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# SWAN HELLENIC

DISCOVERY CRUISING

July 2014 – November 2015



BALTIC AND NORTHERN WATERS • BLACK SEA • ADRIATIC

AEGEAN • MEDITERRANEAN • INDIA • BURMA • CHINA • JAPAN

*Cruise fares include meals, gratuities, Guest Speaker programme and shore excursions*



*Epidauros, Greece*

## Exceptional, *inclusive* value

A Swan Hellenic cruise offers unrivalled value for money with so much included in your standard cruise fare:

### **A tailor-made shore excursion programme**

An inclusive shore excursion programme, worth up to £650 per person on a 15-day cruise. A selection of excursions are offered in every major port.

### **All gratuities on board and ashore**

No further tipping of waiters, stewardesses, hairdressers, porters, drivers and guides is expected or required.

### **Porterage of luggage**

Swan Hellenic arranges all porterage of your luggage from the port to your cabin.

### **Port taxes**

Swan Hellenic pays all port taxes on your behalf.

### **All meals included – open-seating dining**

Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in a choice of two restaurants. Morning coffee and afternoon tea is served daily. Complimentary tea and coffee is available in the Veranda from 6am-10pm.

### **Captain's gala nights**

Two gala nights are held per 15-day cruise, including complimentary cocktail parties with the Captain, ship's officers and Swan Hellenic staff, and wine with dinner to complement the à la carte menus on these gala nights.

### **A selection of engaging onboard activities**

Depending on the individual cruise itinerary, onboard workshops might include art, bridge or choral workshops, photography, yoga or tai chi. In the evenings, enjoy a carefully selected programme of refined entertainment.

### **Enhanced benefits in selected cabins**

Passengers in higher grade cabins receive complimentary champagne, minibar, fruit and canapés.

### **Visas**

Visas, where applicable are included for some countries, although there are exceptions. Details will be sent with your pre-cruise information.

### **Complimentary chauffeur service**

On all cruises, passengers booking selected cabins (*category A-C*) receive a complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles of Portsmouth or your departing UK airport (*London or Manchester only*).



*Minerva transiting the Corinth Canal*



# For those with a mind to travel

Stimulating, informative, relaxing, sociable - just some of the words our passengers have used when describing the Swan Hellenic experience. A cruise aboard *Minerva* is like nothing else, with meticulous attention to the finest details and with a quality and charm that is simply unique.

In the company of approachable and expert Guest Speakers, you travel to the world's cultural and geographical highlights to truly uncover the soul of each destination. The ship also calls at smaller and less visited ports, where you can stay longer and escape the crowds associated with larger vessels. Throughout your cruise you can engage with like-minded fellow passengers, who share your thirst for knowledge and an appreciation of the finest standards of service. When you return home, you will be as fulfilled and rewarded as you are relaxed.

In the style of a country house hotel, *Minerva's* accommodations are elegant and understated with spacious lounges and comfortable bars. Long-serving, friendly staff look after your every need and ensure your cruise meets or surpasses every expectation. Inclusive fares mean that, aside from personal expenses and some visas, there are no other costs to add.

Join us in 2014 or 2015 for a cruise experience that has set Swan Hellenic apart for more than sixty years, and that continues to set the benchmark for those with a mind to travel.

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Front cover image: Kotor Bay, Montenegro - (see pages 30, 62, 78 & 84).

## THE SWAN HELLENIC DISTINCTION

### Inspiring destinations

Small ship discovery cruising allows you to visit the world's most iconic sites, cities and less-visited gems, and to experience the true essence of each culture.

### World-class Guest Speakers

A panel of eminent Guest Speakers travels on each cruise who look forward to sharing their enthusiasm and expertise with you.

### Attention to detail

Swan Hellenic cruises and shore excursion programmes are carefully planned to ensure each aspect of your cruise is delivered to the highest possible standards; 94% of passengers intend to cruise with Swan Hellenic again.

### Friendly, professional and experienced staff

Travel with Swan Hellenic knowing that you will be well looked after throughout your cruise, from the moment you arrive at your departure port or airport.

### Travel in like-minded company

Enjoy the country-house ambience of *Minerva*, travelling with just 350 fellow passengers who share your curiosity about the history and cultures of the world.

### Loyalty discount

For all returning passengers, a 5% loyalty discount will apply on any future booking with Swan Hellenic. This loyalty discount is deductible from all fares featured in this brochure.





Our 60th anniversary year has certainly captured your imagination. Since we launched the Anniversary Appeal, with the aim of obtaining at least one item of memorabilia to mark each of our 60 years, we have been overwhelmed by your enthusiastic response to the project. Hundreds of items, ranging from cruise

documentation, flight tickets, passenger lists and guidebooks to the more personal photo albums, illustrated holiday diaries and scrapbooks, have arrived in our office, indicating a very real, and enduring, affection for Swan Hellenic down the years. We are now sifting through this unique treasure trove, dividing the material into decades to create an onboard exhibition for both passengers and day visitors to *Minerva* to enjoy in the year ahead.

While it is difficult to single out material, it is hard not to be moved by *The Last of Seven: Writings from my Life and Art* by Ernest Greenwood. Dedicated to Marion and Kenneth Swan (Kenneth and his father began the company in 1954), the author begins a chapter dedicated to a Swan Hellenic cruise with the words: 'Our experience of Cruising began and ended with Swan Hellenic'.

As we enter our 7th decade Swan Hellenic will continue to offer memorable cruise holidays. In 2015 *Minerva* will make a maiden call in Algeria to uncover its rich Roman history, will explore Chatham dockyard and visit Belfast at the time of the Tall Ships race while on its annual UK cruise, and will seek out fascinating destinations in the Mediterranean and further afield.

Each of these cruises will be accompanied, as ever, by a panel of our eminent Guest Speakers; some have travelled with us for many years while others will be looking forward to their first cruise with us. Each will have been chosen not only for their expertise and their ability to tease out the stories that lie behind each itinerary, but also for their good company whether you meet them out on excursions ashore or over dinner in the Swan Dining Room.

I hope you will choose to travel with us in our Anniversary year and beyond, and that your cruise with us will live in the memory for many years to come.

Kind regards

Lord Sterling, Chairman

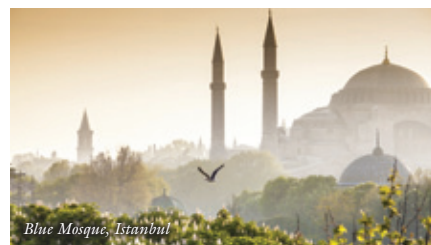




## Itineraries to inspire and delight

Travelling with Swan Hellenic means you can visit many more destinations in one holiday than would be possible by land or air. While *Minerva* sails gracefully from one port to the next, you have the time to absorb fascinating Guest Speaker talks or visit the library to prepare for your next arrival. Once ashore, our staff and carefully selected local guides will escort you to the sites and locations that let you experience the real essence of each place you visit.

In 2014 and 2015 you will be able to choose from itineraries that show you everything from fascinating lands surrounding the Black Sea to the mesmerising lights and architecture of Shanghai. New ports include the lesser-visited Azores and a string of smaller towns along the exquisite Dalmatian coast. Wherever your interest lies, you can be assured of well-planned and carefully delivered itineraries that will be both enriching and memorable. We look forward to welcoming you on board.





## INCLUSIVE SHORE EXCURSION PROGRAMME

# Time ashore to discover more

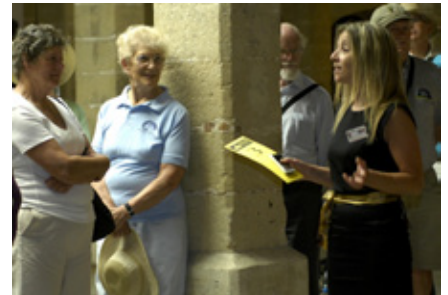
**A**ctive hikes, historical sites, local communities and the natural world all feature in our inclusive tailor-made shore excursion programmes. Each is researched in detail by a knowledgeable well travelled team, who aim to make the most of half-day, full-day, evening or overnight stays in port.

Your tailor made Shore Excursion Programme offers a wide choice of experiences that allow you to visit the highlights or lesser known but equally intriguing places that uncover the heart of a destination. You can also explore at leisure especially in those small ports where *Minerva* is small enough to berth within easy walking distance or a short transfer to the town. Each itinerary offers a mix of half days or full days in port. Late night sailings or overnights in port extend your experience in unmissable cities such as St Petersburg, Naples, Valletta, Venice, Shanghai, Kobe, Yangon and Mumbai.

Inclusive full-day excursions in 2014/15 include visits to some of the world's most iconic destinations: the 'rose-red' city of Petra, Cairo and the Pyramids and the temple complex at Borobudur. To enhance your experience you may also choose from a smaller, dedicated programme of excursions which are optional, the cost of which is additional and offers further opportunities for exploring ashore.

### Gratuities are paid on your behalf

When ashore on excursions, all gratuities for guides and drivers plus any entrance fees are included in your cruise fare. With these small but important details taken care of in advance, you are free to relax and enjoy each port of call to the full.



### Your Swan Hellenic Cruise Book

Your complimentary, tailor-made Cruise Book for each itinerary is sent out approximately eight weeks before departure. It contains full details of the shore excursion programme, a booking form and introductory articles by Guest Speakers. Practical information for each destination and a suggested reading list also feature. All shore excursions are pre-bookable eight weeks before departure.







## RENOWNED GUEST SPEAKERS

# Experts add much more than just detail

There is no better way to travel than with the advance knowledge and insight that allows you to fully embrace and understand each destination. Swan Hellenic's Guest Speakers are carefully selected to give engaging and informative talks on a wide range of subjects that are relevant to each itinerary. Add to this the genuine passion and infectious enthusiasm they have for their individual areas of expertise, and you can understand why a Swan Hellenic cruise is so much more than just a holiday.

Whether you are attending a lecture in the comfort of *Minerva's* Darwin Lounge, listening to a broadcast from the bridge, or enjoying one-to-one conversation over dinner, our Guest Speakers bring an added dimension that is both rare and invaluable.

Our long-established affiliations and partnerships with organisations such as the National Trust, RHS and NADFAS also allow us to offer specialist speakers and other benefits on selected cruises.



### NATIONAL TRUST



Swan Hellenic's relationship with the National Trust complements our mutual interests in conservation, heritage and learning.

*See pages 68-69 for our National Trust partnership cruise.*

### ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



RHS Garden Holidays

Our relationship with the Royal Horticultural Society celebrates a shared interest in horticulture and gardening.

*See pages 70-71 and 74-75 for our RHS Garden Holidays partnership cruises.*

### NADFAS



The National Association of Decorative & Fine Art Societies (NADFAS) is justly renowned both for the quality of its speakers and for the breadth of its speakers' interests. *See pages 22, 24, 30, 34, 36, 40, 46, 52, 54, 56, 74, 76, 82 and 86.*

Subjects covered by our Guest Speakers include:

ARCHAEOLOGY  
ARCHITECTURE  
ART HISTORY  
CLASSICS  
GEOGRAPHY  
GEOLOGY  
HISTORY  
HORTICULTURE  
LITERATURE  
PHILOSOPHY  
VOLCANOLOGY  
WILDLIFE



*Professor Sir Barry Cunliffe speaking in  
Minerva's Darwin Lounge*



WELCOME ABOARD *MINERVA*

# A small ship with a big personality

## PROMENADE DECK

A traditional wrap-around promenade deck offering the chance to walk a mile (8 circuits), with plenty of space for sunbathing

## THE LIBRARY

## WHEELER BAR

## CANOPIED POOL AREA

Offering shelter from the heat of the midday sun, and creating more opportunities for BBQs, alfresco dining and late-night entertainment

## INTERNET LOUNGE

Dedicated Internet Lounge, enabling you to keep in touch with family and friends

## TENDERS

Easy access, fast tenders to transfer you between ship and shore easily and in comfort

## THE SWAN RESTAURANT



## SHACKLETON BAR

A spacious horseshoe-shaped bar with large picture windows. Relax and enjoy a pre- or post- dinner drink, while listening to a varied programme of piano music selected by our cocktail pianist.



## WHEELER BAR

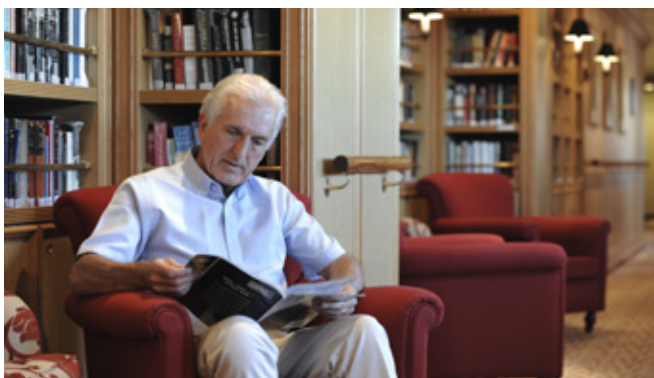
The elegant and comfortable Wheeler Bar is the perfect location for a drink during the day and late into the evening, when classical guitar or harp music can often be heard.

#### ORPHEUS LOUNGE

This light spacious lounge at the forward end of the top deck, with seating for 145 passengers, offers panoramic views by day and an intimate venue for jazz by night



*Illustration by Ric Cooper*



#### THE LIBRARY

*Minerva's* well stocked Library is one of the finest afloat, featuring approximately 5,000 volumes of fiction, non-fiction and reference books relevant to our cruising destinations - many written by our eminent Guest Speakers.



#### THE SWAN RESTAURANT

The Swan Restaurant is elegantly and comfortably furnished with white tablecloths, sparkling glasses and polished cutlery. Arrive at any time within advertised opening hours and you will be shown to a table by our Maitre d'. Full waiter service will ensure that you enjoy your meal.



## Friendly and professional service

Taking such good care of our passengers is second nature to Swan Hellenic. For over sixty years we have offered the service and genuine welcome that makes both new and returning passengers feel immediately at home.

Taking equally good care of *Minerva*, our officers and deck staff maintain the smooth running of all ship's services and itineraries. Whilst you relax and enjoy delicious food in the restaurants or gentle conversation in the bars, our hotel staff work tirelessly to ensure that no detail is overlooked.

From the first meeting with our Representative at the port or airport, to the welcoming line of stewards and stewardesses at the top of the ship's gangway, you can relax in the knowledge that all our staff are on hand to make your cruise as easy and comfortable as it can be.

Your cruise fare includes all gratuities; therefore no further tipping is expected or required. Service is always provided with a smile and with a bona fide desire to please.







## DAYS OF DISCOVERY AND RELAXATION



## Time well spent

Being a relatively small ship, *Minerva* soon becomes a familiar home from home. Your cabin is easily reached from all the main lounges and restaurants, and fellow travellers quickly become acquaintances and friends. The ship never feels crowded - there is always a comfortable chair in a quiet corner in which to read, or a padded sun lounger where you can enjoy the fresh air and a cooling drink.

After a leisurely breakfast in either the Swan or Veranda restaurants, attend a Guest Speaker talk in the Darwin Lounge or catch up with those at home in the Internet Lounge. Meet up for morning coffee in the Veranda, shop for postcards in the Kiosk or browse the range of merchandise in our onboard shop.

At lunchtime choose from a delicious à la carte menu in the Swan Restaurant, a lighter buffet back in the Veranda or an al fresco barbecue around the pool, and afterwards relax and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board. Browse our well-stocked Library

then retire to the serenity of the Orpheus Lounge with its panoramic views, relax in a teak chair on deck, or refresh yourself with a dip in the pool. Perhaps learn a new skill – bridge, painting, yoga or tai-chi – in one of our onboard workshops.

Later on, afternoon tea is served in the Swan Restaurant, with a complimentary selection of cakes, sandwiches and biscuits. After a gentle stroll around the Promenade Deck, take in the ever-changing vista of sea and sky, the day draws to a gentle close and thoughts turn to the evening ahead.







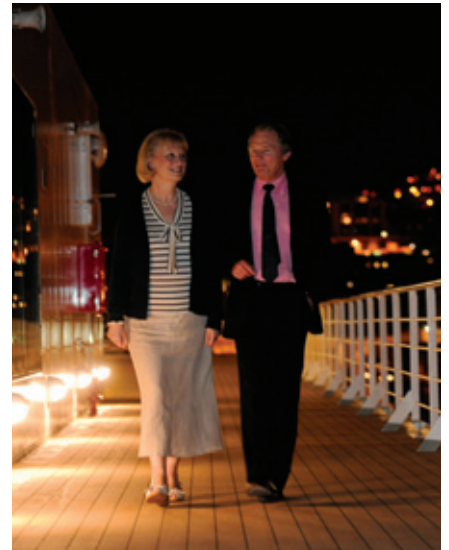
MEMORIES MADE IN PERFECT COMPANY

## Evenings of sophisticated dining and entertainment

As the sun sets on another perfect day, a background harp and the buzz of animated conversation set the tone for an evening of fine dining in congenial surroundings. Open dining in the Swan Restaurant allows you to dine at the table of your choice and in the company of your friends at any time during opening hours.

A varied and beautifully presented menu of international dishes tempts you, as does the carefully selected wine list. Efficient but never obtrusive restaurant staff, under the expert guidance of our Maitre d', ensure that dinner is served at the perfect pace. As you share the experiences of the cruise so far, you begin to appreciate the special atmosphere on board *Minerva* that comes from the delightful settings and the company you keep.

After dinner, head for the Darwin Lounge to enjoy a varied programme of entertainment which might include classical concerts, amusing after-dinner talks, sparkling revues or a light-hearted quiz or film screening. Later in the evening you might choose to dance to the band by the pool, enjoy late-night music in the Orpheus Lounge or stroll on the balmy Promenade Deck, taking in the air under the stars.



# From Europe *to the* Middle East

## *Cruises July - November 2014*

*Minerva* sails south to the Mediterranean to celebrate Swan Hellenic's 60th anniversary in Greece, before completing a circuit of the Black Sea and cruising the sun-drenched waters of the Aegean and the Adriatic. In late autumn *Minerva* begins her journey south and east to the warmer climes of India and the Far East.





Wadi Rum, Aqaba, Jordan



# NORWAY *and the* NORTH CAPE

ENGLAND • NORWAY • NORTH CAPE

*"Norway, too, has noble wild prospects..."*

Samuel Johnson, British author and lexicographer (1709–1784). Quoted in James Boswell, *Life of Dr Johnson*, entry for 6 July 1763



Reine, Lofoten Islands

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the daring exploits of Polar Explorers in Tromsø's museum
  - Stand on top of the North Cape cliffs, Europe's most northerly mainland point
  - By inspired by the striking mountain scenery of the remote Lofoten Islands
- Cruise along Sognefjord, Norway's longest fjord
- Ride the steep, mountainous, Flåm railway, a masterpiece of engineering
- Discover Hanseatic heritage of colourful Bryggen waterfront in Bergen

**A**midsummer cruise to discover the highlights of Norway. Depart historic Portsmouth for Florø, a pretty waterfront town, cross the Arctic Circle, to enter the land of the midnight sun and Bodø, home to the world's strongest maelstrom.

Tromsø's most recognisable landmark is the Arctic Cathedral, built in 1965 and inspired by northern landscapes. Learn about the Arctic's daring explorers before cruising to Honningsvåg and then drive across the tundra to the high sea cliffs of the North Cape. Visit Sortland in the remote Vesterålen Islands and Leknes on the rugged Lofoten Islands, delighting in these islands' spectacular scenery and colourful fishing villages.

*Minerva* then cruises the mighty Sognefjord to Flåm, where you can board the famous Flåm Railway – one of the world's steepest mountain railways on normal gauge – to Vatnahalsen, passing spectacular waterfalls and stunning scenery en route. In Bergen take the funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen for spectacular views over the city or enjoy an enigmatic piano recital of Grieg's music inspired by the

land and seascapes of Norway before *Minerva* heads south to Portsmouth.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor Derek Blundell** – Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, Royal Holloway, University of London.

**Sir Richard Dales** – Former Ambassador to Norway.

**Rear Admiral John Lippiett** – Chief Executive, Mary Rose Trust.

**The Rt Revd Barry Rogerson** – Former Bishop of Bristol.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

## CELEBRITY GUEST



**Alistair McGowan** is probably best known for the BAFTA-winning series *'The Big Impression'*. Most recently, he has been appearing on *'The One Show'* analysing British accents.

15 JULY – 30 JULY 2014 16 Days from \$4,510 per person twin share



North Cape, Norway



Portsmouth  
England



Flåm Railway, Norway



Bryggen, Bergen

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Florø** Coastal Museum, Sunnfjord **Bodø** Kjerringøy Village, Maelstrom & City Tour, National Aviation Museum **Tromsø** Arctic Cathedral, Polar Museum & Gardens, Ethnographic Museum & Rock Paintings **Honningsvåg** North Cape, Northern Villages **Sortland** Eidsfjord, Sami Camp **Leknes** Viking Museum & Scenic Drive, Nusfjord & Museum, Tjoerdalen Hike, **Flåm** Flåm Railway, Aurlandsfjord Scenic Drive **Bergen** City Walk & Cable Car, Mt Floien Hike, PM Independent.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Florø** Kinn Saga Island **Honningsvåg** Stappan Islands Ornithology **Bergen** Full Day Hardangerfjord, Grieg's House and Concert.

## YOUR ITINERARY

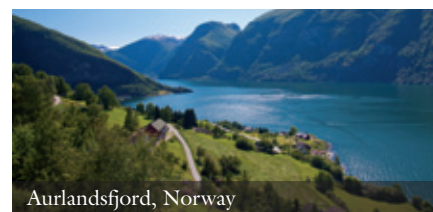
DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Jul 15	Portsmouth, England		4.00pm
Jul 16	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Jul 17	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Jul 18	Florø, Norway	10.00am	6.00pm
Jul 19	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Jul 20	Bodø, Norway	8.00am	2.00pm
Jul 21	Tromsø, Norway	8.00am	5.00pm
Jul 22	Honningsvåg, North Cape, Norway	8.00am	2.00pm
Jul 23	Sortland, Vesterålen Islands	2.00pm	7.00pm
Jul 24	Leknes, Lofoten Islands	8.00am	2.00pm
Jul 25	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Jul 26	Flåm, Sognefjord	12.00pm	7.00pm
Jul 27	Bergen, Norway	8.00am	7.00pm
Jul 28	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Jul 29	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Jul 30	Portsmouth, England	8.00am	

A complimentary return coach transfer London Victoria Coach Station to Portsmouth is available.

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN140715
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,270
Outside Cabins from	\$5,200
Inside Cabins from	\$4,510
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Aurlandsfjord, Norway



# TO MEDITERRANEAN WATERS

PORTUGAL • SPAIN • SARDINIA • TUNISIA • SICILY • ITALY



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Savour the tranquillity of the Jeronimos Cloisters, a jewel of Manueline architecture
- On an inclusive full-day excursion wander through the Moorish Generalife Gardens and courtyards of the Alhambra Palace
- From Cartagena to Carthage and Pompeii, discover the Roman legacy of conquest
- Admire views of the Sicilian countryside from the magnificent Greek temple of Segesta
- Discover the volcanic Aeolian Islands and explore the pretty port of Lipari

**M**inerva departs historic Portsmouth and sails south to Oporto in Portugal, where the picturesque old city lines the banks of the River Douro. Enjoy a city tour with a tasting at one of the renowned port lodges.

Cruise up the Tagus River to Lisbon, passing the Monument to the Discoveries, to visit the magnificent Manueline Jeronimos Monastery. Continue through the Straits of Gibraltar to Spain.

From Motril travel to the Moorish Alhambra Palace in Granada to marvel at its richly decorated interior. Cartagena is one of Spain's hidden gems, its city centre a dense mass of narrow streets which conceal a well preserved Roman Theatre. On the beautiful island of Sardinia discover Cagliari's evocative medieval centre and follow in the footsteps of the Romans to Tunisia to explore the ruins of Carthage, legacy of Rome's supremacy in this region.

Trapani, on the volcanic island of Sicily, was once situated at the heart of a powerful trading network that stretched from Carthage to

Venice, while off the shores of Sicily, lies Lipari, one of the volcanic Aeolian islands. Conclude your cruise in the colourful, crowded city of Naples, where Vesuvius looms over the ruined Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor David Abulafia** – Professor of Mediterranean History, University of Cambridge.

