



# Jewels of Malta & Greek Islands

VALLETTA • ATHENS • PAROS • CRETE

## The Offer

Swap the daily commute for a front-row seat to the best of the Mediterranean. This 16-day tour blends sophisticated leisure with ancient history, whisking you from Malta's golden shores to the azure horizons of the Greek Isles.

Your journey begins in Sliema, Malta's cosmopolitan hub. Wander the Baroque streets of Valletta, a UNESCO jewel and cruise the Grand Harbour in a traditional Dghajsa. Whether you choose to explore the 5,000-year-old temples at Hagar Qim during your free time or hopping over to Gozo for a rugged 4WD safari and a glimpse of Calypso's Cave, Malta's charm is relentless. From the historic streets of Heraklion to the romantic, Old Venetian Harbour of Chania, you'll fall in love with the island's

Next, fly to Athens to stand in the shadow of the mighty Acropolis before dialing back the pace to "relaxed mode" on Paros. This Cycladic gem offers that quintessential Greek lifestyle: whitewashed villages, vibrant bougainvillea, and evenings spent over fresh seafood and local wine.

The adventure peaks on Crete, Greece's largest and most diverse island. From the Minoan mysteries of Knossos in Heraklion (additional fees required) to the romantic, Old Venetian Harbour of Chania, you'll fall in love with the island's dramatic gorges and crystalline beaches.

With a perfect balance of guided tours and free days to explore at your own rhythm, this is the Mediterranean holiday you've been waiting for.

This unforgettable journey includes all flights, 13 nights of accommodation, 14 meals, English-speaking tour leaders and guides and more.

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# The Itinerary

### Itinerary 1

#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Valletta, Malta

Today, you'll depart for Malta.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Welcome to Malta

Arrive into Valletta Airport, where you will be met and transferred to the hotel accommodation in the picturesque town of Sliema, known for its numerous rocky beaches. Located on a peninsula across Marsamxett Harbour from Valletta, Sliema was once a quiet fishing village, yet it now ranks as one of the country's main coastal resorts. Malta's cool crowd flock here to eat, drink and shop and if you're looking for a base that mingles cosmopolitan sparkle with quiet backstreets, this is the perfect choice. Lining the coastline is a promenade known as the Sliema Front, a popular meeting place for locals during the summer season and a common area for walkers and joggers. Romantic moon strolls, barbecues and open-air restaurants and cafes have made Sliema the hub of social nightlife. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: AX The Victoria Hotel or similar, Sliema**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 3 Historical Towns - Valletta and Birgu Day Tour

Today head out on a guided day tour of Valletta and Birgu.

Malta's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Valletta is nothing short of an open-air museum. Throughout the years, the city has welcomed emperors, heads of state, artists and poets and is now the permanent seat of the Maltese government.

Draped with baroque architecture left behind by the Knights of St John, Valletta is a historic jewel. Dotted with quaint cafes and wine bars, the city is today one of Malta's main tourist attractions. During the tour the guide will walk you around Valletta to see the following sites: Upper Barrakka, Saluting Battery, Auberge de Castille, and St John's Co-Cathedral (entry included).

Afterwards you may enjoy some free time for lunch (not included). After lunch you will then head down to the waterfront to board the Maltese Dghajsa (traditional water taxi) and enjoy a 30-minute harbour cruise before docking in one of Malta's famous fortified Three Cities, Birgu. The Three Cities is a collective description of the three fortified cities of Birgu, Senglea and Cospicua in Malta. The oldest of the Three Cities is Birgu, which has existed since the Middle Ages. The other two cities, Senglea and Cospicua, were both founded by the Order of Saint John in the 16th and 17th centuries. The Three Cities are enclosed by the Cottonera Lines, along with several other fortifications.

On arrival in Birgu, enjoy a walking tour of this ancient town, before transferring back to your hotel at the end of the day for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight: AX The Victoria Hotel or similar, Sliema**

**Meals included: Breakfast**







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# The Itinerary

### Itinerary 1

#### Day 4 Malta Free Day

Today is free to explore this beautiful island at leisure. Alternatively, you can take part in a half-day optional tour to the Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples and the Blue Grotto.

