



VARIETY CRUISES

Family at Sea

SINCE 1949



2022-2023

GREECE | ADRIATIC SEA | ITALY & MALTA | RED SEA | SEYCHELLES | CAPE VERDE
WEST AFRICA | COSTA RICA & PANAMA | FRENCH POLYNESIA | QATAR-OMAN-UAE

YOUR FAMILY AT SEA SINCE 1949

Variety Cruises is the world's leading boutique cruise line hosting approximately 50 like-minded guests on board our small boats. But we are also a family owned company, that is passed along generations since 1949. The one thing that ties together everything that defines us is FAMILY; a family whose ethos of *filoksenia* (hospitality) remains intact throughout the years, adapting in line with our guests' desires and the communities we visit.

We are honored to invite you to explore our selection of hand-picked destinations that we have been fine-tuning with your imagination at heart. We listen to your wishes and put together off-the-beaten-track itineraries that we believe you would design yourself if you had the steering wheel under your command.

From Classical Greece to Italy & Malta, and from Tahiti to West Africa, the tasting menu of the world is yours to choose from. And for those seeking something "unusual" you are invited to join our LIMITED EDITION series including UNEXPLORED GREECE available to our guests and members first.

Seas the day

Pictured from right, our founder Diogenis Venetopoulos with his family on board the wooden caique Poseidon in 1977



A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

There is a profound sense of honor and responsibility as a member of the third generation to take the helm of our family's leading small ship cruise line. Variety Cruises is proud to continue to offer life-enriching experiences that go deeper into a destination, connecting our team of experts with travelers from around the world, and work together to positively impact the communities and natural environments in which we visit, while also adhering to our underlying ethos to create a better world at sea.

Since 1949, thousands of customers have experienced our immersive seven-day sailing adventures to explore the true identity of a destination, while enjoying the comforts and benefits of small ship sailing. Our signature 360° approach to operations starts with designing and building state-of-the-art vessels, to crafting and executing our detailed itineraries, and ensuring the safety and comfort of our guests in their "home at sea." We maintain our small ship cruise spirit, hosting no more than 100 guests in any given sail, offering an intimate and personalized experience that Variety Cruises is known for around the world.

From Greece to West Africa and beyond, travelers can discover authentic local and indigenous cultures, regional cuisine, ancient sites, remote villages and natural wonders only small ships can reach, offering something for first time cruisers to repeat clientele, as we continue to explore new destinations all over the world. Variety Cruises ensures that their life-enriching experiences reflect cultural and ecological sustainability and inclusiveness –a company priority– with sails that are in-depth and community-driven, yet go deeper and give back, while leaving a minimal footprint behind.

Deeper into the heart of the destination, deeper into the heart of our communities, and deeper into the soul.

Creating a 'Better World at Sea'™, since 1949.

FILIPPOS VENETOPOULOS
CEO, Variety Cruises



CLASSICAL GREECE

On Board
M/Y HARMONY G

8 day cruises from Athens



Your Cruise Highlights

Enjoy a harmonious balance between conventional cruising and private yachting, along with an exciting voyage of discovery, unravelling the wonders of Classical Greece. The beautiful Cyclades, Kea, Santorini, Mykonos and the neighbouring UNESCO-protected archaeological isle of Delos. Crete, the largest and southern most Greek island. The crystal blue waters of the island of Kythira, a hidden gem of the Aegean Sea. The Peloponnese with Monemvasia and Nafplion historical treasures. Hydra, an off-the-beaten track island with her picturesque harbour. Each day you will discover a new port of call, a hidden cove with crystal blue waters to cool you, a glimpse of ancient history to amaze you and rich cultural diversity to intrigue you.

Calendar

From May to October 2022 and 2023



PELOPONNESE TREASURES

On Board
M/S GALILEO

8 day cruises from Athens



Your Cruise Highlights

FROM ANTIQUITY TO BYZANTIUM: A voyage through history dedicated to the Golden Age of Greek civilization and beyond, this cruise comes complete with a guest lecturer, Eugenia Alexiou. Eugenia has a Master's degree in Byzantine Art, is an expert historian and, as a graduate of the Athens' Tour Guide Academy, is the perfect tutor through all the classical sites and sights we visit. This journey to off-the-beaten track locales in the Peloponnese peninsula is a masterclass on the journey through classical antiquity and the Roman conquest, ending with the transition to the Christian empire of Byzantium. Transit the amazing engineering feat that is the Corinth Canal, cut through solid rock in the 1880's to join the Gulf of Corinth with the Aegean Sea.