**Professor Jeremy Black** – Professor of History, University of Exeter.

**The Revd Robin Griffith-Jones** – Master of the Temple Church, London.

**Dr Steve Kershaw** – Classics Tutor for Oxford University Department of Continuing Education.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

## WORKSHOPS

**Art** – Miss Carolyn King.

**Wine Tasting** – Miss Maggie McNie.

30 JULY – 13 AUGUST 2014 15 Days from \$3,240 per person twin share

*"He who does not travel does not know the value of men".*

Moorish proverb



Alhambra Palace, Granada

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Oporto** Oporto Panorama, Guimaraes, Heritage of Oporto **Lisbon** City Tour & Jeronimos Monastery, Gulbenkian Collection, Queluz Palace **Motril** Full Day Alhambra Palace & Gardens **Cartagena** Town Walk & Roman Theatre, Elche **Cagliari** Old Town Walk, Nora **La Goulette** Carthage, Sidi Bou Said, Bardo Museum **Trapani** Segesta, Selinunte, Erice **Lipari** Town Walk & Museum, Lipari Panoramic Drive **Naples** Pompeii, Herculaneum.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**La Goulette** Full Day Dougga **Lipari** Vulcano Island Cruise **Naples** Ischia.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Jul 30	Portsmouth, England		6.00pm
Jul 31	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Aug 1	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Aug 2	Oporto, Portugal	8.00am	2.00pm
Aug 3	Lisbon, Portugal	8.00am	7.00pm
Aug 4	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Aug 5	Motril, Spain	8.00am	5.00pm
Aug 6	Cartagena, Spain	8.00am	3.00pm
Aug 7	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Aug 8	Cagliari, Sardinia	9.00am	2.00pm
Aug 9	La Goulette, Tunisia	8.00am	7.00pm
Aug 10	Trapani, Sicily	8.00am	7.00pm
Aug 11	Lipari, Aeolian Islands, Italy	8.00am	5.00pm
Aug 12	Naples, Italy	8.00am	In port
Aug 13	Naples, Italy		In port

*Complimentary post-cruise coach transfer from your return London airport to Portsmouth.*

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN140730
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$7,720
Outside Cabins from	\$3,885
Inside Cabins from	\$3,240
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



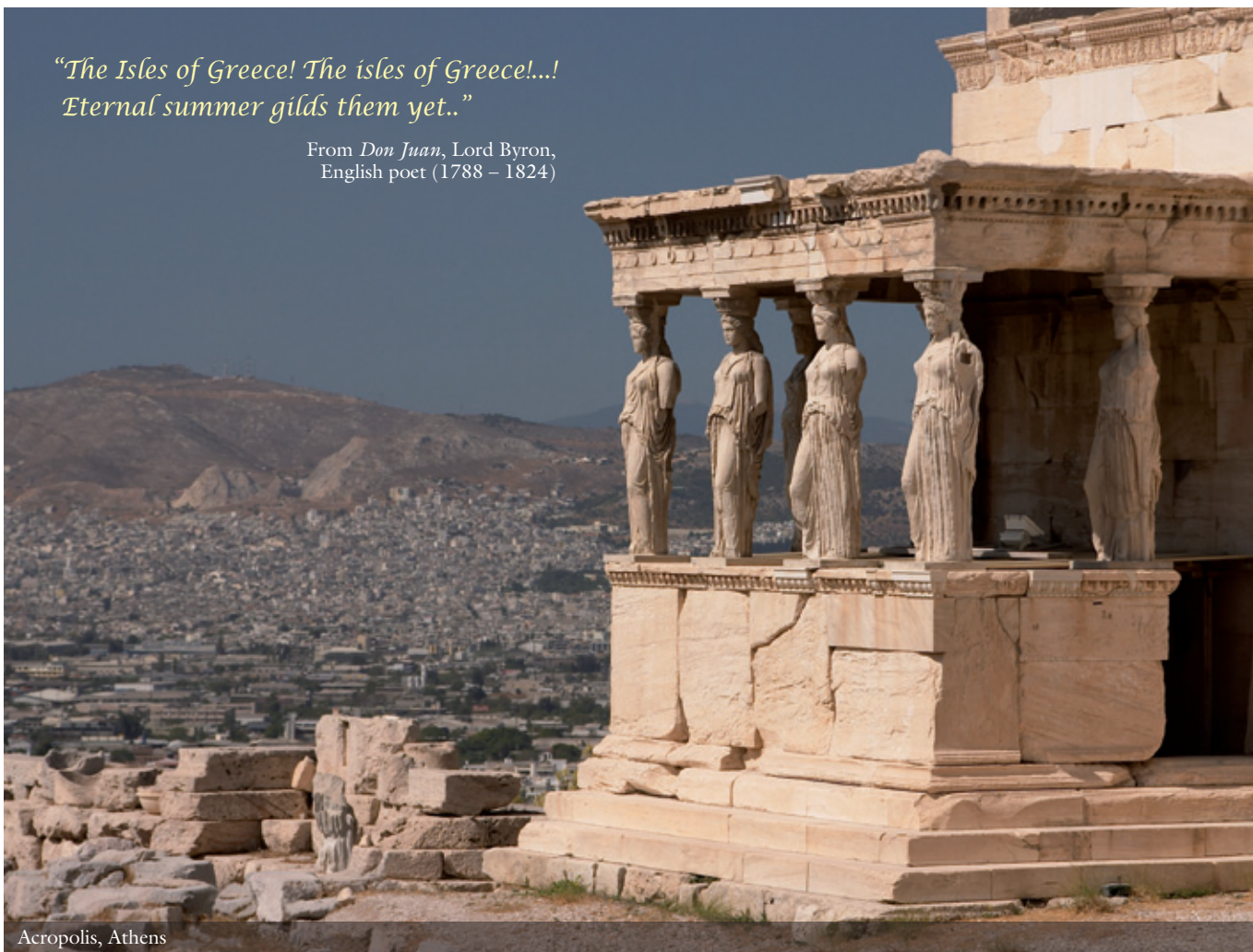
Jeronimos Monastery, Portugal

# SWAN'S HELLENIC CELEBRATION

ITALY • GREECE • TURKEY

*"The Isles of Greece! The isles of Greece!...!  
Eternal summer gilds them yet.."*

From *Don Juan*, Lord Byron,  
English poet (1788 – 1824)



Acropolis, Athens

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- From the Minoan Palace of Knossos to Roman Ephesus, discover ancient civilisations that thrived on the shores of the Aegean
- See the evocative remains of sacred Delphi, set amidst striking mountain scenery
- *Minerva* transits the narrow Corinth Canal, a feat of engineering
- Cruise into Santorini's caldera and wonder at the ancient Minoan buried settlement of Akrotiri
- Relax on Nauplia's pleasant waterfront, and cool off in the clear waters of Patmos & Hydra

**I**n 2014 Swan Hellenic celebrates 60 years of our unique brand of discovery cruising and visit many of the ports that featured in the original 1954 itinerary.

Join *Minerva* in the vibrant city of Naples where Vesuvius looms over the ruined cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, before cruising the Ionian Sea to Corfu to visit the Regency villa, Mon Repos, once the summer home of the Greek royal family.

From the small port of Itea drive up into the Parnassus mountains to Delphi, site of the Delphi Oracle, before *Minerva* transits the narrow, steep-sided Corinth Canal to arrive in the pretty port of Nauplia, gateway to legendary Mycenae. *Minerva* anchors in the caldera of Santorini, itself an unforgettable experience, enabling you to visit the Akrotiri ruins or watch the sun set at Oia.

Discover Minoan Knossos or Phaistos on Crete and the Grand Master's Palace on the fortified island of Rhodes. Visit the island of Patmos where St John wrote his divinely inspired Book of Revelation, Kusadasi in Turkey with

its impressive array of Greek and Roman sites, including the magnificent city of Ephesus, and the Cycladic island of Delos, fabled birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Independent exploration on the tiny Saronic island of Hydra will reveal scenes of traditional Greece, before *Minerva* cruises to the mainland, and Athens.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Dr Richard Chartres** – Bishop of London.

**Professor Sir Barry Cunliffe** – Emeritus Professor of European Archaeology, University of Oxford.



**Ms Louise Schofield** –  
Freelance archaeologist.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

13 AUGUST – 27 AUGUST 2014 15 Days from \$3,660 per person twin share



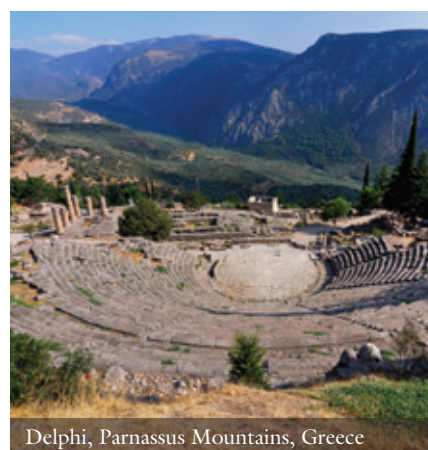
## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Naples** Pompeii, Herculaneum, Archaeological Museum **Corfu** Mon Repos, North Corfu Scenic Drive, Paleokastritsa Monastery **Itea** Delphi, Delphi & Tholos **Nauplia** Mycenae & Museum, Mycenae & Tiryns, Epidauros **Santorini** Independent Thira, Akrotiri, Sunset at Oia **Heraklion** Knossos, Lasithi Plateau Drive, Gortyna & Phaistos **Rhodes** Town Walk & Grand Masters Palace, Ancient Rhodes **Patmos** St Johns Monastery, Chora walk, Swimming from nearby beach **Kusadasi** Ephesus, Didyma & Miletus, Diana & Seljuk **Delos** Guided walk **Hydra** Independent Exploration **Piraeus** Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Acropolis Museum, Sounion.

**Optional Shore Excursions include:**  
**Naples** Ischia **Santorini** Volcano Hike & Cruise  
**Rhodes** Lindos **Piraeus** Full Day Thebes.

YOUR ITINERARY			
DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Aug 13	Naples, Italy		In port
Aug 14	Naples, Italy	In port	6.00pm
Aug 15	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Aug 16	Corfu, Greece	8.00am	2.00pm
Aug 17	Itea, Greece	8.00am	1.30pm
Aug 17	Corinth Canal transit	early evening	
Aug 18	Nauplia, Peloponnese, Greece ↓	8.00am	7.00pm
Aug 19	Santorini, Cyclades, Greece ↓	12.00pm	11.00pm
Aug 20	Heraklion, Crete, Greece	8.00am	9.30pm
Aug 21	Rhodes, Dodecanese, Greece	12.00pm	11.00pm
Aug 22	Patmos, Dodecanese, Greece ↓	9.00am	4.30pm
Aug 22	Kusadasi, Turkey	11.00pm	In port
Aug 23	Kusadasi, Turkey	In port	7.00pm
Aug 24	Delos, Cyclades, Greece ↓	8.00am	2.00pm
Aug 24	Mykonos, Cyclades, Greece ↓	4.30pm	In port
Aug 25	Mykonos, Cyclades, Greece	In port	6.00am
Aug 25	Hydra, Saronic Islands, Greece ↓	2.30pm	11.00pm
Aug 26	Piraeus, Greece	7.00am	In port
Aug 27	Piraeus, Greece	In port	

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MINI140813
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	SOLD OUT
Outside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Inside Cabins from	\$3,660
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Delphi, Parnassus Mountains, Greece



# BLACK SEA PANORAMA

GREECE • TURKEY • GEORGIA • RUSSIA • UKRAINE • BULGARIA



Sumela Monastery, Trabzon

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at Sumela Monastery perched high in the Pontic Alps
  - Enjoy an exclusive and truly exhilarating performance of Georgian song and dance
  - Admire Odessa's sumptuous Opera House and walk down the Potemkin steps
- Wander the bustling streets of Istanbul and admire the ornate Ottoman Blue Mosque Basilica
  - Soak up the atmosphere in Zelenaya Roscha, Josef Stalin's former summer residence in Sochi
- Explore Novorossiysk a 'Hero City' in the Great Patriotic War

**C**ruise from the ancient capital of Athens to mesmerising Istanbul by way of a circuit of the Black Sea.

From Çanakkale visit the legendary site of Troy before cruising through the narrow Bosphorus to Sinop to see the remains of the town's medieval walls and visit its 13th century mosque. From Trabzon discover Sumela Monastery, nestling into the side of a steep cliff. Drive along Georgia's scenic coastline from Batumi to one of the largest botanical gardens of the former Soviet Union.

Explore Sochi, popular with current and former Russian leaders, before discovering Novorossiysk's fascinating history and beautifully scenic background of the Caucasus Mountains.

Sail into Catherine the Great's city of Odessa, once home to the Russian poet, Alexander Pushkin, to berth within sight of the iconic Potemkin Steps. *Minerva's* final call in the Black Sea is the historic town of Nessebur where a walking tour will reveal carefully preserved wooden buildings and a number of

Byzantine churches. Conclude your cruise in Istanbul, the city that straddles east and west.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor Christopher Andrew** – Emeritus Professor of Modern & Contemporary History, University of Cambridge.

**Dr Alan Borg** – Former Director of the Imperial War Museum and V&A.

**Professor Lord (Richard) Harries of Pentregarth** – Former Bishop of Oxford.

**Dr Michael Squire** – Lecturer in Classics, King's College London.

**Dr Christopher Whitton** – Lecturer in Classics, University of Cambridge.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

27 AUGUST – 10 SEPTEMBER 2014 15 Days from \$4,245 per person twin share



Interior of Aghia Sophia, Istanbul

LIMITED  
AVAILABILITY

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Piraeus** Acropolis, Kaisariani Monastery & Byzantine Museum, Acropolis Museum  
**Canakkale** Troy **Sinop** Town Walk **Trabzon** Sumela Monastery, Panoramic Sumela & St Sophia Church **Batumi** Botanical Gardens & City Walk, Gonio Fortress & Achara Museum, Adjara Dance Performance **Sochi** City Highlights & Stalin's Dacha **Novorossiysk** 'A Hero City' **Odessa** City Highlights, City Walk PM Independent **Nessebur** Town Walk, Bulgarian Village **Istanbul** Old Istanbul, Mosques & Spice Bazaar Walk, Rumeli Hisar Fort & Ottoman Heritage.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Piraeus** Corinth Canal Cruise **Canakkale** Gallipoli **Sochi** City Museums **Odessa** Mansions, Music & Art, Evening Opera House Performance **Nessebur** Full Day Sozopol **Istanbul** Bosphorus Cruise, Byzantine Heritage.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Aug 27	Piraeus, Greece		In port
Aug 28	Piraeus, Greece	In port	1.30pm
Aug 29	Canakkale, Turkey	8.30am	4.00pm
Aug 30	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i> Bosphorus transit		
Aug 31	Sinop, Turkey	8.00am	1.30pm
Sep 1	Trabzon, Turkey	8.00am	7.00pm
Sep 2	Batumi, Georgia	7.00am	7.30pm
Sep 3	Sochi, Russia	11.00am	8.00pm
Sep 4	Novorossiysk, Russia	8.00am	2.30pm
Sep 5	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Sep 6	Odessa, Ukraine	7.30am	11.00pm
Sep 7	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
Sep 8	Nessebur, Bulgaria	8.00am	5.00pm
Sep 9	Istanbul, Turkey	7.00am	In port
Sep 10	Istanbul, Turkey	In port	

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN140827
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	SOLD OUT
Outside Cabins from	\$5,745
Inside Cabins from	\$4,245
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Opera House, Odessa



# SHORES *of the* AEGEAN

TURKEY • GREECE



*"Happy is the man, I thought, who, before dying,  
has the good fortune to sail the Aegean sea."*

from *Zorba the Greek*, Nikos Kazantzakis,  
Greek writer (1883 – 1957)

Paros, Greece

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Wonder at the soaring Aghia Sophia basilica and iconic minarets of Istanbul's skyline
- Discover Turkey's Lycian coastline with its ancient rock cut tombs
- Walk down through the ruined Street of Kuretes in Roman Ephesus
- Visit the awe-inspiring monasteries of Meteora, perched high on towering peaks
  - Enjoy late evening departures, enabling you to wander ashore in small Greek and Turkish ports to savour the relaxed atmosphere

A sparkling cruise showcasing the treasures of the Aegean with time to explore as well as relax ashore as *Minerva* calls at small off-the-beaten-track ports and destinations.

From Istanbul's Byzantine and Ottoman heritage, reflected in the magnificent Aghia Sofia basilica and Blue Mosque, discover the Roman and Greek heritage of Turkey's Aegean, Mediterranean and Lycian coasts. Kusadasi, where an impressive array of Roman and Greek sites, including Ephesus, await discovery, Marmaris and the remains of the rich Greek city of Knidos, and then on to Lycian rock-cut tombs in Kas.

Continuing to Greece, explore the Minoan sites of Crete such as Malia Palace and Gournia and, from Gythion, the ruined Byzantine city of Mistra. Spend a relaxing day cruising the sparkling Aegean Sea en route to Thessaloniki, where you can marvel at glistening gold tomb treasures at Vergina or the fabled monasteries of Meteora. *Minerva* will close cruise Mount Athos, where a closed community of many monasteries dot the mountainous peninsula,

before calling at the small islands of Limnos and Paros. Conclude your cruise in the iconic city of Athens where the Acropolis dominates the ancient and modern cityscape.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**The Revd Dr Anders Bergquist** – Archaeology & Theology, Vicar of St John's Wood, London.

**Professor David Braund** – Professor of Classics & Ancient History, University of Exeter.

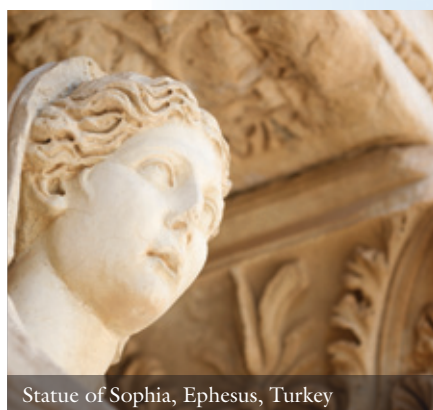
**Dr Mara Kalnins** – former University of Cambridge Reader in Modern Literature

**Mr Nigel McGilchrist** – Art Historian and author of 'McGilchrist's Greek Islands'.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



Lycian Tombs, Demre, Turkey



Statue of Sophia, Ephesus, Turkey



**CRUISE SOLD OUT**  
call to be added to the wait list

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Istanbul** Old Istanbul, Mosques & Spice Bazaar Walk, Topkapi Palace, Rumeli Hisar Fort & Ottoman Heritage, Hippodrome Coach Transfer **Kusadasi** Ephesus, Didyma & Miletus, Seljuk **Marmaris** Knidos, Caunos **Kas** Town Walk, Demre & Myra **Agios Nikolaos** Malia, Gournia, Spinalonga **Gythion** Mistra, Mani, Sparta **Kythira** Chora Walk **Thessaloniki** Vergina, Pella, City Tour **Limnos** Town Walk, Poliochni **Paros** Island Drive & Walk **Piraeus** Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Sounion.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Istanbul** Bosphorus Cruise, Byzantine Heritage **Kas** Coastal Cruise **Thessaloniki** Full Day Meteora.

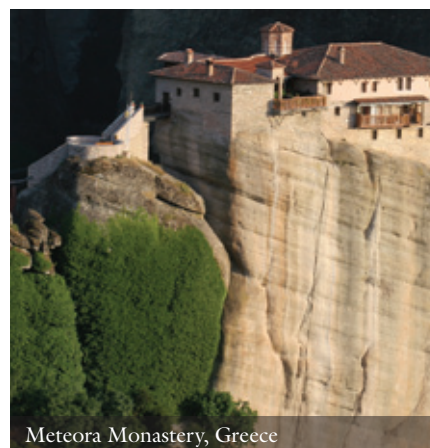
## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

YOUR ITINERARY			
DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sep 10	Istanbul, Turkey		In port
Sep 11	Istanbul, Turkey	In port	7.00pm
Sep 12	Cruise the Aegean Sea		
Sep 13	Kusadasi, Turkey	8.00am	6.30pm
Sep 14	Marmaris, Turkey	9.00am	11.00pm
Sep 15	Kas, Turkey ⚓	8.00am	5.00pm
Sep 16	Agios Nikolaos, Greece	12.00pm	7.00pm
Sep 17	Gythion, Greece ⚓	12.00pm	11.00pm
Sep 18	Kythira, Greece ⚓	8.00am	4.00pm
Sep 19	Cruise the Aegean Sea		
Sep 20	Thessaloniki, Greece	8.00am	11.00pm
Sep 21	Scenic cruise Mount Athos		
Sep 21	Limnos, Greece	2.00pm	7.00pm
Sep 22	Paros, Greece	12.00pm	6.00pm
Sep 23	Piraeus, Greece	7.00am	In port
Sep 24	Piraeus, Greece	In port	

Your cruise fare excludes Turkey visa which must be obtained prior to travel.

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN140910
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	SOLD OUT
Outside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Inside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Meteora Monastery, Greece



# ADRIATIC ODYSSEY

GREECE • MONTENEGRO • CROATIA • ITALY



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- *Minerva* transits the narrow Corinth Canal
- Enjoy *Minerva's* cruise up the scenic Kotor Fjord to the medieval walled town of the same name
- Dubrovnik, Sibenik and Pula offer some of the best sights and scenic cruising on the Croatian coast
- Approach Venice from the sea before exploring one of the world's most remarkable cities
- Admire glittering Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna's San Vitale Basilica
- See Rome and visit the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel

Join *Minerva* in Athens and spend a morning exploring the iconic Acropolis before your ship *Minerva* transits the narrow, steep-sided Corinth Canal towards the Adriatic.

Sail up the scenic Kotor Fjord, the deepest fjord in Southern Europe, to Montenegrin Kotor where you can explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town. Discover the walled city of Dubrovnik, renowned for its Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches, monasteries and palaces, Sibenik, where you'll find one of the finest cathedrals on the Adriatic and the ancient town of Pula dominated by a well-preserved Roman amphitheatre.

Ensure you're on deck to enjoy *Minerva's* arrival in Venice, viewing the Doge's Palace and St Mark's Square from the water. Sail south to Ravenna, a glittering showcase for Byzantine art and culture, and Brindisi on Italy's Puglian coast from where you can visit Lecce and Alberobello, a dense mass of 1,500 unique and fairytale-like trulli houses.

*Minerva* close cruises the active volcanic island of Stromboli on her way to Gaeta on the Italian coast. Spend a pleasant afternoon exploring the pretty town before sailing north to Civitavecchia, gateway to the grandeur of Rome and the Etruscan tombs of Tarquinia.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

 **Professor Ian Beckett** – Professor of Military History, University of Kent.

**Dr Andrew Burnett** – Numismatics and Former Deputy Director of the British Museum.

 **Professor Andrew Hopkins** – Architecture, Associate Professor University of L'Aquila.

**The Very Revd Victor Stock** – Former Dean of Guildford.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

24 SEPTEMBER – 8 OCTOBER 2014 15 Days from \$9,445 per person twin share



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AVAILABILITY

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

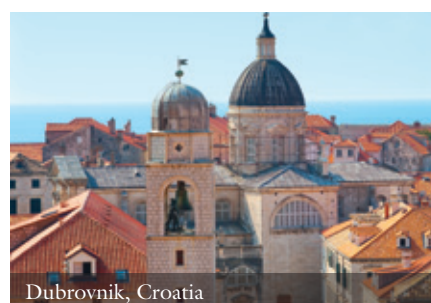
**Piraeus** Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Acropolis Museum **Kotor** Montenegro Panorama, Perast, Town Walk, PM Independent **Dubrovnik** Cavtat & Riviera, Town Walk **Sibenik** Town Walk, Krka National Park **Pula** Town Walk, Porec **Venice** Doge's Palace, Murano & Torcello, Venice Walk **Ravenna** City Tour, Faenza & Ceramic Museum, PM Independent **Brindisi** Lecce, Otranto, Alberobello, PM Independent **Gaeta** Independent Exploration **Civitavecchia** Ostia, Tarquinia, Viterbo.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Dubrovnik** Cable Car **Venice** Palladio Villas, Palazzo & Gondola **Gaeta** Sperlonga. **Civitavecchia** Full Day Vatican Rome.

