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A Journey Through Mythical Isles & Captivating Shores

06 September 2027 - 13 September 2027





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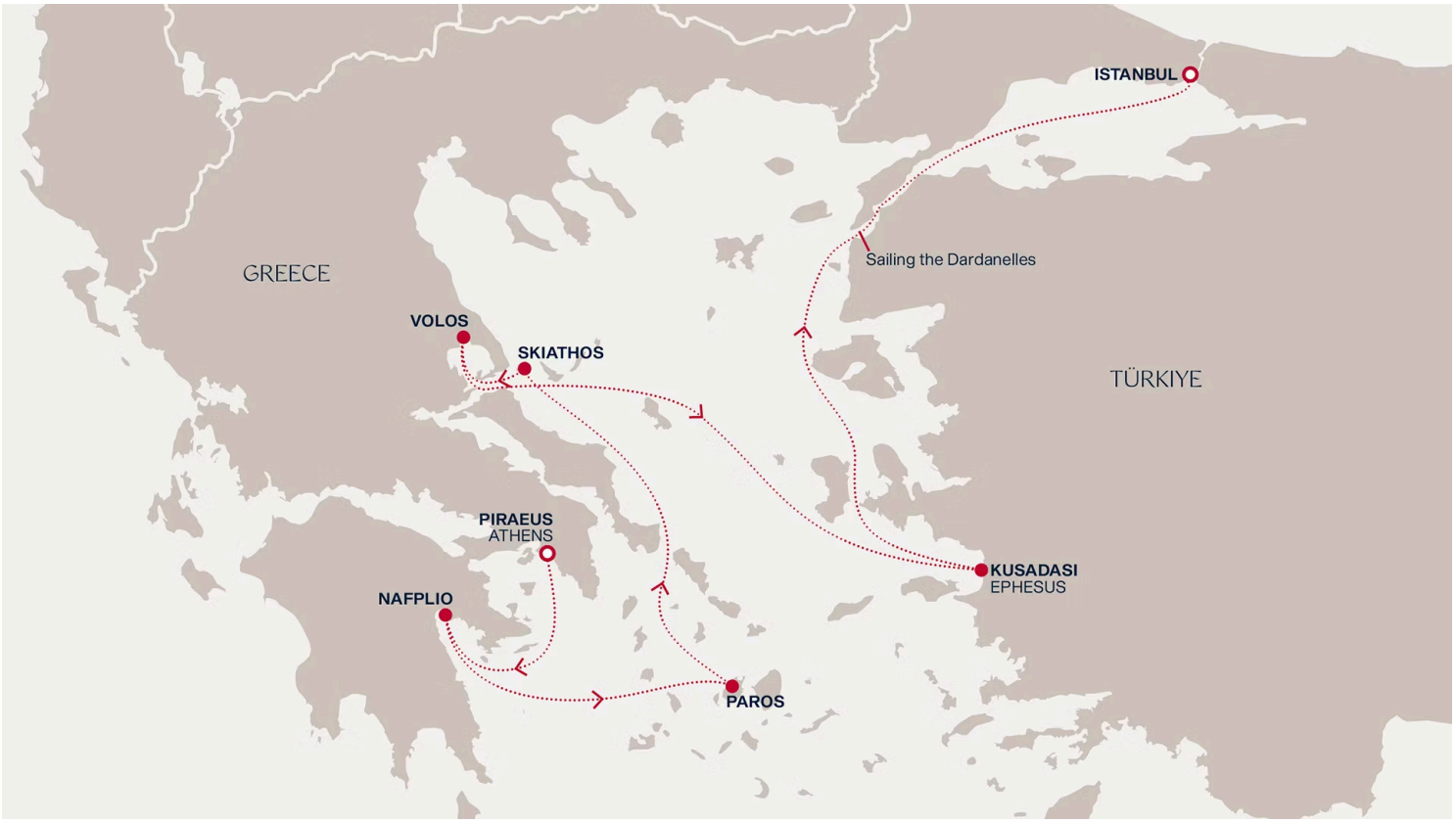
EXPLORA II | 7 NIGHTS | 7 PORTS | 2 COUNTRIES

DEPARTURE PORT	RETURN PORT
Piraeus (Athens), Greece	Istanbul, Türkiye
DEPARTURE DATE	**RETURN DATE**
06 September 2027	13 September 2027

Journey overview

Begin your adventure among the iconic landmarks and ancient echoes of Athens. Journey to the scenic shores of Nafplio to explore the cobblestone streets of the medieval old town, then sail to the idyllic coastline of Paros and fragrant pine forests of Skiathos. Explore the blissful tranquillity of Volos before stepping back in time to the awe-inspiring ruins of Ephesus in Kusadasi. Finally, immerse yourself in the mesmerising city of Istanbul, where rich history comes alive.





