

GRAND VOYAGE - ATHENS TO VENICE

THE MINOAN CIVILISATION... & POMPEII IS SOMETHING SO WONDERFUL

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This grand voyage from Australia not only offers you the opportunity to visit some of the greatest sites of antiquity, but also the possibility to enjoy some much needed spring sunshine. The usually good weather points to the importance that climate played in the development of the great classical civilisations: the short, mild winters and long, warm summers created the perfect conditions for these remarkable societies to thrive. Start your journey with 2 days in Athens and continue your voyage to the Dalmatian coast & Venice, while visiting the archaeological and cultural treasures along the way: Mycenae, Knossos, Venetian Crete, Norman Palermo, the temples in Sicily, Pompeii, Etna, Crusader's Malta, Dubrovnik, Korcula, Split and Venice.

Includes 2 nights pre-cruise stay in Athens

date	port	Arrive	Depart
19 Mar MON	ATHENS , Greece Arrive in Athens and transfer to hotel		
20 Mar TUE	ATHENS , Greece Morning city tour including the ACROPOLIS including its recently opened museum. Afternoon to explore		
21 Mar WED	PIRAEUS , Greece Free morning in Athens, afternoon transfer to PIRAEUS to board Aegean Odyssey	embark	9.00pm
22 Mar THU	NAUPLIA , Greece Tour the ancient city of MYCENAE, afternoon to explore NAUPLIA or EPIDAUROS	7.00am	10.00pm
23 Mar FRI	MONEMVASIA , Greece	7.00am	8.00pm

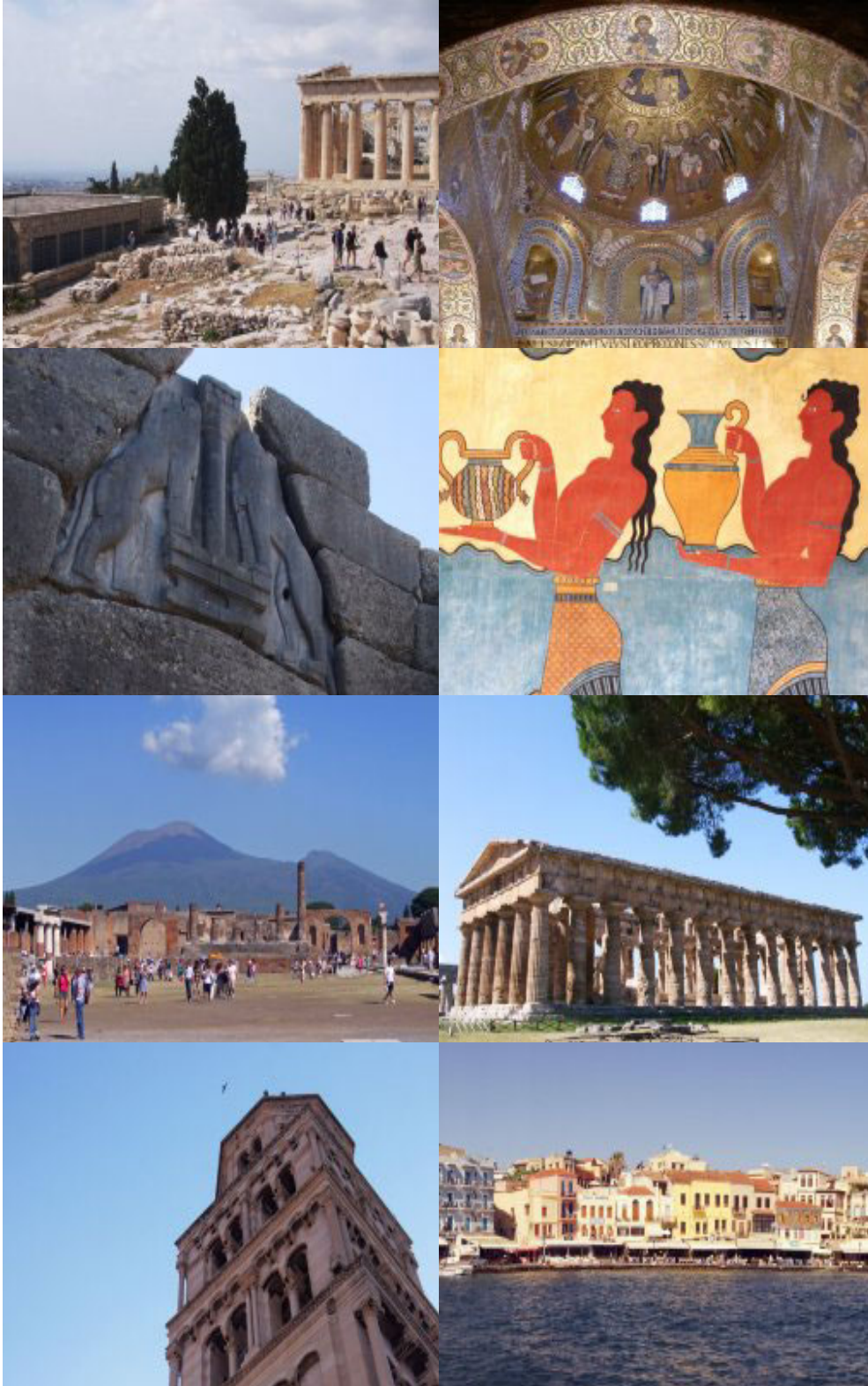
	Morning town walking tour, including CHRISTOS ELKOMENOS Cathedral. Optional tours to ancient SPARTA and UNESCO World Heritage Site at MYSTRAS		
24 Mar SAT	HERAKLION, Crete, Greece Morning visit to the Minoan site at KNOSSOS. Afternoon to explore	8.00am	10.00pm
25 Mar SUN	RETHIMNON, Crete, Greece Morning tour: RETHIMNON's Venetian and Ottoman architecture. Afternoon optional tour of CHANIA, one of the main Venetian strongholds on Crete	7.00am	7.00pm
26 Mar MON	AT SEA Lecture programme on board		
27 Mar TUE	SYRACUSE, Sicily Morning sightseeing including Greek Theater & Archaeological Museum. Afternoon visit to Ortygia and TEMPLE OF APOLLO	7.00am	8.00pm
28 Mar WED	VALLETTA, Malta City tour including St John's Co-Cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Masters, trip to MDINA. Afternoon to explore	7.00am	8.00pm
29 Mar THU	TRAPANI, Sicily Afternoon tour of the ancient city of SEGESTA	1.00pm	midnight
30 Mar FRI	PALERMO, Sicily Palermo Norman tour: Archaeology Museum, Palazzo Abatellis, Norman Royal Palace. Afternoon at leisure	7.00am	overnight
31 Mar SAT	PALERMO, Sicily Morning tour: the beautiful MONREALE CATHEDRAL just outside of Palermo		1.00pm
01 Apr SUN	CIVITAVECCHIA, Italy Visit the COLOSSEUM, Forum Romanum, St Peter's Basilica & the Vatican Museum. Afternoon city walking tour		6.00pm
02 Apr MON	SORRENTO, Italy Morning tour of POMPEII, Afternoon tour: HERCULANEUM	8.00am	overnight
03 Apr TUE	SORRENTO, Italy A day of leisure		6.00pm
04 Apr WED	PALERMO, Sicily A shore tour to Cefalu	8.00am	overnight
05 Apr THU	PALERMO, Sicily A day at leisure in Palermo		8.00pm
06 Apr FRI	TAORMINA, Sicily	8.00am	7.00pm

	Morning city tour including the Graeco-Roman theatre. Afternoon optional tour to Mount ETNA		
07 Apr SAT	VALLETTA , Malta Included tour: prehistoric Temples & the fishing village of Marsaxlokk	8.00am	6.00pm
08 Apr SUN	AT SEA Lectures on board as the ship sails to Dubrovnik		
09 Apr MON	DUBROVNIK , Croatia Sightseeing tour: Church of St Blaise, the Cathedral, the Rector's Palace, evening at leisure	8.00am	midnight
10 Apr TUE	KORCULA , Croatia Morning tour of Venetian KORCULA: Marco Polo's reputed birthplace, Cathedral of St Mark & the Abbey Treasury	7.00am	noon
10 Apr TUE	SPLIT , Croatia Afternoon cruising the islands of Hvar and Brac. Evening at leisure in Split	6.00pm	overnight
11 Apr WED	SPLIT , Croatia Morning tour of PALACE OF DIOCLETIAN		2.00pm
12 Apr THU	VENICE , Italy Morning city tour: San Marco, Bridge of Sighs, the DOGE's PALACE, afternoon at leisure, evening visit to St Mark's	8.00am	overnight
13 Apr FRI	VENICE , Italy Disembark and transfer to airport for a flight home		disembark



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