

15D13N BEST OF GREECE & ITALY

DAY 1: KUALA LUMPUR + Santorini

- · Arrival Santorini via transit in Athens or Doha depeding on flight
- · Transfer to the hotel
- Free at own leisure, explore this beautiful Island on own

DAY 2: Santorini

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Free at own leisure, you can join any optional tour

A second day in Santorini is essential for finding out what the island has to offer.

Seize the day early and venture out to the beautiful scenic villages with the traditional settlements and also the unique beaches. In the evening, do not miss to experience the romantic Sunset from the cliff while enjoying the exceptional Santorinian wine!

DAY 3: Santorini - Athens by Domestic flight

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Arrival Athens, transfer to hotel to checkin

DAY 4: ATHENS

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- City tour in Athens
- · Evening transfer to tourist area of Plaka

We will enjoy a panoramic tour of the city with a local guide which includes the Presidential Palace, the Panathinaikos stadium where the first modern Olympic games were held, the national library, the bustling squares of the center; the new neighborhoods that emerged after the 2004 Olympic games. The tour will end at the Acropolis site (entry not included). In the evening we include a transfer to the PLAKA quarter, a place full of small Greek taverns where you can also enjoy this country's folklore.

DAY 5: ATHENS - KAMENA VOURLA - KALAMBACA

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- Meteora Valley with entrance to a Monastery
- Visit the Valley of the METEORA
- Dinner included

We set off in the early morning for the North of Greece. A stop at KAMENA VOURLA, a beautiful tourist centre by the sea amidst magnificent countryside. Continuation northbound. We make a brief stop at the gorge where the battle of Thermopylae took place. We will visit KASTRAKI, a picturesque village with beautiful views over the whole valley. Time for lunch before visiting the Valley of the METEORA, an impressive place declared Unesco World Heritage. We will see the whole of the valley and will have the chance to enter one of the most famous monasteries (entrance included).

DAY 6: KALABAKA - METEORAS - METSOVO - CORFU - LEUCADA 🛆 B

. Corfu, ferry crossing - An exciting day full of beauty

We travel between mountains on our way to METSOVO. A coffee in this city that reminds us of the history and influence of the Slav and Turkish world in the north of Greece, before going on to IGOUMENITSA, where we will embark for the very beautiful island of CORFU. A one and a half hour crossing of the waters of the Ionian Sea in front of the coast of Albania, we suggest lunch on board. On the island of Corfu, the Pearl of the Ionian Sea, we see its capital KERKIRA which preserves its Venetian style historic centre. We also see KANONI a beautiful Byzantine church perched on an island. We embark once more to return to continental Greece, before going on to LEFKADA. Accommodation in the picturesque capital of this small island connected to the continent by a bridge.

















DAY 7: LEUCADA

- Day cruise: Islands and Ionian sea.
- · SKORPIOS, the island of Onassis
- · Simple lunch included

Today, the main feature is the sea and the islands of the Greek Ionian Sea. We embark on a day's cruise that will take us to PORTO KATSIKI and its beautiful beach; CEPHALONIA, the largest island of the Ionian Sea, where we can stroll in the picturesque village of FISCARDO; ITHACA, the homeland of Ulysses and a chance to see the village of FRIKES; the boat then enters a hidden grotto in MEGANISI. Our boat also stops at SKORPIOS, the island of Onassis, where we can swim. A small lunch will be included on the cruise. Return to the port of Nydri where we disembark and return to our hotel in Lefkada.

Note: on rare occasions, the route of the boat trip might be changed (or completely cancelled or the number of islands visited changed) due to the weather or for operational reasons.

DAY 8 : LEUCADA - NAFPAKTOS - DELPHI - OLYMPIA

- · Archaeologica complex of Delphi.
- Visit NAFPAKTOS
- Dinner included

Archaeologica complex of Delphi. Dinner included. We travel to the south of the Ionian Sea and the Gulf of Corinth. We see NAFPAKTOS, where its castle reminds us that this city is Lepanto, where the famous sea battle between Christians and Turks took place. Amidst very beautiful countryside we go on to DELPHI, where we arrive at the end of the morning. Entrance included to see this beautiful archaeological complex which overlooks the Golf of Corinth with incredible scenery. Time for lunch. We go on to the Peloponnese. Dinner included.

DAY 9: OLYMPIA - PATRAS - ANCONA FERR

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- Olympia archeological site
- Patras Castle
- Overnight Ferry voyage from Greece to Italy

We will visit OLYMPIA's archeological site with a local guide. You will have a chance to visit its museum and archeological site (ticket included) which was the cradle of the Olympic games in ancient times. After this, we cross the mountainous interior of the Peloponnese. We continue to PATRAS; we include tickets to its powerful castle built in the 6th century; time for lunch. At 17.30 (the time may change) we board a very modern ferry, much more like a cruiser. The ship sails along the Greek coast, passing the islands of Ithaca and Kefalonia and making a stop at Igumenitsa. Accommodation in double cabins with bathroom. Notes: Sometimes, due to the weather, the servicing of the ship or changes in times, strikes, or if the ferry is full, we might take a different ferry from Igumenitsa or travel to Rome by plane.

