


# Istanbul to Athens on the Aegean Sea

**October 19, 2027 - October 29, 2027**

## Program Overview

From the Byzantine mosaics of Hagia Sophia to the medieval streets of the Rhodes Old Town, experience over 2,500 years of history — spanning Ottoman, Byzantine, Roman, and ancient Greek civilizations — all in one seamless voyage. Cruise for 8 nights from Istanbul, Turkey, to Athens, Greece, aboard the luxurious Ponant Le Dumont D'Urville, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship. Explore Turkey's most significant — and less-often visited — archaeological sites, including ancient Troy; the world's steepest ancient theater, dramatically positioned in Pergamon's acropolis; and the fascinating Museum of Underwater Archaeology, housed in Bodrum's medieval castle. Continue on to Greece, where you'll stop at Rhodes, Naxos, Mykonos and Athens, featuring ancient wonders such as the Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis. Enjoy both guided tours of complex historical sites and free time for personal discovery and relaxation. Throughout, savor a boutique cruising experience with personalized service and fabulous dining. This unforgettable program — steeped in history, culture and archaeology — is perfect for the curious traveler who wants to explore the world in style.



A majestic mosque with six minarets and multiple domes surrounded by greenery under a clear blue sky



A stone fortress with a lighthouse, surrounded by sea, and a pier with a deer statue, people, and bo



A group of people walking through an ancient stone ruins site with tall stone walls and greenery.

## Program Highlights

- Cruise for 8 nights from Istanbul, Turkey to Athens, Greece, aboard Le Dumont D'Urville, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship. Also includes 1 night stay in a deluxe hotel in Istanbul.
- Experience over 2,500 years of history spanning Ottoman, Byzantine, Roman and ancient Greek civilizations — all in one seamless journey.
- Visits to 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Historic Areas of Istanbul, the Archaeological Site of Troy and Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape, Turkey; and the Medieval City of Rhodes and Delos, Greece.
- Included meals | 2 receptions, 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Cappadocia Pre-Tour Extension and Athens Post-Tour Extension. (Available at additional cost.)




## Day-by-Day Program Itinerary

- The Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands.

**Mild excursions involve:**

- Walking for 1.5 hours or more over uneven terrain
- Walking on challenging surfaces: cobblestones, uneven paths and/or pavements
- Climbing stairs and hills and crossing rail tracks
- Ascending and descending narrow (and sometimes steep) gangplanks
- Stepping on and off motorcoaches with 3-6 steep steps

**Moderate excursions could involve the above, plus:**

- Walking for 3 hours for distances of a mile or more
- Walking on uneven terrain: narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors, and/or slippery surfaces. There may be several flights of stairs, some without railings

**Active excursions could involve the above, plus:**

- Walking on uneven terrain: sandy or rocky beaches and/or steep inclines
- Standing for 2 hours or more at a time, possibly without areas to sit
- Climbing 100 stairs or more
- Additional challenges, such as long jeep rides, bumpy boat rides or hikes

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives to active excursions may be available.

## Day 1 | Depart Home City

Depart for Istanbul, Turkey. Please check your bags from your gateway city to your arrival city. Be sure to attach the provided Gohagan & Company luggage tags for each piece of luggage, including carry-ons. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: IST.

## Day 2 | Istanbul, Turkey

Arrive at Istanbul Airport. Proceed through the immigration checkpoint to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs screening, meet a representative from Gohagan & Company.

Transfer to the Sofitel Istanbul Taksim, a deluxe, centrally located hotel. If you arrive before your room is ready, a hospitality room will be provided, and you can securely store your luggage.

Free Time: Make your own plans for lunch and dinner today, and begin exploring the city on your own, if you wish. The Gohagan Travel Hospitality Desk stands ready with dining and itinerary suggestions.

## Day 3 | Istanbul | Embark

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel this morning.

Istanbul, uniquely situated at the crossroads of the continents of Europe and Asia, is divided by the Bosphorus Strait. The city was formerly known as Constantinople and was the capital of four empires: the Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman. Its location made it a crucial center for trade on the Silk Road, connecting East and West. Embark on a tour of this fascinating city.

