



Destination: **MEDITERRANEAN**

Itinerary: **Greece, Turkey, Israel, Cyprus**

Ship: **MSC LIRICA**

Departure port: **Piraeus (Athens)**

Departure date: **2022-06-13**

Duration: **7 Nights**

Piraeus, Greece 2022-06-13



PIR15 - PLAKA ON YOUR OWN - FOR FULLY VACCINATED GUESTS

SOMETHING SPECIAL



Price per person

Adult: € 25.00

Child: € 22.00

Note for guests with disabilities



PIR16 - VIEWS OF ATHENS BY FUNICULAR AND PLAKA

SCENIC ROUTE



Spend a few hours on dry land to experience Athens from two very different perspectives: from the lofty heights of Mount Lycabettus, the tallest peak in the vicinity, and then at ground level in the city's sprawling historical quarter, the so-called Plaka District. Your Athenian adventure begins with a round-up of the city's main sights by coach, after which you will head out to the foothills of Mount Lycabettus. The Lycabettus Funicular Railway will then be responsible for aiding your ascent up the mountain a spine-tingling experience in itself. At the top, you will be rewarded with spectacular, 360° views of Athens and the surrounding area. Some free time for you to take photos and enjoy the unique mountain atmosphere is then scheduled before you head back to the city and the Plaka historical quarter. This fully pedestrianized part of town is characterised by a maze of narrow lanes, stunningly beautiful Neoclassical architecture and close proximity to the Acropolis, for which reason it is also called The Neighbourhood of the Gods. You will have plenty of time to spend enjoying these exceptional surroundings at your own pace before your journey begins back to Piraeus and your ship. Please note: depending on where the coach stops, there will be a total of 157/167 steps to negotiate on a terrain that is sometimes flat and sometimes with steps. The total duration of the climbing to the hill is 10/15 minutes. This tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 49.00

Child: € 39.00



PIR23 - AUGMENTED REALITY ACROPOLIS VISIT & ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

CULTURE AND HISTORY



When near Athens, visit the Acropolis arguably the city's most prominent landmark but this time with an augmented reality twist. The all-day outing begins with a short coach drive to Athens, the capital of Greece, and the famous location. You'll then have to climb approx. 80 steps to reach the ancient complex at the top of Acropolis Hill. Once you've been kitted out with a smart device, you'll then get to enjoy an augmented visit and see images of how the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike or the Erechtheion would have looked in their heyday. At the end of your AR visit, you'll continue on foot through the Acropolis pedestrian zone to reach the New Acropolis Museum. Plenty of time will be yours at the museum to see its many exhibits, which include statues, sculptures and marbles from the Parthenon. You'll also be able to visit the gift shop to browse for a souvenir before re-boarding the coach for the journey back to Piraeus. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance tickets to the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum included. Only cameras without flash allowed inside the Acropolis Museum. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Price per person

Adult: € 99.00

Child: € 72.00



PIR25 - ATHENS BY COACH & YABANAKI BEACH

SEA & SUN



While a generous portion of sun, sea and sand at Yabanaki Beach tops the bill of this enjoyable tour, it begins with a panoramic coach ride to Athens, passing the 5th-century defensive port of Zea on the way. A coach-based roundup of Athens main landmarks then follows, after which you'll continue on to the seaside resort of Varkiza and Yabanaki Beach. This well-appointed location offers all the usual beach amenities, several water-based activities and a number of Greek tavernas should you fancy a drink or something to eat (at extra cost). You'll be able to spend about 3 hours at the beach before the coach picks you up again for the journey back to the ship. Please note: sunbeds and umbrellas will be available for use free of charge at the beach; water sports are also available at extra cost not covered by the price of the tour. Guests are recommended to wear swimwear under their clothes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and towels. The tour runs in July and August, is subject to weather conditions and is considered to be unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 59.00

Child: € 45.00



PIR02 - PLAKA, ACROPOLIS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Situated only a short distance from Athens, the port of Piraeus makes a perfect starting point for a visit to the Greek capital and, of course, the world-famous Acropolis, an ancient citadel that sits atop a rocky hill that rises 150 metres above the city in the Attica Basin. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is not only home to the archaeological remains of several ancient buildings, but also the location of the amazing Parthenon, the symbol of Athens. Built between 447 and 432 B.C., the Parthenon temple was originally dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena, was then converted to a Christian church in honour of the Virgin Mary in the 5th-century A.D. and was finally turned into a mosque, for which a minaret was added to the complex, in the 15th-century. Today, the Parthenon is widely seen to be an abiding symbol of ancient Greece and as the birthplace of modern democracy. To save your feet, the scenic tour will take you to see all the main attractions of this profoundly historic city from the comfort of a modern coach. You will have time to visit the amazing National Archaeological Museum an archive of rare artefacts that knows no rival and the meticulously restored old part of Athens, the so-called Plaka district. The beautiful old buildings in Neoclassical style, narrow lanes and archaeological remains that characterise the district give the place an old-world feel that is sure to capture your imagination. A brief stop will be made at a local souvenir shop before the tour concludes with your return to the ship. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance tickets to the Acropolis and the Archaeological Museum included. Only cameras without flash allowed inside the Archaeological Museum. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Price per person

Adult: € 89.00

Child: € 69.00



PIR04 - ATHENS & VISIT TO THE ACROPOLIS

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Take some time off the ship and head for Athens for a comprehensive sightseeing tour through the main streets and squares of a city steeped in classical history. Not only is Athens widely regarded as the cradle of western civilisation and the birthplace of modern democracy, it is also a cornucopia of visual delights you will not want to miss. After the city tour, you will continue on to Athens' premiere landmark: the imposing Acropolis, a plateau that overlooks the town at a height of 150 metres. Among various other examples of classical Grecian architecture, the site is home to the world-famous Parthenon, a huge temple dedicated to the ancient Greek goddess, Athena, and one of the world's greatest cultural monuments. A brief stop will be made for some souvenir shopping before the tour concludes with your return to the ship. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance ticket to the Acropolis included. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Price per person

Adult: € 79.00

Child: € 59.00



PIR08 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF ATHENS

SCENIC ROUTE



This excursion is ideal for those unable to climb the steps to the Acropolis but who wish to gain an overall impression of Greece's capital city. We will meet our guide at the port and board the bus for an excursion that covers the key attractions. As we drive from Piraeus to Athens, our guide will point out the main ancient and modern sites including Hadrian's arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our tour will continue past the National Gardens, the Panathinion Stadium, the Academy, the University and the National Library. You will be able to see the Acropolis from a distance and we will break to take photographs before proceeding to Plaka. You will have some time for free exploration or for shopping; your guide will help you finding the perfect souvenir to bring home. Please note: exterior visits only of the sites. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach; wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Wheelchair users wishing to take part in this are requested to contact the Shore Excursions' Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

Price per person

Adult: € 39.00

Child: € 32.00



Note for guests with disabilities



PIR09 - A VOYAGE TO ANCIENT GREECE

CULTURE AND HISTORY



Meet your guide at the port and board the bus for a sightseeing tour through the main streets and squares of this historically important city. After reaching Athens city centre, we will arrive at the famous Acropolis that towers imposingly 150 metres above the city; for thousands of years the Acropolis has been symbol of Athens and our tour will enable you to view the other masterpieces from Greece's "Golden Age". Prepare yourself to climb to the top of the Acropolis Hill to view the Erectheum, the Temple of Wingless Victory and the symbol of the Greek nation: the Parthenon. The temple is dedicated to the patron goddess of Athens, Athena, and is the largest and most impressive temple of all Greece. We will continue the tour through the Acropolis pedestrian zone to reach and visit the new Acropolis Museum. Here we will enjoy a full 1.5-hour in the museum, where you can admire the statues, sculptures and marbles of the Parthenon. A brief stop will be made at a local souvenir shop before the tour concludes with your return to the ship. Please note: as this tour includes a long, sometimes challenging walk on even uneven ground and approx. 80 steps to reach the Acropolis it is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Entrance tickets to the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum included. Only cameras without flash allowed inside the Acropolis Museum. Security restrictions at the Acropolis do not allow guests to enter with large bags and backpacks.

Price per person

Adult: € 89.00

Child: € 69.00

Limassol, Cyprus

2022-06-17



LIM06 - JEEP SAFARI TO AGROS VILLAGE & MILLOMERI WATERFALLS



**ACTIVE &
ADVENTURE**

The beautiful Mediterranean island of Cyprus is known for its splendid beaches, an interesting and eventful history dating right back to the 10th millennium B.C., a whole host of archaeological remains as well as wonderfully varied scenery and unbroken summer sunshine. The itinerary of this entertaining tour first takes you up through a number of small villages to the north of Limassol, passing the fertile southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains with its vineyards and other plantations on your way up to the village of Agros, the centre of Pitsilia district. Here you will learn more about local traditional products. In one of the local houses we learn more about how they prepare marmalade and candied fruit. Agros and the roses are close connected. In the house of the roses we can learn more about how they distil the rosewater from wild rose leaves, how they make candles with rose aroma, rose liqueur and the rose brandy. Your tour then continues by jeep again for a drive through the dense pine forest of the Troodos Mountains en route to one of the islands nature wonders, the beautiful Millomeri Waterfalls, which you will reach after a short walk. Do take your camera to take some photos of this special place to add to your album at home. A relaxing return drive to Limassol port and your ship then brings your tour to a perfect close. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair, pregnant women or for guest with neck/back problems. The driver will provide you with information only in English during the trip. On calls falling on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays guests will not have the opportunity to see the production of local products.