Breakfast on the ferry is not included.

DAY 10: PATRAS - ANCONA FERRY - ROME

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Ferryboat-Loreto

Morning resting on board on our journey through the Adriatic. Arrival in Ancona scheduled at 14 hrs., disembarkation and continuation to LORETO, time to visit the sanctuary of the Holy House, the house of the Virgin Mary, and to tour its beautiful medieval town. After that we cross the Apennines amidst beautiful countryside in the Abruzzos region. ROME-Arrival at the end of the day.

DAY 11: ROME

- City tour of Rome
- Roman Coliseum (admission price included)
- Vatican City (Photostop)
- Evening transfer to the Trastevere tourist area

In the morning, we have a scenic tour of the city, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal city". We enter the tiny state of the Vatican. The Vatican City is a principal centre of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter's Basilica. And we have also included admission to the Roman Coliseum, the principal symbol of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide a transfer to Trastevere area. A stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the Trastevere district reveals hidden treasures to us, such as some modest mediaeval churches, small shops with the most peculiar of objects or scenes of daily life. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) imbued with the Italian spirit will be ready to serve you local dishes. Other restaurants serving Indian, Chinese and international food can be found in this area. Return to hotel.

DAY 12: ROME - FLORENCE

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- Tour with a local expert from Florence.
- View from Piazzale Michelangelo.

Today we will leave Rome, heading north. This route has beautiful landscapes. Arriving in FLORENCE, we head straight to the impressive Piazzale Michelangelo. In the evening we take a tour with a local expert, walking through the historic centre, taking in places such as the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Plaza della Signoria. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Enjoy some leisure time to explore. In the evening you will have time for dinner, as, in this district you can find many restaurants serving international cuisine.

DAY 13: FLORENCE - VENICE

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- · Boat on Venice's Canal.
- Visit and admission to the St. Mark's Basilica
- Admire the technique of crafting Murano Glass

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the Apennine Mountains. We will arrive in VENICE and take the boat and cross the Giudecca to the Island of Venice. With a local guide, we will visit the marvelous St. Mark's Square and enter the Basilica (entrance included). Afterwards, we will visit the Murano Glass Factory. It is fascinating to see the technique of how this ancient glass is made. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore. Accommodation in the Mestre district..

DAY 14: VENICE

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After breakfast, check-out as per hotel standard policy then free at own leisure till transfer to airport for flight back to Malaysia.

DAY 15: VENICE - KUALA LUMPUR

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After breakfast, end of our services.

Note:

- 1) Sequence of the itinerary subject to change, tour guide will explain each day final itinerary arrangement during the tour
- 2) This is a local European group (not a group from Malaysia)
- 3) Local English speaking guide during tour (No tour leader from KL)
- 4) Return economy class flight included from KL
- 5) Hotels mostly local 3* & some cities may offer local 4*, final hotel name(s) to be provided 2days before check in date
- 6) This is a standard category package (not a luxury or deluxe type)
- 7) Guarantee departures

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Departure Dates

GUARANTEE

2023

Apr - 14, 28

May - 12, 19

Jun - 02, 16, 30

Jul - 07, 14, 28

Aug - 11, 18

Sep - 01, 15, 29

Oct - 13

Proposed Flight Details

Qatar/MAS/Emirates/Turkish/Etihad (subject to seats availability)



MEALS INCLUDED

- 13 Breakfast
- 01 Lunch
- 02 Dinner



ACCOMMODATION (LOCAL 3-4STAR)

ATHENS - BOSS BOUTIQUE/NOVOTEL ATHENES or similar

KALAMBACA - AMALIA KALAMBACA or similar

LEUCADA - IONION STAR or similar

- OLYMPIC VILLAGE HOTEL RESORT SPA or similar OLYMPIA - ELE GREEN PARK HOTEL PAMPHILI or similar ROME

FLORENCE - NILHOTEL or similar

- DELFINO/NOVOTEL MESTRE or similar VENICE

INCLUSIONS

- Travel by bus with English speaking guide
- Includes return airport transfer
- City tour in: ATHENS, OLYMPIA, ROME, FLORENCE, VENICE
- Boat: Cruise through the Ionian Islands with small lunch included, to the island of Venice
- Evening transfer: Plaka neighborhood in Athens, Via Cavour in Rome
- Transfer: Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence
- Ticket admission: Meteora monastery, Delphi archeological complex, Olympia archeological complex , Coliseum of Rome , Saint Mark´s Basilica and Murano Glass Factory in Venice
- Ferry: Igoumenitsa Corfu Igoumenitsa, Patras (GR)/ Ancona (IT)

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Insurance RM155/pax
- Covid-test (If required)
- Entrance fees not mentioned in itinerary
- Personal Expenses
- Tipping Kindly pay directly to the Local Guide / Driver / Tour Leader (Pay at own discretion)

Package price **Including Flight** *Please contact us for actual price as it is subject to airline seats availability & seasonality



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