Day 1: Progressive Athens

Mon 06 Sep · Departure 20:00 · Ship Docked in Port

Athenians don't live in the past. Ahead of its time, Athens exudes glamour and a sense of possibility - housing galleries, gelaterias, bijoux boutiques alongside a plethora of museums. And you can't help but marvel at the archaeological wonders of the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Stroll through vibrant streets and markets, dance at buzzing bouzoukia, sing along in tavernas. At night, head to the harbour, where dimly lit bars serve the local ice cold beer. And, as you inhale the salty air and watch Greek fishing boats peacefully depart for their catch, reflect on this ancient city's progressive attitude.



Day 2: Romantic Nafplio

Tue 07 Sep · Arrival 08:00 · Departure 20:00 · Ship Docked in Port

Neat Nafplio, one of Greece's most romantic cities, leads us to the UNESCO dotted Peloponnese Peninsula. Namesake of Poseidon's son, this rakish retreat is a dream to discover with its medieval old town, castle ramparts, and cafés lining Syntagma Square. Further afield, we vault into vestiges belonging to Bronze Age kings: colossal Mycenae fortress with its 14m (46ft) wide walls; the perfectly acoustic Epidaurus amphitheatre; and wedge-like Corinth Canal which was 2,500 years in the making.



Day 3: Have a Quiet Moment in Paros

Wed 08 Sep · Arrival 09:00 · Departure 21:00 · Arrive by Tender

Unveil picturesque Paros' unadorned charms from ancient remains to traditional tavernas and sweet villages and blue-domed churches to a bounty of blonde-sand beaches. Head out to Parikia to find the awe-inspiring AD326 Byzantine monastery or take a ferry across to explore caves in the rugged natural beauty of Antiparos. Walk through the island's ancient archaeological history at the tiny museum and lose yourself in the labyrinth of lanes at the old Venetian port of Náoussa. Banish any tension on a sunlounger, then breeze through home-cooked mezze feasts in white-washed tavernas. Windsurf, kite-surf, dive, swim au naturel and enjoy a network of walking trails. Somehow Páros has managed to preserve more of the soft spirit than some of her Cyclade cousins.



Day 4: Shadows of Skiathos

Thu 09 Sep · Arrival 09:00 · Departure 18:00 · Arrive by Tender

One of 24 islands along an ancient trade route in the Aegean on Greece's east coast, Skiathos is part of the Sporades, Greek for scattered. Known for its sandy beaches and scented pine forests that fall right down to the water, this is a Greek island idyll, with whitewashed townhouses with terracotta-tiled rooves, ancient monasteries clinging to the hillside, lagoons secreted in the trees and fish restaurants in beautiful bays. And oh that water – on a small boat explore the island's inlets and capes, the sea caves and Lalaria, the picture-perfect rock arch only accessible from the water.



Day 5: Primeval Peninsula of Volos

Fri 10 Sep · Arrival 07:00 · Departure 19:00 · Ship Docked in Port

Volos deals a perfect blend of architectural gems, scented archaic landscapes and beach-fringed salty bays. Discover treasures in the mythical home of Jason and the Argonauts before bearing off to Pelion, homeland of the mythical Centaurs. Zig zag through a network of old cobbled donkey tracks linking villages and wander a botanist's dream of eucalyptus, fruit trees and thyme-scented woodland. Dip in blissfully quiet Pagasitic waters, bring history to life on gorge and bridge crossing Moutzouris and paddle past secluded coves into eerie sea caves and the Secret School. Visit Damouchari for a riot of bougainvillea and silvery olive trees, Tsagarada for the oldest plane tree in Greece and Milies for murals and absurd acoustics. This playground of the gods remains a quiet memory of Greek gone by - the Centaurs have protected it well.

