

# Mystic Seaport - The Museum of America and the Sea Presents

## The Greek Isles and Turkey Onboard the Star Clipper

Nine Days

including two nights in Athens, five night cruise and airfare from New York  
October 6 to October 14, 2010



Long ago, these Greek Islands and Turkish ports were the landing places for an endless tide of invaders from far off lands. From ancient Phoenicia, Persia, the Peloponnesus, Imperial Rome and Constantinople they came. Followed by waves of European Crusader knights, Genoan mariners, Venetian merchants and Turkish troops of the Ottoman Empire. They stormed ashore to conquer, only to be vanquished by time and absorbed into the dry volcanic earth. All that remains are their stone ruins, ghostly shapes wrapped in myth and mystery. Today the Cyclades are an inviting playground for pleasure seekers aboard the Star Clipper. White-washed churches point tilted Greek crosses heavenward in skies of brilliant blue, while sun worshippers bask on the beaches under Helios' golden gaze. Twisting cobblestone alleyways lead to taverna's where octopus salad and ouzo are in order. Ancient Minoan palaces and medieval fortresses whisper tales of pagan rites and knightly rituals. In hidden coves, the Star Clipper finds harbors where pristine sands and warm crystalline waters beckon you to explore underwater grottos while beachgoers laze away under sun-blessed skies; yet another dream-like day in the mythic, magical Cyclades.

In the Eastern Mediterranean, between the bays of Fethiye and Antalya, the deeply indented Lycian coast is an area of stunning natural beauty, of pine covered mountains laced by tumbling streams spilling down to thyme and lavender blanketed headlands, dramatic bays and sun-washed beaches. Along these shores, on almost every hilltop or hidden in the countryside by twining grapevines, you will find mysterious sarcophagi and necropolis. These poignant cities of the dead are the last remnants of an ancient democratic civilization that pre-dated the Greeks. The Lycian League was a federation of 23 city states whose parliament, the first in the world, was located in the port of Patara. The League was the originator of representative government, a system of ideals that has been admired and adopted by almost all republican governments existing today, including the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

We look forward to having you with us for this wonderful and memorable vacation at sail. Please reserve early to avoid missing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Athens and sail the Greek Island and Turkey with your fellow maritime enthusiasts!

For More Details and Reservations Contact  
Cheryl Mattson, Director of Membership  
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Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm EST



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## Included features:

- **ROUNDTRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION!** From New York on the scheduled services of Delta Airlines or similar.
- **TWO NIGHT PRE-CRUISE IN WONDERFUL ATHENS!** Two nights hotel accommodations at a centrally located 5 star hotel in Athens with breakfast daily.
- **ATHENS TOURS!** A half day city tour of Athens and an additional half day tour to Faliron to view the ship Olympias.
- **CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS!** Accommodations for five nights onboard the sailing ship the Star Clipper, a four masted Barkentine.
- **ONBOARD MEALS!** Your special rate includes meals and snacks served onboard the Star Clipper every day.
- **DELUXE MOTOR COACHES!** Deluxe motor coaches escort you from airport to hotel, from hotel to pier and from pier to airport.
- **TRANSFERS!** ABC will handle transfers between airport, hotel and cruise terminals.
- **PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR!** Experienced professional Program Director will host you for the land vacation in Athens.

**Pricing** The price for category 4 is \$3,699 ,category 3 - \$3,799 and category 2 - \$3,999. All prices are per person double occupancy. The single occupancy price is category 4 - \$4,499, category 3 - \$4,699 and category 2 - \$4,799, triple occupancy price is \$2,659 for all categories. All prices include fuel surcharges and air taxes of \$582 per person (correct at the time of print but subject to change). Pricing does not include gratuities for driver and guides; drinks; day tours and tips onboard the Star Clipper; baggage charges by the airline; passports; visa and items of a personal nature.

### The star of the sea...

Star Clipper and her sister ship Star Flyer are as fleet as the wind and as graceful as swans. These are true clipper ships, reflecting their proud heritage in every inch of polished brass and gleaming bright work.

Step aboard these unique vessels and discover a new age of sail, where the traditions of the past are happily married to the comforts and amenities of the present. The Star Clipper is a modern cruise ship in every way, created for comfort-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships.