YOUR ITINERARY			
DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sep 24	Piraeus, Greece		In port
Sep 25	Piraeus, Greece	In port	1.30pm
Sep 25	Corinth Canal transit	late afternoon	
Sep 26	Cruise the Ionian Sea		
Sep 27	Kotor, Montenegro	8.00am	5.00pm
Sep 27	Dubrovnik, Croatia	11.00pm	At anchor
Sep 28	Dubrovnik, Croatia	At anchor	5.00pm
Sep 29	Sibenik, Croatia	8.00am	4.00pm
Sep 30	Pula, Croatia	7.00am	11.00pm
Oct 1	Venice, Italy	8.00am	10.00pm
Oct 2	Ravenna, Italy	8.00am	6.00pm
Oct 3	Cruise the Adriatic Sea		
Oct 4	Brindisi, Italy	8.00am	5.00pm
Oct 5	Cruise the Ionian Sea		
Oct 6	Gaeta, Italy ↓	1.00pm	7.00pm
Oct 7	Civitavecchia, Italy	7.00am	In port
Oct 8	Civitavecchia, Italy	In port	

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN140924
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,445
Outside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Inside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# REALMS *of the* MEDITERRANEAN

ITALY • SICILY • TUNISIA • MALTA • GREECE



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- See the exquisite tomb frescoes of the Etruscan civilisation at Tarquinia
- Wander the streets of Italian coastal villages Portovenere and Amalfi
- In the shadow of Vesuvius, explore past houses, temples and squares of Pompeii, buried in the AD79 eruption
- Discover the Norman heritage of Sicily and visit Monreale Cathedral with its impressive glittering mosaics and cloister.
- Admire the remarkably well preserved El Djem Roman amphitheatre
  - An overnight stay in the fortified port of Valletta, gives plenty of time to discover the island of Malta
- *Minerva* transits the narrow Corinth Canal – a remarkable feat of engineering

**C**ivitavecchia is the gateway to the eternal city of Rome or the fine frescoes of the Etruscan tombs of Tarquinia.

Explore these treasure houses of art and antiquity before sailing to Portovenere, a town of narrow steps and cobbled paths. *Minerva* cruises south to Naples, from where you can visit Pompeii, and continues to the beautiful Amalfi coast and the town of Amalfi itself. Palermo, on the island of Sicily, was Europe's grandest city in the 12th century while, across the Mediterranean, Carthage, a short drive from La Goulette in Tunisia, was the richest sea port in ancient times. The walled town of Sousse was settled by Phoenicians, Romans, Byzantines and Arabs. Discover the spectacular 3rd century Roman amphitheatre of El Djem, once the sixth largest arena in the Roman Empire.

Sail east to Valletta, the well-preserved city of the Knights of St John or tour the island, a microcosm of the Mediterranean. From the small Greek port of Itea, drive up the slopes of Mount Parnassus to discover the atmospheric

site of Delphi before *Minerva* transits the Corinth Canal, a unique and memorable experience. A day in the ancient city of Athens will allow you to discover the treasures of Classical Greece.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Mr Tim Earl** – Naturalist.

**Mr Jeremy Paterson** – Former Senior Lecturer in Ancient History, Newcastle University.

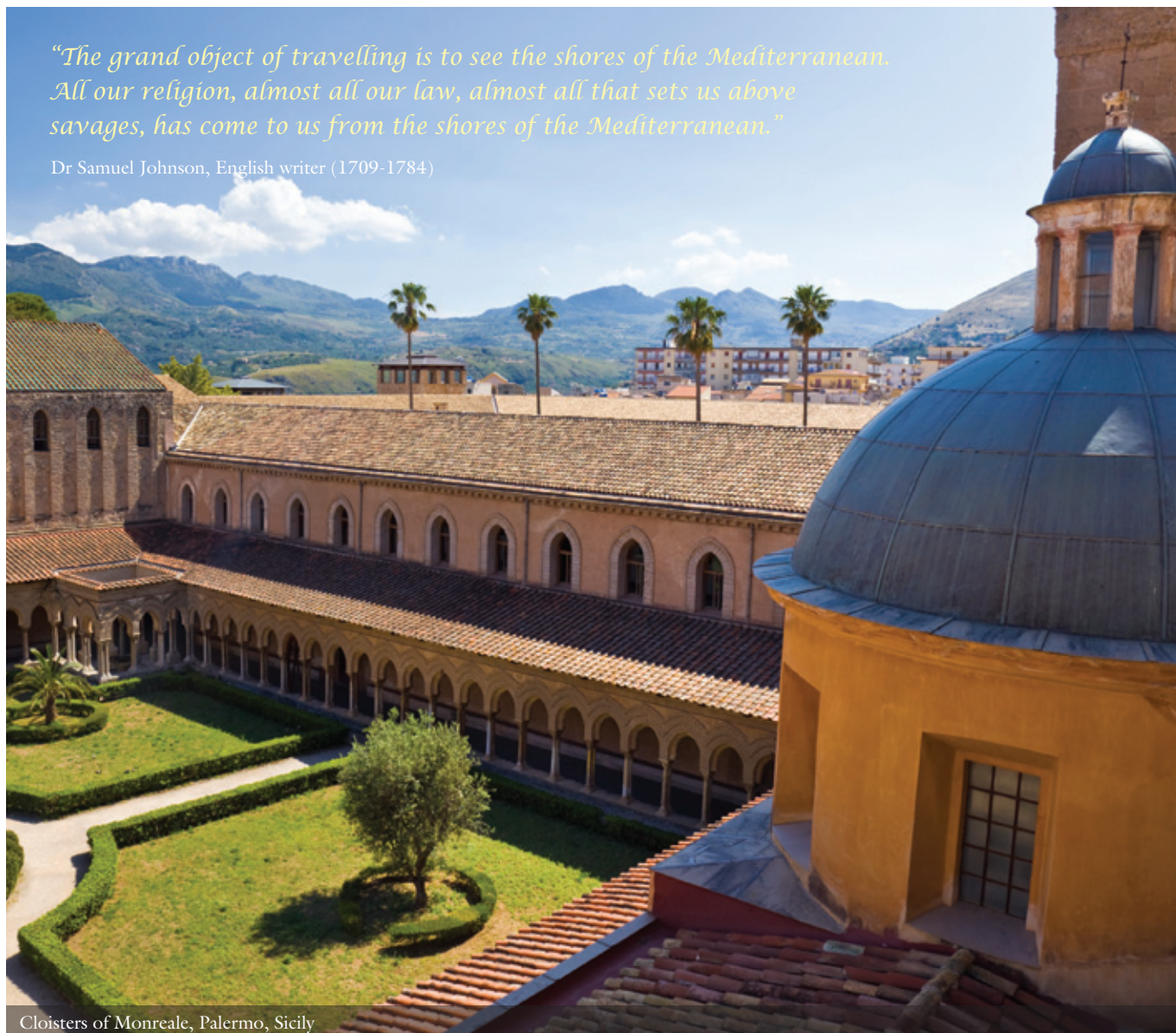
**The Rt Revd Tim Stevens** – Bishop of Leicester.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

**8 OCTOBER – 22 OCTOBER 2014** 15 Days from \$3,880 per person twin share

*"The grand object of travelling is to see the shores of the Mediterranean. All our religion, almost all our law, almost all that sets us above savages, has come to us from the shores of the Mediterranean."*

Dr Samuel Johnson, English writer (1709-1784)



Cloisters of Monreale, Palermo, Sicily

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Civitavecchia** Ostia, Tarquinia, Viterbo  
**Portovenere** Town Walk **Naples** Pompeii, Herculaneum, Vesuvius Climb **Amalfi**  
 Independent visit **Palermo** Monreale, Palatine Chapel, Cefalu **La Goulette** Carthage, Sidi Bou Said, Bardo Museum **Sousse** El Djem & Mosaic Museum, Town Walk **Valletta** Town Walk, Island Drive & Mdina, Tarxien Temples  
**Itea** Delphi **Piraeus** Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Sounion.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Civitavecchia** Full Day Rome **Portovenere** Cinque Terre Cruise **Naples** Ischia **Palermo** Sicily Highlights **Valletta** Harbour Cruise.

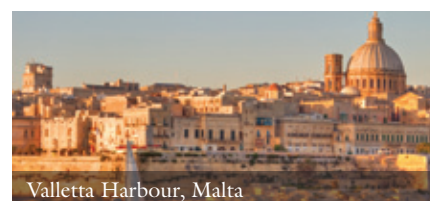
## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Oct 8	Civitavecchia, Italy		In port
Oct 9	Civitavecchia, Italy	In port	7.00pm
Oct 10	Portovenere, Italy ⚓	12.00pm	9.00pm
Oct 11	Cruise the Tyrrhenian Sea		
Oct 12	Naples, Italy	7.00am	11.00pm
Oct 13	Amalfi, Italy ⚓	8.00am	2.00pm
Oct 14	Palermo, Sicily	8.00am	7.00pm
Oct 15	La Goulette, Tunisia	12.00pm	6.00pm
Oct 16	Sousse, Tunisia	8.00am	6.00pm
Oct 17	Valletta, Malta	12.30pm	In port
Oct 18	Valletta, Malta	In port	2.00pm
Oct 19	Cruise the Ionian Sea		
Oct 20	Itea, Greece	8.00am	1.30pm
Oct 20	Corinth Canal transit		early evening
Oct 20	Piraeus, Greece	11.00pm	In port
Oct 21	Piraeus, Greece	In port	In port
Oct 22	Piraeus, Greece	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN141008
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,270
Outside Cabins from	\$5,200
Inside Cabins from	\$3,880
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Valletta Harbour, Malta



# PYRAMIDS *and* PETRA

GREECE • TURKEY • CYPRUS • LEBANON • EGYPT • JORDAN

*"From the heights of these pyramids,  
forty centuries look down on us."*

Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France  
(1769 – 1821)



The Sphinx, Cairo

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn more about the wealth of the Roman Empire at Ephesus, Aspendos, Phaselis and Termessos
- Enjoy a daylight transit of the Suez Canal, linking the Mediterranean with the Red Sea
- Marvel at the scale of the Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx
  - Walk down the narrow Siq to discover the 'rose red' Nabataean city of Petra
  - Discover coral reefs on a glass-bottomed boat trip in Sharm el Sheikh

**E**xplore Athens, the oldest city in Europe, before sailing through the sparkling Aegean Sea to Kusadasi, for Ephesus, and then on to Antalya in Turkey. Marvel at the wonderfully preserved theatre at Aspendos, or wander the streets of ancient Phaselis.

From the port of Tasucu drive inland to the remote village of Uzuncaburç and the ruined Temple of Zeus Olbuis. On Aphrodite's Island, Cyprus, discover the ancient coastal city of Paphos or travel inland to the world's last divided capital, Nicosia. Sail to the Levant coast and discover the historic city of Beirut in Lebanon, or explore the fishing village of Byblos with its Roman remains and Crusader castle. Enjoy a daylight transit of the Suez Canal en route to Egyptian El Sokhna, the gateway to Cairo. Marvel at the Pyramids, the Solar Boat Museum and the Sphinx and visit the renowned Cairo Museum.

Spend a day cruising the Red Sea to Aqaba and drive to Petra, one of the most impressive sites

in the whole of the Middle East. Your final port of call is the Egyptian resort of Sharm el Sheikh, where you can enjoy an exciting jeep ride through the desert for breathtaking views of the southern Sinai desert.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

 **Mr George Hart** – Former Principal Lecturer on British Museum's Antiquities from Egypt, Greece & the Levant.

**Professor Tom Higham** – Professor of Archaeological Science, University of Oxford.

**Mr Adrian Sindall** – Former Ambassador to Syria and Deputy Ambassador to Jordan.

**The Rt Revd Tim Stevens** – Bishop of Leicester.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

**22 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER 2014** 15 Days from \$4,965 per person twin share



Ephesus Library, Turkey



Byblos, Lebanon



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Piraeus** Acropolis, Sounion, Piraeus Museum.

**Kusadasi** Ephesus, Didyma & Miletus, Temple of Artemis **Antalya** Aspendos, Phaselis, Termessos **Tasucu** Uzuncaburç, Silifke **Limassol** Paphos, Troodos Mountains, Temple of Apollo **Beirut** City Tour, Byblos, Deir el Kamar & Beit Eddine Palace **El Sokhna** Full Day Pyramids & Cairo Museum **Aqaba** Full Day Petra, Wadi Rum **Sharm el Sheikh** Desert Drive, Glass Bottom Boat.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Piraeus** Corinth Canal Cruise **Kusadasi** Roman Houses **Limassol** Nicosia **Beirut** Jeita Caves **El Sokhna** St Anthony & St Paul Monasteries.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Oct 22	Piraeus, Greece		In port
Oct 23	Piraeus, Greece	In port	2.00pm
Oct 24	Kusadasi, Turkey	8.00am	11.00pm
Oct 25	Cruise the Mediterranean		
Oct 26	Antalya, Turkey	7.00am	3.00pm
Oct 27	Tasucu, Turkey	8.00am	3.00pm
Oct 28	Limassol, Cyprus	8.00am	7.00pm
Oct 29	Beirut, Lebanon	8.00am	7.00pm
Oct 30	Cruise the Mediterranean		
Oct 31	Suez Canal transit		
Oct 31	El Sokhna, Egypt	11.59pm	In port
Nov 1	El Sokhna, Egypt	In port	11.00pm
Nov 2	Cruise the Red Sea		
Nov 3	Aqaba, Jordan	7.00am	8.00pm
Nov 4	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	7.00am	In port
Nov 5	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN141022
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,545
Outside Cabins from	\$4,965
Inside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Athens, Greece



# FROM PETRA *to* OMAN

EGYPT • JORDAN • ERITREA • DJIBOUTI • OMAN



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk down the Siq, the narrow gorge that leads to Petra's magnificent Treasury
- From a glass-bottomed boat, discover the colourful underwater world of the Red Sea
- Wander the once elegant streets of Massawa's Old Town
- Follow in the footsteps of ancient frankincense merchants and see how this trade flourished in Oman
- Enter the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque to admire the intricate craftsmanship and decoration
- Enjoy leisurely days at sea relaxing on deck or discovering new talents in an onboard workshop


Embark *Minerva* in Sharm el Sheikh, renowned for its coral reefs and fringed by the Sinai Mountains. *Minerva* sails to Aqaba from where you can visit the Nabataean city of 'rose-red' Petra or see the striking desert scenery of Wadi Rum.

Spend a leisurely three days cruising south through the Red Sea, enjoying some winter sun on deck and listening to your Guest Speakers as they reveal more about the sites to be visited in the days ahead.

Arrive in the ancient trading port of Massawa in Eritrea where you can wander through the faded elegance of the old town. After a day at sea arrive in the little-visited port of Djibouti. Explore this East African town's lively blend of colonial French and Arab influences or perhaps discover the salt flats of Lake Assal. Spend two leisurely days at sea as *Minerva* sails to Oman. Explore Salalah, known for the frankincense tree, or drive out into the foothills to the small mosque known as Job's Tomb. As *Minerva* cruises the Arabian Sea, soak up the sunshine before arriving in Muscat, famous for its twin forts and Sultan's Palace.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

 **Mr Christopher Bradley** – Guidebook author, lecturer and travel guide, North Africa and Middle East.

**The Very Revd David Brindley** – Dean of Portsmouth.

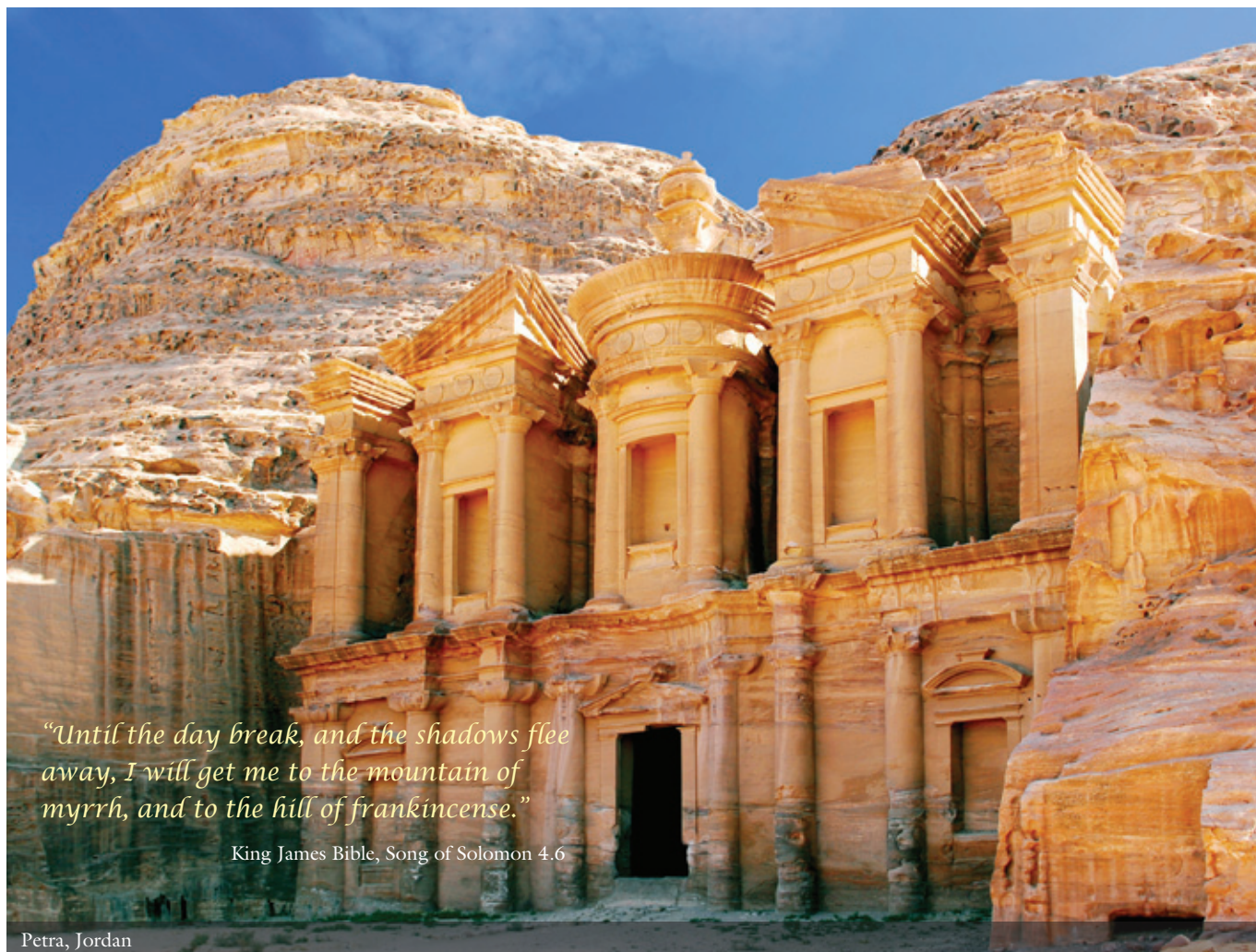
**Mr Tim Earl** – Naturalist and tour leader.

**Professor Carole Hillenbrand** – Professor of Islamic History, University of Edinburgh.

**Professor Robert Hillenbrand** – Professor of Islamic Art, St Andrew's University.  
*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

## WORKSHOPS

**Art** – Mr Robert King  
**Yoga** – Mrs Mary Dalby



*"Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense."*

King James Bible, Song of Solomon 4.6

Petra, Jordan

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Sharm el Sheikh** Red Sea Glass Bottomed Boat Cruise, 4x4 Desert Drive, PM Independent **Aqaba** Full Day Petra including lunch, Wadi Rum **Massawa** Town Tour, PM Independent **Djibouti** Town Tour & Camel Market, PM Independent **Salalah** Highlights of Dhofar, Dhofar Heritage **Muscat** City Tour, Nakhal Fort.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Muscat** Dolphin Safari, Full Day Nizwa & Jabrin **Djibouti** Full Day Lake Assal.



Frankincense Tree, Salalah

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Nov 5	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt		In port
Nov 6	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	In port	7.00pm
Nov 7	Aqaba, Jordan	6.00am	11.00pm
Nov 8	Cruise the Red Sea		
Nov 9	Cruise the Red Sea		
Nov 10	Cruise the Red Sea		
Nov 11	Massawa, Eritrea	6.00am	7.00pm
Nov 12	Cruise the Red Sea		
Nov 13	Djibouti	6.00am	In port
Nov 14	Djibouti	In port	2.00am
Nov 14	Cruise the Arabian Sea		
Nov 15	Cruise the Arabian Sea		
Nov 16	Salalah, Oman	12.00pm	7.00pm
Nov 17	Cruise the Arabian Sea		
Nov 18	Cruise the Arabian Sea - Muscat, Oman	11.59pm	In port
Nov 19	Muscat, Oman	In port	In port
Nov 20	Muscat, Oman	In port	

*Visa on arrival by sea for Eritrea, Djibouti and Oman is included.*

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN141105
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$7,295
Outside Cabins from	\$3,940
Inside Cabins from	\$2,910
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	




Grand Mosque, Oman

# The intrigue *of the* East

## *Cruises November 2014 – May 2015*

Enjoy the winter sunshine as *Minerva* seeks out the historical and cultural highlights of the East, cruising to India, Sri Lanka, Burma, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, Japan and Indonesia.

Nha Trang, Vietnam



*"The East ...I have seen its secret places  
and have looked into its very soul."*

from *Youth* (1902), Joseph Conrad, Polish-born English  
author and master mariner (1857-1924)



# INDIAN EXPLORATION

OMAN • INDIA • SRI LANKA



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover 'real' India at Porbandar, Gandhi's birthplace
- Experience the unique urban bustle of Mumbai and wonder at the fascinating work of the dabbawalas
- Cruise the peaceful backwaters of Kerala, enjoying the tranquillity of rural India
- Visit a typical Indian village from Tuticorin and serene Jain temples from Mangalore
- Delight in watching elephants bathing in the local river at Pinnawela

Join *Minerva* in the Omani port of Muscat, still a 'very elegant town with very fine houses', as observed by Portuguese admiral Alfonso de Albuquerque in the 16th century.

Spend the following two days cruising the Arabian Sea, settling into your cabin and enjoying introductory talks by your Guest Speakers anticipating the sights to come. Gandhi's birthplace, Porbandar, is in the state of Gujarat. See colourful markets as well as the mid 19th century haveli of the Gandhi family. Follow the traditional route of the spice traders south to Mumbai. Admire the city's elaborate Victorian architecture where you'll see colonial relics such as the Gateway of India or discover the daily life and fascinating work of the dabbawalas. In the ancient trading town of Mangalore explore the Hindu Gokarnatha Temple or discover two spectacular and rarely-visited Jain Temples at Moodabidri and Karkala. Spend two days in Kerala, recognised as one of the most serenely beautiful states in India, discovering communities and the riverine life of rural India

on a backwater cruise. Round the very southern tip of India to Tuticorin, offering a rare opportunity to discover the charming little city of Palayamkottai, before concluding your cruise in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Dr Robert Bradnock** – Senior Visiting Research Fellow in Geography, King's College London.

**The Revd Professor Judith Brown** – Emeritus Professor of Commonwealth History, University of Oxford.

**Ms Joanna Hardy** – Gemmologist and independent jewellery specialist.

**Sir Roy Strong** – Historian, broadcaster, diarist and gardener, Former Director of the V&A and the National Portrait Gallery.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.