Calendar

March to April 2022 and 2023
October to November 2022 and 2023



JEWELS OF THE CYCLADES

On Board
M/S GALILEO
& M/S PANORAMA

8 day cruises from Athens



Your Cruise Highlights

Cyclades: Dazzling white villages, golden beaches and clear azure water are just the start of what these islands have to offer. Ancient Greek geographers gave this unique cluster of islands the name Cyclades because they saw that they formed a circle ('kyklos' in Greek) of sorts around the sacred island of Delos. According to myth, the islands were the debris that remained after a battle between giants. In reality, they resulted from colossal geological events like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Their colours are blue and white like the Greek flag. The islands come in all sizes and, though the ingredients are the same – incomparable light, translucent water, heavenly beaches, lustrous white buildings and bare rock, each one has its own distinct character...

Calendar

From April to October 2022 and 2023



BEST OF GREECE

On Board
M/Y VARIETY
VOYAGER



8 day cruises from Athens



Your Cruise Highlights

Enjoy a harmonious balance between conventional cruising and private yachting, along with an exciting voyage of discovery, unravelling the wonders of Greece & Turkey. The beautiful Cyclades, with their capital Syros, along with their world famous Santorini, Mykonos, and Ios, the UNESCO-protected archaeological isle of Delos, the unique Dodecanese islands and the historic Bodrum, Turkey. Discover much-loved or unknown gems with rich history, incomparable light, translucent water, and heavenly beaches.

Calendar

From April to October 2022 and 2023



ADRIATIC SEA & GREECE

On Board
M/S PANORAMA
M/Y CALLISTO



8 day cruises from Athens
to Dubrovnik and in reverse



Your Cruise Highlights

Embark on a voyage discovering the Adriatic and Ionian Seas from Dubrovnik to Athens or in reverse. Budva and world-famous Kotor in Montenegro, the deepest natural fiord in the Mediterranean Sea. Saranda and the UNESCO Site of Butrint in Albania. Corfu, Ithaca, Kefalonia and Paxi: Greece's Ionian Islands. Each day you will discover a new port of call, a hidden cove with crystal blue waters to cool you, a glimpse of ancient history to amaze you and rich cultural diversity to intrigue you.

Calendar

From June to August 2022 and 2023



ITALY & MALTA

On Board
M/Y HARMONY G
8 day cruises from Valletta



Your Cruise Highlights

Whatever your personal predilections, Sicily's varied landscape makes a dramatic first impression and its dozen-plus offshore islands offer enough activities to build an entire vacation around: Rising out of the cobalt-blue seas off Sicily's north-eastern coast, the UNESCO-protected Aeolian Islands are a little piece of paradise; Malta's astounding prehistoric sites were constructed by sophisticated-seeming temple builders who also left miniature figurines and mammoth sculptures of 'fat ladies', which have survived millennia and are housed in fascinating museums.

Calendar

From May to July 2022 and 2023



QATAR, OMAN & THE EMIRATES



On Board M/Y
VARIETY VOYAGER

8 day cruises from Muscat
to Doha or reverse



Your Cruise Highlights

Qatar, Oman and the Emirates: Doha, famous for its many mosques and modern buildings, is the capital of Qatar. Continue your journey to Sir Baniyas Island, full of ancient archaeological sites, geological features and man-made attractions. Next stops are Dubai – the Musandam Fjords & Khasab – the old cities of Nizwa and Nakhal – the village of Misfar and Muscat, the amazing capital of the Sultanate of Oman. Sail along the fjords and enjoy snorkelling and swimming at nearby islands. Learn about the Omani history and have a memorable Omani Night ashore. See some dolphins shoals while circling around the Musandam Peninsula.

