€ 1.611	€ 1.755
3rd Person Rates in Cat A	€ 1.127,7	€ 1.228,5
Port Charges	€ 240	€ 240

Prices Are Gross, per person and Based On Double Occupancy

Special Offers Are Available On Request

Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

• PRASLIN • ANSE LAZIO • ST. PIERRE • CURIEUSE • ST. ANNE • COUSIN ISLAND

YOUR CRUISE AT A GLANCE

## MINI CRUISES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN ON BOARD THE M/Y PEGASUS

## 4 - DAY ITINERARY



## ANCHORS DOWN



#### Day 1: Wednesday – BAIE ST ANNE, PRASLIN – FELICITE – LA DIGUE C

Praslin Baie St Anne embarkation at 1 pm. Afternoon sailing and arrival at the uninhabited island of Felicite for snorkeling or optional diving excursion. Evening sailing and arrival in La Digue. Anchor in La Digue.

#### Day 2: Tuesday – LA DIGUE - MOYENNE ISLAND C

Half day optional excursion in La Digue, the most photographed and quaint community in the Seychelles. Optional excursion by bus to the Veuve Nature Reserve and through Union

## DAYBYDAY

Plantation to l'Anse Source d'Argent beach. Arrive at L'Union Estate and tour of the copra kiln, traditional coconut oil mill. Time at Anse Source D'Argent. Evening arrival at Moyenne and overnight at anchor.

#### Day 3: Friday – MOYENNE ISLAND – MAHE, INTER ISLAND QUAY C

Short guided tour around the island and time for swimming. Beach barbeque on the island. This is the last opportunity for snorkeling and swimming. We leave Moyenne for Mahe's Victoria port in the afternoon. Late afternoon we reach the Inter Island Quay – Mahe. Captain's farewell dinner with live music and dancing. Overnight in Mahe.

#### Day 4: Saturday – MAHE (VICTORIA)

Disembarkation 9:00 to 10.00 am.

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## CABINS & PRICES ( $\in$ ) 2017

	LOW SEASON €	HIGH SEASON €
Cat C Sun Deck, Twin Beds	€ 981	€ 1.125
Cat B Main and Sun Deck - Double or Twin Beds	€ 1.125	€ 1.215
Cat A Main and Upper Deck - Double or Twin Beds	€ 1.395	€ 1.521
3rd Person Rates in Cat A	€ 976,5	€ 1.064,7
Port Charges	€ 215	€ 215

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Special Offers Are Available On Request

Early Bird Specials Are Available On Request

CALENDAR

#### From Praslin, Seychelles Wednesday Sailings in 2016 & 2017 HIGH SEASON LOW SEASON 2016 2017 November 9, 16, 23, 30 > May 31 7, 14, 21, 28 > December 7, 14, 21, 28 > June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2017 > August > September 6, 13, 20, 27 > January 4, 11, 18, 25 > October 1, 8, 15, 22 4 > February > March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 > April 5, 12, 19, 26 > May 3, 10, 17, 24 > October 11, 18, 25 November 1

SHIP INFO

Ship: M/Y Pegasus Accomodating: 44 guests in 21 oceanview cabins Embarkation: Wednesdays from Praslin, Seychelles Duration: 4 days / 3 nights Optional Excursions: • La Digue





## 01. THE CANARY ISLANDS DISCOVERY #SeaHARMONYG 8 DAY CRUISES FROM GRAN CANARIA TO GRAN CANARIA OR FROM TENERIFE TO TENERIFE

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## 05. THE CUBAN PANORAMA #SeaCALLISTO 8 DAY CRUISES FROM HAVANA TO CASILDA OR REVERSE

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**02.** ANTIQUITY TO BYZANTIUM #SeaGALILEO 8 DAY CRUISES FROM ATHENS TO THE HISTORIC PELOPPONNESE & CONTINENTAL GREECE

03. JEWELS OF THE CYCLADES #SeaGALILEO 8 DAY CRUISES FROM ATHENS TO THE WONDERFUL CYCLADES ISLANDS

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> 06. THE ADRIATIC ODYSSEY #SeaPANORAMA 8 DAY CRUISES FROM DUBROVNIK

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HARMONY G MEGA YACHT

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PANORAMA MOTOR SAILER

PANORAMA II MOTOR SAILER



GALILEO MOTOR SAILER



PEGASUS MEGA YACHT

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The Variety Voyager, the Variety Cruises flagship, is a modern yacht very similar to the private yachts to be found in the famous ports of the world.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

Located on the main, upper and lower decks, all cabins feature windows and portholes (lower deck). They all have private bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, piped music, flat-screen TV (Satellite channels), telephone for internal use, mini safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, adapters (220V) and CD and DVD player.

#### YOUR INDOOR LIFE

Horizons Deck	<ul> <li>The glass enclosed dining room accommodates all guests in one single, unassigned seating and allows for spectacular views while cruising.</li> </ul>
Riviera Deck	- The Main Lounge, designed and finished with wood panels, allows for ample seating space and provides modern AV equipment for presentations.
Marina Deck	- The Spa & Fitness Suite offers Massage, Sauna, fitness equipment, hair, face and nails treatments.
YOUR OUTDO	OOR LIFE

Ocean's Deck - The open Bar and Lounge offer shaded seating

Horizons deck: - Enjoy meals al freco at the outdoor dining area.

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## SIMPLY SEE

Ship type: Mega Yacht Launch Year: 2012 Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 68x11.5x3.5 Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 223x36x10 Cruising speed: 13 knots Guests: 72 Cabins: 36 (Owners suite: 1 P: 7 A: 11 B: 11 C: 6) Crew: 32

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## HARMONY V

## Experience home away from home on board Our Pure Infinity





Ship type: Motor Yacht Launch Year: 2009 Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 55x8.2x3m Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 179x26.9x9.84 Cruising speed: 10 knots Guests: 49 Cabins: 25 (P: 2 A: 14 B: 6 C: 3) Crew: 16 - 18

#seaHARMONYV















The Harmony V, a 55 meter long modern mega yacht launched in 2009 has travelled from the Mediterranean as far as the Archipelago of Cape Verde & the Canary Islands.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

All cabins are located on main and upper deck and feature windows, bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, piped music, flat screen TV (Satellite channels), CD - DVD player, telephone for internal use, mini safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, adapters (220V).

YOUR INDOOR LIFE		
Sun Deck	- The Mini Spa Suite offers massage and facial services as well as nail treatments.	
Main Deck	- Life on board centres around the Bar Lounge and Dining Room.	
YOUR OUT	DOOR LIFE	
Sun Deck	<ul> <li>Outdoor Dining Area and Bar</li> <li>Fully equipped with loungers and chairs the 200 m<sup>2</sup> sundeck offers an outdoor area for sunbathing as well as a shaded outdoor area.</li> </ul>	
Main Deck	<ul> <li>The swimming platform on Harmony V stern allows for a wide range of sea activities.</li> </ul>	

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## HARMONY G

## Experience home away from home on board Our Pristine Perfection



All cabins are located on the upper, main and lower deck and teature large windows (main and upper deck) and portholes (lower deck). They all have bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, piped music, flat-screen TV (Satellite channels), telephone for internal use, mini safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, adapters (220V) and CD-DVD player.

#### YOUR INDOOR LIFE

Upper Deck	- Life centers around the lounge area furnished with soft fabrics.
Main Deck	- The classy Dining Area & Bar is surrounded by large windows provid- ing beautiful views.
YOUR OUTD	OOR LIFE
Sundeck	- The sundeck is equipped with loungers for basking under the sun.
Upper Deck	- The dining area and American bar allowing for taking meals al fresco.
Main Deck	- The swimming platform is ideal for sea activities when weather permits.

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## SIMPLY UNEARTH

Ship type: Motor Yacht Launch Year: 2001(Renovated 2013) Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 54x7.10x3.65m Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 177x23.3x12 Cruising speed: 10 knots Guests: 46 Cabins: 21 (P: 4 A: 8 B: 3 C: 6) Crew: 16 - 18

#seaHARMONYG









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## PANORAMA

## Experience home away from home on board Our Wind Catcher



## SIMPLY SAIL

Ship type: Motor Sailer Launch Year: 1993/2001 (Renovated 2014) Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 54x12x5 Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 173X39X4.85 Cruising speed: 11 knots Guests: 49 Cabins: 24 (A: 8 B: 12 C: 4) Crew: 16 - 18

#seaPANORAMA







## ABOUT PANORAMA

Discover a 3 masted state of the art sail cruiser that has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings and has sailed from the Seychelles & the Black Sea to Monte Carlo and Tunis.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

The PANORAMA's cabins are located on 3 decks and are finished with wooden furniture and light fabrics. Cabins on the Upper and main decks are equipped with windows while cabins on the lower deck have portholes. All cabins are air-conditioned and fitted with flat-screen TV, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, mini fridge, central music, public address system and safe boxes.

#### YOUR INDOOR LIFE

Upper Deck	-Relax & enjoy a drink in the Lounge Bar
Main Deck	<ul> <li>Enjoy reading in the library, or relaxing in the Lounge Bar.</li> <li>Dining room with wrap around windows</li> </ul>
YOUR OUTD	OOR LIFE
Upper Deck	<ul> <li>Enjoy the views while having a drink in the outdoor Lounge Bar</li> <li>The sundeck is equipped with loungers for basking under the sun</li> </ul>
Main Deck	- The swimming platform on the stern enables you to swim when weath- er and anchorage conditions permit.