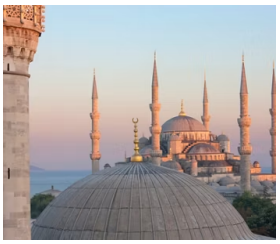


Day 6: Kuşadasi – Koosh-ah-dah-see

Sat 11 Sep · Arrival 09:00 · Departure 21:00 · Ship Docked in Port

Prepare for an exclusive explosion of history, culture and carpets. Walk in Cleopatra's steps and pay homage to the Roman ruins of Ephesus. Journey through fields bursting with cotton, olives and peaches until the hills broaden and Ephesus arises. Dedicated to Artemis, visit monuments, shrines, columns and ruins. The place where Popes pray and pilgrims drink (holy water). Fully immerse yourself within this ancient spot of worship; wish for good health and meditate in the sacred thermal pools of Pamukkale. Travel out to Orthodox villages combining Turkish-Greek culture and feast on organic filo, feta and spinach. Learn about Turkish weavings, natural dyes and different materials; see looms in action, knotting carpets and kilims. Steeped in history and with terrain as diverse as the culture, it won't just be the traditional Turkish coffee that will make you sit up straight.

Day 7: At Sea



Day 8: The Fusion of Istanbul

Mon 13 Sep · Arrival 08:00 · Ship Docked in Port

Embark on a European and Asian adventure packed with a wealth of charm and cultural diversity. Roam the ‘blue’ mosque of Sultan Ahmet, the Grand Bazaar, opulent Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia or sink into a serene Turkish Bath experience. Embrace the city’s vine-shaded homely district where ladies shop for butter-soaked baklava and freshly picked olives. Explore further to haggle for gold jewellery, linen and oriental antiques. Dine in the atmospheric old city or take a ferry to Asia for street-served food. Feast over rich platters of meze, moist grilled bluefish and succulent kebabs. Heighten your senses even further in the spice bazaar with enticing aromas and vibrant, colourful displays. After such a sensorial feast, indulge in a restorative raki, whichever continent you’re in. By night parties don’t start until late, but expect to dance till dawn. Join the late crowd spilling into the streets overlooking the Bosphorus. Sway at European rooftop bars, shimmer by ferry over to the Asian suburbs or remain ensconced in old-fashioned folk venues. An eclectic fusion of east and west, this city is conservative at heart with a truly modern soul.

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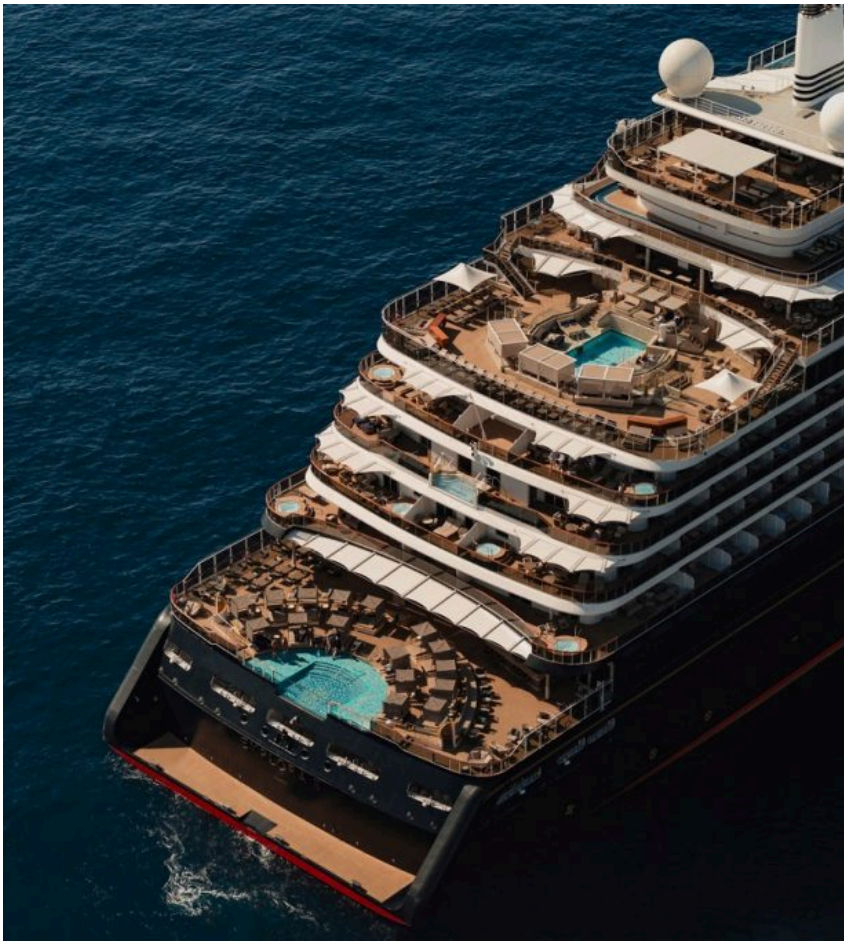
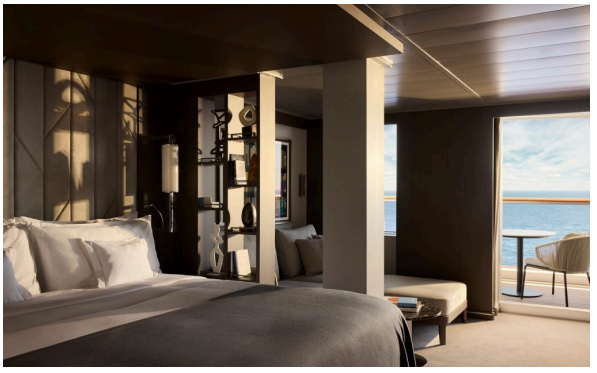
The Ship

EXPLORA II







EXPLORA II offers unparalleled comfort and space with 456 ocean-front suites, penthouses, and residences – each featuring spacious private terraces, walk-in wardrobes with vanity areas, luxurious bathrooms, and sweeping ocean views. Guests will enjoy an extraordinary selection of 18 restaurants, bars, and lounges, each celebrating global culinary talents and cultures.

456
Ocean-Front Suites

5
Heated Pools

6
Restaurants

12
Bars & Lounges

1.25:1
Guest to Host Ratio

Destination Experiences

These experiences are optional and can be added to your journey



In Nafplio, Greece

HISTORY & HERITAGE | MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Captivating Palamidi Fortress & Epidaurus

From €150

- Enjoy sweeping views of Nafplio and the Aegean Sea from Palamidi Fortress
- Journey through scenic countryside to the legendary sanctuary of Epidaurus
- Explore the renowned Theatre of Epidaurus built more than 2,000 years ago

3.30 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Legends and Myths of Ancient Mycenae

From €135

- Walk through the legendary Lion Gate and explore the ancient citadel of Mycenae, realm of the fabled King Agamemnon
- Admire the awe-inspiring city walls, beehive tombs and palace complex
- Discover historical treasures at the Archaeological Museum of Mycenae

3.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Nemea's Legendary Echoes

From €160

- Learn about the myth tied to Hercules' battle with the Nemean lion
- Stride through a vaulted tunnel into the Nemean Stadium, imagining the adrenalin of ancient sporting heroes
- Sample renowned local wines at a Nemean Valley winery

4.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Whispers of Ancient Corinth & Olive Farm Exploration

From €220

- Stand beneath the ancient columns of the Temple of Apollo
- Capture photos of the amazing feat of engineering that is the Corinth Canal
- Experience an olive oil tasting and enjoy seafood lunch of authentic Greek cuisine

7.30 Hrs | Moderate | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Large Van with Guide - Full Day

From €2,150 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to nine people, with a private large van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
- Explore the area via your own itinerary, or let us suggest one for you and take care of all the arrangements in advance
- Spend eight hours creating memories together in the destination, in privacy and style

8.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Large Van with Guide - Half Day

From €1,825 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to nine people, with a private large van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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- Spend four hours creating memories together in the destination, in privacy and style