Old City Tour. This morning, set off on a tour of some of the incredible ancient sites of Istanbul. Topkapi Palace, built in 1459 by Sultan Mehmed II, served as the administrative center and primary residence of Ottoman sultans for nearly four centuries. Perched on a historic peninsula where the ancient acropolis of Byzantium once stood, it commands views of the Bosphorus Strait, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara. Today, this vast complex operates as a world-renowned museum and library, preserving the rich imperial history of Istanbul.

Enjoy lunch together as a group in an authentic local restaurant.

This afternoon, our tour will stop at several ancient sites, most notably two renowned mosques. Hagia Sophia, which translates to "Holy Wisdom," is a historic building originally constructed as a Christian cathedral and later converted into a mosque, a museum, and most recently a mosque again. The now-iconic landmark was commissioned by Emperor Justinian I and built between A.D. 532 and 537 on the site of two former cathedrals that had burned down in the fourth and fifth centuries. Hagia Sophia is considered a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture and engineering, famous for its massive dome. The dome is supported by four huge piers and a system of pendentives, creating the illusion that the dome floats above the building. A ring of windows at the base of the dome floods the interior with light, and stunning gold mosaics cover the ceilings and walls. Note: The mosque’s dress code requires shoulders and knees to be covered and women to wear a headscarf.

The Blue Mosque, officially known as the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, is a historic imperial mosque constructed between 1609 and 1617. It is considered a masterpiece of Ottoman architecture, known for its domes and six surrounding minarets. It is dubbed the Blue Mosque because of the over 20,000 handmade ceramic blue Iznik tiles that decorate its interior, featuring intricate designs of tulips, roses, carnations, and lilies, all beautifully lit by 260 windows. Note: The mosque's dress code requires shoulders and knees to be covered and women to wear a headscarf.

The Hippodrome of Constantinople is an ancient Byzantine chariot-racing arena dotted with historic monuments. When Constantinople was inaugurated as the new capital of the Roman Empire in AD 330, Emperor Constantine prepared for the celebration by ordering the construction of several grand structures. Among these was a majestic imperial palace directly connected to a hippodrome. Because this arena hosted the core inaugural ceremonies, it quickly became a vital symbol of the new capital. Ultimately, the Hippodrome of Constantinople remained the epicenter of the city's political and social spheres for nearly 900 years.

(Moderate)

With the group, transfer to the port to embark the deluxe Ponant Le Dumont D'Urville. Settle in to your suite or stateroom and begin to familiarize yourself with the ship.

This evening, attend a Gohagan & Company welcome briefing and lifeboat drill, followed by a dinner on board the ship as we depart Istanbul.

## Day 4 | Canakkale (for Troy)

This morning (and every morning on board!) enjoy a delicious breakfast. Afterward, disembark in Çanakkale for a 35-minute drive to the ancient city of Troy. The legendary city is renowned for its rich history, particularly for the Trojan War described in Homer's Iliad, and is over 5,000 years old.

Ancient Troy. Troy is a UNESCO World Heritage site and was one of the most important cities in the ancient world, with layers of settlement dating back to the Bronze Age. It was a commercial and military center due to its strategic location at the entrance to the Dardanelles Strait, a crucial waterway for trade between the Aegean and Black Seas. Today, visit the Troia Museum, which features interactive displays and well-preserved artifacts from various periods of the city's history. Next, explore the archaeological site itself — a mound comprising nine main archaeological layers, each representing successive cities built on top of the ruins of their predecessors over the course of centuries of settlement. At the entrance of the archaeological site, a large wooden horse replica stands as a tribute to the city's most famous legend. Visitors can climb inside for a unique photo opportunity. (Moderate)

Return to the ship and tuck in to a tasty lunch. Spend the afternoon at leisure, relaxing on board or taking in some of the ship's amenities. This afternoon, the ship will sail the Dardanelles — a historic and scenic passage connecting the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara, which separates Europe and Asia.