Kerala Backwaters, Kochi

*"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people."*

Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian Nationalist Movement (1869 – 1948)

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Muscat** City Tour, Nakhal Fort **Porbandar** City Tour with Tuk Tuk **Mumbai** City Tour, Elephanta Island, Markets Tour **Mangalore** Highlights of Mangalore, Jain Temples **Kochi** City Tour, Full Day Allepey Backwaters Cruise, Kochi Harbour Cruise **Tuticorin** Palayamkottai & Tirunelveli, Scenic Drive and Village **Colombo** Full Day Kandy, Full Day Pinnawela Elephant Sanctuary, City Tour, Kelaniya Temple.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Muscat** Full Day Nizwa and Jabrin Forts **Porbandar** Full Day Junagadh **Mumbai** Unexplored Mumbai, Local Life **Kochi** Kumbalangi Village.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Nov 20	Muscat, Oman		In port
Nov 21	Muscat, Oman	In port	10.00pm
Nov 22	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Nov 23	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Nov 24	Porbandar, India	2.00pm	7.00pm
Nov 25	Cruise the Indian Ocean Mumbai, India	8.00pm	In port
Nov 26	Mumbai, India	In port	7.00pm
Nov 27	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Nov 28	Mangalore, India	7.00am	2.00pm
Nov 29	Kochi, India	8.30am	In port
Nov 30	Kochi, India	In port	7.00pm
Dec 1	Cruise the Indian Ocean Tuticorin, India	10.00pm	In port
Dec 2	Tuticorin, India	In port	3.00pm
Dec 3	Colombo, Sri Lanka	7.00am	In port
Dec 4	Colombo, Sri Lanka	In port	

*Your cruise fare excludes Indian and Sri Lankan visas, which must be obtained prior to travel.*

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN141120
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,315
Outside Cabins from	\$4,870
Inside Cabins from	\$3,430
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Colours of India, Mumbai

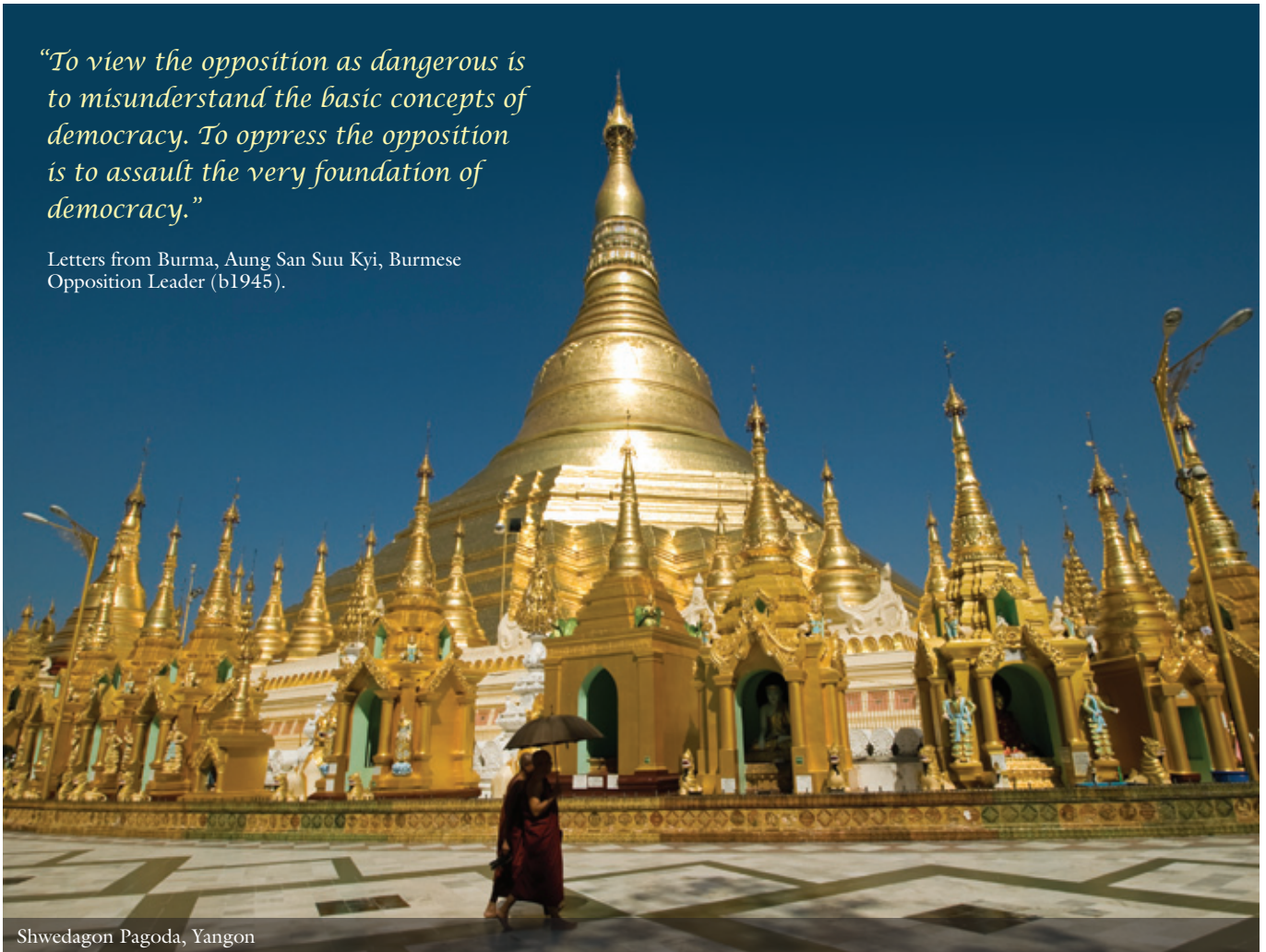


# TO BURMA *and* BEYOND

SRI LANKA • BURMA • MALAYSIA • SINGAPORE

*“To view the opposition as dangerous is to misunderstand the basic concepts of democracy. To oppress the opposition is to assault the very foundation of democracy.”*

Letters from Burma, Aung San Suu Kyi, Burmese Opposition Leader (b1945).



Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through lush green countryside to Kandy, Sri Lanka's picturesque capital of the Hill Country
  - Spend two nights in Yangon, discovering more about the enigmatic heart of Burma and visiting some of its treasures including the golden Shwedagon Pagoda
- Visit Bago, ancient capital of the Mon Kingdom, and the Htauk Kyant War Memorial Cemetery
- Discover Langkawi's paddy fields and tropical island interior
- Visit the magnificent Gardens by the Bay at Marina Bay in Singapore with its revolutionary bio-domes and stunning garden displays

Sri Lanka's capital Colombo offers the lazy charm of a bygone era combined with the verve and vivacity of a modern city.

Discover the revered Buddhist Temple of the Tooth in Kandy before sailing to Galle, a fine example of a colonial fortified city. Enjoy three relaxing days at sea listening to your Guest Speakers' talks and then ensure you are on deck at *Minerva* transits the Rangoon River to arrive in the old capital of Burma, Yangon. Admire the golden Shwedagon Pagoda, the most venerable pagoda in Southeast Asia, and view some of the best British 19th century colonial architecture. Discover communities and monastic rituals of this intriguing country.

The breathtaking island of Langkawi boasts lush tropical scenery featuring jungle-clad hills and picturesque paddy fields. Further south is the island of Penang and its vibrant, multi-ethnic main city, Georgetown. See impressive Fort Cornwallis and visit the magnificent Wat Chaiya Mangkalaram temple. The former Malay sultanate of Malacca was once a major

port along the spice route. Enjoy a visit to the imposing Portuguese Fort or learn more at a spice plantation, before completing your cruise in the 'Lion' city of Singapore.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Canon Ralph Godsall** – Priest Vicar, Westminster Abbey.

**Professor Charles Higham** – Research Professor, University of Otago.

**Sir Mark Tully** – Former BBC Correspondent, writer and broadcaster.  
*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Colombo** Full Day Kandy, Full Day Pinnewela Elephant Sanctuary, City Tour, Kelaniya Temple **Galle** Koggala, Independent Galle Exploration **Yangon** Shwedagon Pagoda, City Tour, National Museum **Langkawi** Sight and Plantation, Highlights and Cable Car, PM Independent **Penang** Georgetown Tour, Botanical Gardens and Chinese Mansion, Kek Lok Si Temple **Malacca** Walk and Trishaw, Plantation Tour, Heritage Tour **Singapore** City Tour, Marina Bay Gardens, Jurong Bird Park.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Yangon** General Aung San Tour, Full Day Bago, Monastery and Shin Pyu Ceremony, Village and Island Pagoda **Langkawi** Mangroves and Bat Cave **Penang** Georgetown by Trishaw.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre and post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Dec 4	Colombo, Sri Lanka		In port
Dec 5	Colombo, Sri Lanka	In port	11.00pm
Dec 6	Galle, Sri Lanka	8.00am	2.00pm
Dec 7	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Dec 8	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Dec 9	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Dec 10	Yangon, Burma (Myanmar)	5.30pm	In port
Dec 11	Yangon, Burma (Myanmar)	In port	In port
Dec 12	Yangon, Burma (Myanmar)	In port	5.00pm
Dec 13	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Dec 14	Cruise the Indian Ocean		
Dec 15	Langkawi, Malaysia	8.00am	11.00pm
Dec 16	Penang, Malaysia	8.00am	2.00pm
Dec 17	Malacca, Malaysia	1.00pm	7.00pm
Dec 18	Singapore	8.00am	In port
Dec 19	Singapore	In port	

Your cruise fare excludes Sri Lanka transit visa which must be obtained prior to travel.

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN141204
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$8,850
Outside Cabins from	\$4,515
Inside Cabins from	\$3,115
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# TRAVELS *in* INDOCHINA

SINGAPORE • MALAYSIA • CAMBODIA • VIETNAM • HONG KONG



*"We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch – we are going back from whence we came."*

John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America (1917 – 1963)

Halong Bay, Vietnam

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a local market and discover 'real' Cambodia at Kampot Village
  - Delight in Nha Trang with its beautiful beaches and intriguing Cham Towers or observe traditional ways of life in the countryside
- Learn more about Vietnam's imperial past at the City of Huế with its temples, tombs, palaces and pagodas
  - Experience the lively streets of French Colonial Hanoi
- Enjoy a small boat ride among the incredible limestone karsts that rise out of Halong Bay
  - Sail into spectacular Hong Kong Harbour, a myriad of skyscrapers and bustling activity

**B**egin your cruise in the dynamic city of Singapore, exploring Chinatown or visiting one of the city's many museums, before sailing to Kuantan to explore Lake Chini where tropical trees line the narrow waterways.

A day at sea is followed by an enthralling day visiting the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh. See the Royal Palace with its striking ceremonial buildings and lush gardens. Celebrate Christmas as you cruise north along the Vietnamese coast towards the beautiful city of Nha Trang. See the huge white Buddha seated on lotus blossom and visit the surprising Nha Trang Cathedral. Qui Nhon is the birthplace of the 18th century Vietnamese emperor Nguyen Hue, where you can enjoy a demonstration of martial arts, before sailing north to Danang, gateway to the colourful town of Hoi An. Spend a full day visiting the Imperial City of Huế, distinguished by its temples, tombs, palaces and pagodas. Cross the Red River delta to Hanoi, the bustling Vietnamese capital to discover the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and explore Old Hanoi.

Spend the following day cruising among the striking limestone karsts in Halong Bay – a memorable sight before ringing in the New Year as Minerva sails across the South China Sea to berth in the heart of Hong Kong.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor Colin Jones** – Professor of History, Queen Mary, University of London.

**Professor Keith Ward** – Professorial Fellow at Heythrop College, London.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



Water Puppets, Hanoi



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Singapore** City Tour, Marina Bay Gardens, Botanical Gardens **Kuantan** Beach Transfer. **Sihanoukville** Full Day Phnom Penh, Full Day Kampot Village **Nha Trang** Rural Nha Trang, Nha Trang Panorama **Qui Nhon** Cham Towers and Martial Arts Show **Danang** Hoi An Walk, My Son, Rural Danang and Cham Towers, Beach Transfer **Haiphong** Full Day Hanoi, Rural Delta Village **Halong Bay** Halong Bay Cruise **Hong Kong** City Tour, Museum of History, Kowloon Insights, Dragon's Back Hike.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Danang** Full Day Hue **Hong Kong** Full Day Lantau Island and Po Lin Monastery.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre and post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Dec 19	Singapore		In port
Dec 20	Singapore	In port	2.30pm
Dec 21	Kuantan, Malaysia	9.00am	6.00pm
Dec 22	Cruise the South China Sea		
Dec 23	Sihanoukville, Cambodia	7.00am	11.00pm
Dec 24	Cruise the South China Sea		
Dec 25	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i> - Christmas Day		
Dec 26	Nha Trang, Vietnam	8.00am	7.00pm
Dec 27	Qui Nhon, Vietnam	8.00am	2.00pm
Dec 28	Danang, Vietnam	7.00am	7.00pm
Dec 29	Cruise the South China Sea		
Dec 30	Haiphong, Vietnam	6.00am	11.59pm
Dec 31	Halong Bay, Vietnam	7.30am	5.00pm
Jan 1	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i> - New Year's Day		
Jan 2	Hong Kong	8.00am	In port
Jan 3	Hong Kong	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN141219
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$10,485
Outside Cabins from	\$5,550
Inside Cabins from	\$4,720
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# JAPAN *and* CHINA DISCOVERY

HONG KONG • CHINA • SOUTH KOREA • JAPAN • TAIWAN



Shanghai, China



Torii Gate, Miyajima

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Be amazed by the emerging modern metropolis of Shanghai
- Contrast the volcanic landscape and culture of Jeju island
- Walk among the samurai houses and gardens of Chiran
- Explore the UNESCO Itsukushima shrine and pagoda complex
- Discover historic temples and the castle of cultural Kyoto
- Reflect on World War II sites of Nagasaki and Okinawa
- Visit dynamic Taiwan, one of Asia's surprise jewels

**D**iscover the unique landscapes, culture and heritage of Japan. En route explore two of China's most dynamic cities, **Hong Kong and Shanghai, where modern architecture rubs shoulders with temples and classical Chinese gardens.**


Explore the striking volcanic scenery and distinct culture of the southern Korean island of Jeju. Nagasaki in Japan, where the second atomic bomb fell in 1945, offers wonderful temples and a fascinating history of isolation and trade while Kagoshima – dominated by the stratovolcano, Mt Sakurajima – features the samurai houses of Chiran, stronghold of the Satsuma feudal lords. In Uwajima, discover its castle with distinctive 17th century donjon, one of the few remaining in its original state, and then tender ashore to the sacred island of Miyajima to view the famous 'floating' tori and remarkable Itsukushima Shrine and pagodas. Cruise the Seto Inland Sea before arriving in cosmopolitan Kobe, from where you can explore historic Kyoto and the Nara Temples. Okinawa's vibrant capital Naha offers insight to the region's former kingdom and its unique

culture stands apart from mainland Japan. Cruise to the Taiwanese port of Keelung where, in the markets and alleys, you'll catch a glimpse of the city's long and eventful history before returning to Hong Kong to conclude your cruise.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Dr Meri Arichi** – Senior Teaching Fellow, Department of History of Art & Archaeology, SOAS.

 **Dr Monica Bohm-Duchen** – Independent writer, lecturer and exhibition organiser, and lecturer at Birkbeck College, London.

**Rear Admiral John Lippiett** – Chief Executive, Mary Rose Trust.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

3 JANUARY – 24 JANUARY 2015 22 Days from \$6,435 per person twin share

*"Every day is a journey, and the journey itself is home"*

Matsuo Basho  
(Japanese poet of Edo period, 1644-1694)



Today-ji Temple, Nara

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Hong Kong** City Tour or Dragon's Back Hike, Kowloon Insights **Shanghai** City Tour, Shanghai Museum **Jeju** Panoramic East Island **Nagasaki** City Tour (Dejima, Atomic Bomb Museum, Glover Garden) **Kagoshima** Chiran Samurai Houses or Sakurajima Volcano, **Uwajima** Uwajima Panorama, Castle & Tenshakuen Garden **Miyajima** Itsukushima Shrine **Kobe** City Tour, Nara Temples **Okinawa** Highlights of Naha or Battle of Okinawa. **Keelung** Taipei City Highlights or Chiufen & Coastal Drive.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Hong Kong** Full Day Lantau Island & Po Lin Monastery **Shanghai** Zhujiujiao Water Village, Evening Acrobatic Show, Full Day Suzhou **Nagasaki** Imari Pottery **Kobe** Kyoto Full Day, Kyoto Overnight **Okinawa** Whale Safari **Keelung** Full Day Taipei & Museum.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre and post cruise options. *Please see pages 100-103 for full details.*

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
3 Jan	Hong Kong		In port
4 Jan	Hong Kong	In port	6.30pm
5 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
6 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
7 Jan	Shanghai, China	8.00pm	In port
8 Jan	Shanghai, China	In port	In port
9 Jan	Shanghai/Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>	In port	3.00pm
10 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
11 Jan	Jeju, South Korea	7.00am	2.00pm
12 Jan	Nagasaki, Japan	7.00am	5.00pm
13 Jan	Kagoshima, Japan	7.00am	5.00pm
14 Jan	Uwajima, Japan	1.00pm	6.00pm
15 Jan	Miyajima, Japan	8.00am	2.00pm
16 Jan	Kobe, Japan	8.00am	In port
17 Jan	Kobe, Japan	In port	7.00pm
18 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
19 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
20 Jan	Okinawa, Japan	7.00am	7.00pm
21 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
22 Jan	Keelung, Taiwan	7.00am	5.00pm
23 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
24 Jan	Hong Kong	7.30am	
24 Jan	Hong Kong	In port	In port

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150103
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$16,465
Outside Cabins from	\$9,190
Inside Cabins from	\$6,435
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	

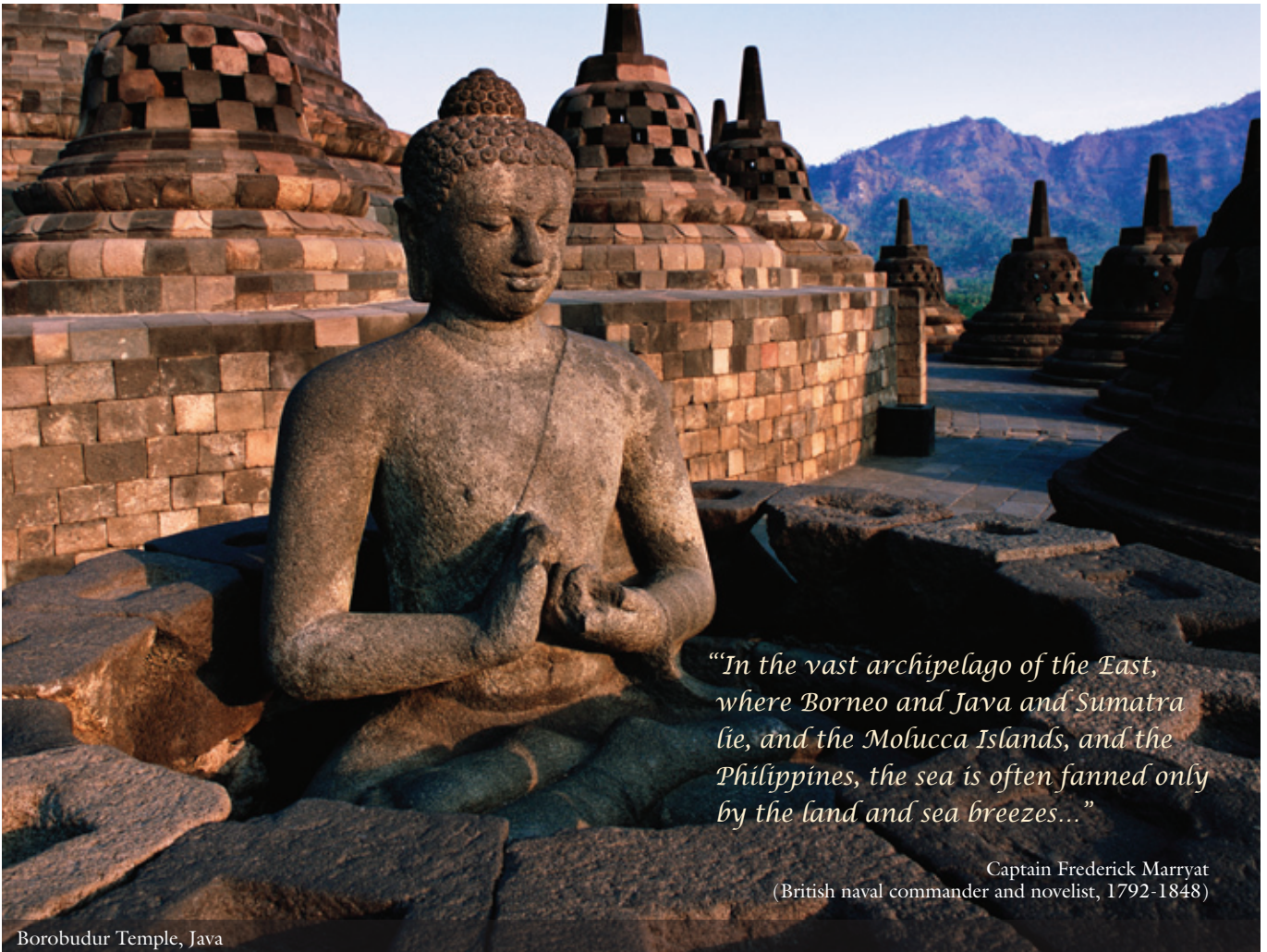
*Your cruise fare excludes China visa, which must be obtained prior to travel.*





# ISLANDS *of* EAST ASIA

HONG KONG • PHILIPPINES • BORNEO • INDONESIA • SINGAPORE



Borobudur Temple, Java

*“In the vast archipelago of the East, where Borneo and Java and Sumatra lie, and the Molucca Islands, and the Philippines, the sea is often fanned only by the land and sea breezes...”*

Captain Frederick Marryat  
(British naval commander and novelist, 1792-1848)

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail out of bustling Hong Kong harbour framed by lofty Victoria Peak
- See the orangutans - ‘the wild men of Borneo’
- Discover diverse Indonesian cultures and tribes including the animist Toraja community of Sulawesi
- Look out for the ‘Komodo Dragon’, a rare giant monitor lizard
  - Rising above the plains of Java, visit the Buddhist Temple complex of Borobudur, one of the greatest sights of Southeast Asia

**T**he Far East reveals a fusion of cultures, world-class sites and natural riches.

From the bustle of Hong Kong, relax as *Minerva* sails south to the Philippine archipelago to the capital Manila.

Discover the city’s Spanish colonial heritage before a further day’s sailing brings you to the enticing island of Bohol where the distinctive Chocolate Hills can be seen. Borneo awaits at Sandakan where you can learn about the orangutans ‘the wildmen of Borneo’. Sail south to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi and travel into the central highlands where the animist Toraja community lives. At the volcanic island of Komodo, look for the rare ‘Komodo dragon’, a giant monitor lizard known for its size and speed, before visiting off the beaten track Sumbawa island to visit a local village.

Cross the Wallace Line to the island of Bali and discover its rich cultural heritage of colourful temples fusing Hindu and Balinese beliefs. Cruise the Java Sea to Semarang and travel inland to the central mountains and the magnificent Buddhist temple complex of Borobudur. The name ‘Kura Kura’ means

‘Sea Turtle’, relax on this beautiful island in the preservation area of the Karimunjawa Archipelago before concluding your cruise in the dynamic city of Singapore.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Mr Andy Buntin** – Independent wildlife consultant.

**Professor Tony Stockwell** – Emeritus Professor of Modern History, Royal Holloway, University of London.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



24 JANUARY – 14 FEBRUARY 2015 22 Days from \$5,875 per person twin share



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Hong Kong** City Tour or Dragon's Back Hike, Kowloon Insights **Manila** City Tour, Downtown Manila **Bohol** Chocolate Hills or Loboc River **Sandakan** Wildmen of Borneo or Borneo Rainforest or Colonial Sandakan **Pare Pare** Full Day Toraja Highlights (13 hours including 4½ hours drive each way) **Komodo** Komodo Dragon Walk **Sumbawa Besar** Cultural Village Visit **Tanah Ampo (Bali)** Ancient Bali (Puri Agung Karangasem, Taman Ujung Water Palace, Tenganan Village) or Scenic Bali & Besakih Temple **Semarang** Full Day Borobudur or Semarang City **Kura Kura** Independent Island Beach Experience.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Hong Kong** Full Day Lantau Island & Po Lin Monastery **Manila** Corregidor Island **Komodo** Pink Beach **Tanah Ampo** Full Day Bali **Semarang** Tlogo Highlands & Steam Train.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre and post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
24 Jan	Hong Kong		In port
25 Jan	Hong Kong	In port	7.00pm
26 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
27 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
28 Jan	Manila, Philippines	7.00am	9.00pm
29 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
30 Jan	Bohol, Philippines	8.00am	8.00pm
31 Jan	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
1 Feb	Sandakan, Borneo	7.00am	7.00pm
2 Feb	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
3 Feb	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
4 Feb	Pare Pare, Indonesia	6.00am	11.00pm
5 Feb	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
6 Feb	Komodo, Indonesia ⚓	7.00am	6.00pm
7 Feb	Sumbawa, Indonesia ⚓	7.00am	5.00pm
8 Feb	Tanah Ampo, Bali ⚓	8.00am	7.00pm
9 Feb	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
10 Feb	Semarang, Java	7.00am	7.00pm
11 Feb	Kura Kura, Java ⚓	7.00am	2.00pm
12 Feb	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
13 Feb	Singapore	6.00pm	In port
14 Feb	Singapore	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150124
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$15,030
Outside Cabins from	\$8,385
Inside Cabins from	\$5,875
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# SHORES *of the* ORIENT

SINGAPORE • MALAYSIA • THAILAND • BURMA • SRI LANKA



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander among the delicate orchids of Singapore's lush Botanical Gardens
- Admire the ornate carvings of Georgetown's Khoo Kongsi, a Chinese ancestral home
- Sail among the atmospheric limestone pillars of Krabi Bay
- Overnight at Yangon, Myanmar, and see the sumptuous, golden Shwedagon Pagoda
- Explore Bago, ancient capital of the Mon Kingdom, and the Htauk Kyant War Memorial Cemetery
- Burma's daily life and monastic rituals – a glimpse behind the scenes
- Discover the revered Temple of the Tooth at Kandy

Join *Minerva* in Singapore, a dynamic modern city fusing Malay and Chinese cultures, before sailing to the island of Penang, the Pearl of the Orient, where the Chinese influence is particularly noticeable.