#### Optional Activity: Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples & Blue Grotto

Today's tour will begin with a hotel pick and transfer to the Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples (entry included), which stand on a hilltop overlooking the sea and the islet of Fila, not more than 2 kilometres south-west of the village of Qrendi. At the bottom of the hill, only 500 metres away, lies another remarkable temple site, Mnajdra, found above the Southern cliffs. The surrounding landscape is typical Mediterranean scrubland spectacular in its starkness and isolation. The next stop is the Blue Grotto, which are several sea caverns on the southern coast of Malta, west of the Wied iz-Żurrieq harbor. It is located right across the small uninhabited islet of Fila. Every day from sunrise until about 13:00 a unique sight can be observed here. The location of the cave, combined with the sunlight, lead to the water mirroring showing numerous shades of blue. Several caverns mirror the brilliant phosphorescent colours of the underwater flora; other caverns show a deep dark shade of blue. The Blue Grotto is a popular destination for tourists on the island of Malta. It was also used for a scene of the 2004 film Troy, starring Brad Pitt. You will have the opportunity to take a boat trip around the caves (subject to weather conditions) which is not included and costs approximately €10 per person to be paid on site. This optional tour includes guide, transport, and entrance fees to temples only.

Afterwards, transfer back to your hotel for the remainder of the day at leisure. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: AX The Victoria Hotel or similar, Sliema**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Gozo Island Full-Day Land Safari Tour

Today head out on a land safari on the nearby island of Gozo, arguably the best way to see the neighbouring island of Gozo. While on tour you will visit all the places of interest that Malta's sister island has to offer. The island of Gozo has long been associated with Ogygia, the island home of the nymph Calypso in Homer's Odyssey. In that story, Calypso, possessed of great supernatural powers, and in love with Odysseus, holds him captive for several years, until finally releasing him to continue his journey home.

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the ferry terminal to board the boat to Gozo (approximately 20 minutes sailing). Upon arrival in Gozo, board a 4WD vehicle and discover the magical island of Gozo. Drive to the Mediterranean salinas of Salt Pans, Marsalforn, one of the islands' highlights, continue down to the red sandy beach of Ramla Bay and then on to Belvedere Point. From here go onto Victoria, Gozo's Capital City. Visit the Ggantija Temples Built before the famous standing stones at Stonehenge, the two temples making up this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage site have an extraordinary history (entrance included). Continue to the fishing village of Xlendi where lunch will be provided and





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then back to the ferry terminal. You will arrive back to the hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.

**Overnight: AX The Victoria Hotel or similar, Sliema**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 6 Malta Free Day

Today is free to explore this beautiful island at leisure. Alternatively, you can take part in a half-day optional tour of Mdina City.

##### Optional Activity: Mdina City Tour

Approximately 10 kilometres from Valletta, Mdina is the old capital of Malta whose earliest inhabitants date back to 4000 B.C. The fortified and walled town is known as the 'Silent City' due to its quiet and narrow streets. Commanding a magnificent view of the Island, Mdina maintained a strategic position due to its central location, the highest point on the island, and its distance from the sea. Currently only city residents are allowed to bring their cars within the city gates, which lead to the calming effect described by many visitors. Mdina is a pedestrian's paradise.

Enjoy a guided walk through the city and visit its most famous site, the iconic St. Paul's Cathedral. The Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint Paul is a Roman Catholic cathedral, dedicated to St. Paul the Apostle. The cathedral was founded in the 12th century, and according to tradition it stands on the site of where Roman governor Publius met Saint Paul following his shipwreck on Malta. The original cathedral was severely damaged in the 1693

Sicily earthquake; it was dismantled and rebuilt in the Baroque style to a design of the Maltese architect Lorenzo Gafà between 1696 and 1705. The cathedral is regarded as Gafà's masterpiece. This optional tour includes guide, transport and entrance fees to Mdina Cathedral.

Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: AX The Victoria Hotel or similar, Sliema**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Valletta, Malta - Athens, Greece

Today accordingly with your flight be transferred to Valletta airport for your flight to Athens, Greece. Welcome to Athens, a city rich in diverse experiences from scenic beaches to local eateries offering Mediterranean cuisine. Athens has something for every traveller, whether you're after bustling markets or the opportunity to delve into Greece's ancient history, this is the place.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you can check in before enjoying the remainder of the day at leisure. (Please note: A city tax is payable directly to the hotel upon arrival)

**Overnight: Ilisia Hotel or similar, Athens**

**Meals included: Breakfast**





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### The Itinerary

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##### Day 8 Athens - Paros, Greek Island

Today, transfer to the airport for your flight to the beautiful Greek Island of Paros. Upon arrival in Paros, transfer to the hotel, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (Please note: A city tax is payable directly to the hotel upon arrival) Paros sits in the heart of the Aegean sea and belongs to the Cyclades Islands, such as Mykonos, Santorini and Naxos. It is one of the most popular holiday destinations in Greece, mainly known for its traditional Cycladic architecture and enchanting sandy beaches with crystal clear waters. Paros is best known for its gorgeous capital of Parikia, its white sandy beaches, traditional rural villages and the charm of not being as crowded as its neighbours.

**Overnight:** Eri Hotel or similar, Paros

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 9 Paros Free Day

For the next two days enjoy all that spectacular Paros has to offer, breathtaking views, stunning multi-coloured cliff faces, fantastic beaches and a vibrant dining scene. Paros combines modern with traditional elements in the most unique way, it is a mix of traditional Cycladic architecture, vivid nightlife, magical beaches, enchanting rural villages and historical monuments. Whether you're after a relaxing holiday or you are more of a thrill-seeker, Paros Island will give you exactly what you want! Boasting a beautiful natural landscape and 120 kilometres of coastline, Paros is one of the most beautiful Greek islands. It has endless golden-sand beaches, verdant mountains and cliff-top villages.

**Overnight:** Eri Hotel or similar, Paros

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 10 Paros - Heraklion, Crete, Greek island

Today be transferred to the port for boarding the ferry to Crete island (approximately 3.5 hours). Upon Arrival in Heraklion, Crete, be transferred to your hotel for checking in. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

*Please note: A city tax is payable directly to the hotel upon arrival*

Crete is Greece's largest island, famous for its stunning diverse landscapes (beaches, mountains, gorges), rich history, vibrant cities like Chania and Heraklion, and its distinct, healthy cuisine, offering a blend of natural beauty, ancient ruins, and unique culture in the southern Aegean Sea.

**Overnight:** Hotel Castello City or similar, Heraklion, Crete

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 11 Heraklion, Crete, Greek Island - Free Day

Today enjoy a day at leisure in Heraklion, the vibrant capital and largest city of Crete. Explore its rich history blending Minoan, Byzantine, Venetian, and Ottoman influences, with major sites like the ancient Palace of Knossos, the Koules Fortress at the Venetian harbor serving as a hub for exploring Crete's unique culture and landscapes. You may enjoy the long, sandy and popular beaches.

**Overnight:** Hotel Castello City or similar, Heraklion, Crete

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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##### Day 12 Heraklion - Chania, Crete, Greek Island

Today head to Chania a picturesque city on the northwest coast of Crete Island, on the way stop at the historic city of Rethymnon, on the northern coast of Crete, famous for its beautifully preserved Venetian Old Town, Venetian Harbour with its lighthouse, and the imposing 16th-century fortress (entry excluded). It offers a charming blend of Venetian and Ottoman architecture, narrow cobblestone streets and delicious local food. Continue to Chania famous for its beautiful and well-preserved historic Old Town with Venetian and Ottoman architecture.

It's a major tourist destination known for its charming waterfront restaurants, boutique hotels, vibrant markets, and rich history, offering a blend of ancient ruins, cultural sites, and natural beauty. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (Please note: A city tax is payable directly to the hotel upon arrival) Today travel approximately 140 kilometres.

