



MAY 2, 2019 ATHENS BACK TO ATHENS

## THE BLACK SEA & GREEK ISLANDS

14 days from \$4,509pp  
including 8 excursions and  
2 nights hotel accommodation

THIS YEAR, *AEGEAN ODYSSEY* RETURNS TO THE BLACK SEA ON A SPECTACULAR JOURNEY FROM ATHENS TO CLASSICAL VOLOS AND THE “MONASTERIES IN THE SKY” AT METEORA, THE SACRED ISLAND OF LEMNOS, BEAUTIFUL SKIATHOS AND HOLY PATMOS. THEN CRUISE THROUGH THE DARDANELLES AND INTO THE BLACK SEA FOR VISITS TO ODESSA IN UKRAINE, CONSTANZA IN ROMANIA, AND VARNA IN BULGARIA.

2019	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
MAY 2	Arrive into ATHENS Greece Transfer to hotel		hotel
MAY 3	ATHENS Greece (Acropolis)		hotel
MAY 4	ATHENS/PIRAEUS Greece Embark <i>Aegean Odyssey</i> in nearby Piraeus		6.00pm
MAY 5	PATMOS Greek Islands (St John's Monastery)	8.00am	2.00pm
MAY 6	SKIATHOS Greek Islands	8.00am	8.00pm
MAY 7	VOLOS Greece (Meteora)	7.00am	10.00pm
MAY 8	LEMNOS Greek Islands	9.00am	3.00pm
MAY 9	Cruise the Dardanelles and Sea of Marmara		
MAY 10	ODESSA Ukraine (Potemkin Steps and evening Opera or Ballet performance)	10.00am	overnight
MAY 11	ODESSA Ukraine		4.00pm
MAY 12	CONSTANZA Romania (Folklore Show))	10.00am	6.00pm

MAY 13	VARNA Bulgaria (Rock Monastery)	8.00am	6.00pm
MAY 14	Cruising the Black Sea and Aegean		
MAY 15	PIRAEUS Greece Disembark <i>Aegean Odyssey</i> and transfer to Athens Airport	6.00am	

⚓ Ship at anchor AEG190504



### ATHENS & THE ACROPOLIS

Your two-night hotel stay in Athens includes a full morning's guided tour of the city's ancient citadel, the Acropolis, which represents the most magnificent achievements of Athenian culture. You will also visit the wonderful Acropolis Museum and have some free time to explore the city's other remarkable sites such as the National Archaeological Museum

### AEGEAN ISLANDS & MONASTERIES OF METEORA

*Aegean Odyssey* then cruises to tiny Patmos, a significant Christian pilgrimage site where St John is said to have written the Book of Revelation. After a visit to the island of Skiathos, you will travel by road



## VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-night hotel stay in Athens
- Visit the Acropolis and Museum in Athens
- See the “monasteries in the sky” at Meteora
- Cruise the Dardanelles and Bosphorus Strait
- The iconic Potemkin Steps of Odessa
- The Palaces of Odessa and champagne string concert
- Evening performance at the Odessa National Opera & Ballet Theatre
- Wine-tasting and folk dancing in Constanza
- The Aladzha Rock Monastery of Varna

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from Volos to see the famous Byzantine monasteries, spectacularly built on top of the sandstone towers of Meteora. There are twenty-four in all and although many have fallen into ruin, some that remain are adorned with beautiful frescoes. Then step ashore on the sacred island of Lemnos, before making your way to the crossroads of the ancient world.

### THE DARDANELLES & BOSPHORUS

Cruising into the virtually landlocked Black Sea is one of the world’s great journeys and begins in the beautiful Dardanelles, which separates Asian and European Turkey. In classical mythology, it was here that Leander swam the strait each night to visit his love, the priestess Hero. After

passing the infamous Gallipoli peninsula, site of a disastrous Allied campaign in the Great War, *Aegean Odyssey* then cruises the smallest sea in the world, the Marmara, to enter the Bosphorus, with breathtaking views of Istanbul.

### ODESSA – THE PEARL OF THE BLACK SEA

The gigantic Potemkin Steps are considered the formal entrance to Odessa from the direction of the



sea and are its best-known symbol. The staircase is 27 metres high and extends for 142 metres but gives an optical illusion of greater length. A person looking down the stairs sees only the landings and the steps are invisible, but a person looking up sees only steps while the landings are invisible. After exploring the city, there will then be a magical evening performance at a real gem of the Black Sea, the beautiful National Opera and Ballet Theatre.

### CONSTANZA & VARNA

Cruising to the Romanian port of Constanza, the old quarter is rich in statuary and architectural marvels, including Ovid Square, so named after the Roman poet who was exiled here in the year 8AD. Following a tour of the city’s many historic

highlights, there will then be time to enjoy some local wine and delicacies to the accompaniment of a traditional folkloric performance.

In Bulgaria’s third city, Varna’s Archaeological Museum houses the oldest manmade gold artefacts ever discovered, dating from the 4th-millennium BC. You will then visit the medieval Aladzha Rock Monastery that is arranged on two levels cut deeply into a 40-metre high limestone rock face, to create a mysterious atmosphere. Also discover the remains of the 2nd-century AD Roman Thermae, which were the largest baths in the European part of the Empire, before your return to Greece for disembarkation in Piraeus.

### MAY 2, 2019 – CRUISE FARES

STATEROOM CATEGORY		FULL FARE	SAVER FARE
M	Standard Inside	\$5,795	<b>\$4,509</b>
L	Premium Inside	6,250	<b>4,850</b>
K	Premium Inside	6,650	<b>5,150</b>
J	Standard Outside	7,195	<b>5,559</b>
I	Premium Outside	7,695	<b>5,934</b>
H	Premium Outside	8,195	<b>6,309</b>
G	Premium Outside	8,750	<b>6,725</b>
F	Deluxe Stateroom / Outside	9,395	<b>7,209</b>
E	Deluxe Stateroom / Outside	9,850	<b>7,550</b>
D	Deluxe Stateroom / Balcony	10,750	<b>8,225</b>
C	Deluxe Stateroom / Balcony	11,350	<b>8,675</b>
B	Junior Suite / Balcony	12,695	<b>9,684</b>
A	Owner’s Suite / Balcony	13,950	<b>10,625</b>

Prices above are per person in AU\$ based on double occupancy. All Saver Fares are capacity controlled and subject to change at any time. See pages 64-67 for general information and terms and conditions.

Low Single Cabin Saver Fares start at \$5,675, see pages 62-63.