Discover the highlights of Phuket, Thailand's largest island with lush rainforests and exquisite beaches, before the Captain navigates a scenic cruise among the tall limestone karsts of Krabi Bay, perhaps finding a beach on which to land. Transit the Yangon River to reach the old capital of Burma (Myanmar), Yangon. An overnight in port allows plenty of time to discover this intriguing city, the golden Shwedagon Pagoda, Bago, ancient capital of the Mon Kingdom, and to view some of the best preserved British colonial architecture. From the capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo, drive through the beautiful scenery of the Hill Country to Kandy and the lakeside Temple of the Tooth or enjoy a visit to the Pinnewela Elephant Sanctuary.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Dr Alan Borg** – Former Director of the Imperial War Museum and V&A.

**Dr Robert Bradnock** – Senior Visiting Research Fellow in Geography, King's College London.

**The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres** – Historian and Bishop of London.  
*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



Pinnewela Elephants, Sri Lanka

28 FEBRUARY – 15 MARCH 2015 16 Days from \$3,735 per person twin share



Krabi Bay, Thailand

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Singapore** City Tour (Temple, China Town, Colonial District) or Botanical Gardens Marina Bay Gardens **Georgetown** City Tour or Botanical Garden & Chinese Mansion Independent **Phuket** Phuket Panorama **Krabi Bay** Scenic Cruise on *Minerva* – possible beach landing **Yangon** City Tour, Evening Shwedagon Pagoda, Scott Market Transfer, National Museum **Colombo** Full Day Kandy or City Tour

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Singapore** Life in Singapore **Georgetown** Trishaw Tour **Yangon** Local Villages & Pagoda, Full Day Bago, Kalywa Monastery & Shin Pyu Ceremony, General Aung San Tour, Overnight Bagan **Colombo** Full Day Pinnawela Elephants

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre and post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
28 Feb	Singapore		In port
1 Mar	Singapore	In port	7.00pm
2 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
3 Mar	Penang, Malaysia	7.00am	6.00pm
4 Mar	Phuket, Thailand	12.00pm	In port
5 Mar	Phuket, Thailand	In port	6.00am
5 Mar	Krabi Bay scenic cruise		
6 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
7 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
8 Mar	Yangon, Burma (Myanmar)	7.30am	In port
9 Mar	Yangon, Burma (Myanmar)	In port	5.00pm
10 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
11 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
12 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
13 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
14 Mar	Colombo, Sri Lanka	7.00am	In port
15 Mar	Colombo, Sri Lanka	In port	

Your cruise fare excludes Sri Lanka visa, which must be obtained prior to travel.

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150228
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$10,120
Outside Cabins from	\$5,590
Inside Cabins from	\$3,735
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Temple of the Tooth, Kandy



# INDIA *and* the MALABAR COAST

SRI LANKA • INDIA • OMAN

*There is more to life than  
increasing its speed.*

Mahatma Gandhi  
(Leader of Indian nationalism)  
1869 - 1948)



Fishing nets at sunset, Kochi, India

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch the Pinnawela Elephants as they bathe in the local river in Sri Lanka
- Discover the daily life of Indian communities in the villages near Tuticorin and Kochi
- Cruise the tranquil Kerala Backwaters or see the iconic fishing nets of Kochi
- Experience the unique urban bustle of Mumbai and admire the fascinating work of the dabbawalas
- View the remarkable cave temples and rock carvings of the god Shiva on Elephanta Island, Mumbai
- Visit the impressive Grand Mosque in Oman's white capital, Muscat

**E**xplore the diverse land and townscapes of India on an enlightening cruise along the Malabar coast of the Indian Subcontinent.


From the lazy charm of Colombo, sail north to discover the small villages and peaceful backwaters of Tamil Nadu's Tuticorin and Kerala's Kochi, where you are offered rare insights into traditional Indian rural life. An overnight in Kochi gives plenty of time to explore this former Dutch trading colony whilst Marmagao in Goa offers an intriguing fusion of colonial Portugal and modern India. Here you can explore Old Goa with its Christian churches or discover spice plantations and Hindu temples.

Mumbai, the capital city of Maharashtra and the most populous and wealthy city in India, is a vibrant mix of India's extremes where colonial architecture competes with dynamic 21st century structures, Gandhi's home and tranquil Elephanta Island. Your Indian adventure culminates with a call at Porbandar in the state of Gujarat; this off-the-beaten track town is Gandhi's birthplace. Finally,

contrast the hustle and bustle of India with the relaxed, friendly capital of Oman, Muscat, which will enchant you with its distinctive trading areas, Grand Mosque and beautiful Corniche.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

 **Mr Oliver Everett** – Librarian Emeritus of the Royal Library, Windsor Castle.

**Professor Lord (Richard) Harries of Pentregarth** – Former Bishop of Oxford.

**Professor A G Hopkins** – Emeritus Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History, University of Cambridge.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

15 MARCH – 29 MARCH 2015 15 Days from \$3,690 per person twin share



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Colombo** Full Day Kandy or City Tour  
**Tuticorin** Palayamkottai & Tirunelveli or Scenic Drive & Plantation  
**Kochi** City Tour, Harbour Cruise, Full Day Allepey Backwaters Cruise  
**Marmagoa** Old Goa or Temples & Spices  
**Mumbai** Sightseeing Drive or Elephanta Island or Mani Bhavan & Museum. Sightseeing Drive, Mumbai Markets  
**Porbandar** City Tour with Tuk Tuk  
**Muscat** City Tour (Grand Mosque, Bait al Zubair Museum), Nakhl Fort

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Colombo** Full day Pinnawela Elephants  
**Kochi** Kumbalangi Village  
**Mumbai** Local Life (Dabbawalas), Unexplored Mumbai  
**Muscat** Full Day Nizwa & Jabrin, Dolphin Safari

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre and post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
15 Mar	Colombo, Sri Lanka	In port	In port
16 Mar	Colombo, Sri Lanka	In port	7.00pm
17 Mar	Tuticorin, India	7.30pm	3.00pm
18 Mar	Kochi, India	11.30am	In port
19 Mar	Kochi, India	In port	7.00pm
20 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
21 Mar	Marmagoa, India	7.00am	5.00pm
22 Mar	Mumbai, India	1.00pm	In port
23 Mar	Mumbai, India	In port	10.00pm
24 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
25 Mar	Porbandar, India	7.00am	5.00pm
26 Mar	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
27 Mar	Muscat, Oman	6.00pm	In port
28 Mar	Muscat, Oman	In port	In port
29 Mar	Muscat, Oman	In port	

*Your cruise fare excludes Indian and Sri Lanka entry visas which must be obtained prior to travel.*

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150315
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,850
Outside Cabins from	\$5,475
Inside Cabins from	\$3,690
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Grand Mosque, Muscat

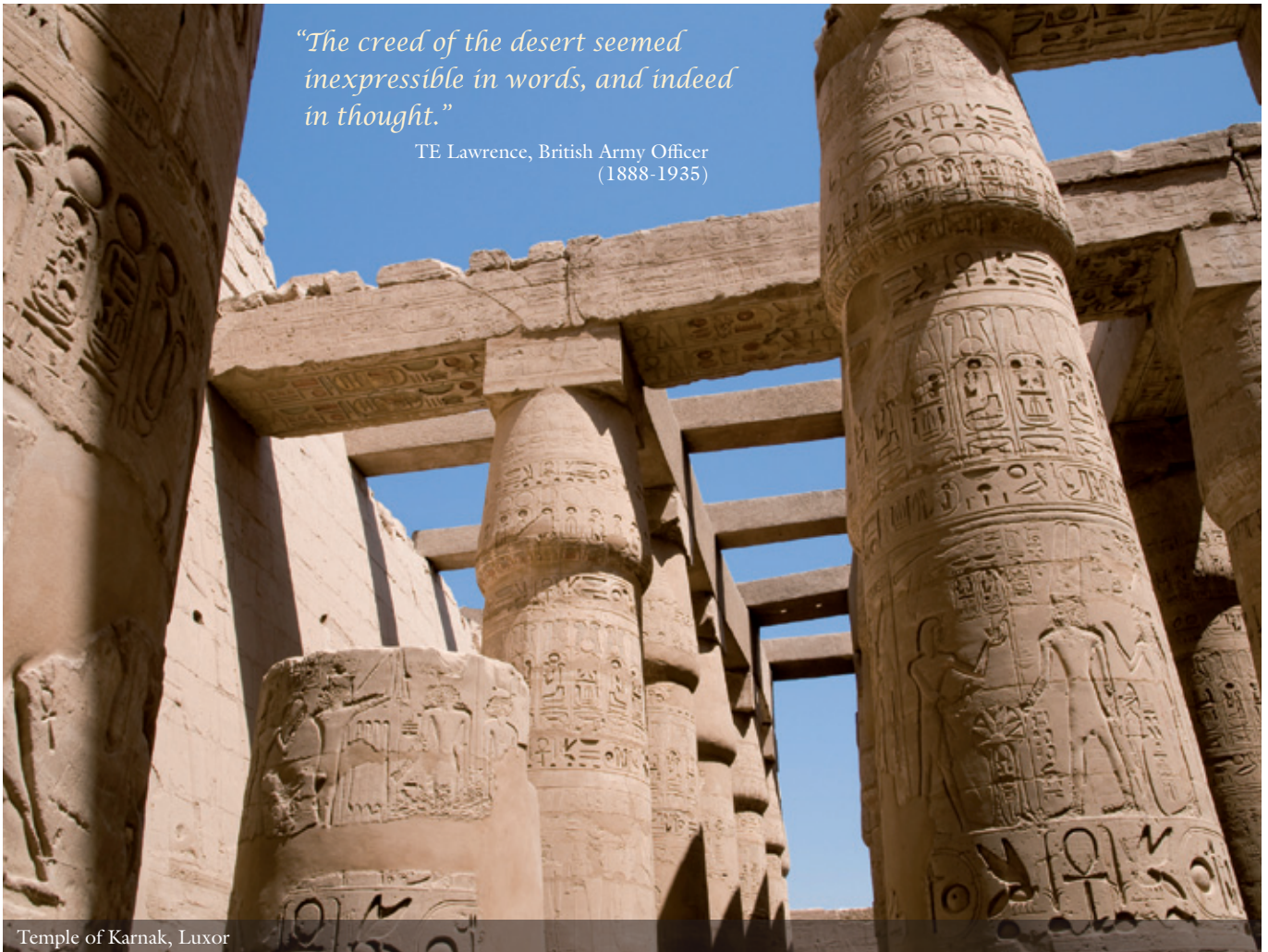


# JEWELS OF ARABIA *and the* RED SEA

OMAN • DJIBOUTI • EGYPT • JORDAN

*"The creed of the desert seemed  
inexpressible in words, and indeed  
in thought."*

TE Lawrence, British Army Officer  
(1888-1935)



Temple of Karnak, Luxor

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow in the footsteps of ancient Frankincense traders and see how this trade flourished in the Dhofar region of Oman
- Discover fascinating salt water Lake Assal, Africa's lowest geographic point, and explore Djibouti's blend of colonial French and Arab influences
- Enter the Pharaohs' regal tombs of the Valley of the Kings or wonder at the remarkable frescoes of the workers' tombs at Deir El Medineh which depict the life and death of Ancient Egyptians
- Walk down through the dramatic Siq Gorge to discover Petra's extraordinary rock cut Treasury and Tombs
- Enjoy leisurely days at sea relaxing on deck or discovering a new talent in an on board workshop

**D**iscover Arab and nomadic cultures as you follow ancient trade routes around the Arabian Peninsula and up through the Red Sea to Petra.


Sail from the alluring white cities of Muscat and Salalah at the centre of the trade in frankincense, cruise to the East African town of Djibouti, a lively blend of colonial French and Arab influences, before enjoying three relaxing days at sea, perhaps listening to enlightening talks by your Guest Speakers.

The Egyptian town of Safaga is the gateway to Luxor, where you can discover the magnificent colonnaded Karnak Temple and the frescoed tombs in the Valley of the Kings. From Aqaba, a highlight of your cruise must be an inclusive full day excursion to Petra, one of the world's most impressive ancient sites. Marvel at the glimpsed view of the Treasury as you walk through the narrow Siq gorge to discover the ancient rock-cut city of the Nabataeans.

Conclude your cruise in the Egyptian port of Sharm el Sheikh on the Sinai Peninsula, where you can enjoy a desert drive or discover nearby coral reefs on a glass bottomed boat trip.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

 **Mr Christopher Bradley** – Guidebook author, lecturer and travel guide, North Africa and Middle East.

 **Ms Lucia Gahlin** – Egyptologist.

**Mr Stuart Laing** – Former Ambassador in Muscat and Kuwait.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



The Treasury at Petra, Jordan

**29 MARCH – 13 APRIL 2015** 16 Days from \$2,565 per person twin share



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Muscat** Muscat City Tour, Nakhal Fort

**Salalah** Sights of Salalah (Job's Tomb, Al Balid Museum, Mughsail Beach) or Dhofar Heritage (Samhuran, Taka Village, Al Balid Museum)

**Djibouti** City Tour, Local Dance Performance

**Safaga** Full Day Valley of the Kings or Full Day Valley of the Queens **Aqaba** Full Day Petra or Wadi Rum **Sharm el Sheikh** Glass Bottomed Boat Trip or Beach Transfer or Desert Drive

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Muscat** Full Day Nizwa & Jabrin Forts, Dolphin Safari **Djibouti** Lake Assal **Aqaba** Overnight Petra

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
29 Mar	Muscat, Oman	In port	In port
30 Mar	Muscat, Oman	In port	7.00pm
31 Mar	Cruise on the <i>Minerva</i>		
1 Apr	Salalah, Oman	6.00pm	In port
2 Apr	Salalah, Oman	In port	2.00pm
3 Apr	Cruise on the <i>Minerva</i>		
4 Apr	Cruise on the <i>Minerva</i>		
5 Apr	Djibouti Town, Djibouti	Midnight	5.00pm
6 Apr	Cruise on the <i>Minerva</i>		
7 Apr	Cruise on the <i>Minerva</i>		
8 Apr	Cruise on the <i>Minerva</i>		
9 Apr	Safaga, Egypt	6.00am	10.30pm
10 Apr	Aqaba, Jordan	3.00pm	In port
11 Apr	Aqaba, Jordan	In port	7.00pm
12 Apr	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	7.00am	In port
13 Apr	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150329
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$7,345
Outside Cabins from	\$3,865
Inside Cabins from	\$2,565
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# HOLY LANDS

EGYPT • JORDAN • ISRAEL • TURKEY • GREECE



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Pause at the end of the Siq, the narrow gorge that reveals Nabataean Petra's 'rose-red' Treasury, hewn from the rock face
- Stand at the foot of Giza's Great Pyramids and look up at the enigmatic Sphinx
- Discover Jerusalem and view some of the world's most sacred sites including the golden Dome of the Rock
- Look out over the tranquil waters of Lake Galilee and visit the biblical town of Nazareth
- Walk the marbled Curetes Street in Roman Ephesus, where St Paul preached for two years

**T**ravel through holy lands as *Minerva* sails from the Red Sea, through the Suez Canal and into the Eastern Mediterranean.

Visit the Nabataean city of Petra founded more than 2,000 years ago and known for its rock-cut Treasury and tombs. Cruise around the Sinai Peninsula to El Sokhna in Egypt and drive across the desert to marvel at the Pyramids and the treasures of the Cairo Museum. Visit the spectacular new library in Alexandria or discover the city's Roman heritage before sailing east to Israel. Spend a day in Jerusalem and, from the Mount of Olives, view some of the world's most sacred sites. Continue to Haifa and visit Acre to see the headquarters of the Knights of St John. The Turkish port of Kusadasi leads to the magnificent Roman city of Ephesus, while the small Greek island of Delos will delight with its ancient site usually carpeted in spring flowers at this time of year. Both Ephesus and Delos were important pilgrimage and religious centres in their day. Continue across the

sparkling Aegean to conclude your cruise in the ancient city of Athens, dominated by the iconic Acropolis.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor Christopher Andrew** – Emeritus Professor of Modern & Contemporary History, University of Cambridge.

**Canon Ralph Godsall** – Priest Vicar, Westminster Abbey.

**Mr George Hart** – Former Principal Lecturer on British Museum's Antiquities from Egypt, Greece & the Levant.

**Mr Jeremy Paterson** – Former Senior Lecturer in Ancient History, Newcastle University.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

13 APRIL – 27 APRIL 2015 15 Days from \$3,850 per person twin share



Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Sharm el Sheikh** Glass Bottomed Boat Trip or Beach Transfer or Desert Drive **Aqaba** Full Day Petra, Wadi Rum **El Sokhna** Full Day Pyramids and Cairo Museum **Alexandria** Library and City Drive or Roman Alexandria or El Alamein Cemeteries **Ashdod** Full Day Jerusalem & Bethlehem or Tel Aviv & Jaffa **Haifa** Acre and the Crusaders' Kingdom, Caesarea **Kusadasi** Ephesus or Didyma and Miletus **Delos** Independent Walk **Mykonos** Independent **Piraeus** Acropolis or Full Day Acropolis Freedom.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**El Sokhna** Full Day St Anthony's and St Paul's Monasteries **Ashdod** Full Day Dead Sea **Haifa** Full Day Nazareth and Sea of Galilee **Kusadasi** Roman Houses **Piraeus** Corinth Canal Cruise.

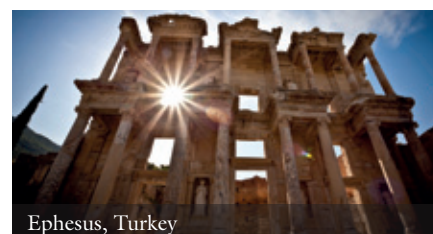
## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
13 Apr	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	In port	In port
14 Apr	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	In port	7.00pm
15 Apr	Aqaba, Jordan	7.00am	7.00pm
16 Apr	El Sokhna, Egypt	11.00pm	In port
17 Apr	El Sokhna, Egypt	In port	10.00pm
18 Apr	Suez Canal, Egypt	daylight transit	
19 Apr	Alexandria, Egypt	12.00pm	11.00pm
20 Apr	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
21 Apr	Ashdod, Israel	7.00am	10.00pm
22 Apr	Haifa, Israel	7.00am	7.00pm
23 Apr	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
24 Apr	Kusadasi, Turkey	1.00pm	9.30pm
25 Apr	Delos, Greece	8.00am	1.30pm
25 Apr	Mykonos, Greece	4.00pm	8.00pm
26 Apr	Piraeus, Greece	6.00am	In port
27 Apr	Piraeus, Greece	In port	In port

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150413
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$8,935
Outside Cabins from	\$4,795
Inside Cabins from	\$3,850
Single Fares Available	
AU\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Ephesus, Turkey



# BLACK SEA EMPIRES

GREECE • TURKEY • GEORGIA • UKRAINE • BULGARIA



Uspensky Cathedral, Odessa



Martyrs Memorial, Gallipoli

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Reflect on the poignant reminders of the tragic Gallipoli campaign of 1915
- Marvel at Sumela Monastery, built high in the Pontic Alps
- Enjoy an exhilarating Adjara dance performance in Georgia and the Black Sea Naval Ensemble in Yalta
- Visit Livadia Palace following in the footsteps of Tsars and World Statesmen
  - Explore the naval stronghold of Sevastopol and step back in time to the Crimean War as you gaze on the life-like Panorama
- Stroll through the courtyards of the Sultan's Topkapi Palace overlooking the bustling Bosphorus

**C**ommemorate 100 years since ANZAC forces landed at Gallipoli as *Minerva* circumnavigates the Black Sea.

From the ancient capital of Athens sail to the strategically important town of Canakkale on the Dardanelles Strait and, at the Gallipoli peninsula, reflect on the poignant reminders of the 1915 campaign or uncover the secrets of Troy.

Cruise through the narrow Bosphorus to the Black Sea where layers of civilization are revealed in the faces of the people and the sites visited. Explore Sinop and sail on to Trabzon where Sumela Monastery perches on the narrow ledge on a steep cliff in Altundere National Park. Drive along Georgia's scenic coastline from Batumi to the 'Green Cape'; cruise north to Yalta on the Crimean Peninsula and visit Livadia Palace, site of the historic Yalta Conference in 1945. View the magnificent Panorama celebrating the defence of Sevastopol during the Crimean War before exploring the city of Odessa, founded by Catherine the Great. Wander the cobbled streets of the small UNESCO town of

Nessebur, known for its Byzantine churches, before *Minerva* makes her way back through the narrow Bosphorus to the magnificent city of Istanbul.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Sir Tony Brenton** – Former Ambassador to Russia.

**Professor Carole Hillenbrand** – Professor of Islamic History, University of Edinburgh.

**Professor Robert Hillenbrand** – Professor of Islamic Art, St Andrew's University.

**The Rt Revd Stephen Platten** – Bishop of Wakefield.

**Professor Gary Sheffield** – Professor of War Studies, University of Wolverhampton.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.



Sumela Monastery, Turkey

C E W Bean, The Story of Anzac, Sydney, 1921, Vol I, p.249

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Piraeus** Acropolis or Acropolis Museum  
**Cannakale Troy Sinop** City Walk or Sinop Panorama  
**Trabzon** Sumela Monastery or Church of St Sophia  
**Batumi** Botanical Gardens & City Walk or Gonio Fortress, Adjara Dance Performance  
**Yalta** Livadia Palace, Alupka Palace  
**EVE** Black Sea Naval Ensemble  
**Sevastopol** City Tour (including the Panorama), Chersonesos, Balaclava, Bakhchiserai  
**Odessa** Highlights of Odessa, Odessa City Walk, Independent  
**Nessebur** City Walk or Bulgarian Village, Independent  
**Istanbul** Old Istanbul (including Blue Mosque and Aghia Sophia) or Spice & Mosques Walk or Topkapi Palace.

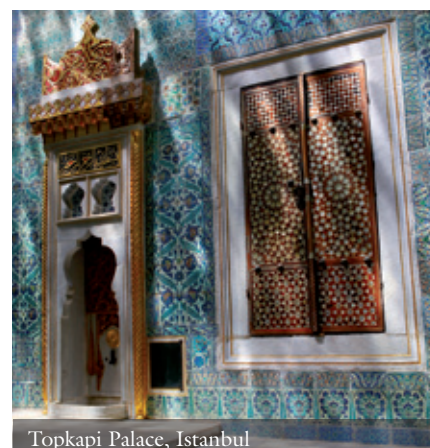
### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Canakkale** Gallipoli  
**Batumi** Home Visit  
**Yalta** Alexander Nevsky Cathedral & Chekhov  
**Sevastopol** Full Day Crimean Military History  
**Odessa** Odessa Mansions – Music and Art, Evening Ballet Performance  
**Nessebur** Full Day Sozopol  
**Istanbul** Bosphorus Cruise, Byzantine Istanbul.

YOUR ITINERARY			
DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
27 Apr	Piraeus, Greece	In port	In port
28 Apr	Piraeus, Greece	In port	1.30pm
29 Apr	Canakkale, Turkey	8.00am	6.00pm
30 Apr	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i> - Bosphorus transit	early morning	
1 May	Sinop, Turkey	8.00pm	2.00pm
2 May	Trabzon, Turkey	8.00am	7.00pm
3 May	Batumi, Georgia	7.00am	10.00pm
4 May	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
5 May	Yalta, Ukraine	8.00am	11.00pm
6 May	Sevastopol, Ukraine	7.00am	6.00pm
7 May	Odessa, Ukraine	8.00am	In port
8 May	Odessa, Ukraine	In port	7.00am
8 May	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
9 May	Nessebur, Bulgaria	8.00am	6.00pm
10 May	Istanbul, Turkey	7.00am	In port
11 May	Istanbul, Turkey	In port	

*Your cruise fare excludes Turkey visa which must be obtained prior to travel.*

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150427
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,730
Outside Cabins from	SOLD OUT
Inside Cabins from	\$4,050
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Topkapi Palace, Istanbul

# From *the* Baltic to *the* Black Sea

## *Cruises May – October 2015*

Spectacular coastlines, fascinating history and unspoilt smaller ports combine to make *Minerva's* Summer 2015 programme as varied as it is unmissable. There are always new destinations to experience and fresh discoveries to be made.