Calendar

December 2023 to March 2024



THE SEYCHELLES

On Board
M/Y PEGASOS

8 day & 5 day cruises from Mahe
4 day cruises from Praslin



Your Cruise Highlights

If an exotic Seychelles cruise is what you have always dreamed of, you are in the right place. Seychelles is the perfect destination for both summer and winter cruises due to its warm climate. Discover this paradise on one of our yachts and experience a unique island-hopping voyage. We have specially designed three itineraries that you can choose from, according to time available and budget. Our Seychelles cruises are full of wonderful excursions that will give you the chance to dive into a breath-taking underwater world, walk through tropical jungles and capture heaven beaches.

Calendar

All Year Round 2022 and 2023



COSTA RICA & PANAMA CANAL

On Board
M/S PANORAMA

8 day cruises from Puerto
Caldera, Costa Rica to Colon
2000, Panama or reverse



Your Cruise Highlights

A Costa Rica & Panama Canal cruise is one full of adventures, excitement and lifetime memories. Grab your camera and embark on a journey through a limitless canvas of colour, beauty, sound, and aroma. Venture deep into the countries' national parks, in the search for macaws, sloths, howler monkey and dolphins along with our on board Naturalist. Cross the legendary Panama Canal. Swim through the crystal clear waters, soar through a rainforest canopy, dance with Embera Indians, or go snorkelling and zip-lining: Pura Vida!

Calendar

From December 2022 to March 2023



RIVERS OF WEST AFRICA

On Board
M/ Y HARMONY G

8 day cruises from Dakar,
Senegal & from Banjul,
Gambia



Your Cruise Highlights

The Rivers of Gambia & Senegal, 7-night cruise sure to satisfy your curious minds. Experience outstanding wildlife viewing on a yacht cruise along the West Africa Coast and upstream the Gambia River, deep inside the African continent. Discover the waterways of Senegal and Gambia with visits to no less than 4 Natural Reserves: Sine Saloum Delta, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a birdwatcher's paradise; Djifere fishing village; River Gambia National Park; Wassu mysterious stone circles, another UNESCO World Heritage site; Bao Bolong Wetland Reserve and Kiang West National Park in Gambia. Our on board Gambian River Naturalist will assist you in discovering the amazing flora and fauna and will be at your side throughout this exciting voyage, unravelling the wonders of West Africa.

Calendar

From December 2022 to March 2023



CAPE VERDE ARCHIPELAGO

On Board
M/Y HARMONY G

8 day cruises
from Palmeira, Sal



Your Cruise Highlights

Explore the archipelago of Cape Verde with its welcoming locals. Once a colony and slave trade outpost, the Cape Verde Islands of today offer a spellbinding blend of African and Portuguese influences in their architecture, food, customs and traditions. Being blessed with a pleasant year-round climate, the archipelago offers a diverse range of landscapes from verdant mountain ranges, lush hills and jungles to explore, to volcanic landscapes or wide deserted beaches. This cruise will open up for you a vibrant and colourful world, all set to the gentle rhythms of West African music.

Calendar

From November 2022 to March 2023



EGYPT, JORDAN & ISRAEL

On Board
M/Y HARMONY V

8 day cruises from Tel Aviv/
Herzliya Marina, Israel to
Aqaba, Jordan or reverse



Your Cruise Highlights

Embrace your wanderlust and discover the world on a deeper level. Cross the Suez Canal, discover Israel, Egypt and Jordan. An expert Egyptologist on board and on shore will enhance your experience with insights that bring each destination to life for a very well-rounded perspective. Join us during the winter and spring months to enjoy cooler temperatures that will make your exploration of these historical sites and ancient ruins comfortable. Wadi Rum in Jordan, the Valley of the Kings, Karnak and Hatshepsut Temples in Luxor, the Pyramids in Cairo and more ancient treasures await!