4.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Full Day

From €1,815 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to six people, with a private van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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- Spend eight hours creating memories together in the destination, in privacy and style

8.00 Hrs Effortless English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Half Day

From €1,475 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to six people, with a private van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
- Explore the area via your own itinerary, or let us suggest one for you and take care of all the arrangements in advance
- Spend four hours creating memories together in the destination, in privacy and style

4.00 Hrs Effortless English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Vehicle with Guide - Full Day

From €1,400 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for two people, with a private car and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
- Explore the area via your own itinerary, or let us suggest one for you and take care of all the arrangements in advance
- Spend eight hours creating memories together in the destination, in privacy and style

8.00 Hrs Effortless English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Vehicle with Guide - Half Day

From €1,125 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for two people, with a private car and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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4.00 Hrs Effortless English



In Paros, Greece

NATURE & WILDLIFE REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED MULTI-GENERATIONAL

A RIB Adventure to Antiparos and Despotiko

From €385

- Explore the islands of the Cyclades on a journey by RIB
- See the Blue Lagoon, a natural channel famous for its vivid turquoise waters
- Journey to the southern coast of Antiparos and enjoy a swim in the sea
- Visit the uninhabited island of Despotiko, known for its ancient ruins

4.00 Hrs Moderate English

HISTORY & HERITAGE REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

A Taste of Paros

From €140

- Visit the award-winning 56 Isles Microbrewery
- Observe the brewing process and taste local craft beers
- Explore the Cycladic village of Prodromos
- Savour a snack at the famous Tsitsanis Taverna

3.30 Hrs Moderate English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | ARTS & CULTURE

Charming Antiparos

From €120

- Take a ferry ride from Paros to neighbouring Antiparos
- Explore one of the most beautiful Cycladic villages, defined by its traditional whitewashed lanes and vibrant bougainvillea
- Enjoy some free time before returning via ferry to Paros

4.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | ARTS & CULTURE | ARCHITECTURE

Marble and Mosaics in Parikia

From €95

- Visit the remains of the Parikia's Venetian Castle
- Visit Panagia Ekatontapiliani (Holy Church of the Virgin Mary), one of the island's oldest Orthodox temples
- Discover Paros' rich history at the archaeological museum

3.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

BEACHSIDE | REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED | MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Parian Beach Getaway

From €120

- Savour a day at a renowned beach club on Parikia Bay
- Swim in the sparkling Mediterranean Sea
- Treat yourself to casual beach dining at its best

4.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

NATURE & WILDLIFE | BEACHSIDE | REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED | MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Sailing on the Aegean Sea

From €170

- Sail in an authentic Greek caïque (wooden fishing boat)
- Explore secluded beaches and secret caves
- Enjoy a delicious snack onboard

4.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

GASTRONOMY

The Art of Greek Cooking

From €150

- Learn the elements of a Mediterranean diet
- Cook an authentic Greek lunch with an expert
- Enjoy a delicious meal paired with local wine

4.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ARTS & CULTURE | HISTORY & HERITAGE

Villages and Vineyards of Paros

From €135

- Explore the charming fishing village of Naoussa and its colourful harbour
- Visit a local winery and enjoy a tour and wine tasting
- Explore the 17th-century architecture and stone lanes of Lefkes

4.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

ACTIVE

Walk the Byzantine Way

From €165

- Wander through the charming lanes of Lefkes Village to the start of the Byzantine Way
- Walk the Byzantine Way, a 1.5h hiking route used for centuries to cross Paros Island
- Sample Greek coffee and delicacies in Prodromos

3.30 Hrs | Extreme | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Large Van with Guide - Full Day

From €2,450 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to nine people, with a private large van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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8.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Large Van with Guide - Half Day

From €2,175 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to nine people, with a private large van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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4.00 Hrs Effortless English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Full Day

From €2,090 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to six people, with a private van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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8.00 Hrs Effortless English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Half Day

From €1,840 Per vehicle

- A wholly unique experience in the destination for up to six people, with a private van and an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise at your request
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4.00 Hrs Effortless English

NATURE & WILDLIFE MEAL INCLUDED REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Paros Catamaran Cruise: Antiparos, Despotiko & Blue Lagoon

From €480

- Cruise around Paros and Antiparos aboard a luxurious catamaran
- Drop anchor at three or four spectacular locations including the famous Blue Lagoon
- See the dramatic Sea Caves of Antiparos
- Discover the historic, uninhabited island of Despotiko
- Enjoy a buffet-style Greek lunch onboard

7.00 Hrs Effortless English



In Skiathos, Greece

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Walk Through History in Ancient Skiathos

From €125

- Wander through Skiathos town's labyrinth of stairways and alleys
- Discover the Evangelistria Monastery, where monks wove the first Greek flag
- Visit the Church of the Three Bishops, home to the icon of Panagia Kounistra
- Explore Papadiamantis House Museum, the birthplace of a literary pioneer

3.00 Hrs Moderate English

ACTIVE NATURE & WILDLIFE BEACHSIDE

Blissful Beaches of Skopelos

From €270

- Discover some of the most beloved and serene beaches on the island of Skopelos
- Visit Kastani Beach, which was featured in the film Mamma Mia!
- Relax on a remote Grecian island off the shores of Skiathos (Tsougria or Arkos)

9.00 Hrs Effortless English

NATURE & WILDLIFE | BEACHSIDE | REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Mamma Mia Island Experience by RIB: Beaches, Chapel & Coastal Cruise

From €450

- Cruise the coastline of the Sporades archipelago on an exciting RIB adventure
- Explore Agios Ioannis Chapel, the real-life Mamma Mia! film location perched above the sea
- Swim off Kastani Beach, another location from the film
- Stop for a casual lunch on the paradise island of Tsougria

7.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Essence of Skiathos

From €150

- Discover all the unique charms of Skiathos town on a guided walk
- Visit Skiathitiko Spiti, a preserved historic home and museum
- Sample some locally produced liqueur

2.30 Hrs | Moderate | English



In Volos, Greece

GASTRONOMY

Cooking at Karaiskos Farm

From €215

- Journey through the gorgeous green landscape of Thessaly
- View stunning views of Mount Pelion
- Visit Karaiskos Farm in Portaria for a cooking lesson
- Enjoy a delicious lunch in the farm's tranquil surroundings

4.30 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE | NATURE & WILDLIFE

Hiking the Centaur Paths of Pelion

From €180

- Pass By the photogenic mountainside villages of Chania and Portaria
- Hike the Pelion mountain paths that were, according to mythology, once used by centaurs
- Enjoy bird's-eye views of the rolling hills and the blue coastline

5.30 Hrs | High-energy | English

NATURE & WILDLIFE | HISTORY & HERITAGE | MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Monastic Marvels of Meteora: A Journey of Spiritual Heights and Photographic Mastery

From €250

- Take in the natural scenery of Thessaly on the drive from Volos to Meteora
- Enjoy unforgettable views from one of the hanging monasteries
- Meet a local photographer to get perfect shots of the hermit caves
- Dine in the central square of Kalambaka, a beautiful mountain town

9.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

NATURE & WILDLIFE | HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Hanging Monasteries of Meteora

From €150

- Epic landscape of medieval monasteries upon soaring clifftops
- Visit two monasteries and admire sweeping vistas from above
- See collections of ancient religious artworks and artefacts

9.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | NATURE & WILDLIFE | MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Truffle Hunting in Magical Meteora

From €190

- Visit the Meteora Natural History Museum and Mushroom Museum exhibits and displays in Kalabaka
- Enjoy stunning views of the Meteora monasteries built on top of towering cliffs on the way to the forest
- Immerse yourself in an authentic Greek truffle hunting experience, complete with lunch

9.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

HISTORY & HERITAGE | ARCHITECTURE | ARTS & CULTURE

Volos Archaeological Treasures & Makrynitsa

From €125

- Journey Back to Neolithic Greece
- Mythical Landscapes of Mount Pelion
- The Timeless Charm of Makrinitsa

4.00 Hrs | Moderate | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Full Day

From €1,455 Per vehicle

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8.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Half Day

From €1,250 Per vehicle

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4.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE

Independent Explorations: Private Vehicle with Guide - Full Day

From €1,255 Per vehicle

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8.00 Hrs | Effortless | English

ACTIVE

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