

*Discover & Explore*  
***Greece & Turkey***  
*With the Bellingham - Whatcom*  
***Chamber of Commerce***



***Departing October 25, 2012***

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# Discover & Explore Greece & Turkey



The Parthenon in Athens, Greece

## Highlights:

- Round trip scheduled airfare from the US
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotels
- Hotel luggage handling
- 7 night Greek Isle cruise
- 1 night first class hotel in Athens
- All meals aboard cruise ship
- City tour of Athens
- Tour of Parthenon & Acropolis
- See the Olympic Stadium, the Royal Palace
- Discovery Program guide

## Mediterranean Ports Visited:

- Mykonos
- Santorini
- Ephesus
- Istanbul
- Rhodes
- Crete
- Patmos

## Preferred Hotels:

- Imperial, Acropol, Grand O'Hotel, and Titania

## DAY 1: BOARD YOUR OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

(In-flight meals)

## DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens, Greece and transfer to your luxury hotel, located in the center of the city. Time to rest or to start exploring the Hellenic capital. (B)

## DAY 3: ATHENS (PIRAEUS)

Athens City tour: Today you will see the monuments that have made Athens famous, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Olympic Stadium. You will have a guided tour of the Acropolis and visit the world famous Parthenon, a magnificent temple built by the Athenians around 3000 B.C. This afternoon we embark our cruise ship, which will be our home for the next 7 nights. This evening, sail into the blue waters of the Aegean Sea, easily settling into the cruising routine of sunbathing, sipping cool drinks, splashing in the pool and reveling in the delights prepared by the ship's chefs. (B,D)

## DAY 4: ISTANBUL, TURKEY

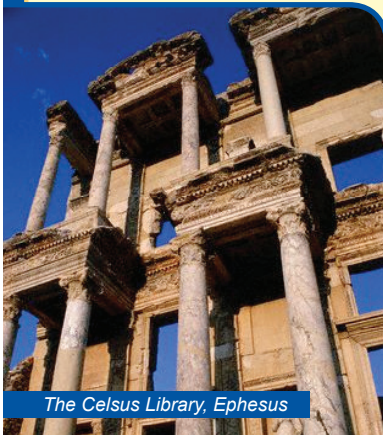
This afternoon we will arrive at Istanbul. Istanbul is a modern, bustling city of almost 12 million people. Istanbul's Old City (or Sultanahmet) dates back to 800 BC and is a walled city of seven hills and hundreds of interesting sights and sounds. The Bosphorus which reaches north to The Black Sea and south to the Marmara Sea, runs directly through the city and adjacent to the Old City. Istanbul (formerly known as Constantinople) offers incredible shopping, awe inspiring sights, excellent dining and entertainment and a world completely different than home. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Istanbul's unique position as a city that straddles two continents, Europe and Asia, has given Istanbul an unmistakably cosmopolitan atmosphere. Alongside all the life and color of the Middle East, it has a high standard of living with many of the accoutrements of a European capital, such as shopping malls and upscale international restaurants. (B,L,D)

## DAY 6: SAIL TO MYKONOS

Dock at the mountainous island of Mykonos with its characteristic



The Celsus Library, Ephesus



## Journeys of Discovery

The Island of Santorini

windmills and dazzling white houses. Time to wander through narrow paved streets lined with trendy boutiques and shady taverns before returning on board.

(B,L,D)

### DAY 7: PATMOS & KUSADASI (EPHESUS)

Discover the tiny Greek island of Patmos where St. John the Divine wrote the Book of Revelations. The 11th-century monastery with its manuscript collection is well worth a visit. Then visit Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. An optional excursion takes you to the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Imagine life as an Ephesian as you are guided through the remarkable excavation site. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: RHODES

All day is dedicated to the island of Rhodes. Rhodes' sun-drenched public beaches and colorful shopping districts are within easy walking distance of the port, or you may explore the sights in the Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Perhaps,

join an optional excursion to Lindos and the fabulous Temple of Athena. Sail from Rhodes around dinner time. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: CRETE & SANTORINI

First port of call today is Heraklion on Crete, considered the jewel of the Greek Isles. You will bask in the sun on miles of sandy beaches. A few miles away is Knossos, the center of the 3,000 B.C. Minoan civilization, an optional excursion can be booked. The Archaeological Museum in Heraklion displays many of the treasures discovered during the excavations. Afternoon call (weather permitting) at Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean," considered the favorite stop on the cruise. The optional shore excursion takes you up to the cliff-top village of Thera for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: ATHENS / HOME

Arrive back in port this morning. After disembarking you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to the USA. (B)

## Day by Day:

**Day 1:** Board your transatlantic flight

**Day 2:** Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel for one night.

**Day 3:** Breakfast at your hotel

- City tour Athens including Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Gate and new Parliament Buildings, Constitution Square and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Panathenaic Stadium

- Guided tour of the Parthenon

- Meet with Greek business leaders

- Set sail later this evening

**Day 4:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Port of Call - Istanbul, Turkey

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**Day 6:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

- Port of Call - Mykonos

**Day 7:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Ports of Call - Patmos and Kusadasi/Ephesus

- Optional excursion to the Monastery and Cave of the Apocalypse

- Optional tour to the impressive ancient city of Ephesus

**Day 8:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Port of Call - Rhodes

- Optional excursion to city of Rhodes, Acropolis of Lindos and Temple of Athena

**Day 9:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Ports of Call - Crete & Santorini

- Optional excursion to Knossos Palace and Heraklion City

- Optional excursion to Thira and Oia Village

**Day 10:** Breakfast

- Transfer to the airport to fly home

# Reservation Form

Return to:

**Bellingham**

**Chamber of Commerce**

**119 N. Commercial**

**Suite #110**

**Bellingham, WA 98225**

**(360) 734-1330**

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