**Overnight:** Hotel Arkadi or similar, Chania, Crete  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 13 Chania, Crete, Greek Island - Free Day

Today enjoy a full day at leisure in the beautiful location and beaches of Chania.

**Overnight:** Hotel Arkadi or similar, Chania, Crete  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 14 Chania, Crete - Athens, Greece Walking City Tour

Today be transferred to the airport for your flights to Athens. Arrive back into Athens and transfer to the city centre to enjoy a half day guided tour of the majestic archeological site of the Acropolis (entry included). The Acropolis is an ancient citadel located on a high rocky outcrop above the city of Athens. It's home to several ancient buildings of great architectural and historic significance, the most famous being the Parthenon. Afterwards check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in the Greek capital city.

**Overnight:** Ilisia Hotel or similar, Athens  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 15 Athens, Greece - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for the return flight back to Australia.

**Meals included:** Breakfast; In-Flight

##### Day 16 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

*Please note: Some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.*

**Meals included:** None





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# The Itinerary

### Itinerary 2

#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Valletta, Malta

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#### Day 2 Welcome to Malta

Arrive into Valletta Airport, where you will be met and transferred to the hotel accommodation in the picturesque town of Sliema, known for its numerous rocky beaches. Located on a peninsula across Marsamxett Harbour from Valletta, Sliema was once a quiet fishing village, yet it now ranks as one of the country's main coastal resorts. Malta's cool crowd flock here to eat, drink and shop and if you're looking for a base that mingles cosmopolitan sparkle with quiet backstreets, this is the perfect choice. Lining the coastline is a promenade known as the Sliema Front, a popular meeting place for locals during the summer season and a common area for walkers and joggers. Romantic moon strolls, barbecues and open-air restaurants and cafes have made Sliema the hub of social nightlife.

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##### Optional Activity: Mdina City Tour

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##### Day 8 Athens - Paros, Greek Island

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**Overnight:** Eri Hotel or similar, Paros

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 10 Paros - Heraklion, Crete, Greek island

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**Overnight:** Hotel Castello City or similar, Heraklion, Crete

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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**Overnight:** Hotel Arkadi or similar, Chania, Crete

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 13 Chania, Crete, Greek Island - Free Day

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**Overnight:** Hotel Arkadi or similar, Chania, Crete

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##### Day 14 Chania, Crete - Athens, Greece Walking City Tour

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**Overnight:** Ilisia Hotel or similar, Athens

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 15 Athens, Greece - Larnaca, Cyprus - Limassol

Today transfer to Athens airport for your onward flight to Larnaca, Cyprus. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your oceanfront hotel in Limassol. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Poseidonia Beach Hotel or similar, Limassol

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner







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# The Itinerary

### Itinerary 2

#### Day 16 Limassol - Troodos Mountains - Omodos Village

Today the day starts with a visit to a local winery in the Omodos village. The pretty, wine producing village of Omodos sits at an altitude of 810 metres on the Troodos Mountains range, in the beautiful area of 'Krassohoria'. Famous for its wine, Zivania spirit, handmade narrow-knit lacing and 'arkatena' bread, its quaint environs are perfect for agritourism. Despite its small size, Omodos has many interesting sights. Located within proximity of one another, are the cobbled square, old stone-built houses, local wineries, a Medieval wine press and the monastery of Timios Stavros (Holy Cross), with its old icons and impressive woodcarvings. Continue with a stop at Troodos Square.