The Star Clipper is 360 feet long and carries just 170 guests in pampered comfort. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, much like travelling on a private yacht. You'll never feel confined, as the ship offers pleasingly spacious accommodation and expansive teak decks with ample space for relaxing and play. In fact, you'll find that the Star Clipper offers more outdoor space per passenger than most conventional cruise ships.

The décor of the Star Clipper is reminiscent of the grand age of sail. Antique prints and paintings of famous sailing ships please the eye, while teak and gleaming mahogany rails are richly reminiscent of the Star Clippers' proud nautical heritage.

Enjoy the convivial indoor-outdoor Tropical Bar and Piano Bar, and Edwardian style library where a Belle Époque fireplace glows with a warmth that reflects the friendliness and enthusiasm of Star Clippers' hospitable officers and crew.

Clearly, this is not a cruise ship in the ordinary sense. On the Star Clipper, you will find that there are no rigid schedules. You are free to do as you wish with your days and evenings. When you rise, help yourself to a continental breakfast with Parisian croissants, toasted English muffins or sweet Danish pastries, or savor a full breakfast with fresh tropical fruits and crisp bacon, grilled sausage, smoked salmon and omelet's cooked to order in the dining room. At lunch, a marvelous buffet of seafood, salads and grilled favorites awaits your pleasure. If the day includes a stop at one of the paradisiacal islands we frequent, you might also be treated to a succulent outdoor barbecue on shore. When evening comes, the elegantly appointed dining room becomes the setting for the chef's finest culinary presentations, designed to please the eye and the palate, complimented by a selection of equally fine wines. You'll find the service to be friendly and gracious, as befits a tasteful restaurant. Of course, we would not presume to dictate your seating preferences.

## ITINERARY

**Day 1 Depart the U.S.** Depart from New York JFK airport via Delta Airlines (or similar) for Greece.

**Day 2 Welcome to Athens.** Upon arrival into Athens, proceed to baggage claim and after clearing customs you will be met by your Mystic Seaport and ABC Destinations representative. You'll be transferred to your 5 star hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 3 Athens** This morning we will head out on a half day tour of Athens including the Acropolis and the magnificent Parthenon. Built on top of the hill in the 5th century BCE, it is one of the greatest architectural masterpieces of all time. We'll also visit the octagonal marble tower, the Tower of the Winds. This is significant to a maritime

enthusiast because it was an astronomical observatory in ancient Greece, connected to the history of navigation, and served as a model for Christopher Wren's design for the Royal Observatory at Greenwich - in turn the most famous navigational landmark in history. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this wonderful city. (B)

**Day 4 Athens/Faliron/ Piraeus.** Today we will head out for a half day tour to Faliron to view the ship Olympias. This replica trireme is one of the most fascinating examples of historical detective work ever attempted: the reconstruction of one of the most complicated machines of the ancient world on the basis of extremely limited primary source referential material. The result was a 121 foot oared warship manned by a crew of 200 oarsmen contemporary to the battle of Salamis (480 BC). Sea trials conducted since her completion in 1987 have demonstrated a potential for nine knots and battle turns of less than 2.5 ship lengths, approximating the capabilities recorded by contemporary observers such as Herodotus and Thucydides. This tour will conclude in Piraeus the port of Athens where we will board our floating hotel the Star Clipper. (B, D)