Welcome Reception: Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening.

## Day 5 | Dikili for Pergamon

Enjoy a delicious breakfast as the ship arrives in Dikili, where you'll disembark for your excursion to Pergamon.

Pergamon. Pergamon is an ancient city in Turkey, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, renowned for its multi-layered history and extensive ruins, including its Acropolis, ancient theater and Asklepion healing center. Originally the capital of the Attalid dynasty in the third century B.C., Pergamon became a major center of art, science, culture and learning — with one of the largest libraries in the ancient world — and later a significant city under the Roman and Byzantine empires. The site is situated near the modern city of Bergama and features a blend of Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman architectural remains.

Today, visit some of Pergamon's key sites, beginning with the Acropolis, which is the upper city that served as the capital. It features the Temple of Trajan and the ancient theater. The theater could seat up to 10,000 spectators and was celebrated for its steep angle and excellent acoustics, a prime example of ancient Greek theater design.

Next, travel to the Asklepion, a renowned healing sanctuary located outside the main city, dedicated to the god of healing, Asclepius. It was built in the fourth century B.C. and operated for 900 years, attracting patients from all over the Mediterranean. (Moderate)

*Please note that the order of sites visited may be different from above.

Enjoy a memorable group lunch at a local carpet-weaving center. There will be a folk-dance cultural performance in the center's garden. Afterward there will be an opportunity to browse and shop, if you wish.

Free Time: Return to Dikili and enjoy a free afternoon to spend at your leisure.

Return to the ship and savor another delicious dinner on board.

## Day 6 | Bodrum

Savor a tasty breakfast on board as the ship arrives in Bodrum. Disembark the ship and board a private local boat, which will transport you to the Bodrum excursion.

Bodrum. This coastal city on the Bodrum Peninsula boasts twin bays and the massive Bodrum Castle, a medieval fortress that stands sentry at the entrance to the harbor. It was built, starting in 1402, by the Knights of St. John, who originally named it St. Peter's Castle. Nowadays, it houses the fascinating Museum of Underwater Archaeology, which you'll visit this morning. The main exhibits feature artifacts recovered by archaeologists from the waters of the Aegean Sea, including shipwrecks and ancient pottery.

Afterward, walk to the ruins of the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, which was constructed in the fourth century B.C. and is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Some of the stones from the Mausoleum were used to construct Bodrum Castle. Today, see the ruins of the ancient theater and acropolis of Halicarnassus. (Moderate)

Return to the pier by local boat, and board the ship for lunch.

Aegean Swim Stop. This afternoon, board a local boat for a guided swimming tour at a nearby beach, with

refreshments.

Enjoy another delectable dinner on board this evening. Tonight the ship will sail to Rhodes, Greece.

## Day 7 | Rhodes, Greece

Savor breakfast this morning as the ship arrives at Rhodes, where you will disembark for this morning's excursion.

Rhodes. Rhodes is renowned for its rich history. Setting off from the port on foot, explore the medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, built by the Knights of St. John in the 14th and 15th centuries. Notice the massive city walls encircling the area, and walk along the Street of the Knights, one of the most intact medieval streets in the world. Visit the stunning Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights, featuring Gothic architecture, mosaic-tiled floors and a collection of iconic artworks, furniture and other treasures from the medieval era. Historically, Rhodes was home to the Colossus of Rhodes, a massive bronze statue of the sun god Helios, built around 300 B.C. by Chares of Lindos to celebrate Rhodes' victory over a siege. It stood approximately 105 feet tall and was destroyed by a powerful earthquake in 226 B.C. Today, nothing remains of the original statue, though it is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch. If you choose, set off on an active excursion this afternoon. Or feel free to spend the afternoon at leisure on board or in the port area.

Acropolis of Lindos. Those who choose to explore ancient Lindos will walk through its narrow, cobbled streets — past colorful courtyards and mosaics — and climb more than 200 steps to the legendary Acropolis. At a height of 535 feet, this iconic site offers stunning views of the entire village, including its medieval castle, sandy beaches and charming whitewashed houses. After a guided tour of the Acropolis, you can walk back down to the village and return to the ship. (Active: Walking conditions include a steep climb over uneven terrain and many stairs to reach the Acropolis; not recommended for those with mobility issues.)

Tonight enjoy another delicious dinner on board.

## Day 8 | Naxos

Savor a tasty breakfast as the ship arrives in Naxos. Disembark for your morning's excursion.

Naxos. Set off on a guided walking tour to explore Naxos' Old Town. See the iconic marble gate of Portara, the only remaining structure of the ancient Temple of Apollo. Meandering through cobbled alleyways and winding streets, continue on to the Castle (Kastro) area, located in the central square. Visit the nearby cathedral, known as the Catholic Metropolis, which was originally built in the 13th century during Venetian rule. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch on board. Alternatively, stay in town and find a local taverna for lunch on your own.

Free time: Spend this afternoon exploring the port area at your own pace. There are many opportunities for shopping and sampling local cuisine. The island's compact size makes it perfect for experiencing authentic island culture, stunning architecture and breathtaking Aegean Sea views.

Return to the ship for a relaxing dinner.

## Day 9 | Delos | Mykonos

Awake to find the ship docked outside of Delos. Savor a delicious breakfast, then board a tender for your morning excursion in Delos.

Delos. The island of Delos occupies a little more than one square mile, but this UNESCO World Heritage site is brimming with ancient history. It also played a role in Greek mythology, as the legendary birthplace of the twin gods Apollo and Artemis. Pilgrims have flocked here over the millennia to visit the Sanctuary of Apollo and other ancient sites documented in Greek mythology. By the fifth century B.C., Delos was also a prosperous commercial hub. A visit to this sacred island is like walking back through time.

Embark on your pilgrimage along the majestic Sacred Way, a grand roadway leading to the Temple of Apollo, lined with arcades and statues. View the ruins of three temples dedicated to Apollo as you pass the narrow Stoa of Antigonus, which forms the northern edge of the sanctuary, and then see the famous Terrace of the Lions. From there, we will head south, past the Sanctuary of Dionysus and through the Theatre Quarter to continue exploring Delos. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch on board as we cruise to Mykonos.

Mykonos. Known as the "Island of the Winds," Mykonos is part of the stunning Cyclades archipelago. According to Greek mythology, it was here that Hercules lured giants into battle; the large rock formations that remain are evidence of their defeat. Today, Mykonos is a sun-drenched Aegean retreat with stone-paved streets and a picturesque skyline of windmills and whitewashed houses. It is also noted for its beach bars, luxury boutiques and chic art galleries, making it one of Greece's most popular destinations.

Free Time: Explore the island on your own. Wander the narrow, winding streets of the main town, filled with whitewashed houses, colorful doors and charming windmills. Discover boutique shops, art galleries and local cafés tucked away on cobblestone lanes.

Return to the ship for dinner on board this evening. Delight in an engaging folk performance by local singers, dancers and musicians, who will talk about their longstanding folk traditions.

## Day 10 | Aegina

Enjoy breakfast on board as the ship arrives on the island of Aegina. Disembark for this morning's excursion.

Aegina Tour. This island was once the location of a powerful city-state that rivaled Athens. Today it is known for its beautiful vistas and authentic charm. On a guided tour, discover the history and culture of this captivating spot. Our first stop is the ruins of the Temple of Aphaia, a Doric monument constructed around 500 B.C. Sitting atop a pine-covered hill, the temple offers panoramic, 360-degree views of the lovely blue Saronic Gulf. Continue to the church of Agios Nektarios, a renowned Greek saint known as a miracle healer. Note: The church's dress code requires

shoulders and knees to be covered. (Moderate)

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Free Time: Our excursion concludes in Aegina Town, the appealing capital of the island. Here, you will have free time to explore the picturesque streets, stroll along the waterfront, enjoy a coffee or a delicious meal by the sea, and soak up the unique atmosphere of this beautiful island.

Return to the ship for lunch or stay in town to dine on your own.

Farewell Reception: Join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening. Raise a glass to your wonderful adventure on the Aegean Sea!

## Day 11 | Piraeus | Disembark | Athens | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer from the pier to Athens International Airport (ATH) for your return flight home. Arrive in your home city and go through immigration and customs.

## Travel Expert

Ekin Oklap | Featured Guest Speaker



Ekin Oklap grew up trilingual — she was born in Turkey, raised in Italy and lives in London. She is a graduate of the University of Cambridge and the School of Oriental and African Studies. In 2012, she translated Nobel Prize-winner Orhan Pamuk's "The Innocence of Objects," and has since translated more of his works, including "A Strangeness in My Mind," "The Red-Haired Woman" and "Nights of Plague." Oklap's translations from Turkish and Italian have been shortlisted for the International Booker and John Florio prizes, among others. Her debut novel, "First Summer," will be published by Summit in the U.S. and the U.K. in Summer 2026.

# Accommodations

## Ponant - Le Dumont D'Urville (Explorer Series II) -

The exclusively chartered Le Dumont d'Urville features a new generation of unprecedented design, technology and standards in comfort and elegance, catering to the most discerning passengers. Each deluxe stateroom and suite ranges from 204 to 484 square feet and has a sliding-glass door that opens onto a private balcony.

The warm and inviting public areas are marked by a refined elegance. Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges — which open to the outdoors — and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or infinity pool overlooking the marina. The three-level marina platform offers complimentary kayaking and snorkeling equipment and has nine Zodiacs.



# Accommodations

### Sofitel Istanbul Taksim




Set among Ottoman mansions and elegant arcades, Sofitel Istanbul Taksim sits proudly in the heart of modern Istanbul, seamlessly fusing French style and refined Turkish spirit. Experience the city's unique culture at this eco-friendly-certified hotel. Elegant guest rooms and suites welcome you with chic contemporary furniture, marble bathrooms and all the latest technology. Subtle Turkish motifs include paintings by artist Devrim Erbil; floor-to-ceiling windows offer views of the Bosphorus, Istiklal Street and the Istanbul cityscape. The property also features restaurants, bars and a luxury spa.

# Dates & Rates

### Travel Dates: October 19, 2027 - October 29, 2027

All rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise stated, and include taxes. The deposit is $2000 per person. The Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure. Single accommodations are subject to availability.

The Optional Extension(s) is available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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The Special Savings consist of $500 Early Booking and $500 Pay-in-Full savings. The Special Savings rate is valid if you book by February 24, 2027 and pay in full at the time of booking.

## Double Occupancy Rates

| Category | Description | Standard Rate | Discount Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| J | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 3, mid. | $9295.00 | $8295.00 |
| I | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 4, mid. | $9795.00 | $8795.00 |
| H | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 5, mid. | $10295.00 | $9295.00 |
| G | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 6, mid. | $10795.00 | $9795.00 |
| F | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 5, mid & aft. | $11295.00 | $10295.00 |
| E | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 6, mid & aft. | $11795.00 | $10795.00 |
| D | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft \| Deck 3, mid. | $12795.00 | $11795.00 |