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Category A Category B Category C




## PANORAMA II

## Experience home away from home on board Our Soft Whisper



## SIMPLY EXPLORE

Ship type: Motor Sailer Launch Year: 2004(Renovated 2015) Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 50x11.5x4.5 Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 164x36x14.6 Cruising speed: 10 knots Guests: 49 Cabins: 25 (A: 13 B: 8 C: 4) Crew: 16 - 18

#seaPANORAMAII











ABOUT PANORAMA II

The two masted Panorama II, a motorsailer vessel built was launched in 2004 and carries just 49 passengers.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

All cabins are located on main, upper and lower deck and feature windows and portholes (lower deck). They all have bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, piped music, flat-screen TV (Satellite channels), telephone for internal use, mini safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, adapters (220V).

# YOUR INDOOR LIFE Main Deck - Lounge area & Reception Lower Deck - Dining Area - The lounge is furnished with wooden flooring and comfortable sofas YOUR OUTDOOR LIFE Upper Deck - The aft area provides generous semi covered or sun exposed areas where you can enjoy meals al fresco. - Outdoor Dining Area Main Deck - The swimming platform on Harmony V stern allow for a wide range of sea activities.

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## GALILEO

## Experience home away from home on board Our Sophisticated Dreamer











## SIMPLY RELAX

Ship type: Motor Sailer Launch Year: 1992/2007 (Renovated 2016) Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 48x10.5x2.8 Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 157x32.8x9.2 Cruising speed: 11 knots Cabins: 25 (A: 9 B: 12 C: 4) Guests: 49 Crew: 16 – 18

#seaGALILEO



## ABOUT GALILEO

The 48-meter Galileo is a classic steel hull motor sailer, with well-appointed & elegantly decorated interiors, always reminding of another time.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

All cabins are located on upper and lower deck and feature large portholes and portholes. They all have bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, piped music, flat-screen TV, telephone for internal use, mini safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, adapters (220V).

#### YOUR INDOOR LIFE

Main Deck	- A lounge area with an American bar leads into a warm & elegant dining room finished with food panels.	
YOUR OUTDOOR LIFE		
Sun Deck	- Enjoy the most shaded outdoor deck area equipped with sun beds and deckchairs	
Upper Deck	- Enjoy a refreshment in the outdoor bar area, while gazing at the pass- ing scenery.	
Main Deck	- Relax with a view while enjoying a drink on the main deck outdoor lounge area	





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## CALLISTO

## Experience home away from home on board Our Floating Castle



The yacht's public areas are homely and generous, decorated with rich fabrics, handsome woodwork, gleaming brass, antiques and fine works of art.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

Cabins, located on lower and main deck, feature large windows (portholes in lower deck), marble bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, flat-screen TV, telephone for internal use, mini safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, adapters (220V).

 YOUR INDOOR LIFE

 Sun Deck
 - The library is the ideal spot to delve into the pages of your book, while not losing sight of the amazing views.

 Upper Deck
 - Life on board centres around the spacious lounge/bar and dining room surrounded by large picture windows.

 - The art gallery adds to the overall feeling of elegance and style.

 YOUR OUTDOOR LIFE

 Sun Deck
 - The yacht features a broad Sun Deck for sunbathing

## Upper Deck - Outdoor Dining Area Main Deck - The swimming platform on Calisto's stern enables you to swim off the

ship when in sheltered bays. DESIGNED / OWNED / OPERATED BY VARIETY CRUISES SIMPLY REFLECT

Ship type: Motor Yacht Launch Year: 2000 Fully refit in 2016 Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 52x8.47x3.29 Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 170x27.8x10.8 Cruising speed: 10 knots Cabins: 17 (P: 5 A: 6 B: 4 C: 2) Guests: 34 Crew: 16

#seaCALLISTO



Category P Category A Category B Category C





## PEGASUS

## Experience home away from home on board Our Gracious Haven



## SIMPLY DISCOVER

Ship type: Motor Yacht Launch Year: 1990/1997 (Renovated 2015) Length / Breadth / Draft in m: 45x11x3 Length / Breadth / Draft in ft: 147.60x36x9.84 Cruising speed: 10 knots Cabins: 21 (A: 14 B: 5 C: 2) Guests: 44 Crew: 16 - 18

#seaPEGASUS



## ABOUT PEGASUS

The 45 meter mega yacht Pegasus welcomes up to 44 guests in 240 m<sup>2</sup> of open deck space, and has become a synonym to zen cruising in its home, the Seychelles.

#### YOUR CABIN SANCTUARY

All cabins are located on sun, main and upper deck and feature windows. They all have bathroom with shower, individually controlled A/C, piped music, flat-screen TV (Satellite channels), telephone for internal use, mini safe, hairdryer, adapters (220V).

YOUR INDOOR LIFE	
Upper Deck	<ul> <li>Life on board centres around the Lounge, American Bar &amp; library.</li> <li>The adjoining dining area is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. It accommodates all guests in one single seating and provides a high standard of cuisine, always with some local flavour.</li> </ul>
Main Deck	- Reception
Lower deck	- The Zen mini spa suite offers massage services to add to your relaxation
YOUR OUTDOOR LIFE	
Sundeck	- With loungers and Chairs
Upper Deck	- Lounge & American Bar Outdoor Dining Area

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Builder: Falcon – C.T.M. Italy Length: 30.7mt/ 100 ft. Beam: 6.45mt. / Draft: 2.33mt Crew: 6 members Speed: 20 knots Range: 300 Nautical Miles



## **MONTE CARLO**

Builder: Falcon – C.T.M. Italy Length: 30.7mt/ 100 ft. Beam: 6.45mt. / Draft: 2.33mt Crew: 6 members Speed: 20 knots Range: 300 Nautical Miles



## **OBSESSION**

Builder: Falcon – C.T.M. Italy Length: 30.7mt/ 100 ft. Beam: 6.45mt. / Draft: 2.33mt Crew: 6 members Speed: 20 knots Range: 300 Nautical Miles



## WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?



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GREECE

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CANARY ISLANDS

## COSTA RICA & PANAMA



ICELAND

SPAIN & PORTUGAL



## THE ADRIATIC

CAPE VERDE

# GREECE

ATHENS: The capital and largest city in Greece, a bustling and cosmopolitan metropolis is one of the world's oldest cities, its recorded history spans at least 3,000 years. Classical Athens was a powerful city-state. The heritage of the classical era is still evident in the city, represented by a number of ancient monuments and works of art, the most famous of all, the Parthenon on the Acropolis.

THE CORINTH CANAL: The Corinth Canal connects the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. The 6 km long canal was built between 1881 and 1893. The modern attempt at construction began in the 1870s following the successful opening of the Suez Canal. The Corinth Canal is considered a great technical achievement for its time. It saves the 700-kilometre (430 mi) journey around the Peloponnesus for smaller ships.

**DELOS ISLAND:** This 5,000 years old settlement is one of the largest outdoor museums of the world, inscribed by UNESCO on the World Heritage List. The Delos Museum is not to be missed with its magnificent sculptures, mosaics and clay vases dating from prehistoric period up to Roman times.

**EPIDAURUS:** Epidaurus was known for the Asclipion the most celebrated healing center of the Classical world. There are mineral springs in the vicinity which may have been used in healing. Nearby, the Epidavros Theatre, known for its symmetry and almost perfect acoustics, seats 15,000 people.

FOLEGANDROS ISLAND: Folegandros is one of those tiny, quaint Greek islands where time seems to have stopped. It is the



best example of a typical Greek island, with clear waters, white houses and little winding streets up in the Chora Village.

**GYTHION:** Gythion looks like a quintessential Greek island of the 1970's, except that it is a small seaside town on the Mani Peninsula, which lies in the Southern Peloponnese and is the gateway to Sparta, the ancient Byzantine city of Mystras and the region of Laconia.

HYDRA ISLAND: Hydra Island, one of the most unspoiled and interesting of the Greek islands, is a small rocky island in the Argosaronic Gulf. It's very cosmopolitan, safe and one of the easiest of the Greek islands to access. Best of all, the entire island is a preserved national monument and has retained all its 17th & 18th century charm and quaintness.

**IOS ISLAND:** los is a hilly island with cliffs and beautiful beaches. los was the setting of movies such as "Ginger and Cinnamon" or "Big Blue" partly shot in Manganari, one of the most beautiful beaches in Greece.

ITEA: Itea is a small bathing resort and port at the end of a bay not too far from the ancient port of Delphi, once a very busy port. Today, it is a laid back community living mainly from agriculture, fishing and tourism. The hills leading to Arahova and Delphi are covered with olive trees belonging to the sanctuary of Apollo in ancient times.

**KATAKOLON/OLYMPIA:** Katakolon is a seaside town in western Ilia in the municipality of Pyrgos and the gateway to Olympia, where the ancient Greeks flocked every four years



## ΔΕΙΤΕ ΤΟΝ ΚΟΣΜΟ ΜΑΣ

for more than a millennium to celebrate the sacred games dedicated to Zeus.

**KEA ISLAND:** The island lies opposite Attica, with Makronissos interposed between them. Kea is a mountainous island, with small valleys and little sandy bays. The island's capital loulis is built on the site of another ancient city, but there are nearly no remains except of the famous Lion of Kea with its Archaic Smile to be found at the edge of the Chora.

**KYTHIRA ISLAND:** In Ancient Greek Mythology, Kythira was considered to be the island of celestial Aphrodite, the Goddess of love. Since ancient times, Kithyra had been a crossroads of merchants, sailors, and conquerors. As such, has been influenced by many civilizations and cultures. This is reflected in its architecture, as well as the traditions and customs, influenced by centuries of coexistence of the Greek, Venetian, Ottoman and British civilizations as well as its numerous visitors.

**KYTHNOS ISLAND:** Kythnos is part of the Western Cyclades and is considered as an unspoiled island, with very friendly locals. Life is quiet and slow, an ideal location for relaxing, swimming on its sandy beaches and enjoying traditional simple food. Its major attraction is a fairly well known healing thermal spa, attracting many Greeks and foreign visitors, as well as the remarkable and unspoilt Kolones beach.

**MONEMVASSIA:** Monemvassia - originally called Malvasia by the Frank Templars - is a fishing and touristic town, located in Eastern Peloponnese. It is better known for its Medieval Fortress built on a rocky islet connected to mainland by a narrow bridge and this is why it is also called the Gibraltar of Eastern Mediterranean. The streets are narrow and exclusively reserved to pedestrians.

**MYKONOS ISLAND:** Without a doubt, Mykonos is one of the most famous and picturesque Islands in the Mediterranean and a jet set spot, known for its nightlife, whitewashed landscapes and beautiful sandy beaches. A walking tour of Chora must include visits to the windmills, to the Paraportiani Church, the Maritime and Cycladic Museums and stops at designers' shops and Little Venice cafes.

**NAFPLION:** Nafplion, located in the Bay of Argolis in Eastern Peloponnese, is one of the most picturesque cities in Greece. A walk up a promontory above the town leads to a well preserved Castle built in the Middle Age. Visit the old town with its seaside cafes and restaurants and narrow streets, filled with shops. Nafplion is also your starting point for an excursion to Mycenae and Epidavros.

**PAROS ISLAND:** Paros Island, located in the Central Aegean Sea, became known for its fine white marble also called Parian, used to produce China and fine marble pieces worldwide. A must see is the bay of Naoussa, a natural harbor, closed by a chain in the ancient times.

**POROS ISLAND:** This small island lies in close proximity to the Peloponnesian coast, separated by a narrow channel from mainland. The scenic port and the adjacent hills are filled with picturesque and aristocratic mansions, shops and restaurants very busy during summer.

**PYLOS:** Pylos, once known under its Italian name – Navarino is a large bay and a town on the west coast of the Peloponnese, in Southern Greece. The bay of Pylos was the site of two naval battles, the Battle of Pylos in 425 BC and the Battle of Navarino, in 1827, during the Greek War of Independence. Pylos is famous for Nestor's Palace, the museum in Chora, the Dinari Lagoon, a must see place for bird watching lovers.

**RETHYMNON:** Rethymnon, one of Crete's largest cities, displays a blend of modernity and of old time charm. The Venetians, who controlled the island for many centuries, made Rithymna a flourishing trading port and built the Fortezza, a fortress which protected the population for many years.

**SANTORINI ISLAND:** Santorini is today what remained after an enormous volcanic explosion which occurred some 3,600 years ago at the height of the Minoan civilization destroying the earliest settlements on what was formerly a single island, and leading to the creation of the current geological Caldera. Its spectacular natural beauty, along with a dynamic nightlife, have made the island one of Europe's tourist hotspots.

**SOUNION:** The archaeological site of Sounion is located on a promontory, by the sea, 1 hour from Athens. Cape Sounion is noted for its two ancient temples on this site, one dedicated to Athena (of which only the foundations remain) and the other, the famous one, to Poseidon. The ruins bear the deeply engraved name of English Romantic poet Lord Byron (1788 - 1824).

**SYROS ISLAND:** Syros has always been a significant port town, and during the 19th century it was even more significant than Piraeus. Ermoupoli, the "Queen of the Cyclades", stands on a naturally amphitheatrically site, with neo-classical buildings, old mansions and white houses cascading down to the harbor.







## ΔΕΙΤΕ ΤΟΝ ΚΟΣΜΟ ΜΑΣ

#### GREECE (ΕΛΛΆΣ/ ΕΛΛΆΔΑ)

The sunniest country in Europe, Greece is also the birthplace to the Olympics. Athens, the capital is one of the oldest cities in the world and has over 100 archaeological museums.

🖉 LANGUAGE: Greek ελληνικά 🔹 ελ-λη-νι-κά

⊘ CURRENCY: Euro €

**TIPPING:** Tipping is not obligatory, but if you are satisfied with the service, such tips can be left on the table, or you may tell the server that you don't expect to be given any change.

#### ⊘ LOST RECIPES / ETERNALLY DELICIOUS DISHES

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#### **WORDS TO REMEMBER**

Kalimera – Good morning Kalinihta – Good night Efharisto – Thank you Parakalo – You are welcome

#### ⊘ ONE PHOTO A THOUSAND WORDS...

Do not forget to take a photo during the famous sunset in Santorini or from the famous Monemvasia castle but last but no least the infinite shades of blue in Folegandros.

#### $\ensuremath{\mathscr{O}}$ FROM GREECE WITH LOVE

Olive oil is one of Greece's biggest exports and in abundance so don't forget to take some home.. (Suggested Ladolea by Melissi&Co)
 Ouzo, the famous alcoholic drink that tastes of liquorish.
 The sweet Loukoumi Syrou

#### OLOCAL HISTORY

@ MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

#### The bouzouki

#### **Ø BOOK LIST**

The Odyssey by Homer (end of the 8th century BC). Poetry – Greece Poems and Fragments by Sappho (610 – 580 BC).

Poetry – Greece

The Iliad by Homer (mid-8th century BC). Poetry – Greece Uncle Petros and Goldbach's Conjecture: Apostolos Doxiadis (1992) Greece

#### @ FESTIVALS

 Miaoulia Festival in Hydra (naval festival, fireworks) - Late June
 Athens & Epidavros Festival
 (theatre, opera, music & dance) - June/August
 Ancient Olympia International Festival (theatre, music & dance)- July/ August

#### Ø SLEEP & EAT

Life Gallery Art Hotel (Athens) Hotel Grande Bretagne (Athens) Cape Sounio (Athens) Cavo Tagoo (Mykonos) Minos Beach Art Hotel (Crete) Santorini Princess Spa Hotel (Santorini) Costa Navarino Luxury Resort (Greece , Mesinia)

#### @ EAT & DRINK

Zonars (Athens) Yasemi Café Bistrot (Athens) Astra (Mykonos) Scorpios (Mykonos) Galleraki (Mykonos) Spilia (Mykonos) Eva's Garden (Folegandros) Barbarossa Restaurant (Paros)

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Apivita Natural Cosmetics Korres Natural Products Macrovita Natural Products

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SOHO-SOHO (Mykonos, Athens, Santorini) Ancient Greek Sandals Minas Designs (Mykonos, Athens) Maurizio (Mykonos, Athens) Christina Economou Zeus & Dione Sun of a Beach Angelo Di Spirito Rosa Lito Jewelry (Athens) Xanthopoulos Fine Jewelry (Athens) Akiko Yoshimoto

#### ⊘ LIKE A LOCAL

CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER – Every Sunday at 11 am, the changing of the guard is quite possibly the best show in town. The Evzones (guards) go about the change with high kicks and fists to foreheads with such determination that it has to be seen to be believed.



# ADRIATIC

## DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Royalty, presidents and diplomats have all favored this city nicknamed "Pearl of the Adriatic" with its marble streets, baroque buildings and the endless shimmer of the Adriatic. Home to many notable poets, playwrights, painters, mathematicians, physicists and other scholars, today Dubrovnik is an elite in the Mediterranean.

## KORCULA, CROATIA

Korcula is one of the greenest islands in the Adriatic Sea and also one of the most popular travel destinations in Croatia. The main town, Korcula is a typical medieval walled Dalmatian city, with its round defensive towers and cluster of red-roofed houses.

## RAB, CROATIA

The island of Rab has a very pleasant Mediterranean Sea climate, with mild winters and pleasant moderate summers. The sea temperature is relatively high making it is possible to enjoy it from May till the middle of October.

## HVAR, CROATIA

Hvar is a Croatian island in the Adriatic Sea. The island of Hvar is somewhat unusual as it is blessed with a large fertile coastal plain, and fresh water springs. Its hillsides are covered in pine forests, with vineyards, olive groves, fruit orchards and lavender fields in the agricultural areas.

## SIBENIK, CROATIA

The town of Sibenik is situated in one of the well-protected natural harbors on the Croatian coast. Sibenik's St. James Cathedral is one of the marvels of the Dalmatian Coast and is Unesco World Heritage.

## SPLIT, CROATIA

Split is one of the oldest cities in the area. While traditionally considered just over 1,700 years old, counting from the construction of Diocletian's Palace in 305 CE, the city was in fact founded as the Greek colony of Aspálathos (Ασπάλαθος) in the 4th century BC, about 2,400 years ago.

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## dominated by over 2 million olive trees.

CORFU ISLAND, GREECE

Corfu's excellent beaches make it a popular destination.

Corfu is very green compared to other Greek islands and

## PAXI ISLAND, GREECE

Paxi untouched by time is the smallest Ionian Island. Numerous secluded coves and bays offer solitude of which some are only accessible by boat, the clarity of the sea make snorkeling an excellent pursuit for the more energetic.

## BUDVA, MONTENEGRO

The coastal area around Budva, the center of Montenegrin tourism, known for its well preserved medieval walled city, sandy beaches and diverse nightlife. Budva is 2,500 years old, which makes it one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic coast.

## KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

The old Mediterranean port of Kotor is surrounded by fortifications built during the Venetian period. It is located on the Bay of Kotor (Boka Kotorska), one of the most indented parts of the Adriatic Sea.

## SARANDA, ALBANIA

Given its coastal access and Mediterranean climate, Saranda has become an important tourist attraction. Saranda as well as the rest of the Albanian Riviera, according to The Guardian, "is set to become the new 'undiscovered gem' of the overcrowded Med."





## CROATIA

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Croatia, the origin of the neck tie and has 8 UNESCO World Heritage sites. WORDS TO REMEMBER:

Yes - Da (dah) No - Ne (neh) Please - Molim (moh-leem) Thank you - Hvala (flah-lah) TAKE HOME WITH YOU A famous neck tie LANGUAGE

There are so many different dialects in Croatia that people from northernmost Croatia have significant trouble understanding the people from the very south of the country.

> CURRENCY The kuna. TIPPING

In most cases, tip and taxes are included in the bill, so tipping is not necessary. If you receive excellent service, a 10-15 % would be appropriate.

### FOODS TO TRY:

Crni rizot (a squid risotto. Squid ink is preserved and used in cooking to dive that black color to the rice)

## MONTENEGRO

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

The country of Montenegro does not require tourists to hold tourist visas. However, it is a must for people who work in the country to hold and renew their work visas.

LANCUAGE: Montenegrin is the standardized variety of the Serbo-Croatian language used as the official language of Montenegro.

CURRENCY: Euro

TIPPING: Small change up to ten percent of the bill.

FOODS TO TRY: From a large variety of soups and chowders to all sorts of seafood plates.

#### WORDS TO REMEMBER:

Nice to meet you - (Drago mi je upoznati vas.) Please - молим (Molim) Thank you - хвала (Hvala) You're welcome - (Nema na cemu) TAKE HOME WITH YOU

Foodstuffs such as cured ham, cheeses, olive oils, figs, sage honey, a bottle of red or the local firewater, rakija. BOOK LIST The stack Mountain, Rex Stout

## ALBANIA

**DID YOU KNOW** 

Mother Teresa is generally celebrated as the only Albanian to win a Nobel Prize, though born in Skopje in 1910 (now in Macedonia but then in the Ottoman Empire). LANGUAGE Albanian CURRENCY Albanian Lek FOODS TO TRY Tarator, a chilled yogurt and

cucumber drink and is popular in the summer months

#### WORDS TO REMEMBER

Po - yes Jo - no Te lutem – You're welcome

#### **BOOK LIST:**

The Accursed Mountains: Journeys in Albania by Robert Carver

## IONIAN SEA, GREECE

CORFUIN MYTHOLOGY The modern Greek name Kerkyra comes from the nymph who was the daughter of the river-god Asopos. Posideon, the god of the sea fell in love with her and made love to her on the island, giving birth to the race of the Phaeacians. The name Kerkyra is only used in Greece; to the rest of the world the island is known as Corfu, though the town is universally called Kérkyra by preference.

#### PAXI IN MYTHOLOGY

According to the Ancient Greek Mythology Paxi island was detached from Corfu when God Poseidon hit the later with his trident (also the emblem of Paxi) in order to create a private place for him and his mistress Nereid Amphitrite.

## A TO ZEN YOUR WAY INTO THE WORLD'S SECRET TREASURES

## MALAGA, SPAIN

Birthplace to Picasso, this important cultural infrastructure and the artistic heritage have culminated in the nomination of Malaga as a candidate for the 2016 European Capital of Culture. Known for major celebrations like The Holy Week, which has been observed for five centuries in Malaga. Processions start on Palm Sunday and continue until Easter Sunday. Images depicting scenes from the Passion are displayed on huge ornate tronos (floats or thrones).

## GIBRALTAR, SPAIN

In Greek mythology Gibraltar was Calpe, one of the Pillars of Hercules, which marked the edge of the Mediterranean and the known world. Strategically important, Gibraltar was ceded in perpetuity to Great Britain by Spain in the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht; the British garrison was formally declared a colony in 1830.

## CADIZ, SPAIN

Cádiz, the oldest continuously inhabited city in Spain and one of the oldest in Western Europe, has been a principal home port of the Spanish Navy since the accession of the Spanish Bourbons in the 18th century. The city is a member of the Most Ancient European Towns Network. Situated on a narrow slice of land surrounded by the sea, Cádiz is, in most respects, a typically Andalusian city with a wealth of attractive vistas and well-preserved historical landmarks.

## PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL

Historically a fishing and shipbuilding centre, it has nonetheless developed into a strong tourist centre oriented along its beaches and southern coast.

## PORTO BANUS, SPAIN

Puerto Banus, one of the most cosmopolitan marinas, contains expensive shopping malls, restaurants and bars all around. It is also scene to many exotic cars that are owned by international celebrities and wealthy owners that also own large yachts. Luxury cars like Rolls Royces and high end sports cars like Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Mercedes Benz are a common sight in the summer months around Marbella and Puerto Banus.

## LISBON, PORTUGAL

The city of Lisbon is rich in architecture; Romanesque, G othic, Manueline, Baroque, Modern and Postmodern c onstructions can be found all over Lisbon. Lisbon has two sites listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site: Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. Furthermore, in 1994, Lisbon was the European Capital of Culture and in 1998 organised the Expo '98 (1998 Lisbon World Exposition).

### MOTRIL, SPAIN

Motril is located on a hill, on the slope of Sierra Lújar. It enjoys a mild subtropical climate, which make it the ideal sun-and-beach destination, all year round. The church of La Encarnación, erected on top of an old high mosque, is a Mudejar building from the 16th century. Baroque architecture can be admired at the building that houses the City Hall, and at the sanctuary of the Virgin of Cabeza (patron saint of the village). The beaches of La Joya, Poniente and Carchuna, and the port, with an important fishing, commercial, and recreational activity, are also part of the wonderful charm of this town.

# VEJA NOSSO MUNDO SPAIN & PORTUGAL

#### **DID YOU KNOW:**

... y fueron felices y comieron perdices" is the way how traditional fairytales end in Spanish. Today one of the busiest seaports on the Mediterranean, the Port of Malaga has operated continuously since at least 600 BC. Artist Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga. Casa Natal, Picasso's birthplace, is open to the public and gives a view of the artist's early years in Malaga

### LANGUAGE: Spanish/Portuguese

CURRENCY: Euro

TIPPINC: The norm is small change for bars and taxis, single euros for other transactions including everyday restaurants and anywhere between 5 and 10 percent for more elaborate meals.

#### FOODS TO TRY: AMEIJOAS A BULHAO PATO

More than a meal, clams Bulhao Pato style are a snack, best enjoyed with ice-cold beer. Clams are cooked until tender in olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper and plenty of cilantro. Very important: you will need bread to dip into the sauces, you wouldn't want a drop to be left on the plate.

#### WORDS TO REMEMBER:

gracias – thank you,

bueno – good,

amigo – friend (Spanish)

Olá – hello

Obrigado/a – thank you

Por favor – please (Portuguese)

#### TAKE HOME WITH YOU: Decorative Tile Jewelry

Portuguese tiles, known as azulejo, have inspired artists to create miniature reproductions of their beauty in the form of rings, earrings, and bracelets.

#### **MYTHS (LOCAL TRADITIONS)**

This is one of the most popular Catalonian legends that is still celebrated with great pomp and show, especially in Barcelona. Legend has it that there was once a dragon living in Montblanc, who terrorised the villagers and devoured their animals. Once the animals vanished, the dragon turned his wrath to the people. The villagers decided to draw lots and sacrifice a person each day to the dragon. On one of these occasions, the unfortunate person whose name was picked was the princess. People offered to take her place, owing to her kind nature, but the king refused to let anyone sacrifice their lives for his daughter. The princess was sent to the dragon, and just as she was about to be swallowed, a knight in shining armour appeared and fought the creature. After a rough confrontation, he was able to kill the dragon with his lance and spill its blood. From the spot where the blood spilt grew a red rose, which the knight then plucked and presented to the princess. The knight was called San Jorge (Saint George). To commemorate this event every year on 23 April, a huge celebration is carried out on the streets and men give roses to the women they love. If you happen to visit Barcelona at that time, you are bound to experience a grand public event. In the recent years, women have started gifting books to the men on that day.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Castanets (Spain), Bombos (Portugal) BOOK LIST: Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel García Márquez/ The Book of Disquiet by Fernando Pessoa

# ICELAND

## REYKJAVIK

Reykjavík has the feel of a vibrant happening city, yet on its doorstep is a world of incredible natural beauty. The world's most northerly capital, although small in populations, has everything larger cities have to offer. Reykjavík is safe and unpolluted with a rich cultural life, numerous first-class restaurants and lively bars. Just a few minutes' drive outside the city is unspoilt countryside where you can encounter a cross-section of Iceland's natural wonders, geology and history. For passengers spending time in the city there is a wide choice of museums, galleries, restaurants and cafés. Shopping is a must too and the ultimate relaxation experience is a trip to one of the city's thermal baths and pools.

## HEIMAEY WESTMANN ISLANDS

The largest island of the town Vestmannaeyjar, Heimaey, has a population of 4,135. The other islands are uninhabited, although six have single hunting cabins. Vestmannaeyjar came to international attention in 1973 with the eruption of Eldfell volcano, which destroyed many buildings and forced a months-long evacuation of the entire population to mainland Iceland. Approximately one fifth of the town was destroyed before the lava flow was halted by application of 6.8 billion litres of cold sea water.

## AKRANES

Set under striking Akrafjall (572m), the town of Akranes lies at the tip of the peninsula separating Hvalfjörður from Borgarfjörður. Largely an administrative and factory town, it's mainly worth a stop for its Museum Centre, with a folk museum, restored boathouse, drying shed, church and fishing boats.

## BILDUDALUR

Set on a gloriously calm bay surrounded by towering peaks, the attractive fishing village Bíldudalur has one of the finest fjord-side positions in the country. Bíldudalur was founded in the 16th century and today is a major supplier of prawns. The Skrímslasetur Icelandic Sea Monster Museum has impressivel multimedia exhibits about local and foreign monster legends. The interactive multimedia table tells 180 stories of sightings around Arnarfjörður.

## ISAFJORDUR

Isafjordur, meaning fjord of ice is by far the region's largest town, a pleasant and prosperous place and an excellent base for travellers. The centre of Isafjörður is a charming grid of old timber and tin-clad buildings, many unchanged since the 18th century, when the harbour was full of tall ships and Norwegian whaling crews. Today it is a surprisingly cosmopolitan place, a bustling metropolis with its cozy cafes and fine choice of restaurants.

## SIGLUFJORDUR

Siglufjordur has an eventful history and saw a steady rise in the 20th century, from being a tiny village in the early 1900s to becoming a town no later than as 1918. In the middle of the 20th century it was one of the largest towns in Iceland. For a long period it was the capital of herring fishing in the North Atlantic, and the town's cod fishing museum bears proud witness to this history. The old houses there are charming and its nice to take a stroll through the town and enjoy the architecture and the surrounding nature. Siglufjordur is a particularly beautiful fjord, and high and dramatic mountains tower of the town. The birdlife is varied and some 2000 birds of 16-18 species may usually be

found in the fjord. Popular hiking trails include the passes Holsskard and Hestsskard, which lead to the beautiful fjord Hedinsjordur, which may also be accessed by boat.

## HUSAVIK

Húsavík has become a centre of whale watching in Iceland due to whales of different species that sometimes enter the bay. The Húsavík Whale Museum is located by the harbour.

Húsavík is also home to The Exploration Museum, a museum about the history of human exploration. The region of Mývatn, with its interesting geology and diverse animal life, is nearby. The waterfalls Dettifoss, Hafragilsfoss and S elfoss are also not far from the town.

## AKUREYRI

Though Akureyri sits only 60 miles from Arctic Circle, it has some of the best weather in Iceland. Summer temperature frequently range in the high 20C, making the city the most popular destination. Akureyri has the world's northernmost 18hole golf course.

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⊗ Lake Mÿvatn ⊘Northern Lights ⊘Iceland Waterfalls

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SAVORED ACTIVITY Coffee drinking is a savored activity!

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# **A TO ZEN** BY VARIETY CRUISES

## HAVANA

One of the most exciting, vibrant cities in the Caribbean with unprecedented changes continuing apace since the withdrawal of Fidel Castro from Cuba's politics in 2008, also one of the most dynamic. Havana pulsates with laughter, music, humor and yes, difficulties. All life's ingredients coexist in Cuba's tropical mix and nowhere more so than in its magnetic capital. The exquisite architecture of Old Havana makes it the Americas' best-preserved colonial center. Taking a stroll through shady plazas to the world famous Malecón with no goal beyond an ice-choked mojito feels like stepping back in time. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Habana Vieja is being restored through a program that feeds tourist revenues into renovation efforts. >

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## CIENFUEGOS

If Cuba has a Paris, this is most definitely it. A love letter to French neoclassicism, full of elegant cupolas and refined columns. "La Ciudad que mas me gusta a mi" singer Benny More once said about Cuba's most architecturally homogenous city. Known as "the Pearl of the South" and declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2005, Cuba's Gallic heart was the only city in Cuba colonized by the French who brought with them the ideas of the European Enlightment.

## LA ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD

Is a tear-shaped island famous for its shocking-pink sunsets, and rich in beauty and pirate tales – if not in gold! In the 16th and 17th centuries, its coves and caves were the sites of battles between the Spanish empire's convoy ships and privateers such as Sir Francis Drake and Wales's Henry Morgan, and other European buccaneers. The interior of the island, which is peppered with palms and pines, and has some shiny attractions of its own – the marble mountains.

## **MARKA**

## CASILDA / TRINIDAD

Casilda — also called Puerto Casilda— is the seaport of the town of Trinidad, 5 km upland. Trinidad, a riot of colonial baroque, a one of a kind, perfectly preserved Spanish colonial settlement where the clocks stopped ticking in 1850. Once a Spanish colonial settlement built on huge sugar fortunes and now a Unesco World Heritage site. Colonials from Spain exploited the land in the valley of the sugar mills using hard labor from thousands of slaves — Cuba had 493,000 in 1841 — who were transported to the port in Casilda, ideally located and protected by Ancon peninsula. Slaves were a commodity and arrived along with furniture, porcelain and building materials from Spain and used to decorate the sugar barons' palatial homes in Trinidad.

## MARIA LA GORDA

María la Gorda, listed as a reserve of the biosphere by UNESCO, is located on the southern coast of the western end of Cuba, in the inlet of Corrientes, Guanahacabibes Peninsula, Birds like Cartacuba, Tocororo, Sijú platanero,

Zunzuncito, among many others, are to be found in a migration corridor of more than 50 species flying from north to south and vice versa, and stopping in the coastal lagoons and wetlands. Guanahacabibes also supports 35 species of reptiles, and is an important habitat for iguanas,

majaes and other reptiles.

## CAYO LARGO

Crystal clear waters beckon from the south part of this tranquil Caribbean islet, a hundred miles south of Havana and known for its 17 miles of stunning white sand beaches, mangrove forests and scuba diving to the black coral reef. Coral reefs that border it outline an impressive submerged scenario, with an abundance of underwater caves, valleys and steep gorgonian-encrusted walls. There's a profusion of iguanas and birdlife, including cranes, zunzuncitos (bee

hummingbirds) and flamingos.

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## VEA NUESTRO MUNDO

#### DID YOU KNOW

 Christopher Columbus called the island of Youth "La Evangelista" ("The Evangelist") when he dropped anchor in 1494. When he discovered Cuba, Columbus actually thought he was in India.

Wifredo Lam was a Cuban artist who became close friends with Pablo Picasso in Paris during the 1930s, before forming close ties with André Breton and the Surrealist movement in Marseille in the 1940s.
A drink of rum and coke and lime is called a "Cuba Libre" in Latin America except in Cuba. There, it's called a "mentirita," or "little lie."
Cuba is the 17th largest island in the world
Haitian Creole, is Cuba's second official language.
Cuba is home to the Bee Hummingbird, which is the world's smallest bird. An adult will only grow to approximately 2 inches in length.
Found in Cuba, the Manjuarí, is a fish not found anywhere else in the world.

On New Year's Eve, Cubans burn dolls in order to symbolize forgetting bad times and looking forward to new and good times during the New Year.
 The aerial view of Cuba resembles an alligator, and Cuba is often referred to in Spanish as "El Cocodrilo" or "El Caimá".

#### LIKE ..... MOJITOS & MEMORABILIA

Back in 1942, La Bodeguita del Medio, Havana's most celebrated bar today, was a small grocery store. One day, journalist Leandro Garcia, decided to put his name on one of the walls and soon many other distinguished personalities followed suit and left their autographs on La Bodeguita's famous blue wall of memorabilia, including Pablo Neruda, Agustín Lara, Brigitte Bardot, Ignacio 'Bola de Nieve' Villa, Ernest Hemingway and Salvador Allende, Fidel Castro,

#### TAKE BACK HOME / FROM CUBA WITH LOVE

SAN DIEGO FORT

The open air market in front of Casa de La Trova in Trinidad is the best place to buy textiles and crochet work, before visiting Galeria La Paulet for a selection of probing, abstract art by local artists.

#### LIKE...SANTERIA

Santeria is a religion influenced by West African traditions that blends Roman Catholic traditions with the belief in many gods and goddesses; For those interested in Cuban religions of African origin, the best place to do some DIY sleuthing is the city of Havana, especially the Regla and Guanabacoa neighborhoods.

#### FROM THE BOOKSHELVES

"Every day is a new day. It is better to be lucky. But I would rather be exact. Then when luck comes you are ready." Ernest Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea his fishing boat, Pilar.

#### LIKE....ARCHITECTURE

BEST EXAMPLES OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES IN CUBA @ Early Colonial Museo de Pintura Mural @ Baroque Catedral de San Cristobal de la Habana @ Neoclassical Capitolio Nacional @ Art Deco Edificio Bacardi @ Art Nouveau Palacio Cueto @ Eclectic Palacio de Valle @ Modernist Edificio Focsa @ Gothic Iglesia del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

> LANGUAGE Spanish

CURRENCY Cuban CUC\$

**GOVERNMENT** Socialist Republic

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# CANARY ISLANDS

## LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA - GRAN CANARIA ISLAND

Las Palmas has a Spanish feel and energy with an eclectic mix of other cultures, including African, Chinese and Indian. It's an intriguing place, with the sunny languor and energy you would normally associate with the Mediterranean or North Africa. Vegueta, the oldest quarter, is both atmospheric and fashionable, with a fine selection of boutiques and bars. At the other end of town, the arc of Playa de las Canteras provides you with a combination of sightseeing and shopping. You'll find excellent restaurants serving more than the usual array of Canarian dishes.

## LOS CRISTIANOS PORT, SOUTH TENERIFE

Bustling with life due to its wide range of bars, restaurants and resorts. You can enjoy swimming at nearby beaches, visit Mount Teide and into Cañadas National Park, where we find the highest peak in Spain. Enjoy the beautiful views of Ucanca Valley from the foot of the volcano and witness one of the biggest craters in the world.

## SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA, LA PALMA

The historic old town of Santa Cruz de La Palma and Taburiente National Park museum. Then travel towards the crater itself. A visit to El Paso, a nice traditional Canary village will take place just in time before we stop in a restaurant for an inclusive lunch. The tour continues to visit La Glorieta near Las Manchas and arrival at the Volcano San Antonio for an optional walk to the volcano rim.

## VALLE GRAN REY, LA GOMERA

The main highlight of Valle Gran Rey is the vast choice of beaches, the best in the island, with fine black sand and pure blue waters. The Playa de las Vueltas, located near the port; the Charco del Conde, a small natural bay; La Playa and La Puntilla, located in the west zone and of a significant extension, or the Playa del Ingles, perhaps one of the most striking corners of the island, where the black sand and the bravery of the waters together with of the cliffs of La Merica

make a natural setting not found in any other place of the Canary Islands.

## SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, TENERIFE

The bustling capital is home to brightly painted buildings, sophisticated shops and museums. It

also has a good range of quality accommodation and restaurants.The central Plaza del Adelantado

is surrounded by historical buildings, the Town Hall which dates back to 1546, the Casa de

Anchieta, the Palacio de Nava with its original stone façade and the Monastery of Santa Catalina de Siena. The capital city of Tenerife, Santa Cruz with its modern auditorium and the heart of the city, la Plaza de España.

## MARINA RUBICON – LANZAROTE

Visit the southern part of the island to admire a panoramic view of the El Janubio salt mines and the famous "Lava Coast", "Los Hervideros" rocks engraved by the sea action and the wind erosion. "El Golfo" travelling into the Fire Mountains and among volcanoes to visit the Timanfaya National Park. Visit the César Manrique Foundation.

## CORRALEJO PORT – FUERTEVENTURA ISLAND

Discover Betancuria, the original capital of the aborigine Kingdom of the Canary Islands, and later capital of Fuerteventura until 1834. Once in Betancuria we will visit La Casa Santa María. There we will be introduced to the islands traditions and go to a goat farm and find out how Majorero cheeses are prepared; also we have the opportunity to taste it. On our way back to Corralejo we stop in an Aloe Vera

factory to learn about its impressive health benefits.

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# **COSTA RICA & PANAMA**

## PUNTARENAS PORT, **COSTA RICA**

Pointsands, from "punta arenas", or "sand point" in Spanish) is the capital and largest city in the Province of Puntarenas, on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. The eponymous and oddly the capital. First known as Villa Bruselas in colonia Puntarenas was discovered by Hernán Ponce de León in 1519. Despite the use of the Gulf of Nicoya as an entrywa to Costa Rica's inland territory, the port of Puntarenas wa not developed until 1840 when coffee production in the highlands reached exportable volumes.

## **CURU, COSTA RICA**

The Curu Wildlife Refuge is a Wildlife refuge of Cost Rica, part of the Tempisque Conservation dry forests on the southern Nicoya Peninsula, near To Although it is a wildlife refuge it is also private property forming part of a ranch of 12.14 square kilometres, two thirds of which are forest with the remainder used for cattle breeding. The refuge protects the habitor of many types of birds, as well as animals such as white toiled Deer, howler monkeys, coyotes, armaallos and boa constrictors.

## TORTUGA ISLAND COSTARICA

Tortuga Island is set off the coast of the Nicoya Peninsula. It's found within an archipelago that boasts islands with lush forests and white-sand beaches. These islands also act as as sanctuary for seabirds. This dreamy island paradise fringed with tall swaying coconut palms, sugary white sand beaches and emerald waters invites absolute tranquillity and luxury.

## **QUEPOS, COSTA RIGA**

Quepos is a district and the capital of Aguirre canton in Puntarenas Province, Costa Rica. Quepos is the gateway to Manuel Antonio National Park. The town is named for the native Quepo Indians who inhabited the place in the colonial era. Quepos is well known thanks to being the gateway to a popular National Park and beaches in Costa Rica

## PUERTO JIMÉNEZ, **COSTA RICA**

Sliced in half by the swampy, overgrown Quebrada Cacao, and flanked on one side by the emerald waters of the Golfo Dulce, the vaguely Wild West outpost of Puerto Jiménez is shaped province has its largest section in the South, far from shared equally by local residents and wildlife. While walking through the dusty streets of Jiménez (as it's known to locals), it's not unusual to spot scarlet macaws roosting on the soccer field, or white-faced capuchins traversing the treetops adjacent to the main street.

## **GOLFO DULCE**, **COSTA RICA**

Surrounded by Corcovado National Park to the southwest, and Costa Rice's mainland to the northeast, Golfo Dulce serves up a large platter of entertainment for all who visit. To the southeast of the gulf is where you will find two great surfing locales. The palm shaded beaches of Zancudo and Pavones supply great surfing for anybody looking to hit the

OIBA, PANAMA

Coiba separated from continental Panama about 12,000 ; for 18,000 years ago when sea levels rose. Plants and apimals on the new island became isolated from mainland populations and over the millennia most animals have liverged in appearance and behavior from their mainland counterparts. The island is home to many endemic subspecies, including the Coiba Island howler monkey, the Coiba agout, and the Coiba spinetail. Coiba was home to the Colba Cacique Indians until about 1560 when they were conquered by the Spanish and forced into slavery.

## CRANITO DE ORO, PANAMA;

Granito de Oro's steep volcanic outcropping forms as structure which holds the beautiful white sand in place and creates a reef structure which shelters a large variety beautiful marine life. It is the aquarium of Coiba, off easy access to eels, turtles and large schools of fish. Granite de Oro offers the casual snorkeler a diversity and volume of marine life that many avid scuba divers spend their lives trying to see. The waters surrounding it have been called one of the top 10 diving destinations in the world.

## VEA NUESTRO MUNDO

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse places on the planet and also known as the "Rich Coast".
Most Costa Ricans have four names.
Costa Rica is the only country where IVF is completely banned.
Costa Rica is the number one in the happy planet index!

> LOCAL SAYINGS Pura Vida

> > LANGUAGE Spanish

CURRENCY Costa Rican Colón

> TIPPING Included

FOODS TO TRY Friend Plantains © Casado Arroz Con Leche © Vigoron Try local Coffee WORDS TO REMEMBER Hola (Hello) Por Favor (please) Pura Vida (Pure Life)

FROM COSTA RICA WITH LOVE Handmade Hammock or a Boruca Mask!

LOCAL HISTORY Chistopher Columbus discovered Costa Rica in 1502.

> MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS The Carraca

#### LOCAL FAUNA AND FLORA Coiba National Park is home to 760

species of fish, 33 shark species, and 20 species of whales and dolphins.

BOOK LIST "The path of love" by Osho, "Meditation, The art of ecstasy" by Osho CHARITY OPPORTUNITY Kids Saving the Rainforest! (www. kidssavingtherainforest.org)

SEE & DO Zip Lining, Scuba Diving, River rafting, Wildlife watching.

SHOP

Outdoor Market at Museo Nacional in Avenida (2 & Calle 15) Karavan Market (Panama City)

> SWIM Granito de Oro Island

RETREAT Tree House Lodge (http://www. costaricatreehouse.com)

PACKING MY CRUISE ESSENTIALS Hat, Bandana, Sunscreen, Bug spray, Shoes

## PUNTA PATINO, PANA<mark>M</mark>A

Punta Patiño is a nature reserve area in Panama, fauna in the reserve include harpy eagles; three-toed sloths, capybaras, bottlenose dolphins, crocodiles, reguar and humpback whales. Bird species include black oropendola, brown peticans, frigate birds, tern s, oystercatchers, willet, whimbrel, and spotted sandpiper, kingfishers, white ibis, heron, and laughing gulls.

## PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

The most cosmopolitan capital in Central America, Panama City is both vibrant metropolis and gateway to tropical escapes. Many worlds coexist here. We coming both east and west, Panama is a regional hub of trade. The resulting cultural cocktail forges a refreshing attitude, more dynamic and fluid than its neighbours.

## GATUN LAKE, PANAMA

Gatun Lake is a large artificial lake to the south of Colón, Panama. It forms a major part of the Panama Canal, carrying ships for 33 km (21 mi) of their transit across the 1sthmus of Panama.

The lake was created between 1907 and 1913 by the building of the Gatun Dam across the Chagres River. At the time it was created, Gatun Lake was the largest man-made lake in the world. Gatun Dam was also the largest of its kind.



# SEYCHELLES

## CURIEUSE

Giant Aldabra tortoises roam freely on Curieuse, an uninhabited island which was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitors center. The island is an important nesting site for Hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vine and eight different species of mangroves. Curieuse was once known as Ile Rouge on account of its red earth, and was eventually named after one of explorer Marion Du Fresne's vessels that explored the islands in 1768. Aside from Praslin, Curieuse is the only other island in the Seychelles where the Coco de mer, the heaviest nut on earth, grows naturally.

## PRASLIN

Praslin was named after the Duc de Praslin, the French Minister of Marine in 1768. and is the site of the gorgeous World Heritage-listed 'Vallee de Mai', the last remnant of the original high canopied Seychelles palm forest and home to the Coco de mer. Look out for the rare black parrot while enjoying its natural beauty which so overpowered General Gordon. British General sent out a statement claiming that the forest is the original Garden of Eden. It's also a birding hot spot: watch for the endemic Seychelles bulbul, the lovely blue pigeon and the Seychelles warbler. The long beach of Anse Lazio, on the northwest tip of the island, has lapis lazuli waters, a thick fringe of palm and takamaka trees, and granite boulders at each extremity.

### MOYENNE

In the Ste. Anne Marine National Park, you will find the Moyenne Island, which is believed to be haunted by a spirit that guards a buried treasure. Since the 1970s it has been a flora and fauna reserve.

### ARIDE

One of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean, known as the "seabird citadel" of the Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater and roseate tern and also five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is perhaps the most unspoiled of all the Inner Seychelles.

### MAHE

Over 1,000 miles from the east coast of Africa the island of Mahe's jungle clad mountains rise from the Indian Ocean. The island of Mahe is awash in blues and greens. The island's capital, Victoria, was named after Queen Victoria, and at its centre sits the Victoria Clocktower, a national monument reminiscent of the London's Big Ben. Beau Vallon Bay is found on the Northwest part of Mahe, and is a famous base for diving and snorkeling.

## LA DIGUE

Named after a ship in the fleet of French explorer Marion du Fresne, the inhabitants of La Digue are called the Seychelles Creoles. The majority of them came to the islands on ships in the 18th and 19th century. In La Digue, huge granite boulders lie like giant sculptures on the brilliant white beaches of the island.

