



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

U.S. citizens must travel with an original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

### PAYMENT

Deposit of \$450 per person/\$900 per cabin will confirm your reservation. Final payment is due to AAA by August 16, 2020.

**Solo Travelers Rewards Club maximum voucher redemption: \$100**

### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to day of departure

\$25 per person, plus...

From August 17 – 31, 2020

25% of gross fare per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees

From September 1 – 14, 2020

50% of gross fare per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees

From September 15 – October 14, 2020

75% of gross fare per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees

From October 15, 2020

NON-REFUNDABLE

**\*Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

### INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

### FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flights schedules may contain code share agreements.

### CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures throughout the Mediterranean in November average between the 50s and 70s with cooler mornings and evenings. Daytime, casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Evenings require casual or semiformal attire, with three formal nights.

### BAGGAGE

Two suitcases per person will be allowed by the cruise line. You may also bring a small carry-on bag. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by the airline or airport.

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

### CONSUMER DISCLOSURE NOTICE - PART OF CONTRACT OF SERVICE.

#### PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE, IT CONSTITUTES PART OF YOUR CONTRACT FOR TRAVEL-RELATED SERVICES.

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For reservations or more information, please contact:

# 12 NIGHT EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN & HOLY LAND CRUISE

November 13 - 26, 2020



Haifa, Israel

### CRUISE ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
11/14	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy		5:00PM
11/15	Sicily (Messina), Italy	11:00AM	7:00PM
11/16	At Sea		
11/17	At Sea		
11/18	Jerusalem (Ashdod), Israel	6:00AM	11:00PM
11/19	Haifa, Israel	7:00AM	10:00PM
11/20	Limassol, Cyprus	10:00AM	5:00PM
11/21	Rhodes, Greece	9:00AM	5:00PM
11/22	Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey	7:00AM	5:00PM
11/23	Athens (Piraeus), Greece	7:00AM	5:00PM
11/24	At Sea		
11/25	Naples, Italy	7:00AM	6:00PM
11/26	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	5:00AM	

#### Thursday, November 26, 2020 – Debarkation

Transfer from the port to the airport for your flight back to Central, PA.

*Itinerary is subject to change at anytime without notification and/or compensation.*

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **3**

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Free parking with roundtrip transfers to local international airport
- Twelve nights aboard the **JEWEL OF THE SEAS**
- All onboard meals and entertainment (specialty restaurants may have nominal fees)
- AAA Welcome Reception
- Baggage Handling
- \$50 onboard credit per stateroom
- Services of a Discoveries Journey Manager

*\*Airfare will be added when fares and reservations become available*

**THERE IS A 10 PASSENGER MINIMUM TO CONFIRM TRANSPORTATION FROM READING, PA. IF MINIMUM COUNT IS NOT MET, PASSENGERS MUST SELECT THEIR SECOND CHOICE, HARRISBURG OR LANCASTER.**

### PRICE PER PERSON

STATEROOM CATEGORY	Double Rate	Single Rate
2D Oceanview Balcony	\$3,319	\$5,849
6D Oceanview Balcony	\$3,289	\$5,789

**All nonmembers must add \$60 to the above rate.**

*Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 full fare passengers.*

# 12 Night Eastern Mediterranean & Holy Land Cruise

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## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

### Sicily (Messina), Italy

Messina is Sicily's panoramic gateway — located on the northeastern corner of the island, the city just kisses the boot of mainland Italy's southern tip. Get lost among the patchwork of churches and antique palaces. The Messina Cathedral is in the heart of the city, and its famous bell tower houses the largest mechanical clock in the world. Every day at noon, the statues move to Schubert's "Ave Maria." In front of this church, you'll find the Fontana di Orione, a 16th-century fountain that's a work of art in itself, with sculptures of figures from ancient mythology. Cruise to Sicily and take a leisurely walk to the Sacratio di Cristo Re, a hilltop church with panoramic views of the town and the surrounding mountains.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Head to the Astronomical Clock at noon to catch the tower's daily spectacle, starring its bronze statue carousel.
- Take an excursion to Mt. Etna volcano.
- Visit the Galleria V. Emanuele — the world's oldest active shopping mall, dating back to the 1800s — for artisanal crafts such as coral jewelry, hand-painted glazed ceramics and fine crocheted items.

### Jerusalem (Ashdod), Israel

After you arrive at the port at Ashdod, it's a one-hour drive to Jerusalem, the city sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. Enter the Old City through one of the eight gates, built in the early 16th century by the Turkish Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent. See the ferocious-looking animal carvings of the Lion's Gate or the flower rosettes carved above Herod's Gate. Cruise to Jerusalem and take in the smell of Arabian coffee, incense and spices at one of the markets of the Old City as you venture to the historic Wailing Wall. Enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and see its ornate shrines and austere icons. Then, head to the nearby Dome of the Rock, with its distinctive gold dome and traditional Islamic geometric designs.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Head to the Temple Mount, an large public space sacred to all three monotheist religions. Visit the iconic gold-plated Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, built in 705 AD.
- Join the pilgrims to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of Christianity's most sacred sites.
- Enjoy some hummus with bread, falafel, kebab, shawarma or other Middle Eastern fare in the Old City or make your way to Jaffa Gate where you can find a bounty of street vendors selling local fare like burekas, a flaky pastry filled with savor cheese and vegetables.