Oia, Santorini, Greece



# AEGEAN & ADRIATIC ODYSSEY

TURKEY • GREECE • ALBANIA • MONTENEGRO • CROATIA • SICILY • ITALY



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the bustling streets of Istanbul and admire the ornate Ottoman Blue Mosque
- Climb to the top of Mycenae, Agamemnon's hilltop citadel and wonder at sacred Delphi
- Minerva transits the narrow Corinth Canal, a feat of engineering
- Dramatically situated at the head of Southern Europe's deepest fjord, visit Kotor and discover its medieval narrow streets
- Explore the island of Hvar on the Dalmatian coast and wander the marbled streets of Dubrovnik's Old Town
- Stand in Rome's Colosseum and walk in the Forum, the hub of public life in Ancient Rome

**F**rom magnificent Istanbul Minerva sails across the Aegean to the Cycladic island of Santorini. Explore cliff-top, whitewashed villages before cruising towards Nauplia, the first capital of independent Greece and the gateway to Agamemnon's legendary hilltop fort, Mycenae.

Transit the narrow, steep-sided Corinth Canal to the small port of Itsea and drive up into the Parnassus mountains to Delphi, site of the ancient Oracle. On the shores of the Adriatic close to the Albanian town of Sarande, visit the mesmerising archaeological site of Butrint, before sailing into the dramatic Kotor Fjord, the deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Explore the cobbled streets of Kotor's medieval old Town and cruise the scenic coastline of Dalmatia to the sunniest and greenest of the Croatian islands, Hvar. Its medieval town is a profusion of beautifully ornamented buildings, perfect for exploring on foot. Dubrovnik is 'the pearl of the Adriatic' with city walls surrounding marble streets and baroque buildings.

Enjoy a day at sea, sailing south to the island of Sicily. Overlooking Palermo is the small town of Monreale with its splendid Norman cathedral and glittering mosaics. On the Italian island of Ponza enjoy an independent afternoon exploring the town where Moorish-looking cubed houses rise steeply from the waterfront. Finally, sail onto Civitavecchia: gateway to the grandeur of Rome and the Etruscan tombs of Tarquinia.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor David Braund** – Professor of Classics & Ancient History, University of Exeter.

**Professor Tom Higham** – Professor of Archaeological Science, University of Oxford. See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

11 MAY – 25 MAY 2015 15 Days from \$3,625 per person twin share



Dubrovnik, Croatia

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Istanbul** Old Istanbul, Mosques & Spice Bazaar Walk, Archaeological Museum  
**Santorini** Oia, Akrotiri, Independent exploration  
**Nauplia** Mycenae, Epidauros  
**Itea** Delphi, Osios Loukas Monastery  
**Sarande** Butrint  
**Kotor** Town Walk, Montenegro  
**Panorama**  
**Hvar** Independent exploration  
**Dubrovnik** Dubrovnik on foot, Cavtat & Riviera, Lokrum Island, Independent exploration  
**Palermo** Monreale, Palatine Chapel & Drive  
**Ponza** Independent exploration  
**Civitavecchia** Ostia, Tarquinia.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Istanbul** Bosphorus Cruise, Byzantine  
**Sarande** Girokastra  
**Dubrovnik** By cable car  
**Ponza** Coastal Cruise  
**Civitavecchia** Roman Rome.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
11 May	Istanbul, Turkey		In port
12 May	Istanbul, Turkey	In port	7.00pm
13 May	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
14 May	Santorini, Greece ⚓	7.00am	5.00pm
15 May	Nauplia, Greece	7.00am	7.00pm
16 May	Corinth Canal transit	early morning	
16 May	Itea, Greece	2.00pm	8.00pm
17 May	Sarande, Albania	1.00pm	7.00pm
18 May	Kotor, Montenegro	12.30pm	9.00pm
19 May	Hvar, Croatia ⚓	12.00pm	5.00pm
20 May	Dubrovnik, Croatia ⚓	1.00am	5.00pm
21 May	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
22 May	Palermo, Sicily	12.00pm	7.00pm
23 May	Ponza, Italy	12.00pm	8.00pm
24 May	Civitavecchia, Italy	7.00am	In port
25 May	Civitavecchia, Italy		In port

*Your cruise fare excludes Turkey visa which must be obtained prior to travel.*

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150511
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,585
Outside Cabins from	\$5,000
Inside Cabins from	\$3,625
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Santorini, Greece



# EMPIRES *of the* MEDITERRANEAN

ITALY • AEOLIAN ISLANDS • SICILY • ALGERIA • SPAIN • PORTUGAL • UK



Pompeii, Italy

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Rome to stroll through the Ancient Forum and stand on Palatine Hill
- Walk through the streets, past the houses, temples and squares of Pompeii, buried by the AD 79 Vesuvius eruption
- Admire views of the Sicilian countryside from the magnificent Greek Temple of Segesta
- At the first of two maiden calls in Algeria, discover Djemila, one of the best-preserved Roman sites in North Africa
- Wander in the Kasbah and admire the French architecture in Algeria's capital, Algiers
- Discover the picturesque old city of Oporto, along the banks of the River Douro

Join *Minerva* in Civitavecchia and discover the Roman port of Ostia, the Etruscan frescoed tombs of Tarquinia or the grandeur of Rome before she sails south to Salerno, gateway to the striking Amalfi Coast as well as the majestic Greek temples at Paestum.

Cruise to picturesque Lipari on the Aeolian islands, and then maybe enjoy the spectacle of dramatic, livid red explosions at night from volcanic Stromboli, the only island whose smouldering cone is permanently active. South to Sicily and the town of Trapani to visit hill top Segesta, ancient capital of the Elymians before making two maiden calls to Algeria. First the charming town of Bejaia to admire the panoramic vistas along the coast or visit one of the best preserved Roman ruins in North Africa at Djemila. Then west along the coast to Algeria's capital, Algiers, to discover the coastal ruins of the Roman trading post at Tipaza, admire the old French buildings and impressive Martyrs Monument or explore the myriad of narrow streets and alleys in the traditional Kasbah.

Sail through the narrow Straits of Gibraltar to Cadiz, possibly the oldest city in Europe, and north to Oporto, built on the steep banks of the Douro, before the final leg of your cruise back to England's shores.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Dr Peter Caddick-Adams** – Military Historian and Lecturer, UK Defence Academy.

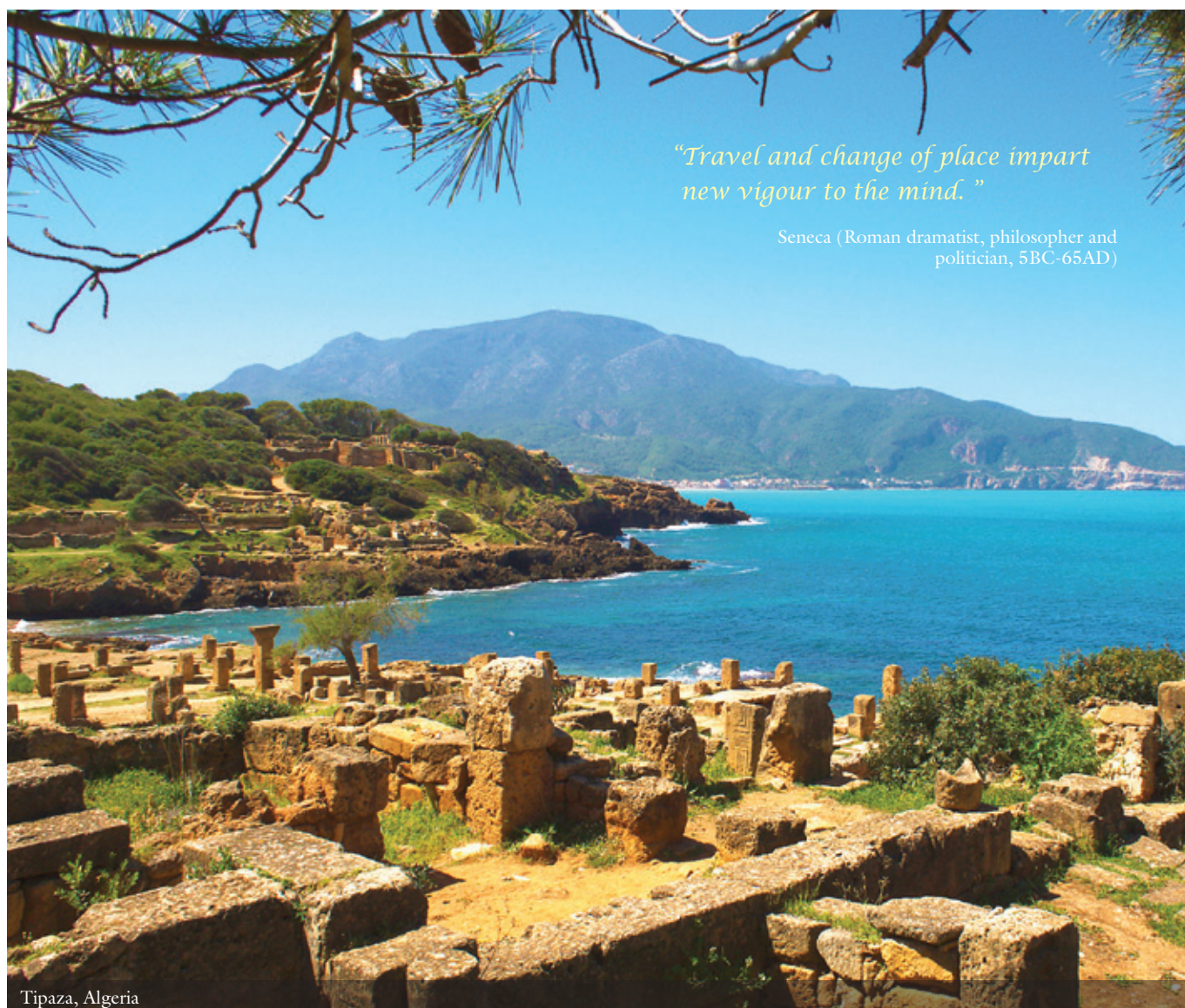
**Mr Jeremy Paterson** – Former Senior Lecturer in Ancient History, Newcastle University.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.



Lipari, Aeolian Islands

25 MAY – 8 JUNE 2015 15 Days from \$2,905 per person twin share



*"Travel and change of place impart new vigour to the mind."*

Seneca (Roman dramatist, philosopher and politician, 5BC-65AD)

Tipaza, Algeria

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Civitavecchia** Ostia, Tarquinia **Salerno** Paestum, Pompeii **Lipari** Independent Exploration **Trapani** Segesta, Selinute **Bejaia** Coastal Vistas, Djemila **Algiers** Tipaza, Algiers Panorama **Cadiz** Cadiz Walk **Oporto** (**Lexoies**) Oporto Panorama, Guimares.

**Optional Shore Excursions include:**  
**Civitavecchia** Roman Rome **Salerno** Amalfi Coast **Lipari** Volcano Cruise, Island Drive **Trapani** Marsala and Mozia Island **Algiers** Kasbah Walk, Memories of World War II **Cadiz** Sherry & Flamenco **Oporto** Duoro Valley.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre cruise options. *Please see pages 100-103 for full details.*

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
25 May	Civitavecchia, Italy		In port
26 May	Civitavecchia, Italy	In port	7.00pm
27 May	Salerno, Italy	12.00pm	7.00pm
28 May	Lipari, Italy	8.00am	5.30pm
28 May	Stromboli scenic cruise	late evening	
29 May	Trapani, Sicily	12.00pm	6.00pm
30 May	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
31 May	Bejaia, Algeria	7.00am	8.00pm
1 Jun	Algiers, Algeria	7.30am	8.00pm
2 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
3 Jun	Cadiz, Spain	2.30pm	9.00pm
4 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
5 Jun	Oporto (Leixoes), Portugal	8.00am	5.00pm
6 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
7 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
8 Jun	Portsmouth, England	7.30am	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150525
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$8,155
Outside Cabins from	\$4,335
Inside Cabins from	\$2,905
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Segesta, Sicily



# WHITE NIGHTS *of the* BALTIC

DENMARK • SWEDEN • FINLAND • RUSSIA • ESTONIA • UK



Peterhof Palace, St Petersburg

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Copenhagen's royal palaces and Viking heritage
  - Stand on deck as *Minerva* approaches Stockholm through its picturesque archipelago
- Reveal the Legacy of the Tsars from Peter the Great's simple log cabin to opulent Peterhof Palace
  - Gaze upon Da Vinci's and Rembrandt's masterpieces at the Hermitage – to name but a few!
  - During the famous White Nights Festival, enjoy a world class performance at one of St Petersburg's renowned theatres
- Explore off the beaten track Kalmar and Ronne
- A daytime transit of the 61-mile long Kiel Canal

**L**eave the shores of Portsmouth and, spend a leisurely two days at sea as *Minerva* sails into the Baltic towards the city of Hans Christian Andersen, Copenhagen.

Discover the cultural riches of royal palaces as well as the old harbour area of Nyhavn before *Minerva* makes her maiden call to the southern Swedish port of Kalmar. Visit the legendary castle, dating from the 16th century, and explore the town viewing its carefully renovated buildings and fortifications. Sail to Stockholm through an impressive archipelago of 24,000 rocky islands and enjoy the highlights of Sweden's capital including the Vasa, the world's best-preserved 17th century man-of-war vessel. During a city tour of Helsinki, view Art Deco buildings, the magnificent Orthodox Uspensky Cathedral and the majestic Senate Square before sailing through the Gulf of Finland to St Petersburg. An overnight stay in this beautiful Russian city, during the season of the midnight sun and the White Nights Festival, allows you to visit the 'must see' sights including the Hermitage, the

cathedral of SS Peter and Paul and glittering Peterhof Palace. Cruising back towards the Baltic visit Tallinn, a former Hanseatic town with fine medieval houses and churches, before making a final call to Ronne, on the Danish island of Bornholm, a former Viking stronghold. Enjoy a transit of the Kiel Canal on *Minerva's* return journey to Portsmouth.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor Christopher Andrew** – Emeritus Professor of Modern & Contemporary History, University of Cambridge.

**Nr Neil Taylor** – 20th century political historian and guidebook writer.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

8 JUNE – 23 JUNE 2015 16 Days from \$4,840 per person twin share



Vasa ship, Stockholm



Tallinn, Estonia

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Copenhagen** City Tour, Roskilde **Kalmar** Kalmar Town Tour **Stockholm** Vasa & Old Town, Vikings & Gold **Helsinki** Helsinki Highlights, Suomenlinna Island **St Petersburg** St Petersburg City Drive, Peterhof Palace, State Hermitage Museum, Peter & Paul Fortress, Walk in the Footsteps of Peter the Great, St Petersburg Experience **Tallinn** Tallinn City Walk, Soviet Past & Upper Town Walk **Ronne** Bornholm Island Drive, Ronne Town Walk PM Independent exploration.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Copenhagen** Frederiksborg Palace **Helsinki** Sibelius House & Concert **St Petersburg** Country Palaces of the Romanovs, Yusupov Palace, Hermitage Gold, Evening Ballet or Concert Performance.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
8 Jun	Portsmouth, England		5.30pm
9 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
10 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
11 Jun	Copenhagen, Denmark	12.00pm	6.00pm
12 Jun	Kalmar, Sweden	12.00pm	7.00pm
13 Jun	Stockholm, Sweden	9.00pm	In port
14 Jun	Stockholm, Sweden	In port	3.00pm
15 Jun	Helsinki, Finland	1.00pm	6.00pm
16 Jun	St Petersburg, Russia	11.00am	In port
17 Jun	St Petersburg, Russia	In port	7.00pm
18 Jun	Tallinn, Estonia	12.00pm	7.00pm
19 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
20 Jun	Rønne, Denmark	8.00am	4.00pm
21 Jun	Kiel Canal transit		full day
22 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
23 Jun	Portsmouth, England	7.00am	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150608
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$12,060
Outside Cabins from	\$6,505
Inside Cabins from	\$4,840
Single Fares Available	
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Sibelius monument, Helsinki



# ISLANDS & HIGHLANDS *of* BRITAIN

ENGLAND • SCOTLAND • NORTHERN IRELAND • WALES  
ISLES OF SCILLY • CHANNEL ISLANDS



Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness, Scotland

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

### National Trust

- Discover the National Trust's signature properties at Ightham Mote, Mount Stewart House and Tredegar House
- During a maiden call to Chatham explore the heritage of Chatham's Historic Dockyard
- Absorb Scotland's poignant history at Culloden Moor and Glencoe
- Visit the Castle of Mey, former home of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother
- Enjoy scenic highland cruising and step ashore onto the remote islands of Lewis, Treseco and Sark
  - See the unique spectacle of the Tall Ships as they gather in Belfast for their annual race

**D**epart Portsmouth for Chatham on the banks of the River Medway, to explore the dramatic exhibits at The Historic Dockyard or discover the delights of Ightham Mote, a medieval moated manor house.

Edinburgh is Scotland's dynamic capital city, dominated by Edinburgh Castle, offering a medieval Old Town and a Georgian New Town while from the town of Invergordon admire the dramatically located ruins of Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness or learn about the ancient Picts at Tarbert. From Scrabster stand on the most northerly point of mainland Britain at Dunnet Head or visit the remote Castle of Mey. The Callanish Standing Stones, on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, is one of the most significant and important megalithic complexes in Europe. Cruise past an unspoilt landscape of islands, glens and bays, en route to Oban. On the banks of Loch Fyne lies Inverary Castle, or enjoy a particularly scenic drive to enigmatic Glencoe. Situated on a deep lough is the maritime city of Belfast. In 2015 Belfast will be

hosting the The Tall Ships Festival and a large fleet of Tall Ships are expected in port during our call. Sail south to Cardiff, a maiden call, where the Welsh 17th century Tredegar House invites exploration and enjoy the sound of a traditional Welsh Male choir. Just 28 miles off the southwest coast of Cornwall lie the remote Isles of Scilly and the sub-tropical Treseco Abbey Gardens where rare plants flourish in the warmth of the gulf stream. Finally, *Minerva* sails to the Channel Islands and the tiny island of Sark. Traffic-free, the island is a delight to explore.

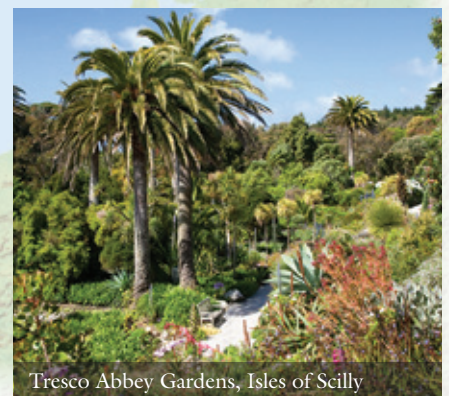
## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Ms Sarah Staniforth** –  
Former Museums and Collections Director,  
National Trust.  National Trust

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

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## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Chatham** Historic Dockyard, Ightham Mote  
**Port Rosyth** Edinburgh Castle & City Drive, Hopetoun House, PM Independent exploration  
**Invergordon** Urquhart Castle & Loch Ness, Culloden, Picts at Tarbert  
**Scrabster** Castle of Mey, Dunnet Head & John O'Groats  
**Stornoway** Lewis & Callanish Stones, Hebridian Scenic Drive  
**Oban** Glencoe Scenic Drive, Inverary Castle. PM independent exploration  
**Belfast** Belfast City Tour, Mount Stewart House & Gardens, PM Independent to visit Tall Ships Festival  
**Cardiff** Cardiff City Tour, Tredegar House  
**Isles of Scilly** Tresco Abbey Gardens  
**Sark** Independent Exploration.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Chatham** Canterbury Cathedral  
**Port Rosyth** Firth of Forth cruise, Stirling Castle & Bannockburn  
**Belfast** Giants Causeway & Antrim Coast  
**Isles of Scilly** Marine Safari  
**Sark** Horse & Carriage Ride.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
23 Jun	Portsmouth, England		4.00pm
24 Jun	Chatham, England	10.00am	6.00pm
25 Jun	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
26 Jun	Edinburgh (Port Rosyth), Scotland	8.00am	5.00pm
27 Jun	Invergordon, Scotland	12.30pm	7.30pm
28 Jun	Scrabster, Scotland	8.00am	9.00pm
29 Jun	Stornoway, Outer Hebrides	8.00am	In port
30 Jun	Hebridean scenic cruise		6.00am
30 Jun	Oban, Scotland	10.00pm	In port
1 Jul	Oban, Scotland ↓	In port	6.00pm
2 Jul	Belfast, Northern Ireland	8.00am	10.00pm
3 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
4 Jul	Cardiff, Wales	8.00am	5.00pm
5 Jul	Isles of Scilly, England ↓	9.00am	7.00pm
6 Jul	Sark, Channel Islands ↓	12.00pm	7.00pm
7 Jul	Portsmouth, England	7.00am	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

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AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150623
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$10,580
Outside Cabins from	\$5,775
Inside Cabins from	\$4,375
Single Fares Available	
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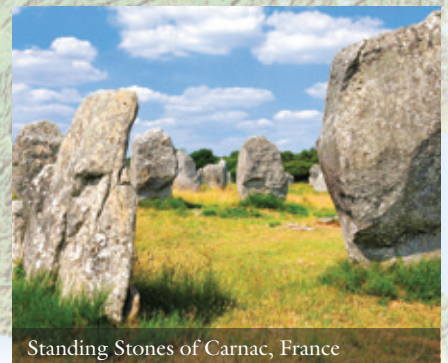


# A FLEMISH *and* FRENCH MASTERPIECE

THE NETHERLANDS • BELGIUM • CHANNEL ISLANDS • FRANCE • UK



Monet's Garden, Giverny



Standing Stones of Carnac, France

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS



### RHS Garden Holidays

- Designed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society and featuring a choice of garden excursions
- Discover the legacy of the Golden Age in Amsterdam and Bruges
- Remember the First World War at Ypres, In Flanders Fields Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Berth in the heart of Bordeaux to enjoy Bastille Day celebrations.
  - Set foot on the picturesque island of Belle Île
- Absorb the mystery of the Standing Stones of Carnac
  - Wander among the colourful plants and flowers of Claude Monet's garden at Giverny

Departing Portsmouth, *Minerva* cruises the English Channel to Amsterdam. Explore the city's charming canals by boat and visit the outstanding Rijksmuseum before sailing along the coast to Ostende.

No one can fail to be moved by a visit to Ypres and In Flanders Fields Museum while another beautiful Flemish city, Bruges, is the best preserved example of medieval Flanders. Cruise to charming St Peter Port on the island of Guernsey for an afternoon of independent exploration before cruising around France's most westerly point, the Pointe de Pern, to visit the picturesque port of La Rochelle. Stroll around the city admiring the beautifully preserved architecture of the old town, or explore the marshy natural park known as Green Venice on a punt boat ride. Sailing south *Minerva* will transit the Gironde River to berth right in the heart of Bordeaux, enabling you to walk ashore to watch the Bastille Day celebrations. Enjoy the fireworks from the Bridge of Stone this evening, and spend a further day in this elegant city from where you can also explore the wine region of St Emilion. Wander around the pretty town of

Le Palais on Belle Île with its star shaped fort, before *Minerva* sails to Lorient to explore the hidden gem of Pont Aven which so enchanted the artist Paul Gauguin or see the mysterious pre historic standing stones at Carnac. *Minerva* is small enough to berth in the inner harbour of St Malo. Discover the old town and walk along the ramparts, or visit Mont St Michel. Finally, Honfleur, one of the most charming old fishing ports in France, wander the narrow streets in the footsteps of artists or explore Monet's garden at Giverny.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Canon Rupert Bursell** – Theologian, historian and classicist, Honorary Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

**Professor William Vaughan** – Professor Emeritus in History of Art, Birkbeck College, London.

The panel will also include an RHS approved Guest Speaker.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.



In partnership with RHS Garden Holidays Complimentary RHS membership. (Please see page 113 for details).