There are shops and markets selling traditional Cypriot products such as soutzoukos, commandaria wine, Cypriot rusks and different varieties of honey-coated nuts which are highly popular in Troodos. We continue with Kakopetria Village. Kakopetria village is located on the foothill of the Troodos Mountain. The community has about 1300 permanent inhabitants. It is full of vegetation, amidst the banks of the Kargotis and Garillis rivers. The two rivers join inside the village and form the river Klarios, which crosses the valley of Solea and then flows into the Morfou Bay, in Pentagia. In the afternoon return to Limassol and spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Poseidonia Beach Hotel or similar, Limassol

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

#### Day 17 Limassol – Full-day tour Choirokoitia - Larnaca

After breakfast, begin another discovery day. First stop is the goat farm of "Loulla" where you will have the chance to see the farm and also watch the traditional way of making the 'Halloumi Cheese', which you will taste it too. Continue to Choirokoitia, UNESCO heritage site. The Neolithic settlement of Choirokoitia, occupied from the 7th to the 4th millennium B.C., is one of the most important prehistoric sites in the eastern Mediterranean. Its remains and the finds from the excavations there have thrown much light on the evolution of human society in this key region. Since only part of the site has been excavated, it forms an exceptional archaeological reserve for future study.

Your tour continues with Hala Sultan Tekke or the Mosque of Umm Haram, a Muslim shrine on the west bank of Larnaca Salt Lake, near Larnaca, the next stop will be Larnaca town. Phinikoudes Beach is situated in the centre of the coastal promenade in Larnaca and was named after the small palm trees (phinikoudes) which were planted there in 1922 and which nowadays have grown into big trees. The palm trees are spread throughout the main road and contribute to the already beautiful scenery. The area is very popular for its cafes, bars, restaurants and is in front of the main shopping centre of Larnaca. Then, visit St. Lazaros church. Located in its own square in the town centre, the magnificent stone church of Agios Lazaros is one of the most remarkable examples of Byzantine architecture in Cyprus and lies over the tomb of the saint.

**Overnight:** Poseidonia Beach Hotel or similar, Limassol

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner





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### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 2

##### Day 18 Limassol - Nicosia Guided Tour

Lefkosia or Nicosia (English name) Nicosia is the largest city on the island of Cyprus. It is located near the centre of the Mesaoria plain, on the banks of the river Pedieos. Nicosia is the capital and seat of the government of Cyprus, it is the only divided city left in the world today since part of the city has been under Turkish occupation since 1974. First stop will be Cyprus Handicraft centre. The Cyprus Handicraft Centre is an outlet for producing and selling traditional folk art and crafts. Visitors can see the artisans engaged in the traditional crafts at the workshops, such as embroidery and lace making, tapestry, weaving, basketry, woodcarving, pottery, metalwork (copperware and silver), leather and garment making.

Continue along the Green Line, the capital's dividing board line. Passing by the newly restored Famagusta Gate, we proceed to the Archbishops Palace and St. John's Cathedral. The tour continues to the picturesque Old Quarter of "Laiki Yitonia" where you will have time to stroll around the historical city and visit the borders. To walk through the old city is to step backwards in time. Narrow streets and old houses with ornate balconies jut from weather-beaten sandstone walls, smelling of jasmine flowers in those long summer evenings, and craftsmen in small workshops plying their trades unchanged for centuries. In the late afternoon return to Limassol.

**Overnight:** Poseidonia Beach Hotel or similar, Limassol

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 19 Limassol - Curium - Aphrodite's Rock - Paphos Town

Today pass-through Limassol town (seaside road) and after through the wine growing region around Limassol and through the fragrant citrus plantations lemons, oranges, and grapefruits, the rugged coastline reveals the ruins of Curium, a city built in 1200 BC with its huge amphitheatre overlooking the bay of Akrotiri. Passing through the sovereign base of Episkopi, look down upon the most famous landmark in Cyprus - "Aphrodite's Rock", the birthplace of the Goddess of Love & Beauty. It is located off the shore along the main road from Paphos to Limassol. The combination of the beauty of the area and its status in mythology as the birthplace of Aphrodite makes it a popular tourist location.