Calendar

From December 2022 to March 2023



TAHITI & THE PEARLS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA

On Board M/S PANORAMA II

8 day cruises from Papeete, Tahiti



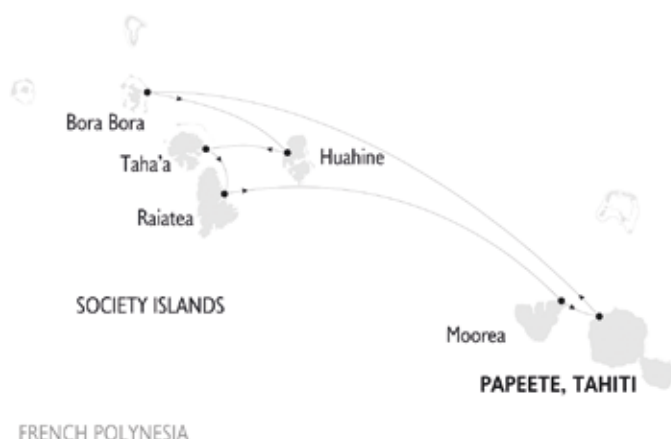
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Your Cruise Highlights

Sailing round-trip from Papeete port, Tahiti, uncover the world-famous Society islands of French Polynesia by small ship. Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea - islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping allows you to see every landscape, from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. There are many sides to the Islands of Tahiti, yet they are all connected by Mana. Mana is a life force and spirit that surrounds us. You can see it. Touch it. Taste it. Feel it. And from the moment you arrive, you will understand why locals say the islands are embraced by Mana.

Calendar

From August to December 2022
ALL YEAR ROUND in 2023



TAHITI, THE SOCIETY AND TUAMOTU ISLANDS

On Board M/S PANORAMA II

11 day cruises from Papeete, Tahiti



Your Cruise Highlights

Join us on board our 10-night sailing, roundtrip from Tahiti unravelling the Society and Tuamotu islands. Uncover the islands of two archipelagos by small ship. Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Rangiroa, Tetiaroa, Tikehau, and Makatea islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Go snorkeling with sting rays and sharks and explore the Bora Bora lagoon. Additionally explore by kayak the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior.

Calendar

From August to December 2022
ALL YEAR ROUND in 2023





LIMITED COLLECTION VOYAGES

VARIETY CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE PRIORITY BOOKING

UNEXPLORED GREECE

On board M/Y CALLISTO

8 day cruises from Athens

Your Cruise Highlights

Let us show you our home, off-the-beaten path. These 10 stunning island destinations offer a more nourishing side of Greece, a taste of true Greek culture. These are places where people take pride in offering hospitality and where things are done with meraki, love and soul. A cruise voyage unraveling the most authentic Cycladic and Dodecanese islands. Greece is a magical land with an endless supply of beauty and knowledge, so be prepared to experience it all with new eyes.

Calendar

July 1 & 15, September 16, 2022

2023 dates to be announced



AEGEAN WINE CRUISE

On Board M/Y HARMONY G

ALL INCLUSIVE 8 day cruise from Athens

Your Cruise Highlights

This journey takes us to many of the Greek wine hotspots including Nemea, Santorini, and Tinos. Wine and the making of it is central to this voyage, but as we follow its trail we'll also discover the limestone crags and wild mountains of the Peloponnese, the breathtaking views of Santorini, and the quieter villages of the Cyclades and Eastern Aegean islands. This carefully curated itinerary was designed by wine expert and wine tourism guru, Tim Clarke. Tim, with over 30 years of experience, accompanies the cruise as our on-board wine guide and expert.

Calendar

August 26, 2022

2023 dates to be announced



INTRODUCING THE VARIETY CLUB, A FAMILY OF LIKE-MINDED TRAVELERS

Upon returning home from your first Variety cruise, you will automatically become a Guest of the Seas member of the Variety Club. As a member of the Variety Club, you will enjoy exclusive benefits the moment you book your 2nd Variety Cruises voyage, as well as while you are on board and every time you refer your friends to us.

VARIETY CLUB MEMBERS

- Citizen of the Seas Membership: When booking your 2nd, 3rd and 4th Variety voyage, enjoy 5% savings on all cruise programs and fares, combinable with all special offers
- Explorer of the Seas Membership: When booking your 5th Variety voyage, enjoy 10% savings on all cruise programs and fares, combinable with all special offers
- Complimentary Cabin Category Upgrade subject to availability upon embarkation
- Exclusive access to Members-only Competitions, President Cruises, Reunion Sailings, and Captain Events on board

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