*“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see”.*

Edgar Degas (French painter, 1834-1917)



Honfleur, France

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Amsterdam** Amsterdam Highlights & Canal Cruise, Rijksmuseum or Haarlem and Frans Hals Museum **Ostende** Bruges, Ypres In Flanders Fields **St Peter Port** Independent exploration **La Pallice** La Rochelle Drive & Walk, Green Venice **Bordeaux** Bordeaux Panorama & Chateau, Bordeaux Walk & Drive, St Emilion, Independent exploration - Bastille Day Celebrations **Le Palais (Belle Île)** Independent exploration **Lorient** Pont Aven, Carnac, PM Independent exploration **St Malo** Dinard, St Malo Walk, Mont St Michel **Honfleur** Honfleur & the Pays d'Auge, Rouen.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Amsterdam** Houses and Gardens walk **St Peter Port** Occupied Guernsey, Gardens of Guernsey **La Pallice** Cognac **Le Palais (Belle Île)** Island Drive **Honfleur** Giverny.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
7 Jul	Portsmouth, England		10.30pm
8 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
9 Jul	Amsterdam, Netherlands	7.00am	7.00pm
10 Jul	Ostend, Belgium	8.00am	4.00pm
11 Jul	St Peter Port, Guernsey ⚓	1.30pm	8.00pm
12 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
13 Jul	La Pallice, France	7.00am	8.00pm
14 Jul	Bordeaux, France	7.30am	In port
15 Jul	Bordeaux, France	In port	5.30pm
16 Jul	Belle Île/Palais ⚓	10.00am	7.00pm
16 Jul	Lorient, France	11.00pm	In port
17 Jul	Lorient, France	In port	6.00pm
18 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
18 Jul	St Malo, France	9.15pm	In port
19 Jul	St Malo, France	In port	7.45pm
20 Jul	Honfleur, France	11.00am	7.00pm
21 Jul	Portsmouth, England	7.00am	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150707
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$11,255
Outside Cabins from	\$6,065
Inside Cabins from	\$4,515
Single Fares Available	
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Bastille Day celebrations



# AZORES ARCHIPELAGO ADVENTURE

UK • CHANNEL ISLANDS • THE AZORES • MADEIRA • SPAIN



Sete Cidades, The Azores

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise to the Azores Archipelago, spot dolphins and whales from the Promenade Deck
- Founded on the riches of the New World trade, discover the distinct architecture of Angra do Heroismo, a Unesco World Heritage site
- Explore the volcanic blue island of Faial abounding with hydrangeas
  - Stand on the Kings viewpoint and look down upon the natural wonder of the colourful crater lakes at Sete Cidades
- Admire the breathtaking views from Cabo Girao, on Madeira, the second highest cliff face in the world
- Stretch your legs on hikes that get you off the beaten track on the Atlantic Islands 

**M***inerva* departs the historic naval city of Portsmouth and sails south. Explore picturesque St Peter Port on the island of Guernsey at your leisure then during a day at sea listen to introductory talks by your Guest Speakers or relax on the Promenade Deck. From La Coruña, follow the pilgrim route to Santiago de Compostela where the magnificent 12th century cathedral houses the tomb of the apostle Saint James.

As *Minerva* spends two days sailing to the Azores Archipelago, keep a keen eye out for sightings of dolphins and whales or enjoy a workshop in the company of experts. Each island in the Azores, sculptured by ancient volcanoes, has its own identity. *Minerva* calls first at Angra do Heroismo on the island of Terceira. Explore the town's historic centre or hike up Monte Brasil for views over the island. Horta, on the island of Faial, so-called because of the large number of fire trees (faias-da-terra) on the island. Savour the views across the sea to the conical shaped island of Pico and see the verdant volcanic crater lush with junipers

and ferns. Ponta Delgada is your gateway to the largest island of the Azores, Sao Miguel pineapple hot houses and tea plantations survive on these unique islands! View the stunning crater lakes of Sete Cidades one seemingly blue, the other green, Cruise south to Funchal on the island of Madeira. Drive out to Cabo Girao for panoramic views of the island or walk the unique levada irrigation channels, before sailing to the shores of Spain. Enjoy a flavour of Andalucia in Cadiz; in the cooler late afternoon explore the town from *Minerva's* central berth or enjoy a flamenco show before cruising through the Strait of Gibraltar to Malaga. Uncover the Moorish heritage of the city or journey up into the Sierra to walk amongst unique limestone landscapes.

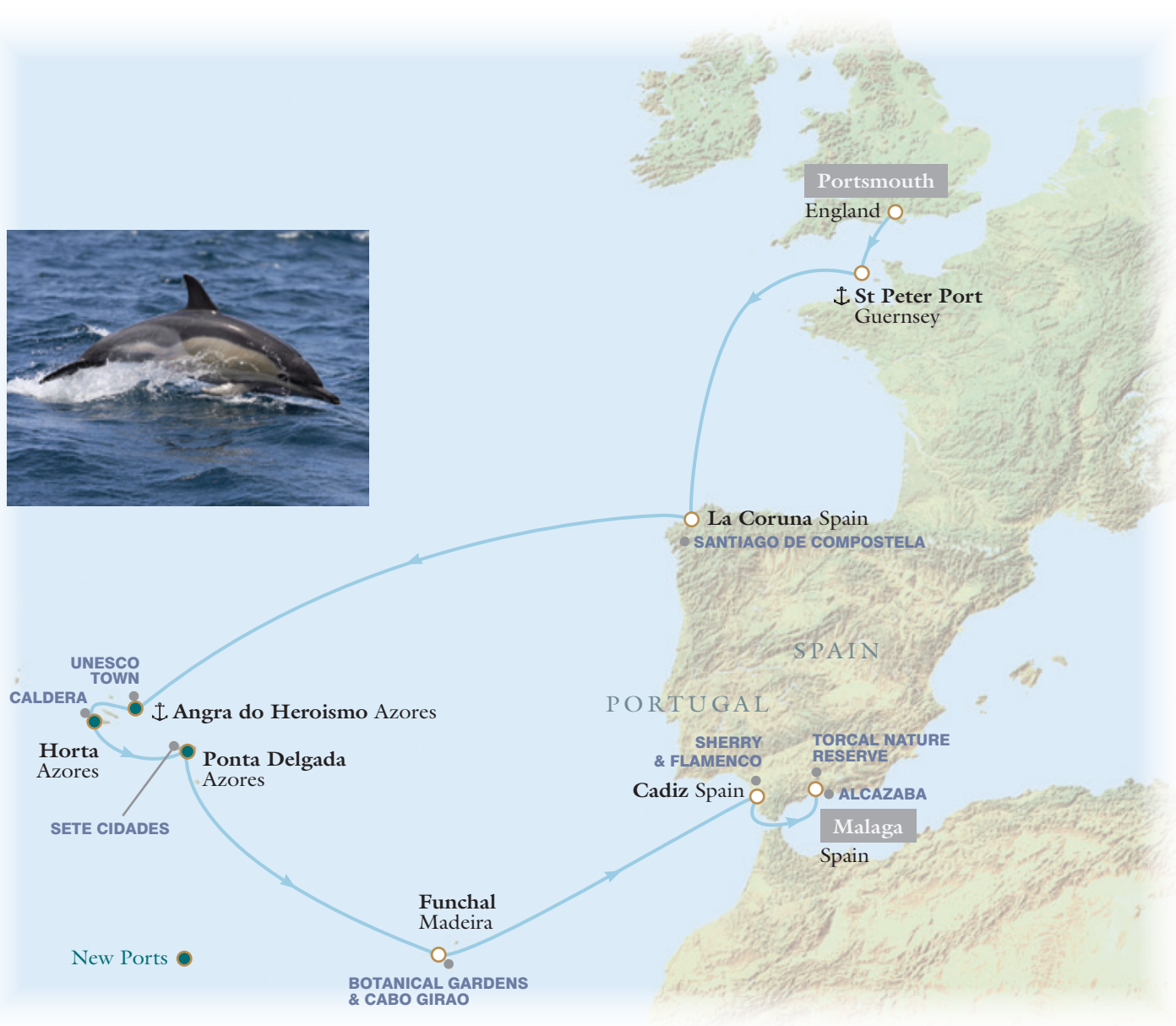
## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Dr Peter Cattermole** – Former lecturer in volcanology and planetary geology.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

21 JULY – 5 AUGUST 2015 16 Days from \$3,580 per person twin share



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**St Peter Port** Independent Exploration **La Coruna** Santiago de Compostela **Angra do Heroismo** Town Walk, Monte Brasil Hike **Horta** Island Drive, Crater Hike, Independent Exploration **Ponta Delgada** Sete Cidades & Botanical Gardens, Ribeira & Fire Lake, Hike **Funchal** Gabo Girao Scenic Drive, Levada Hike, Botanical Gardens, Independent Exploration **Cadiz** Town Walk **Malaga** City Walk, Torcal National Park.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**St Peter Port** Gardens of Guernsey, Island Drive **Azores** Dolphin & Whale Safari **Ponta Delgada** Furnas Valley **Cadiz** Sherry & Flamenco.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
21 Jul	Portsmouth, England		6.00pm
22 Jul	St Peter Port, Guernsey ⚓	8.00am	2.00pm
23 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
24 Jul	La Coruna, Spain	7.00am	3.00pm
25 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
26 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
27 Jul	Angra do Heroismo, Azores ⚓	1.30pm	10.00pm
28 Jul	Horta, Azores	8.00am	6.00pm
29 Jul	Ponta Delgada, Azores	8.00am	11.00pm
30 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
31 Jul	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
1 Aug	Funchal, Madeira	6.00am	5.00pm
2 Aug	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
3 Aug	Cadiz, Spain	4.30pm	9.30pm
4 Aug	Malaga, Spain	12.00pm	In port
5 Aug	Malaga, Spain		In port

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150721
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,225
Outside Cabins from	\$4,875
Inside Cabins from	\$3,580
Single Fares Available	
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Terceira, Angra do Heroismo



# IMPRESSIONS *of the* RIVIERA

SPAIN • MOROCCO • MENORCA • SARDINIA • CORSICA  
FRENCH & ITALIAN RIVIERAS • ELBA • ITALY



Villa Ephrussi, France

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS



### RHS Garden Holidays

- Designed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society and featuring a choice of garden excursions
  - Wander through the tranquil gardens and ornate courtyards of Moorish Alhambra Palace
- Encounter the unique identities of the pretty Mediterranean islands of Menorca, Sardinia, Corsica and Elba
  - Stroll amongst ornate gardens and discover the opulent treasures of Villa Ephrussi
- Discover the picturesque ports of the French and Italian Rivas that so inspire artists
  - Walk amongst the marble splendour of Pisa's Leaning Tower, Duomo and Baptistery

**E**mbark *Minerva* in the Andalucian city of Malaga and travel to the Moorish Alhambra Palace in Granada to marvel at its richly decorated interior.

Sailing through the narrow Strait of Gibraltar, *Minerva* calls at Tangier. Walk through the bustling souk and visit the walled Kasbah. Cartagena is one of Spain's hidden gems, its city centre a dense mass of narrow streets which conceal a well preserved Roman Theatre. Mahon, on the island of Menorca, is a delightful port town with a pretty harbour front. Explore the island on a scenic drive or join a walking tour in Cuitadella, the former capital. Cruise east to the island of Sardinia and the ancient town of Alghero. Spend the afternoon among the honey-coloured buildings, cobbled streets and bustling squares before sailing north to Ajaccio, birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, and visit the craggy mountainous interior covered in dense maquis. The French Riviera captivated artists, discover why as you enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the colourful fishing port at Sanary Sur Mer or enjoy a scenic Riviera drive from Nice.

On to Portovenere, clinging to the rugged Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera, a town of narrow steps and cobbled paths. From Livorno the splendour of Romanesque Pisa and the elegant city of Florence wait to be discovered. An island drive will reveal Elba's dramatic and beautiful scenery before you conclude your cruise in Civitavecchia, gateway to the Etruscan frescoed tombs at Tarquinia and historic Rome.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor Sir Barry Cunliffe** – Emeritus Professor, European Archaeology, University of Oxford.

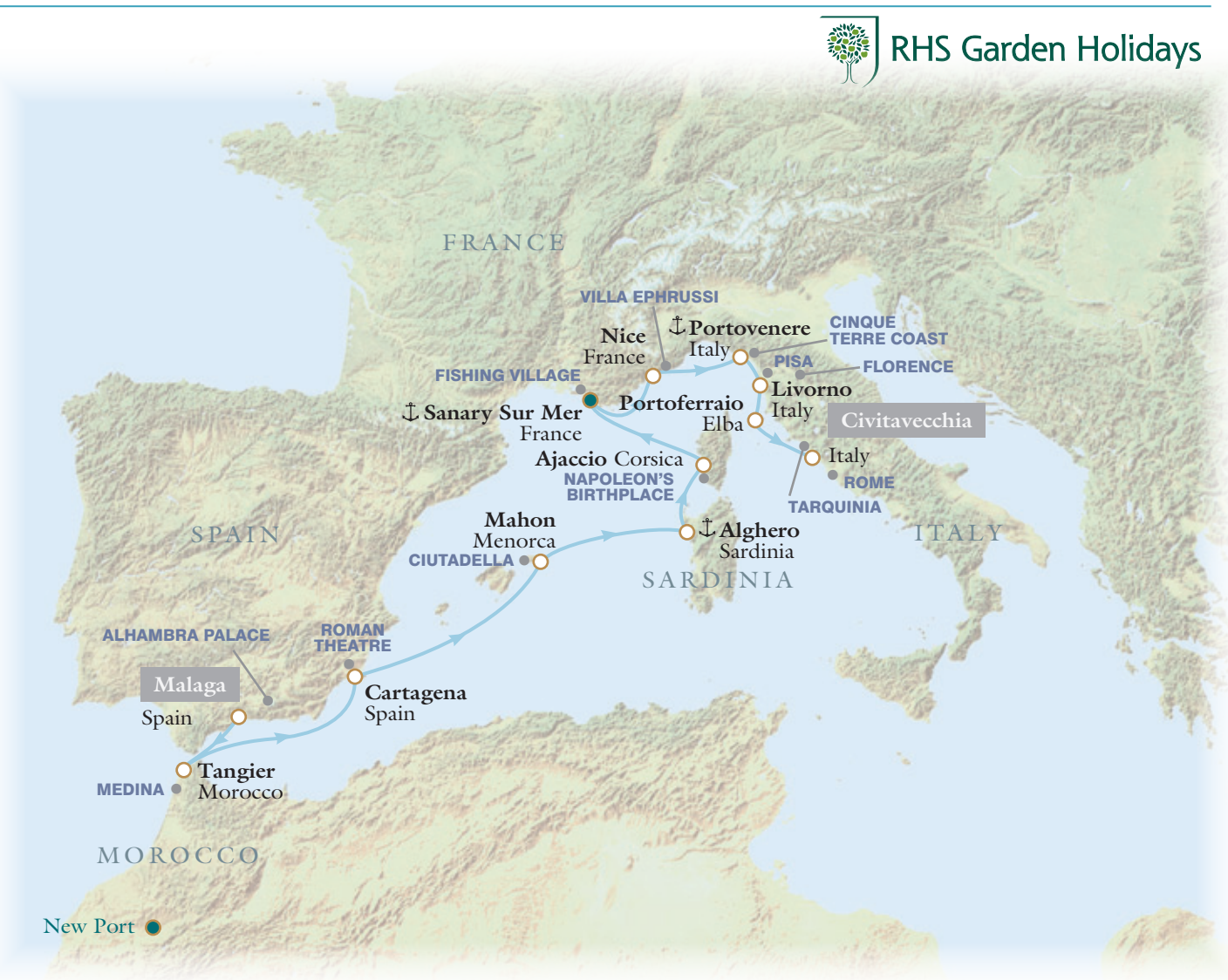


**Mr Stephen Duffy** – Former Senior Curator, Wallace Collection, London.

The panel will also include an RHS approved Guest Speaker.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

5 AUGUST – 19 AUGUST 2015 15 Days from \$2,800 per person twin share



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Malaga** Malaga Town Walk, Torcal National Park, La Concepcion Gardens **Tangier** Tangier Tour & Walk **Cartagena** Cartagena Walk & Roman Theatre, Elche Palm Garden **Mahon** Scenic Island Drive, Ancient Menorca, PM Independent Exploration **Alghero** Town walk, Sights of Sardinia **Ajaccio** Town Walk, Prunelli Gorges Scenic Drive **Sanary Sur Mer** Independent Exploration **Nice** Riviera Scenic Drive, Highlights of Nice, Villa Ephrussi **Portovenere** Independent Exploration **Livorno** Pisa, Lucca Walk **Portoferraio** Island Drive, Portoferraio Walk, PM Independent exploration **Civitavecchia** Ostia, Tarquinia.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Malaga** Cordoba, Alhambra Palace, **Sanary Sur Mer** Domaine de Rayol Gardens **Nice** Chagall & Matisse Museums **Livorno** Florence & Garden **Civitavecchia** Vatican Rome.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
5 Aug	Malaga, Spain		In port
6 Aug	Malaga, Spain	In port	11.00pm
7 Aug	Tangier, Morocco	8.00am	1.30pm
8 Aug	Cartagena, Spain	2.00pm	11.00pm
9 Aug	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
10 Aug	Mahon, Menorca	8.00am	7.00pm
11 Aug	Alghero, Sardinia ⚓	1.00pm	7.00pm
12 Aug	Ajaccio, Corsica	8.00am	4.00pm
13 Aug	Sanary Sur Mer, France ⚓	8.00am	7.00pm
14 Aug	Nice, France	8.00am	11.00pm
15 Aug	Portovenere, Italy ⚓	12.00pm	3.00am
16 Aug	Livorno, Italy	8.00am	11.00pm
17 Aug	Portoferraio, Elba	6.00am	6.00pm
18 Aug	Civitavecchia, Italy	7.00am	In port
19 Aug	Civitavecchia, Italy	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150805
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$8,225
Outside Cabins from	\$4,270
Inside Cabins from	\$2,800
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# AN ITALIAN MOSAIC

ITALY • AEOLIAN ISLANDS • SICILY • TUNISIA • MALTA



*"The Creator made Italy from designs  
by Michaelangelo".*

Mark Twain (American author and humourist, 1835-1910)

Venice, Italy

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Overnight in Naples, plenty of time to fully appreciate the treasures of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Ischia Gardens
- Alight in Sicily and discover the distinct Norman heritage of Palermo
- See the impressive ruins of the largest colosseum in North Africa at El Djem
- Ensure you are on deck as *Minerva* sails into Valletta's magnificent Grand Harbour, with its imposing fortifications and vast panorama
- Glittering Byzantine mosaics can be admired at San Vitale Basilica, Ravenna
- Sail into Venice and explore one of the world's most remarkable cities

**E**mbark *Minerva* in Civitavecchia, the gateway to the eternal city of Rome and the fine frescoes of the Etruscan tombs of Tarquinia. Explore these treasure houses of art and antiquity before sailing south to Naples from where you can visit Pompeii, Herculaneum and, during a second day in port discover art treasures in former palaces.

Lipari is the largest of the volcanic Aeolian islands. Explore the town at your leisure before sailing to Palermo, on the island of Sicily, Europe's grandest city in the 12th century and a melting pot of cultures. Across the Mediterranean in Africa, the walled town of Sousse was settled by the Phoenicians, Romans, Byzantines and Arabs. Discover the spectacular 3rd century Roman amphitheatre of El Djem, once the sixth largest arena in the Roman Empire. Sail east to Valletta to explore the well-preserved prosperous city of the Knights of St John or enjoy a cruise around the magnificent Grand Harbour. Gallipoli nestled on Italy's Puglian coast, lives up to its name 'beautiful city'. Enjoy a walk around this

delightful walled port with its fine baroque cathedral and piazzas. Sail north through the Adriatic Sea to Ravenna, a glittering showcase for Byzantine art and culture, before ensuring you are on deck to enjoy *Minerva's* arrival in Venice 'The Queen of the Adriatic' and one of the world's most remarkable cities.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:



**Dr Steve Kershaw** – Classics Tutor  
for Oxford University Department of  
Continuing Education.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

19 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER 2015 15 Days from \$4,115 per person twin share



San Vitale Basilica, Ravenna



Palermo, Sicily



New Port

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Civitavecchia** Ostia, Viterbo, Tarquinia  
**Naples** Pompeii, Vesuvius Hike, Herculaneum, National Archaeological Museum  
**Lipari** Independent exploration  
**Palermo** Monreale, Palatine Chapel & Panoramic Drive  
**Sousse** El Djem, Sousse Town Walk  
**Valletta** Island drive & Mdina, Valletta Walk PM Independent exploration  
**Gallipoli** Town Walk  
**Ravenna** Ravenna City Tour, PM Independent exploration  
**Venice** Doge's Palace, Torcello & Murano, Venice Walk.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Civitavecchia** Roman Rome  
**Naples** Ischia & Garden, Capodimonte  
**Lipari** Island Drive, Volcano Cruise  
**Palermo** Sicily Highlights, Private Palazzo  
**Valletta** Harbour Cruise  
**Venice** Palladio Villas, Palazzo & Gondola.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
19 Aug	Civitavecchia, Italy	In port	In port
20 Aug	Civitavecchia, Italy	In port	8.00pm
21 Aug	Naples, Italy	12.00pm	In port
22 Aug	Naples, Italy	In port	7.00pm
23 Aug	Lipari, Italy	1.00pm	11.00pm
24 Aug	Palermo, Sicily	8.00am	7.00pm
25 Aug	Sousse, Tunisia	5.00pm	In port
26 Aug	Sousse, Tunisia	In port	2.00pm
27 Aug	Valletta, Malta	8.00am	11.00pm
28 Aug	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
29 Aug	Gallipoli, Italy	7.00am	4.00pm
30 Aug	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
31 Aug	Ravenna, Italy	8.00am	5.00pm
1 Sep	Venice, Italy	8.00am	In port
2 Sep	Venice, Italy	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150819
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$10,360
Outside Cabins from	\$5,525
Inside Cabins from	\$4,115
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	

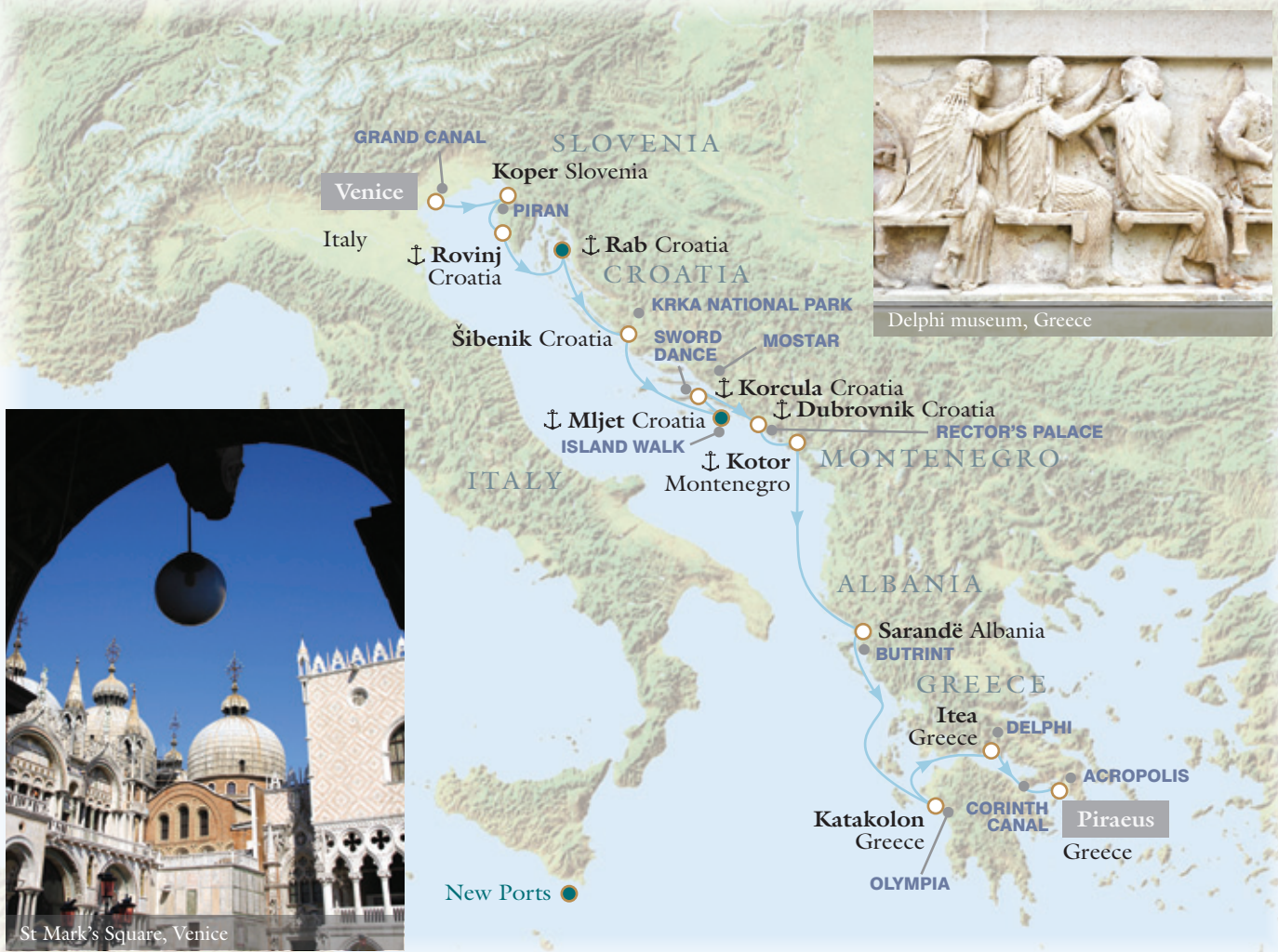


El Djem Amphitheatre, Tunisia



# HIDDEN TREASURES *of the* ADRIATIC

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## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore remarkable Venice and see the iconic Grand Canal, St Mark's Square and Doge's Palace
- Walk through the ancient streets of the picturesque medieval town of Rovinj overlooked by the beautiful Church of St Euphemia
- Enjoy nature and waterfalls at Krka National Park and walk across the wooded island of Mljet
- Savour scenic cruising among the islands of the Dalmatian Coast
- Wander along the marble streets of walled Dubrovnik
- Travel into the mountains to the breathtaking location of ancient Delphi
- Stand on the Promenade Deck as *Minerva* transits the engineering marvel of the Corinth Canal

**E**mbark in one of the world's most remarkable cities, Venice, and enjoy its architectural masterpieces at first hand as you explore the city on foot before a leisurely cruise along the delightful Istrian and Dalmatian coasts.