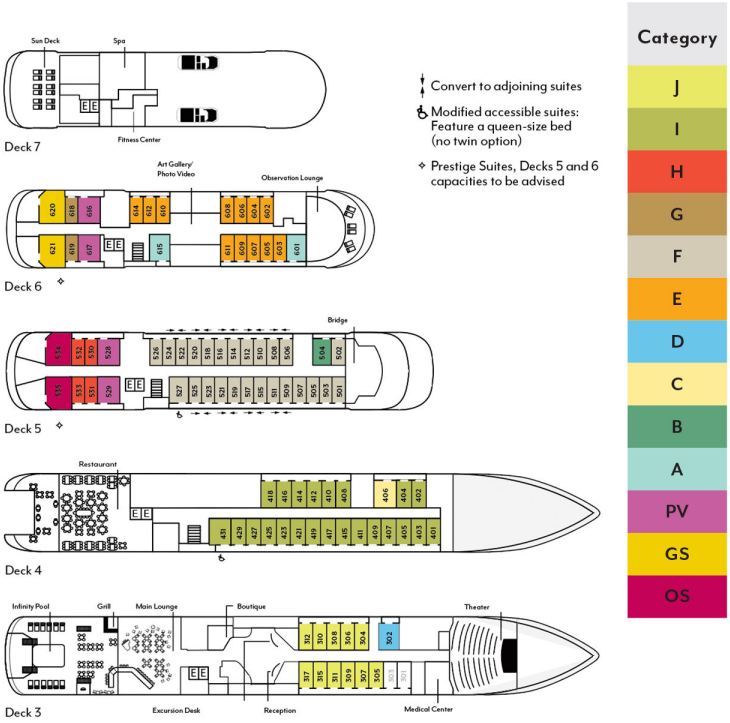
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| **C** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft \| Deck 4, mid. | **$13795.00** | **$12795.00** |
| **B** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft \| Deck 5, mid. | **$14795.00** | **$13795.00** |
| **A** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft \| Deck 6, mid. | **$15795.00** | **$14795.00** |
| **PV** | Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft \| Decks 5 & 6, aft. | **$16295.00** | **$15295.00** |
| **GS** | Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft \| Deck 6, aft. | **$17795.00** | **$16795.00** |
| **OS** | Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft \| Deck 5, aft. | **$18295.00** | **$17295.00** |

## Single Occupancy Rates

| Category | Description | Standard Rate | Discount Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| **I** | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 4, mid. | **$15670.00** | **$14670.00** |
| **H** | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 5, mid. | **$16470.00** | **$15470.00** |
| **G** | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 6, mid. | **$17270.00** | **$16270.00** |
| **F** | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 5, mid & aft. | **$18070.00** | **$17070.00** |
| **J** | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 3, mid. | **$18590.00** | **$17590.00** |
| **E** | Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft \| Deck 6, mid & aft. | **$18870.00** | **$17870.00** |

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| **D** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft \| Deck 3, mid. | **$25590.00** | **$24590.00** |
| **C** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft \| Deck 4, mid. | **$27590.00** | **$26590.00** |
| **B** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft \| Deck 5, mid. | **$29590.00** | **$28590.00** |
| **A** | Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft \| Deck 6, mid. | **$31590.00** | **$30590.00** |
| **PV** | Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft \| Decks 5 & 6, aft. | **$32590.00** | **$31590.00** |
| **GS** | Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft \| Deck 6, aft. | **$35590.00** | **$34590.00** |
| **OS** | Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft \| Deck 5, aft. | **$36590.00** | **$35590.00** |

# Ponant - Le Dumont D'Urville (Explorer Series II) -



# Pre / Post - Program

## Cappadocia Pre-Tour Extension

Begin your journey through this otherworldly landscape with a hot-air balloon ride over Göreme Valley to admire the iconic chimney rocks. Explore the Göreme Open Air Museum, which houses more than ten cave churches adorned with Byzantine murals. Venture into the intriguing Kaymaklı underground city, an extensive subterranean settlement, and discover the surreal scenery of Zelve and Paşabağ Valleys, where dramatic fairy chimneys rise from the ground. Witness a Whirling Dervish performance and gain insight into local crafts such as pottery, ceramics and carpet weaving. Price includes four nights' stay at the deluxe, centrally located Alden Hotel.

## Athens Post-Tour Extension

In a chef-led culinary experience, shop the Athens Central Market for ingredients, which you will use to prepare classic Greek dishes in a hands-on cooking class. Explore the Acropolis, Parthenon and Acropolis Museum on guided tours. Spend time at leisure, discovering one of the world's oldest cities at your own pace. Price includes two nights' stay at the deluxe, boutique-style Athens Capital Hotel-MGallery Collection.

**All information is accurate as of November 14, 2026. For up-to-date details, please visit:**
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