### Haifa, Israel

Set on the slopes of Mount Carmel, Haifa is Israel's Mediterranean oasis. Stroll around the smart German Colony, with its restored streets settled in the 1860s lined with restaurants, cafes and art galleries. Continue toward the tropical Bah'ai Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take a meditative walk around the 19 different terraced gardens. Visit the Shrine of the Bab, with its striking golden dome composed of 12,000 tiles. For even better views, climb up to the viewing balcony to look down on the shrine and out toward the Mediterranean Sea. Perhaps it's time to relax on the beach now? Pop down to Bat Galim for windsurfing or a stroll along the boardwalk.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Take the cable car up to Mt Carmel and enjoy the magnificent views.
- Stroll around the picturesque, restored German Colony at the foot of the Baha'i Gardens. German Templars who came to establish a Christian community here built the houses in the 19th century.
- Visit the symmetric Baha'i Gardens with their 19 steep terraces.

### Limassol, Cyprus

Limassol offers ancient history, a wide variety of cuisine, Blue Flag beaches and some of the most beautiful coastline in the world. With a story that dates back to antiquity, the castle in the historic center is where Richard the Lionheart married, and it's from here that the entire town radiates. The surrounding area is a heady mix of restaurants, bars, nightclubs and shops. Find plenty of historical and cultural sites, including museums, churches and old shuttered houses that give you a view into the past. When you're ready to dust the sand off from the beach, head to the glamorous marina to discover how Limassol is much more than sun and sea.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Discover Kolossi Castle. Built in 1210 by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the castle acted as a stronghold for the city and stored sugarcane during the Middle Ages.
- Explore Kourion, UNESCO-protected archaeological remains, including the Theater, the Forum, the Nymphaeum, the Public Baths, the House of the Gladiators and much more dating back to the Romans.
- Visit the Limassol Archaeology Museum. Connected to Limassol Castle, the museum traces the history and development of Cyprus from its prehistory roots through to Roman times.

### Rhodes, Greece

The Colossus might not be standing anymore, but the Greek island of Rhodes still delivers beauty and allure on a giant scale. The island instantly greets you with serene white-sand beaches and wide-open blue skies. See the site in the harbor where the now-destroyed wonder of the ancient world once stood. Then, head to the Old Town, surrounded by medieval walls and seven ancient gates. Don't miss the Palace of the Grandmaster, with its mosaic floors dating from Hellenic, Roman and early Christian times. Shop for a colorful menagerie of seashells by the shoreline — and don't forget to spend some time relaxing beside the translucent blue waves.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Ascend the Acropolis of Rhode, which rises above the port.
- Take a walking tour of Old Town and stroll the maze of cobblestone streets taking in the remnants of the Byzantine Empire.
- Relax on of the most popular beaches in Rhodes, Faliraki Beach.

### Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey

The UNESCO World Heritage ruins of Ephesus impress even those familiar with the world's other ancient cities. Though excavations have been underway for 150 years, only 20 percent of the city has been uncovered. Ephesus will give you a taste of Turkish life by strolling the seafront promenade and the bustling city center. Walk Marble Street, paved with actual marble slabs, which takes you from downtown to the Temple of Artemis. You can still see one lone remaining column from this wonder of the ancient world.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Check out the the Celsus Library — built in 117 A.D., the site is made up of towering columns highlighted by the statue of the goddess of wisdom.
- Walk from Ephesus' Lower Gate to the village of Selcuk, where you can visit what's said to be the burial site of John the Apostle at the Basilica of St. John.
- Stroll the seaside promenade in Kusadasi to catch a cooling breeze.

### Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Athens offers a looking glass back in time into Greece's powerful ancient civilization. Art lovers, epicureans and history buffs will be delighted by the ancient ruins, museums and tavernas of this picturesque town. Just 10 minutes from the port, you'll find the Archaeological Museum of Piraeus, filled with sculptures from the Bronze Age to the Romans. Walk to the Zea Harbour to discover how the Hellenic Maritime Museum will bring to life the grandeur of ancient Greece's naval capacities. Jump onboard an Athens cruise and relax at the small harbor of Mikrolimano, enjoying a meal of grilled octopus and chilled white wine at a small restaurant overlooking the sea.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Join a tour of Athens passing some of the most iconic sights including the Corinthian Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Panathenaic Stadium - site of the first modern Olympics, Hadrian's Arch, and the Parliament Building.
- Visit The Agia Triada, one of the finest examples of Byzantine-style churches in Greece.
- Try the local dishes prepared with sun-ripened tomatoes, eggplant, bell peppers and fresh seafood like mussels and grilled octopus.

### Naples, Italy

With a skyline defined by towering Mount Vesuvius, Naples is a bustling Italian city brimming with beauty. Experience its rich neoclassical architecture at sites like Gesu Nuovo Church, with its lavish interior adorned with detailed frescoes, statues and gold inlay. Go even deeper into history at the San Gennaro catacombs, where Naples' first bishops were buried in the second century A.D. Walk along the Miglio Sacro ("Holy Mile") and people-watch your way through the cafes and shops of the Sanita district with a Zuccherato (sweetened espresso) in hand.

#### FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Head to Mount Vesuvius National Park and explore the numerous nature walks around the volcano.
- Grab a seat at L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele, which has been serving up pizza since 1870, and order a slice of Neopolitan-style pizza.
- Take an excursion to the archaeological ruins of Pompeii.

**\*Please see your Travel Agent to reserve your choice of shore excursions.\***

## Tour Activity Level:

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.