**Day 5 Mykonos, Greece.** Mykonos's many captivating attributes make it one of the most celebrated Greek holiday islands. Its main village is a colorful maze of narrow streets lined with white-washed houses, many with bright blue doors and shutters. As an attractive backdrop, famous windmills are lined up like toy soldiers on the hillside, vestiges of a time when wind power was used to grind grain. Mykonos has churches and chapels scattered about the island; quite a number of them are located right in town. Radiant flowers spill over whitewashed walls and shady courtyards. In addition to swimming, sunning, water-skiing and surfing, visitors find endless shopping opportunities. Artists have relied on Mykonos' beautiful setting to inspire them. The most photographed site is the Paraportiani, a cluster of white-washed churches resting below windmills. Mykonos's museums include an Archaeological Museum, which houses relics from the Trojan War, a Folk Art Museum and a Maritime Museum. The best beaches are Aghios Stephanos, Psarou, Kalafatis, Onros, Panormos and Elia. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 Kusadasi, Turkey.** Visitors come to Kusadasi for beaches and nearby ruins of Ephesus. The major attraction is the archaeological site of ancient Ephesus, considered to be most important in Turkey. The history of this ancient city dates back to 10th century BC; many remarkable structures seen today are result of an excavation and restoration program. Along a white marble road grooved by ancient chariot wheels, the two-story Library of Celsus presents a striking sight. There are temples, houses of noblemen, and community buildings lining ancient streets. Nestled in the mountainside is a 25,000-seat amphitheater, still used for performances during Festival of Culture and Art. Bible buffs may know Ephesus as inspiration for St. Paul's Epistle to Ephesians and the site of one of the first seven churches of Asia Minor. Treasures are kept in the Seljuk Archaeological Museum. Among the better-known ancient sites near Kusadasi are ancient Miletus and Dydima. Remains include a well-preserved Roman theater at Miletus and Dydima's sacred temple of Apollo. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 Santorini, Greece.** Santorini is everything that has made the Greek islands legendary. The world famous island of Santorini is the southern most island of the Cycladic group in the Aegean Sea, and is located north of Crete. Its population is distributed among thirteen villages and just exceeds nine thousand. The marvelous dry climate and unbroken sunshine create year around conditions which are perfect for observation, photographs and videos under an extraordinary variety of natural lights and colors. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 Hydra, Greece.** Hydra, in the Saronic Gulf off of the Greek mainland, may have served as the natural model for ancient architects when they were designing the marvelous acoustically magical amphitheaters in Greece and Rome. Its horseshoe-shaped harbor welcomes boats at all hours. As with most Greek islands, Hydra's port is the center of activity and is lined with tourist shops, restaurants and merchants. It is a wonderful place to sit in a cafe, munching on a Greek salad, writing postcards or watching the world go by. Around the corners to either side of the port are beaches, although some are more rock than beach. Mandhraki beach offers sand for those who want to feel grit between their toes. The beach to the west, in Kamini, is rocky, as is the one at Vlykhos, a half an hour further west. Most of what people consider premium tanning spots on this island are rocks. The further from town, the more private the area is likely to be. Every sound down at the port can be heard, no matter where one is in the town. Even from the Monastery of Profitis Ilias at the top of the mountain, every sound is crystal clear. (B,L,D)

**Day 9 Athens, Greece/U.S.** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

DAY/DATE	GREEK ISLES & TURKEY
Day 1 Wednesday, Oct 6	Depart the U.S
Day 2 Thursday, Oct 7	Arrive Athens, Greece
Day 3 Friday, Oct 8	Athens, Greece
Day 4 Saturday, Oct 9	Athens, Greece
Day 5 Sunday, Oct 10	Mykonos, Greece
Day 6 Monday, Oct 11	Kusadasi, Turkey (optional tour of Ephesus)
Day 7 Tuesday, Oct 12	Santorini, Greece
Day 8 Wednesday, Oct 13	Hydra, Greece
Day 9 Thursday, Oct 14	Athens, Greece/ depart for home

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries land/sea due to local conditions. Every attempt has been made to produce this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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Deposit: \$500 per person to reserve your space. Final payment is due 120 days before departure. I authorize \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my card (deposit plus insurance premium if applicable).

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**I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance? YES—NO.** The policy price is based on the cost of the tour and taxes. Tour cost from \$3,001 to \$3,500 = \$299 per person, tour cost from \$3,501 to \$4,000 = \$349 per person, tour cost from \$4,001 to \$5,000 = \$499 per person.

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the Mystic Seaport Museum of America—Greek Isles and Turkey, October 6 to October 14, 2010 and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the general terms and conditions as outlined in this brochure:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement. Note: Travel protection premium is 100% non refundable at the time of cancellation, and not considered in the penalties as stated above. **Changes to Program General Policy:** Any changes to or deletions from the program by an individual, including air deviations from the group itinerary (prior to ticketing) and name changes on this land portion, are subject to a charge of \$50.00 per change, per person (plus any additional costs in airfares, airlines deviation fees or services these changes may incur). Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed for re-routing. Name changes due to spelling corrections are subject to airline rules, and penalties for re-ticketing will apply. 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Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to this Tour Agreement, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in New Jersey in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent.