Pre-FAM Tour
4-Day Iconic Aegean Cruise | May 6-10, 2019
Onboard Celestyal Olympia

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WHERE: Piraeus – Mykonos – Kusadasi, Turkey – Patmos – Rhodos - Heraklion - Santorini

The Iconic Aegean Greek islands cruise is the classic experience of discovery for those encountering Greece’s beauty for the first time. Embark on a journey of a lifetime as you cruise along emerald waters through a series of enchanting destinations and watch as picture-perfect images come to life. Swaying windmills, striking cliffs and legendary ancient cities greet you at every destination, inviting you to explore breath-taking islands and all that is hidden within them.

WHEN: May 6 - 10, 2019

ITINERARY:
- **Monday, May 6**
  - Piraeus (Greece) - Departure 11:30 AM
  - Mykonos (Greece) - Arrival 6:00 PM / Departure 11:00 PM
- **Tuesday, May 7**
  - Kusadasi (Turkey) - Arrival 7:30 AM, Departure 1:00 PM
  - Patmos (Greece) - Arrival 5:45 PM, Departure 9:30 PM
- **Wednesday, May 8**
  - Rhodes (Greece) - Arrival 7:00 AM, Departure 06:00 PM
- **Thursday, May 9**
  - Heraklion (Greece) - Arrival 7:00 AM, Departure 12:00 PM
  - Santorini (Greece) - Arrival 4:30 PM, Departure 9:30 PM
- **Friday, May 10**
  - Piraeus (Greece)
WHAT’S INCLUDED:
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (Vegetarian Meals Available)
- Drink Package: Unlimited Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Excursion to Ancient Ephesus (Kusadasi KUS02)
- Excursion to Minoan Palace of Knossos (Heraklion HER02)
- Port & Service Charges, and All Gratuities

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:
- The number of allotted cabins is 10, Additional cabins will be based on availability
- Shore excursions that are not included in your fare may be purchased aboard
- Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended.
- We encourage you to not book your flights until your FAM is confirmed by ASTA.
- Your registration is non-refundable unless the cruise is cancelled by ASTA or the Supplier.
- Valid passports are required but Visas are not needed for the cruise.
- Have questions? Contact meetings@asta.org.

ABOUT THE DESTINATIONS:

Monday, May 6

**Piraeus**
*Gateway to the Greek Islands and Athens’ Ancient Port*

The largest port in the Mediterranean and the primary departure point for Greek Island cruises from Athens, Piraeus is a city that will bring your senses to life. With a sun-soaked promenade, al-fresco cafes and bars and countless shops, it's a place where you can easily relax with a glass of wine and watch the world go by.

Ports since antiquity, its seemingly infinite rows of quays are filled with luxury yachts and the comings and goings of people visiting the city of Athens or heading out to the blissful Greek islands. Further along the bay, you’ll find the charming port of Pasalimani where the laid-back atmosphere provides an escape with boutiques and secluded eateries.

Piraeus is your gateway into one of the world’s oldest cities. Venture into Athens alone or join a guided excursion from the cruise ship to discover the city’s ancient monuments, iconic landmarks and an open-air museum that’s like nothing you’ve ever seen before.

**Mykonos Island**
*Where Tradition, Nightlife and Glamour Live Side by Side*

The Greek Island, Mykonos, flaunts its double personality the moment you set eyes on its coastline. Basking in year-round sunshine, its rugged rocky landscape blends seamlessly with smooth sandy beaches. In the distance, undulating hills host the island’s iconic windmills turning in symphony with the seasonal winds that have branded Mykonos ‘island of the winds’.

On appearance, traditional white-washed villages seem untouched by time but delve deeper into their maze of cobbled streets and you’ll find cosmopolitan bars, exclusive boutiques, and gourmet restaurants. High-energy nightlife gives way to calming, picture-perfect beaches where it’s easy to find your inner peace.
Travel back through the centuries at Mykonos’ archaeological sites where you’ll encounter the Sanctuary of Apollo and many other fascinating ancient relics that reveal the island’s varied past. Next, explore traditional villages such as Ano Mera where the pure white walls of Panagia Tourliani monastery appear crafted from the landscape.

**Tuesday, May 7**

**Kusadasi**  
*A Fun Seaside City Full of Immaculate Beaches, Lively Nights and Shopping Heaven*

Arriving in the port of Kusadasi, Turkey you’ll instantly feel at home. A huge covered bazaar stretches out in front of you and the buzz from trendy seaside bars and restaurants floats through the air. Follow your instincts and lose track of time ambling from café to café and exploring its myriad of shops and historic sites.

Find time for yourself on one of the many white sandy beaches in and around Kusadasi such as Diamond Beach, Paradise Beach or Love Beach, where you can try your hand at windsurfing or even jet skiing. And there’s no shortage of good times in Kusadasi: weather that’s always on your side, a chilled, laid-back atmosphere and ancient sites on its doorstep.

In the city, itself, stroll around the Fortress of Kusadasi on Pigeon Island and discover city walls that protect historic gems such as the Fortress Mosque. But head out into the sun-soaked hills above the Aegean coast, and you’ll come across some of the most important archaeological sites in Europe.

**Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellinistic and Roman**  
*Half Day: Up to 4 ½ hours*

Our Ancient Ephesus bus tour is a journey through the golden ages which shaped a pivotal center of commerce and spirituality. Built 3,000 years ago, Ephesus shaped the history of Greek, Turkish and Christian civilizations from its privileged location, chosen (according to legend) by the oracle of Delphi. A site of pilgrimage, due to its proximity to the Temple of Artemis (one of the 7 Wonders of the World) and the presence of major Christian figures (the apostles Paul and John and the Virgin Mary) within the city walls, Ephesus is currently one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the Mediterranean. The splendour of its golden age is visible throughout its streets and exceptionally well-preserved ruins. As we explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site you will have the opportunity to breathe in the centuries of cultural effervescence, visible in the Ephesus Agora, Odeon, the Houses of the Patricians, the beautiful Temple of Hadrian and the astonishing Library of Celsus. You will also can bargain and shop local merchandise such as carpets, leather goods, souvenirs etc.
Patmos
A Timeless Holy Island That Radiates Spiritual Wellbeing

Approaching the port of Skala, you can’t take your eyes off the monumental grid of medieval walls that emerge as if staking their claim over the island. Inching ever closer to Patmos island, your eyes will be drawn further down the hill to the fringes of white houses that circle Chora all the way to the pretty harbor of Skala.

Stepping foot on the island of Patmos you’ll be bowled over by its ageless, touching presence – villages appear undisturbed for centuries and its natural volcanic beauty captivates and absorbs all your attention. Patmos is also steeped in history: where architecture remains testament to Greek, Roman and Byzantine influences. And legends say that St John was inspired to write the Book of Revelations here.

The picturesque harbor of Skala may appear small on the outside, but a wealth of quality bakeries, shops and tavernas line the waterfront promenade tempting you to take a break and enjoy a refreshing drink. With no big towns; just secluded bays, towering cliffs and untouched landscapes, Patmos is as authentic as they come.

Wednesday, May 8

Rhodos
Beaches, castles and butterflies – Rhodes is an island like no other

Approaching Rhodes island by sea is an experience all of its own. The clifftop Acropolis at Lindos rises slowly from the still blue waters, evoking the ancient Colossus which once adorned the harbor, and modern hillside villages lay in the shadow of the imposing medieval fortification.

Stepping off the cruise ship, an island of contrasts awaits; a tranquil paradise, rich with nature and layered with history. Wandering the Old Town, you’ll feel the presence of the Crusaders who once walked the same cobbled streets. The ruins left behind by Byzantines, Romans and ancient Greeks will whisk you even further back in time.

Alternatively, find peace and seclusion on the miles and miles of sandy beaches, or feel your cares drift away in the mineral-rich waters at one of the island’s many natural spas. Then head into the forested inland, where rivers and waterfalls flow, butterflies surround you in the Valley of the Butterflies, and native deer still roam free on the wild hills and mountains.

Medieval tour - Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights
Half Day: Up to 4 ½ hours

Centuries of culture and layer upon layer of extraordinary civilizations await to be discovered during our bus tour through impressive Lindos and within the awe-inspiring structure of the Acropolis of Lindos. We will follow the footsteps of heroes as we walk along the Knight’s Street in the heart of historical Rhodes. The seven lodges of the Order, still bearing their original coats of arms, are displayed along the cobblestone street where Rhodes’ history was written for over two centuries. Sitting at the top of Knights Street, the Grand Master’s Palace is well worth its name. You will be awed by the fort’s imposing Gothic architecture and strength displayed throughout its court structures, as you get a glimpse into the
fascinating era of the Knights. We will end our tour of historical Rhodes with free time so that you may fortify your memories of Rhodes at your own pace.

**Thursday, May 9**

**Heraklion Crete**  
**A City Filled with Palaces, Fountains and Mythical Labyrinths**

Sailing into Heraklion port, the intimidating walls of Koules Fortress emerge from the sea to guard the ancient treasures found within the city. Capital of Crete, Heraklion is brimming with landmarks, world-class museums, golden beaches and a stylish nightlife scene that shape a destination to please everyone’s taste.

Pedestrianized streets wind their way around the historic center connecting squares, ornate Ottoman fountains and arcaded walkways within the secure Venetian walls. Strolling along the picturesque harbor-front promenade, you’ll spot traditional fishing boats coming and going, old vaulted shipyards in the distance as well as tavernas spilling out onto the seafront grilling freshly-caught fish and serving ice-cold drinks.

As the birthplace of Minoan civilization, Heraklion shows you the best of Crete history and culture. Exploring the Archaeological Museum, you’ll lose track of time looking at exhibitions covering more than 5,000 years, and you’ll soon uncover the city’s rich artistic heritage having given the world El Greco, poet Odysseas Elytis and novelist Nikos Kazantzakis.

**Santorini**  
**Catch Your Breath and Prepare to be Seduced**

Cruising towards Santorini is like being swept away on a current to somewhere truly magical. You will its pull almost instantly. The island will greet you with its striking cliffs, promising adventure and legendary tales. The almost vertical towns of whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches will rise above the blue Aegean like an oasis of beauty and calm.

As you leave the comforts of the ship behind, you’ll trade them for the unique indulgences of Santorini. A sense of serenity and mystery washes over you as you step off deck and make your way through the winding, narrow streets of Fira. Start your days chasing thrills at the top of a dormant volcano and end them with mojitos on cliffs overlooking sunsets that will stay with you for a lifetime.

While the island is most famous for its striking landscape, Santorini provides a feast for all senses: Feel the heat of the sun under your feet as you walk along the black sand of its volcanic beaches. Savor the flavors of local products by pairing one of the island’s most famous dishes, creamy Greek fava, with a bottle of locally-produced Vinsanto wine. Listen to the calls of the seagulls and the crashing waves create a perfect harmony with the traditional music of the island. There is no doubt; you will leave Santorini with your own Greek myth.

* For detailed Shore Excursion descriptions visit: [https://drive.celestyalcruises.gr/share/shorexenglish](https://drive.celestyalcruises.gr/share/shorexenglish) *
ABOUT THE CRUISE SHIP:

**Your Cruise Ship: Celestyal Olympia**

Enjoy your drink at Thalassa and Horizons bar and watch the Aegean Sea shimmer before your eyes. Celestyal Olympia includes lounges, bars, restaurants, a fully equipped gym, a library, a children’s playground, and an array of shops selling traditional Greek products and tax-free goods.

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