## **ST PIERRE**

St. Pierre Island is a raised reef island west of providence Atoll and part of Farquhar group, which belongs to the Outer islands of the Seychelles. St. Pierre has a gently sloping seabed on the exposed southeastern coast and a steep drop off on the northwest, where the fringing reef is all but absent. It is uninhabited, and indeed in modern times all but uninhabitable.

## FELICITE

Felicite Island is a small heavy forested granitic island 4 km east of La Digue in the Seychelles. Up until the 1970s it was a coconut plantation that had a native population of about 50. In the late 19th century, Felicite was home to exile Sultan Abdullah of Perak.

## COUSIN

A nature reserve, one of the best protected sites for nesting Hawkspill furtles and boasting the highest density of lizards per hectare in the world. This small granitic island lies 2 km west of Praslin, is visited by 300,000 nesting seabirds each year and is home to five endemic land birds including the endemic Seychelles. The island boasts the best protected and most diverse fish population of any reserve in the granitic islands.

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#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Variety Cruises' first ever cruise in the Seychelles was back in 1996, on the M/S Galileo!

From the heart of Gondwanaland: 150 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth, the Seychelles was the epicenter of the super-continent Gondwanaland. The geological origins of the Seychelles can be traced to the disintegration of the Gondwanaland when at the end of the Cretaceous period, Madagascar and India to which the Seychelles bank was attached, drifted northeastwards.

The Legendary Scychelles Breadfruit: Legend has it that people who eat breadfruit always come back in the Scychelles. With a starchy texture and a fragrance similar to fresh baked bread, the breadfruit is an iconic and a traditional member of the culinary culture in Scychelles

 Anse de source d'Argent is reputed to be the most world's most photographed beach.
 Victoria in Mahe, is the smallest

capital in the world.

Doit like James Bond: Ian Fleming, the author of James Bond novels and short stories, named his character Milton Krest after a tonic and ginger beer that he tasted while vacationing in Seychelles.

Let's Dance to Scychellois sounds: The dance and music unique to the Scychelles is the "moutia", most closely associated with the African heritage of the Scychellois people. After a week of hard work on the plantations, the workers would gather under the coconut palms, and dance to the sound of the moutia drums, made from goatskin and heated over a fire to tune before being played.

Treasure-Treasure: The Seychelles was once a pirate hideout, in particular Anse Forbans (Pirate's Cove) on Mahé and Côte d'Or on Praslin. It is believed that famous pirate Olivier Levasseur hid a treasure worth more than \$160,000 that remains unfound. Festival Kreol: The country's annual sixday Creole Festival takes places at the end of every October.

Fresh from the Local Market: Visit the Sir Selwyn-Clarke Market in Victoria, Mahe and find tropical fruits and delicious seafood.

#### FLORA & FAUNA

The Seychelles has some of the rarest endemic birds, including the barelegged Scops-owl, which is so rare that it was once thought to have become extinct before being rediscovered in 1959.

#### MYTHS & LEGENDS

Coco de Mer - "The Love Nut": Until 1768, it was believed by many to grow on a mythical tree at the bottom of the sea. This was because rotted-out coco de mer that had fallen and found their way into the sea would drift and mysteriously wash up on faraway shores. European nobles before the 17th century would go to great lengths to acquire one for their private galleries, and often adorned the nuts with jewels. The nut itself is listed as the world's largest seed in the Guinness Book of World Records. Male coco de mer palms grow up to 30 metres, while female palms can grow to 24 metres.

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#### ART

Celebrated Seychelles painter, Michael Adams, specializes in colorfast watercolors and silkscreen prints of people, land and seascapes –often sprinkled with subliminal signals referring to the Garden of Eden. His phantasmagorical renditions of the Seychelles, stroked in vibrant blues, reds greens and gold capture perfectly the essence of the islands and their mesmerizing natural beauty.

FROM THE BOOK SHELVES: ISLAND SOULS OF THE SEYCHELLES, a fascinating collection of island personalities who have sat for the painter since 1972.

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## PRAIA, SAN TIAGO

Praia meaning "beach", also known as «Cidade Velha» is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Landmarks in the colonial city center include Albuquerque Square, the old city hall built in the 1920s, the Presidential Palace, constructed in the end of the 19th century to house the Portuguese governor and the Monumento de Diogo Gomes and named after the Portuguese navigator who discovered the island in 1460.

## FOGO

Visit the Forte Real de Sao Filipe, the main slave trading outpost and discover the remnants of the first Portuguese settlers and gain insight into the island's trouble past. Walk through the charming city of Sao Filipe with her terracotta rooftops, pastel painted buildings in the island of Fire.

## SAN NICOLAU

Here you can witness the famous Dragon Tree in the Island with amazing contrasts of dry desserts and green valleys. Reach its tiny village called Praia Branca before walking near the mountain of Monte Gordo or around the oldest town in Cape Verde, the Ribeira Brava.

## SANTO ANTAO

Visit the famous Paul Valley in Santo Antao, with the precipitous peaks, jaw-dropping ravines and dwellings clinging to the mountain sides. Take pictures of the bizarre rock formation that volcanic eruptions have left behind.

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as the cu to some nd its capital Mindelo are known capital of the archipelago, home ape Verde's greatest musicians, ch as Cesaria Evora.

## MAIO

Undiscovered by most apart from the discerning few, Maio is the hidden gem of the Cape Verde islands. The most easterly of the Sotavento isles, Maio is a tranquil haven with kilometre upon kilometre of white sandy beaches. Populated by just 6,000 of the friendliest people imaginable, it really is pretty close to heaven on earth.

> LANGUAGE > Portuguese, Crioulo CURRENCY > Cape Verde escudo POPULATION > 476,000 CAPITAL > Praia; 107,000

#### DID YOU KNOW

Cape Verde is a marine extension of the Sahara. A series of hot winds carrying brown dust from the Sahara appear in blasts that sweep across the islands during October to June and are known as harmattandry (other sources say they blow between December and March).

## VEJA NOSSO MUNDO

# GIVING BACK TO SOCIETY

## INTRODUCING THE VARIETY FOUNDATION TO TRAVEL, IS TO IMMERSE YOURSELF

Embracing local communities has been at the core of Variety Cruises' concept, since its inception by our original founder Diogenis Venetopoulos in 1949. Since then, we have gone a long way by introducing new vessels, developing unique itineraries, and exploring the globe one shore at a time.

However, one of the fundamental milestones is going beyond simply visiting a destination, but instead immersing ourselves in it geographically, culturally, environmentally, and emotionally. To achieve this lifelong objective we have found that the best way is by allowing our guests and ourselves to get involved. By getting involved we allow for a two-way communication experience whereby we exchange information, experiences, and support with the places we visit and people we interact with.

Variety Cruises and guests have the option of getting involved with the local communities visited either personally, or via the VARIETY GETS INVOLVED INITIATIVE, a not-for-profit foundation aimed at connecting the members of our yacht cruise line with the people of the destinations we visit, and beyond. Examples involve our Seychelles initiative whereby we got involved by providing local education support to the available infrastructure, acknowledged by the local government in 2013. We have become involved with the local communities offering support to the Archbishop Makrios Scholarship fund, as well as with the Trevor Project, the leading suicide prevention line for LGBTQ youth community in the US and beyond.

In 2010 our West Africa cruise became a unique opportunity to get involved with local communities when we discovered the need to provide additional education infrastructure to the village of Lamin Koto by the Gambian River. With the support of our local cruise director who became the liaison between the company, its guests, and the local community we built a school from scratch that now proudly serves over 100 children from Lamin Koto.

In 2014 as part of our passion to support the education of The Gambia, we initiated the Kuntaur Film Festival. Focus lies on sharing educational and classical films from all over the globe with local communities, with children at the forefront being the overwhelming majority. The Festival's mission is to connect Global Film Communities within The Gambia, and to provide a platform for emerging talent.

Last but not least, we continue to support the local community of Greece, where Variety Cruises was born by continuing to sponsor select local artists and artistans, with profound artistic impact. On a daily basis we are inundated by charities and worthy causes seeking our support. Some feel closer to home, others more valid; yet what connects them all is the true passion for a community that needs support. All proceeds from all our efforts as part of the foundation are utilized for the further growth of this and other projects as part of our mission, and the local communities they serve. Variety Gets Involved is a story, which has just begun, and we look forward to you joining us in our exciting lifelong adventure.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Passengers who have not cruised with Variety Cruises before, will have many questions to ask about the ship, the operation and the cruise program. This section will give you some of the answers to the most frequently asked questions. If you have any queries or need clarification please visit our website, call your travel agent or contact us.

#### **BEFORE YOU EMBARK**

#### Embarkation / Disembarkation

Passengers are requested to be on board at cruise program embarkation times shown or 2 hours prior to departure. Disembarkation is after breakfast at approximately 9am.

#### **Travel Documents**

Participants must be in possession of a valid passport (expiring not earlier than one month after cruise ends) and should obtain visas and health certificates where required. All requirements should be confirmed with appropriate government consulate or information office prior to departure.

#### Luggage and Clothing

Please travel as lightly as possible so as not to restrict space in your cabin. Soft bags are more practical than hard suitcases. Sports or casual clothes are more useful. Plenty of swimwear is required and a pullover or cardigan is recommended for cool evenings. Comfortable walking shoes are suggested when ashore.

#### Electric Current

Our ship generators provide an electric current of 220 v. Cabins are equipped with European type plugs so please remember to bring an adaptor if necessary.

#### Health Requirements

Due to safety reasons it is requested that physical disabilities of any kind be advised at time of reservation. It is understood that passengers requiring special attention or treatment will be travelling with their personal escorts. The company retains the right to refuse to embark any pregnant woman beyond the 6th month of pregnancy.

#### **Special Dietary Requirements**

Every attempt to meet special dietary requirements will be made provided that such a request is put in writing at least 4 weeks prior to sailing.

#### Passengers with Special Needs

Variety Cruises ships are not suitable for passengers with special needs. Embarkation gang ways do not fit all types of wheel chairs. Cabin bathrooms and stair cases are unsuitable for disabled passengers. Cruise itineraries may include anchorage and tenders to shore where good physical condition is required.

#### WHILE AT SEA

#### Daily Program

Each day's schedule will be posted by our cruise coordinator listing necessary information such as arrival/ departure times, meal times, days activities and any other pertinent information. It is understood that the daily program will be given as a guideline and that it is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. As for dining, breakfast, lunch or dinner – depending on your daily cruise schedule are served on an open sitting basis at set timings adjusted to best fit day's program.

#### **Emergency Drill**

An emergency drill demonstration is conducted by our crew before the ship sails and/or within 24 hours from departure and is to be attended by all passengers. The drill will provide passengers information about the alarm system, the muster station position, their life jackets use and other emergency procedures.

#### Swim stops

When itineraries allow for a swim stop passengers are requested to carefully read the swimming instructions and attend the ship's briefings for safety.

#### Motorsailers & Sailing Cruisers

Unless differently notified sails are opened when wind and itinerary schedule allow for a certain sailing time and are mostly used with assistance of the ship's engines.

#### Valuables

Jewelry, money, documents etc., should be placed in your individual safe deposit boxes or given to the captain who will deposit items in the ship's safe box free of charge. The company and its personnel bear no responsibility for valuables kept by passengers. Passengers are advised to protect personal valuable belongings during tendering and should refrain from leaving such on open decks unattended or during sailings.

#### Personal Expenses & Funds

EURO is the official currency on board. There is an optional credit system for expenses on board that may be paid/settled at the end of the cruise. Most major currencies payment by American Express, Visa and Mastercard is accepted/ exchanged at their official exchange rate.

#### Medical Attention

There is no doctor on board any Variety Cruises ships. In case of an emergency, some members of the crew are trained to offer first aid. Medical care is available in all inhabited ports of call visited. In case of discomfort, please contact a crew member immediately.

#### Smoking

Smoking is not permitted to any of our passengers or members of the crew in any indoor part of the ship.

#### Shore Excursions

Shore excursions are not included in the cruise fares and are available according to the cruise schedule/ports of call visited. Details are available in your cabin and provided also on a daily basis by the on board Cruise Coordinator. Shore excursions are subject to shore and weather conditions and based on a minimum participation a minimum participation is required for their materialization.

#### Tipping

Tipping is at our guests' discretion. As a rule satisfied customers are expected to leave between € 11-14 and US\$ 13-16 per person per day. These tips are distributed to all crew members. Passengers should refrain from tipping individual crew members.

#### Complaints

Should any problems arise on board please report them first to your Cruise Coordinator and the Captain. Crew members will do their utmost to rectify the situation. Please also ensure that your personal guest questionnaire is filled and placed in the appropriate locked guest questionnaire box. We welcome all your suggestions for improvements as well as your feedback on our cruise operation and on our crew. Complaints that are received by the company 4 weeks after the end of cruise are not acknowledged.

#### Laundry

Laundry service (machine-washable items) is available only on board the Variety Cruises ships. Further information is available from your cabin steward.

#### Telephone / Fax

There is a telephone in your cabin for intra ship communication. International calls and fax sending via satellite are available at the bridge and can be arranged through the Captain but are very costly.

#### Games and Library

Games and a selection of books are available on board. Please ask your Cruise Coordinator and ensure that they are returned timely, as a courtesy to your fellow passengers.

#### Internet & Television

Internet access is available at a charge. Please contact the Hotel Manager or the Cruise Coordinator.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### **Cruise fares**

All fares are quoted in US Dollars or Euro and are per person based on double occupancy. US \$ cruise fares apply for US, Latin America and GCC countries passport holders and Euro rates apply for all other nationalities.

**Fares include:** shipboard accommodations, sea/ ocean transportation, meals and onboard special evenings as specified in the cruise program selected.

**Fares do not include:** Wi-Fi, port charges, fuel surcharge, travel insurance, transfers, optional air/sea or land programs (unless noted), shore excursions, airport facility charges, taxes/fees, nor do they include items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, gratuities, gift shop purchases, medical services, phone calls, etc.

All onboard charges are in Euros. Port Charges, Fuel Surcharge Port charges and fuel surcharge are in addition to the cruise fares. Payment for port charges must be made at the time the final payment is made.

Guarantee of Fares Passengers with confirmed bookings under deposit, or who have made final payment, shall be protected in the event of a price increase, except in the event of major exchange fluctuations or in case of exceptional rise of fuel costs or government new taxes requiring changes in port taxes or a fuel surcharge. However, excluding the above, Variety Cruises reserves the right to increase all prices for new bookings, without prior notice, including port charges, fuel surcharge, insurance and taxes/fees.

#### **Single Supplement Rates**

For single occupancy cabin reservations depending on the cruise program, a 30% - 75% single supplement is applicable on the fare per person in twin cabin. Single space is capacity controlled.

#### **Deposit and Payment**

To secure your reservation, a deposit of 25% of the cruise fare per person is required within 7 days of booking. Final payment is required 60 days prior to departure. All payments may be made by either check (US passengers only), Visa, Master Card, or American Express. All final payments by credit card requires the signature of the credit cardholder. Please make checks payable to Variety Cruises. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Group policies differ. Administrative charge for cruise and land tour

An administration fee of 50\$ / 35€ is required for any changes made to reservations including both a cruise and a pre or post land package. In addition, any costs incurred for changes in land arrangements will be the responsibility of the passenger. Sailing dates cannot be changed within the penalty period.

#### **Cancellations and Refunds**

- > Up to 120 days from embarkation € 100 cancellation fees
- > 119 to 90 days from embarkation 15% of the cruise fare
- $\,$  > 59 to 30 days from embarkation 50% of the cruise fare
- $^{>}$  29 to 00 days from embarkation 100% of the cruise fare

Cancellations must be confirmed by VARIETY CRUISES in writing in all cases. Refunds will normally be made to the booking party. Variety Cruises can only be responsible for refunding amounts actually received. If cancellation fees are charged by pre/post hotels, or services suppliers they will be deducted from any refund made. No refunds will be made to passengers who do not board the ship or passengers who cancel after the start of the cruise. We recommend the purchase of travel insurance.

#### **Child reduction**

Children between the ages of 7-10 sharing a cabin with two paying adults receive a 50% discount on the cruise fare per person in twin cabin. Children between the ages of 10-16 sharing a cabin with two paying adults receive a 35% discount. Port taxes are not discounted. Please ask for our Family Offers available on request.

#### Children

Aboard the Variety Cruises ships there are no recreational facilities for children and reservations for those under the age of seven (7) are not advised.

## Cruise itinerary change, sailing cancellation and vessel substitution

Variety Cruises Ltd reserves the right at their sole option and discretion and that of the Captain to deviate from the ship's advertised itinerary without liability for damages or refunds of any kind, either this is caused by weather conditions - sailing is not permitted by port authorities in case of winds if 7 beaufort or more – or other extraordinary conditions. Such does not entitle passengers for any claims or refunds. Variety Cruises will however ensure that passengers access their port or disembarkation on time for their outwards flights. Variety Cruises guarantees all departures with a minimum participation of 12 passengers. In the unlikely event that such would be required, the cancellation of a departure will be notified at least 60 days prior to the sailing date and alternative sailing dates will be offered to the passenger. Variety Cruises may for any reason whatsoever cancel any sailing at any time for the passenger the amount it has received for the cruise ticket and any other pre or post land tour or excursions package purchased from Variety Cruises.

#### Vessel substitution

Variety Cruises may operate the cruise program with another vessel as long as this vessel is of the same or higher standard. Passengers offered a suitable alternative cruise program are not entitled to any refund. Cruise interruption: During the cruise should the vessel sustain any breakdown in machinery, or be disabled by fire, grounding or collision disrupting the cruise itinerary for more than 48 hours, and if no substitute vessel or arrangement is offered, passengers will be entitled to a refund proportional to the cruise days not operated. No further claims will be accepted. It is further recognized that Variety Cruises is a Greek Company and the interpretation of the terms and conditions will be resolved solely according to the Greek Laws in Greek Courts.

#### Independent Contractor / Limit of Liability

Variety Cruises Ltd liability and responsibility does not extend beyond the vessel; any arrangements made by or for passengers either before boarding or when disembarking are at the passenger's own risk. Variety Cruises Ltd does not own or control any ground transportation or hotels. As a convenience to our passengers, Variety Cruises may sell tickets for shore excursions or arrange other services which are operated by independent contractors, but shall not be responsible in any way whatsoever for any damage, loss, injury or death arising from these arrangements from these contractors.

## HOME AT SEA PREPARE TO BE SPOILED ØIAOEENIA



Variety Voyas

PHILOXENIA: love of strangers. Hospitality aka. 'philoxenia' is generosity of spirit. Η φιλοξενία (ετυμολογία από το φιλώ (= αγαπώ) + ξένος) αναφέρεται στην πράξη της περίθαλψης και φροντίδας

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Philoxenia is a notion that encompasses the soul of the people that has made Variety Cruises what it is today. It embroiders the love we share for our guests and our passion to make you feel at home at Sea. Enjoy a pristine balance of being pampered by our expert team, while at the same time enjoying your own space. Since 1949, we have carefully honed that skill. We invite you to venture into undiscovered lands and cosmopolitan locales whilst being unobtrusively guided by our proficient cruise directors, impeccably served by our talented hotel crew, and above all being kept at utmost safety by the mastery of our seasoned Captains. Let us take you by the hand as we sail through the beauty of the Seas to discover the world together one port at a time. Feel at home at Sea and experience hospitality at its finest with a touch of our true roots of Greek φιλοξενία.

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