Continue with Paphos town. Paphos is a city on the southwest coast of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. Inhabited since Neolithic times, it has several sites relating to the cult of goddess Aphrodite, whose mythical birthplace was at Old Paphos (Kouklia). In Paphos, visit St. Paul's Pillar, the ruins of the basilica of Chrysopolitissa. The present church of Chrysopolitissa is shared by the Anglican and Catholic congregation, who hold regular services at the invitation of the local Orthodox priest. Visit also Paphos Archaeological Park with the beautiful mosaics at the house of Dionysos (the God of Wine). Return back to Limassol and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Poseidonia Beach Hotel or similar, Limassol

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

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### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 2

##### Day 20 Limassol, Cyprus - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for the return flight back to Australia.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

##### Day 21 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

*Please note: Some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.*

**Meals included: None**

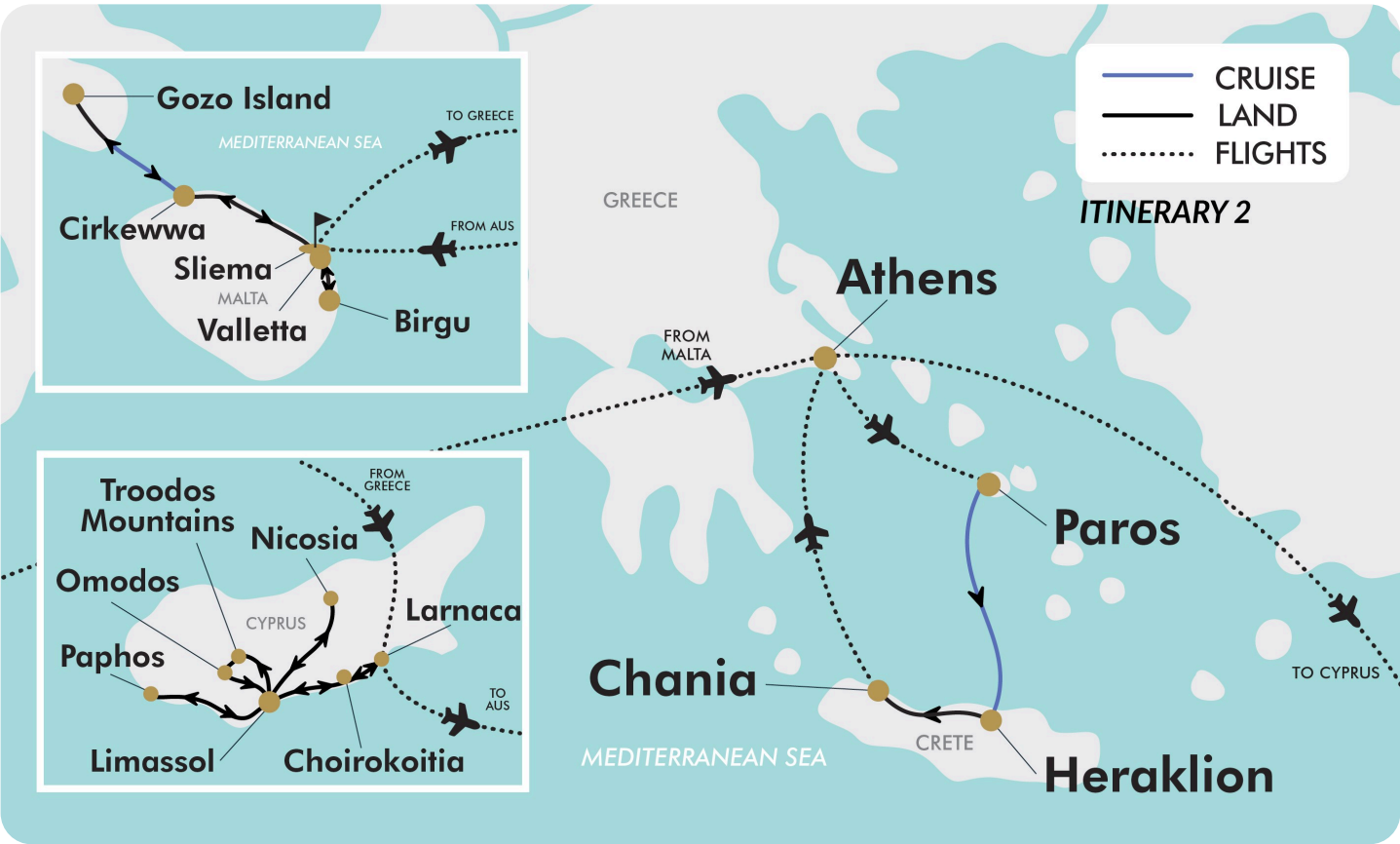




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# The Map

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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the natural and cultural wonders of Malta and Greece
- Stay in the historic coastal town of Sliema
- Take two days at leisure to explore the magical island of Malta
- Enjoy a guided tour of Valletta, Malta's capital and World Heritage sites
- Visit Upper Barrakka, Saluting Battery, Auberge de Castille, and St John's Co-Cathedral
- Enjoy a Maltese Dghajsa traditional boat ride and enjoy a harbour cruise
- Tour Birgu, one of Malta's ancient fortified 'Three Cities'
- Enjoy a 4x4 land safari on Malta's sister island of Gozo
- Visit the UNESCO-listed megalithic Ggantija Temples and Salt Pans
- Discover the beauty of Victoria, the capital city of Gozo
- Delve into the wonders of Athens at leisure
- Explore the Acropolis, home to the Parthenon and UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Fall in love with the magical Greek Island of Paros with 2 nights at leisure
- Relax on the golden beaches and swim in the azure Aegean Sea
- Witness the Greece's largest island, Crete, famous for its stunning diverse landscapes
- Explore the vibrant city of Heraklion, Crete and its long sandy beaches
- Stay in the picturesque city of Chania famous for its historic Old Town with Venetian and Ottoman architecture

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), departure city surcharges may apply
- One-way international flight (economy class) from Malta to Greece
- One-way domestic flight (economy class) from Athens to Paros, Greece
- One-way domestic flight (economy class) from Crete to Athens, Greece

ACCOMMODATION

- 5 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation in Malta
- 8 nights of 3 and 4-star hotel accommodation in Greece

DINING

- Enjoy 14 meals, including daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour leaders and guides
- Airlines taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles
- Return ferry from Sliema to Gozo Island, Malta
- One-way ferry from Paros to Crete, Greece

TRANSFERS

- All airport transfers and boat transfers





## 16-DAY TOUR PACKAGE | JEWELS OF MALTA & GREEK ISLANDS

### Tour Inclusions

#### itinerary 2: 21-day Malta & Greek Islands with Cyprus extension

itinerary 2: 21-day Malta & Greek Islands with Cyprus extension:  
Discover the natural and cultural wonders of Cyprus

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One-way international flight (economy class) from Greece to Cyprus

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5 nights of 4-star waterfront accommodation in Limassol, Cyprus

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10 additional meals including all dinners

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Explore the village of Omodos and visit its local winery

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Visit Kakopetria village built upon the foothill of the Troodos Mountain

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Discover the UNESCO-listed Neolithic settlement of Choirokoitia

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Enjoy a guided tour of Nicosia, the capital city on the island of Cyprus

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See "Aphrodite's Rock", the birthplace of the Goddess of Love & Beauty

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Visit Paphos Archaeological Park and the house of Dionysos (God of Wine) laced with beautiful mosaics

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Enjoy the beautiful beach town of Limassol

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# Important Information

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

*Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.*

## Our Policies

### Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

- **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

### General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

## Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 28th September 2026.

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 36 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

### Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies.

- 16 Day Malta & Greek Islands: \$2,950
- 21 Day Malta, Greek Islands & Cyprus: \$3,450

*Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.*

## Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.*

## Flights

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide or \*Auckland

### Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane: \$100 per person  
Adelaide: \$200 per person  
Auckland: \$600 per person

### International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

*Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

*Please note:*

- *From Australia, the flying journey to your destination from Sydney, Melbourne or Perth may take up to 28 hours, with up to 2 stops. From Brisbane, Adelaide or Auckland your journey may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.*



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- *From Brisbane, Adelaide or Auckland your journey may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia or New Zealand.*

This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

## Domestic Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route/s: Athens - Paros & Chania, Crete - Athens

## Domestic Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person  
1 x 8kg of carry on baggage  
1 x 20kg of checked baggage

## Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Emirates: \$300 per person

### *Please note:*

- *Internal flights will be booked on Aegean Airlines.*
- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

## Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

### Arrive Early

Malta - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

### Stay Behind

Athens, Greece (Itinerary 1 Only) - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.  
Larnaca, Cyprus (Itinerary 2 Only) - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

### *Please note:*

This option incurs a fee for adjusting the departure or return dates. This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals and/or airport transfers, which will be at your own cost.  
In addition, airport transfers listed as an inclusion on the Travel Offer are considered void in the event that you select an Arrive Early/Stay Behind option. As such, you will need to arrange your own transfers at your cost.

We strongly advise against booking any pre or post-tour travel arrangements/ accommodation until TripADeal confirms your flight details. If you choose to book before confirmation, we recommend opting for refundable reservations or having backup plans in case the tour does not proceed.

Internal Flights: If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

*Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.*

Cancellations & Changes: Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.  
High-Season: A high-season Arrive Early or

Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.  
+ 60 days: You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply. Estimated dates: Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets. High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026
- 19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
- 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

## Stopover Packages

\* Dubai, U.A.E

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.



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- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:  
Doha Grand Prix: 26 November - 02 December 2026  
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 03 December - 09 December 2025  
Christmas and New Years Eve: 18 December 2026 - 03 January 2027

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

## Outbound Flights

*Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.*

## Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

## Accommodation

### Accommodation Used:

#### 3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Sliema, Malta: AX The Victoria Hotel
- Athens, Greece: Ilisia Hotel
- Paros, Greece: Eri Hotel
- Heraklion, Crete (Greece): Castello City
- Chania, Crete (Greece): Arkadi Hotel

#### 21 Day Extension - Cyprus

All of the above, plus the following  
4-Star Property (Self-Rated)

- Limassol, Cyprus: Poseidonia Beach Hotel

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not available.

*Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

### Triple Share

Not available.

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

## Optional Tours/activities

- Day 4: Half Day Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples & Blue Grotto Tour (Includes Guide, transport & entrance to Temples) - \$175 AUD per person.

- Day 6: Mdina City Tour (Includes Guide, transport & entrance to the Mdina Cathedral) - \$175 AUD per person.

*Please note:*

- *Blue Grotto tour does not include the boat ride to enter. This is required to be paid directly for approximately 10 euro per person.*
- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *The above tours require a minimum 6 people to run.*

## Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

*Please note: A daily City Tourist Tax (or a Docking Tax for cruise visitors) is charged in some European destinations. They are paid directly to the hotel or cruise company, and cannot be prepaid. Further details will be included in your travel pack.*

## Gratuities / Tipping

### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €6 - €7 per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

*Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion;*



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*however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.*

## Other Important Information

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

#### Malta & Cyprus

Malta and Cyprus have a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and warm to hot

summers. Rain occurs mainly in winter, with summer being generally dry.

#### Greece

- In May, Greece experiences mild to warm temperatures, depending on the region. The average daily temperature ranges from 18°C (64°F) to 24°C (75°F). The northern regions and islands tend to be slightly cooler, while the southern parts, including Athens and Crete, are warmer.
- In September to October, the average daily temperatures in Greece range from around 18°C to 24°C (64°F to 75°F). The southern part of Greece tends to be slightly warmer than the northern regions.

#### Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

### FLIGHTS

#### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

#### Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

#### Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no

later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

### COACH TOUR

#### Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

#### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

### OTHER

#### Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

#### Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A moderate level of fitness will be required.

Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have



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the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

*Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*

*Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## Sightseeing:

*Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

## Visas

### Eu Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaces the current manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travelers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New

Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

### European Travel Information & Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced from 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these 30 European countries, including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor [smartraveller.com.au](https://smartraveller.com.au) closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

#### Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

## Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

## Schedule Of Fees

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is



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