



## Cruise Details

Name:	Turkey'S Cultural Treasures And Greek Hospitality
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2622
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	16 Sep 26
Departs From:	Istanbul
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Arrives On:	28 Sep 26
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

## Itinerary

Day 1: Istanbul (Turkey)

Arrives On: 16 Sep 26

Day 2: Istanbul (Turkey)

Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul - whether Greeks, Ottomans or Turks, they have all left their marks, with the result that the city can offer sights from all cultures and eras. Visit the fascinating old town of Istanbul, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, to name just a few of the highlights.

Arrives On: 17 Sep 26

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The Dardanelles are a narrow strait that connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Black Sea. They have played a significant role throughout history, particularly during the First World War at the Battle of Gallipoli. Extending over approximately 61 kilometres and only 1.2 kilometres wide at their narrowest point, the Dardanelles are renowned for both their strategic importance and scenic beauty, making them a captivating destination for visitors from around the globe.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 26

#### Day 4: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Kusadasi is a well-known, lively holiday resort south of Izmir in western Turkey. It is situated in a wide, beautiful bay that breaks up into many individual coves and offers picturesque views of the sparkling sea. Stroll through the diverse old town and enjoy the wonderful Turkish hospitality.

Arrives On: 19 Sep 26

#### Day 5: Marmaris (Turkey)

Marmaris boasts a long history that dates back to ancient times and was once well-known for its marble quarries. Today, Marmaris is a beloved travel destination, featuring stunning beaches, a picturesque harbour, and a charming old town. Be sure to visit the impressive Marmaris Castle and explore ancient sites such as Kaunos, Knidos, and Dalyan. Marmaris offers an array of activities and attractions to suit every taste.

Arrives On: 20 Sep 26

#### Day 6: Bodrum (Turkey)

Bodrum is a picturesque city with whitewashed mud houses spilling, densely packed, down the hillside. To the north of Bodrum are the important archaeological sites of Miletus and Didyma. Miletus was once the biggest city in the ancient world. The Milesian school of thought was founded there in the sixth century, with the result that Miletus is now heralded as the birthplace of philosophical and scientific tradition. The temple at Didyma is simultaneously a place of pilgrimage and the site of an oracle dedicated to the god Apollo.

Arrives On: 21 Sep 26

#### Day 7: Rhodes (Greece)

The old town of Rhodes, a UNESCO World Heritage site, houses remarkable remnants of ancient Greece and the medieval era. Particularly worth visiting is Lindos, a picturesque village with an acropolis and narrow streets. The Street of the Knights, the Palace of the Grand Master, and the Archaeological Museum in the old town of Rhodes are additional highlights.

Arrives On: 22 Sep 26

#### Day 8: Symi (Greece)

With its steep slopes and ancient mansions, the harbour is one of the most picturesque sights in the Aegean. Savour a frappé while watching the fishermen in the bay, or climb the steps to the upper town of Chorio for an impressive panoramic view.

Arrives On: 23 Sep 26

#### Day 9: Agios Nikólaos, Kríti (Greece)

The town of Agios Nikolaos was built around a natural freshwater lake and is home to the relics of an ancient civilisation. Lake Voulismeni is a popular meeting point with charming cafes. The island of Spinalonga, a former leper colony, is an impressive spot to visit nearby. From Agios Nikolaos, you can also visit the famous archaeological sites of Knossos and Phaistos. With its rich history, picturesque surroundings and proximity to other historical sites, Agios Nikolaos is the ideal starting point to explore Crete.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 26

#### Day 10: Santorini (Greece)

Thira, also known as Santorini, has a fascinating history. The town is located on a volcanic island and was once a thriving Minoan settlement. Today, the ruins of Akrotiri are an impressive archaeological site that offers insights into ancient life. The characteristic architecture of Thira, with its whitewashed houses and blue domes, is also worth seeing. The breathtaking view from the cliffs of Oia and the famous sunset are a must-see. Santorini offers a rich history, breathtaking landscapes and unique attractions such as the caldera, the archaeological area of Akrotiri and the island's beautiful beaches.

Arrives On: 25 Sep 26

#### Day 11: Naxos (Greece)

On Naxos, you can visit the Portara, the ruins of the ancient Temple of Apollo. The medieval castle, picturesque villages such as Apiranthos, and beaches like Agios Prokopios and Plaka are also well worth a visit.

Arrives On: 26 Sep 26

#### Day 12: Náfplion (Greece)

Nauplia, also known as Nafplio, offers a picturesque old town with narrow streets, cobble squares and colourful buildings. Highlights include the fortress of Palamidi, the Acropolis of Nauplia, Syntagma Square and Bourtzi Castle situated on a small island off the coast. The town is also an ideal starting point for visiting the ancient sites of Mycenae and Epidaurus. With its rich history and

beautiful atmosphere, Nauplia is a popular destination for visitors who want to experience the authentic Greek flair.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 26

Day 13: Piraeus (Greece)

Arrives On: 28 Sep 26

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