Price per person

Adult: € 112.00
Child: € 85.00



LIM09 - PAPHOS



**CULTURE AND
HISTORY**

Paphos is an ancient town located on the southern coast of Cyprus, 1 hour far from Limassol. We will visit the house of Dionisios to admire the beautiful mosaics that date back to the 3rd-century before continuing to St. Neofytos to visit the 12th-century "Egkleistra", an enclosure carved out of the mountain by the hermit Neofytos. The enclosure contains fine examples of 12th- to the 15th-centuries Byzantine frescoes. The Monastery contains an interesting Ecclesiastical Museum. You will have free time to stroll around this picturesque port. Short photo stop at Aphrodite's Rock, birthplace of the Greek goddess of love. Please note: guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 62.00
Child: € 49.00



LIM10 - OMODOS, CURIUM AND APOLLO' S TEMPLE



**CULTURE AND
HISTORY**

A short drive by coach takes you to the remains of the ancient town of Kourion, which survived from antiquity until the early middle ages. During your exploration of the archaeological site, you will visit the fully restored Greco-Roman theatre and the House of Eustolio with its beautiful mosaics. A stop at the sanctuary of Apollo is next, the place and altar at which the ancient cult of this Greek god was celebrated from the 8th-century B.C. to the 4th-century A.D.. The tour then continues on to Omodos, a picturesque small town located inland and well known for the wine that is produced in the surrounding area. After a wine-tasting session and trying a local snack, you will have time to stroll around and explore on your own. The tour ends with your return to the ship. Please note: guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 72.00
Child: € 55.00



LIM11 - APOLLO'S TEMPLE, KOLOSSI CASTLE & WINE MUSEUM

CULTURE AND HISTORY



This excursion may well take in the sights of Apollo but we will also be paying homage to the Greek god Bacchus as we learn also about islands history of wine! Our first stop is at the Temple of Apollo, the largest and most important religious centre on the island and which was in continuous use from the VIII century BC to the IV century AD. We will continue to the nearby village of Kolossi to visit the castle, left over from the time of the Crusaders in Cyprus. The XIII century Kolossi Castle is linked to the history of wine production on the island, in particular to the manufacture of the local Commandaria wine. Our tour includes a visit to the Cyprus wine museum to learn about the 7500-year tradition of winemaking in Cyprus. Naturally, we will have time to sample a glass of Cyprus wine before returning to the port. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 69.00

Child: € 55.00



LIM12 - LARNACA & LEFKARA

CITY TOUR



This excursion is ideal for those who prefer to explore on their own, but will still like a short introduction on the way. We will drive to Larnaca, the oldest living city in Cyprus and originally known as Kition, the birthplace of the Stoic philosopher Zeno. Linked to early Christian times, Larnaca is a special place for Christians as the towns bishop was St. Lazaros (Lazarus) who chose to spend his second life here after Jesus raised him from the dead. A church built in his name exists on the spot where his remains were said to be found. When we reach Larnaca, you will have free time to explore on your own. We will then return to Limassol via Lefkara, a village famous for its traditional style of lace embroidery, known as the Lefkaritika. Also here there will be given free time to explore the village by yourself, before returning to the port. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 62.00

Child: € 49.00



LIM13 - LARNACA, ANCIENT KITION

CITY TOUR



Drive towards Larnaca, 1 hour far from Limassol, and known in ancient times as Kition and home of the Stoic philosopher Zeno. We will visit one of the oldest churches in Cyprus the church of Saint Lazarus built on the sepulchre of the Saint and a fine example of Byzantine architecture. You will have free time for shopping before travelling along the salt lake of Larnaca to reach Hala Sultan Tekesi, or the mosque of Umm Haram, built in 1816 over the tomb of Umm Haram, a relative of Prophet Mohhamed. Visit the mosque and return to the port. Please note: guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 65.00

Child: € 52.00

Legend



FAMILY FUN	Take your children on a journey of discovery, with a special programme for kids. The perfect family trip.
CITY TOUR	Explore the city centre with a guided tour and soak up the local scenery with a comfortable coach ride. The easy way to get to know your destination.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn all about the history and culture of your destination, with visits to must-see locations and guided tours of key sites. The ideal route to local knowledge.
PANORAMIC TOUR	Admire your destination in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour taking in the best views and the main places of interest. The relaxing road to discovery.
SPORT AND ADVENTURE	Head ashore in search of adventure! Opportunities for sport and fun range from trekking and snorkelling to kayak tours and 4x4 vehicle adventures. The active choice.
WONDER OF NATURE	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination. Your passport to the wonders of the natural world.
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Pursue your interests in new places! From gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits, there's a world of pastimes and passions to explore.
SEA AND SUN	Treat yourself to some pure relaxation, basking on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat trip. A winner for sea and sun lovers.
EASY & ACCESSIBLE	Leisurely explore the best each destination has to offer, in small groups, on tailor-made itineraries for slow walkers and people with limited mobility. Up-close experiences available for everyone.