From the Slovenian town of Koper, discover the old Venetian town of Piran, beautifully situated on the waterfront with a wealth of historic buildings, before sailing to Rovinj, the most beautiful town on the Adriatic. Separated from the Croatian mainland by the Velebit canal is the island of Rab, where you can stroll at leisure in the walled town. In Šibenik you will find one of the finest cathedrals on the Adriatic, while on Mljet enjoy a walk across Croatia's greenest island, covered by a dense Mediterranean forest. Korčula, a typical medieval walled Dalmatian town, is the perfect place to explore at your leisure or enjoy an exhilarating sword dance. Walk along Dubrovnik's city walls offering spectacular views over the city rooftops or enjoy a swim in the clear Adriatic waters. Cruising along the scenic fjord to Montenegrin Kotor,

where the old fortifications cling to the steep hillside. Discover the ancient Greek settlement of Butrint from the small town of Sarandë in southern Albania. Stand on the site of ancient Olympia and drive up the slopes of Mount Parnassus, from Itea, to discover the atmospheric site of Delphi before *Minerva* transits the Corinth Canal to spend a day in the ancient city of Athens allowing you to discover more treasures of ancient Greece.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your Guest Speakers may discuss the ancient world, Venice and the Venetian Empire and contemporary issues in the countries that border the Adriatic.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

2 SEPTEMBER – 16 SEPTEMBER 2015 15 Days from \$3,835 per person twin share



Rovinj, Croatia

*“Those who seek paradise on earth  
should see Dubrovnik”.*

G B Shaw (Irish playwright, 1856-1950)

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Venice** Doge’s Palace, Murano & Torcello, Venice Walk **Koper** Piran Walk, Postojna Caves, PM Independent exploration **Rovinj** Rovinj Town Walk **Rab** Independent exploration **Šibenik** Town Walk, PM Independent exploration **Korcula** Independent exploration **Mljet** Island Walk & Lake **Dubrovnik** Dubrovnik on foot, Cavtat & Riviera, Lokrum Island, PM Independent **Kotor** Kotor Town Walk, Montenegro Panorama, PM Independent exploration **Sarande** Butrint **Katakolon** Olympia & Museum **Itea** Delphi, Osios Loukas, PM Independent exploration **Piraeus** Acropolis, Ancient Corinth. PM Independent exploration.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Venice** Palladio Villas, Palazzo & Gondola, **Koper** Lipica Stud **Dubrovnik** Dubrovnik by cable car, Mostar **Katakolon** Mercouri Estate Wine & Oil.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
2 Sep	Venice, Italy		In port
3 Sep	Venice, Italy	In port	11.00pm
4 Sep	Koper, Slovenia	7.00am	11.00pm
5 Sep	Rovinj, Croatia ⚓	8.00am	2.00pm
5 Sep	Scenic cruise/Rab, Croatia	11.00pm	In port
6 Sep	Rab, Croatia ⚓ /scenic cruise	In port	1.00pm
6 Sep	Šibenik, Croatia	11.30pm	In port
7 Sep	Šibenik, Croatia	In port	5.00pm
8 Sep	Mljet, Croatia ⚓	8.15am	2.30pm
8 Sep	Korcula, Croatia ⚓	6.00pm	11.00pm
9 Sep	Dubrovnik, Croatia ⚓	6.00am	11.00pm
10 Sep	Kotor, Montenegro ⚓ /scenic cruise	8.00am	5.00pm
11 Sep	Sarandë, Albania	1.00pm	7.00pm
12 Sep	Katakolon, Greece	12.00pm	8.00pm
13 Sep	Itea, Greece	8.00am	In port
14 Sep	Itea, Greece	In port	9.00am
14 Sep	Corinth Canal transit		afternoon
15 Sep	Piraeus, Greece	6.00am	In port
16 Sep	Piraeus, Greece	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150902
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$9,705
Outside Cabins from	\$5,165
Inside Cabins from	\$3,835
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Mljet, Croatia



# THE SPARKLING AEGEAN

GREECE • TURKEY



Symi, Greece

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the awe inspiring monasteries of Meteora perched high on towering rock peaks
- Walk through the ruins of Ephesus with its magnificent Library and Theatre
  - Stroll down the Street of the Knights to visit the Grand Master's Palace in Rhodes
- Cruise into Santorini's caldera and wonder at the buried Minoan settlement of Akrotiri
- Discover the diverse characters of Skyros, Symi and Milos – off the beaten track Aegean islands
- Listen to the pure acoustics of the well preserved Hellenic Theatre at Epidauros

**E**xplore the iconic Acropolis in Athens before sailing to the island of Skyros, renowned in myth as the hiding place of Achilles. A few hours' drive from Thessaloniki, near the Pindus Mountains, are the fabled monasteries of Meteora, while at Vergina discover the splendid gold tomb treasures of the Macedonian kings.

Close cruise isolated Mount Athos, where more than twenty monasteries dot the mountain slopes en route to Dikili, gateway to spectacular hill top ruins of the acropolis at Pergamon, once a rich and powerful Hellenic kingdom. To Turkey's Aegean coast and Kusadasi, where an impressive array of Roman and Greek sites, including Ephesus, await discovery. *Minerva* anchors off the pretty fishing village of Kas on Turkey's Lycian coast. See the restored theatre and the rock-cut Lycian tombs. Sail west to explore the Grand Master's Palace on the fortified island of Rhodes and enjoy an evening ashore on the tiny island of Symi. In Agios Nikolaos on Crete, discover ancient Minoan sites such as Malia Palace and Gournia. *Minerva* anchors in

the caldera of Santorini, itself an unforgettable experience, enabling you to visit the buried Minoan settlement of Akrotiri or watch the sun set at Oia. Explore the white washed hilltop town on the Cycladic island of Milos, where the Statue of Venus was discovered, and spend a day in the pretty port of Nauplia, gateway to legendary Mycenae and the impressive theatre of Epidauros.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Mr Nigel McGilchrist** – Art Historian and author of 'McGilchrist's Greek Islands'.

**The Revd Professor Teresa Morgan** – University Lecturer in Ancient History, University of Oxford.

**Dr Michael Squire** – Lecturer in Classics, King's College London.

**Dr Christopher Whitton** – Lecturer in Classics, University of Cambridge.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*

16 SEPTEMBER – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 15 Days from \$4,010 per person twin share



## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Piraeus** Acropolis, National Archaeological Museum **Skyros** Independent exploration **Thessaloniki** Vergina, City Tour, Pella **Dikili** Pergamon Acropolis, Museum & Asclepion **Kusadasi** Ephesus, Didyma & Miletus **Kas** Demra & Myra, Xanthos, Independent exploration **Rhodes** Town Walk, Island Drive **Symy** Independent exploration **Agios Nikolaos** Malia Minoan Palace, Gournia & Kritsa **Santorini** Oia, Akrotiri **Milos** Plaka Village Walk **Nauplia** Epidauros, Mycene, PM Independent exploration.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Piraeus** Corinth Canal **Thessaloniki** Meteora **Kusadasi** Aphrodisias **Kas** Coastal Cruise **Rhodes** Lindos **Agios Nikolaos** Spinalonga **Santorini** Volcano hike.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
16 Sep	Piraeus, Greece		In port
17 Sep	Piraeus, Greece	In port	4.00pm
18 Sep	Skyros, Greece ↕	7.00am	4.00pm
19 Sep	Thessaloniki, Greece	7.00am	8.00pm
20 Sep	Mt Athos scenic cruise		
20 Sep	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i> /Dikili, Turkey	10.00pm	In port
21 Sep	Dikili, Turkey	In port	4.00pm
22 Sep	Kusadasi, Turkey	7.00am	11.00pm
23 Sep	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i> /Kas	8.00pm	In port
24 Sep	Kas, Turkey ↕	In port	4.00pm
24 Sep	Rhodes, Greece	midnight	In port
25 Sep	Rhodes, Greece	In port	1.00pm
25 Sep	Symy, Greece ↕	4.30pm	10.00pm
26 Sep	Agios Nicolaos, Greece	12.00pm	11.00pm
27 Sep	Santorini, Greece ↕	7.00am	10.00pm
28 Sep	Milos, Greece ↕	8.00am	2.00pm
28 Sep	Nauplia, Greece	midnight	In port
29 Sep	Nauplia, Greece	In port	7.00pm
30 Sep	Piraeus, Greece	6.00am	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

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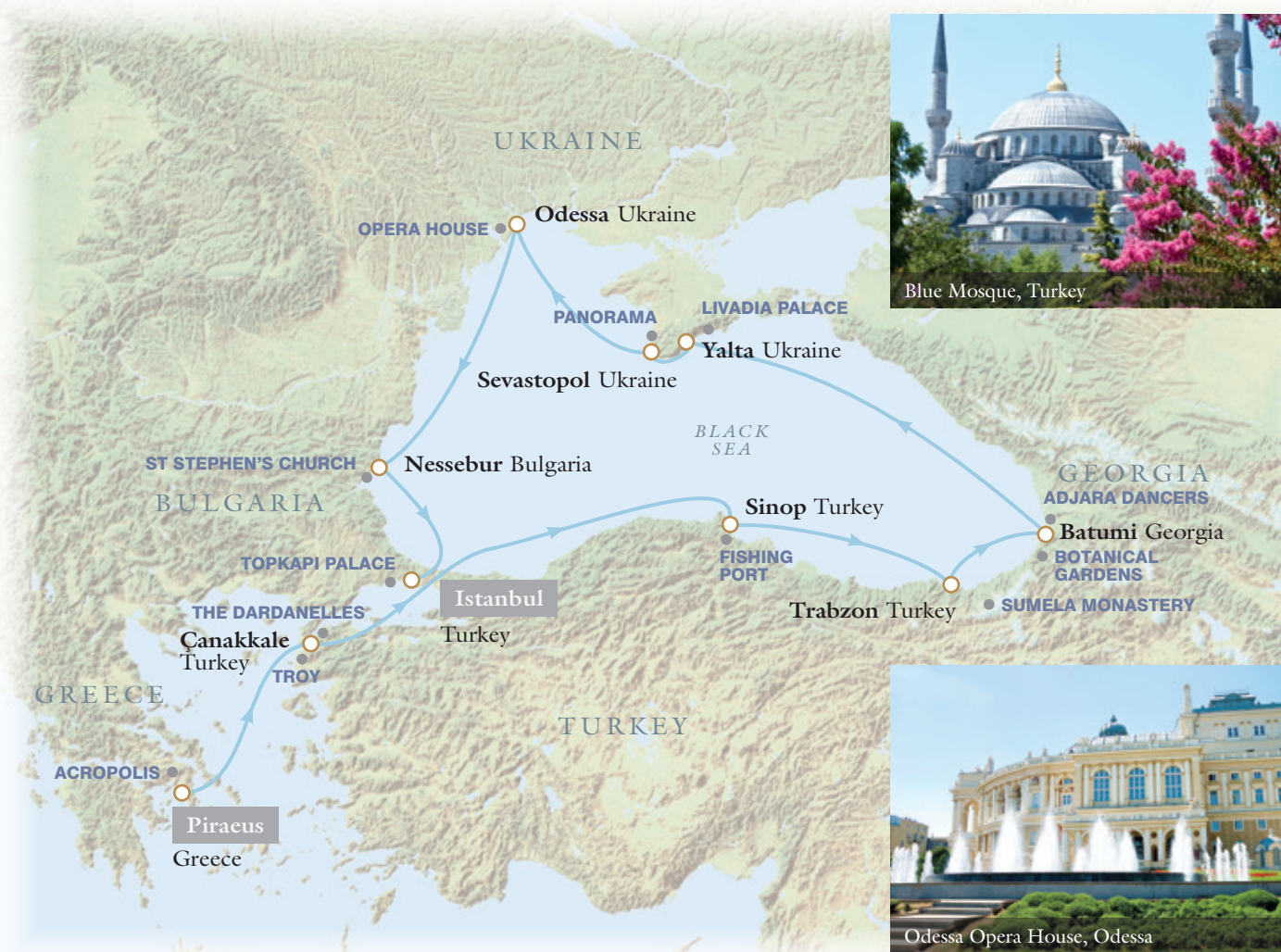
AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150916
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$10,500
Outside Cabins from	\$5,495
Inside Cabins from	\$4,010
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	





# COASTS *of the* BLACK SEA

GREECE • TURKEY • GEORGIA • UKRAINE • BULGARIA



Blue Mosque, Turkey



Odessa Opera House, Odessa

## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at Sumela Monastery, built high in the Pontic Alps
- Enjoy an exhilarating performance of Georgian song and dance
- Visit Livadia Palace following in the footsteps of Tsars and World Statesmen
  - Explore the naval stronghold of Sevastopol and step back in time to Crimean Wars as you gaze on the magnificent Panorama
- Recall the splendour of Catherine the Great's city, Odessa, visit the sumptuous Opera House and walk down the Potemkin Steps
- Wonder at the soaring Aghia Sophia and minarets of Istanbul's skyline

**F**rom Athens, the oldest city in Europe, sail to the strategically important town of Canakkale, your starting point for the legendary site of Troy.

Enjoy a morning sailing through the narrow Bosphorus before entering the Black Sea to cruise east to Sinop, where the foundations of the Temple of Serapis are to be found in the grounds of the Archaeological Museum. Further east along the Turkish coast lies the historic town of Trabzon. Drive into the Pontic Alps to the stunning ruins of Sumela Monastery, seemingly embedded into soaring cliffs. From Batumi, drive along Georgia's scenic coastline to the 'Green Cape' to explore the delightful surrounds of the largest botanical gardens of the former Soviet Union. Cruise across the Black Sea to the Crimean Peninsula to Yalta, where Chekhov spent the last years of his life. Explore the White Palace of Livadia, once a summer residence of the Russian Royal Family and the site for the historic Yalta Conference in 1945. Sevastopol withstood siege for 11 months during the Crimean War, an event recorded on a magnificent Panorama. The city of Odessa was founded in the 18th century

by Catherine the Great and you can recall the city's former splendour by visiting two of its many mansions. *Minerva's* final call in the Black Sea is to the historic town of Nessebur, where carefully preserved Byzantine churches and typical wooden buildings abound. Sailing back through the narrow Bosphorus *Minerva* makes her way to the magnificent city of Istanbul. Explore the heart of this iconic city, a melting pot of East and West.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**The Revd Dr Anders Bergquist** – Archaeology and Theology, Vicar of St John's Wood, London.

**Lt Colonel Tony Coutts-Britton** – History Lecturer and Battlefield Guide.

**Ms Theodora Clarke** – expert on Russian and Soviet art.

**General the Lord Richards of Herstmonceux** – Former Chief of the UK Defence Staff

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.



Alupka Palace, Ukraine

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Piraeus** Acropolis, **Canakkale** Troy, **Sinop** City Walk, Sinop Panorama, **Trabzon** Sumela Monastery, St Sophia Church, **Batumi** Batumi Gardens, Adjara Dance Performance, **Yalta** Livadia & Alupka Palaces, Botanical Gardens, PM Independent exploration, **Sevastopol** City Tour, Chersonesos, Balaclava, Bakchisarai Palace, **Odessa** Highlights of Odessa, City Walk, PM Independent exploration, **Nessebur** City Tour, Bulgarian Village, **Istanbul** Old Istanbul, Spice & Mosque Walk, Ottoman Heritage.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Piraeus** Corinth Canal, **Canakkale** Gallipoli, **Batumi** Panoramic Batumi & Home Visit, **Yalta** Chekhov's House, Massandra Palace & Wine, **Sevastopol** Sevastopol Harbour Cruise, **Odessa** Odessa Mansions – Music & Art, Evening Opera House Performance, **Nessebur** Sozopol, **Istanbul** Byzantine.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with a post cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
30 Sep	Piraeus, Greece		In port
1 Oct	Piraeus, Greece	In port	3.00pm
2 Oct	Canakkale, Turkey	9.30am	7.00pm
3 Oct	Bosphorus Transit/ Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
4 Oct	Sinop, Turkey	9.00am	2.00pm
5 Oct	Trabzon, Turkey	8.00am	7.00pm
6 Oct	Batumi, Georgia	7.00am	10.00pm
7 Oct	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
8 Oct	Yalta, Ukraine	8.00am	11.00pm
9 Oct	Sevastopol, Ukraine	8.00am	6.00pm
10 Oct	Odessa, Ukraine	8.00am	In port
11 Oct	Odessa, Ukraine/ Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		6.00am
12 Oct	Nessebur, Bulgaria	8.00am	6.00pm
13 Oct	Istanbul, Turkey	7.00am	In port
14 Oct	Istanbul, Turkey	In port	

*Your cruise fare excludes Turkey visa which must be obtained prior to travel.*

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN150930
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$12,795
Outside Cabins from	\$6,810
Inside Cabins from	\$5,070
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Yalta



# AEGEAN *and* IONIAN CONTRASTS

TURKEY • GREECE • ALBANIA • CROATIA • MONTENEGRO



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the bustling streets of Istanbul and admire the ornate Ottoman Blue Mosque
- Walk along the marbled Street of the Kuretes, through the evocative site of Ephesus to the impressive theatre.
  - Explore mythological Delos and atmospheric medieval Monemvasia
- Run in the wake of ancient Greek athletes at Olympia's stadium
- Discover jewels of the Adriatic amidst the walled town of Dubrovnik and along the majestic Kotor Fjord
  - Consult the oracle at Delphi, dramatically situated in the mountains

**M**agnificent Istanbul sets the backdrop to your cruise experience. Cruise the narrow Dardanelles and the Aegean Sea en route to Kusadasi, on Turkey's Aegean coast, where the spectacular Library of Celsus stands at Ephesus.

Explore lesser known islands of the Cyclades: the uninhabited island of Delos – fabled birthplace of Artemis and Apollo – before enjoying an evening on the delightful island of Syros, where its main town is known for its marble paved streets, churches and old mansion houses. Discover the hidden gem of Monemvasia with its abandoned Venetian style houses and narrow streets before cruising to Katakolon from where you can explore ancient Olympia, site of the former Statue of Zeus, one of the ancient Wonders of the World. Enjoy lunch in a sea front taverna prior to sailing towards the Adriatic to Albania and visit the ancient coastal Greek port at Butrint. Walk Dubrovnik's city walls for spectacular views over the city rooftops and the stunning Adriatic coastline before cruising along Kotor Fjord to the medieval walled town of Kotor.

From the small Greek port of Itea, drive up the slopes of Mount Parnassus to discover the atmospheric site of Delphi before *Minerva* transits the Corinth Canal to reach Piraeus, ancient port of hellenic Athens.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

**Professor David Abulafia** – Professor of Mediterranean History, University of Cambridge.

*See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.*



Dubrovnik, Croatia

14 OCTOBER – 27 OCTOBER 2015 14 Days from \$4,195 per person twin share



Monemvasia Square, Greece

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Istanbul** Old Istanbul, Topkapi Palace, Spice & Mosques Walk **Kusadasi** Ephesus, Didyma & Miletus **Delos** Independent exploration **Syros** Independent exploration **Monemvasia** Town Walk **Katakolon** Olympia & Museum **Sarande** Butrint **Dubrovnik** Dubrovnik on foot, Cavtat & Riviera **Kotor** Town Walk, Montenegro Panorama **Itea** Delphi, Osios Loukas Monastery, PM Independent exploration **Piraeus** Sounion.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Istanbul** Bosphoros Cruise, Byzantine **Katakolon** Mercouri Vineyard **Dubrovnik** Dubrovnik by cable car, Mostar.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Enhance your experience with pre cruise options. Please see pages 100-103 for full details.

## YOUR ITINERARY

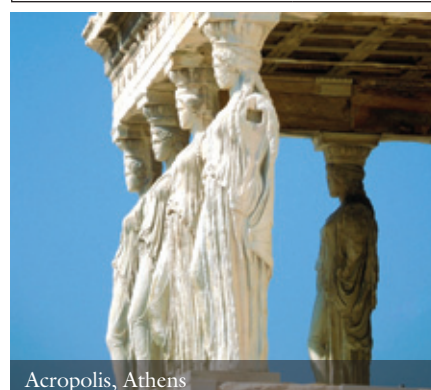
DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
14 Oct	Istanbul, Turkey		In port
15 Oct	Istanbul, Turkey	In port	7.00pm
16 Oct	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
17 Oct	Kusadasi, Turkey	7.00am	7.00pm
18 Oct	Delos, Greece ⚓	8.00am	1.30pm
18 Oct	Syros, Greece	5.00pm	10.00pm
19 Oct	Monemvasia, Greece ⚓	9.00am	2.00pm
20 Oct	Katakolon, Greece	8.00am	4.00pm
21 Oct	Sarandë, Albania	8.00am	2.00pm
22 Oct	Dubrovnik, Croatia ⚓	8.00am	11.00pm
23 Oct	Kotor, Montenegro	8.00am	4.00pm
24 Oct	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
25 Oct	Itea, Greece	8.00am	11.00pm
26 Oct	Corinth Canal transit	early morning	
26 Oct	Piraeus, Greece	2.00pm	In port
27 Oct	Piraeus, Greece	In port	

*Your cruise fare excludes Turkey visa which must be obtained prior to travel.*

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

FARES PER PERSON	MIN151014
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$11,020
Outside Cabins from	\$5,760
Inside Cabins from	\$4,195
Single Fares Available	
AUS prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Acropolis, Athens



# LANDSCAPES *of the* MEDITERRANEAN

GREECE • SICILY • AEOLIAN ISLANDS • TUNISIA • MALTA



## YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise into Santorini's caldera and wonder at the ancient Minoan buried settlement of Akrotiri
- Explore Sicily lying at the crossroads of Mediterranean culture
  - Ascend the slopes of Mt Etna, Europe's highest active volcano
  - Admire the impressive mosaics of Monreale, legacy of Palermo's Norman heritage
- Visit the ruined city of Carthage, destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C.
- An overnight stay in the fortified port of Valletta gives plenty of time to discover Valletta, bastion of the Knights of St John


Set off from Athens, the city with a glorious history, to discover the restless landscapes of the southern Mediterranean. Sailing into Santorini's caldera in the early morning is an unforgettable experience whilst a hike up the slopes of volcanic Nea Kameni is truly invigorating.

*Minerva* sails to Crete where you can spend a morning exploring the atmospheric streets in the Venetian quarter of the harbour town of Chania. Catania, on the Italian island of Sicily, was constructed from the lava that poured down from Mount Etna and destroyed the city in the 1669 eruption. Admire its elegant buildings before cruising the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Aeolian island of Lipari. Close to Lipari is the island of Vulcano which Homer described as the workshop of Hephaestus, the Greek god of fire. Close cruise the active volcano of Stromboli for the evening spectacle of a lava firework display as *Minerva* sails toward Palermo, Europe's grandest city in the 12th century and

visit Byzantine Monreale with its glittering mosaics. Across the Mediterranean, alight on African shores at Tunis where Carthage was once the richest sea port in ancient times and destroyed by the Romans in 146BC. Sail into Valletta's impressive fortified Grand Harbour to explore this well-preserved city, bastion of the Knights of St John whose cathedral abounds in riches, before transiting narrow, steep sided Corinth Canal back to Athens.

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Your guest speakers on this cruise include:

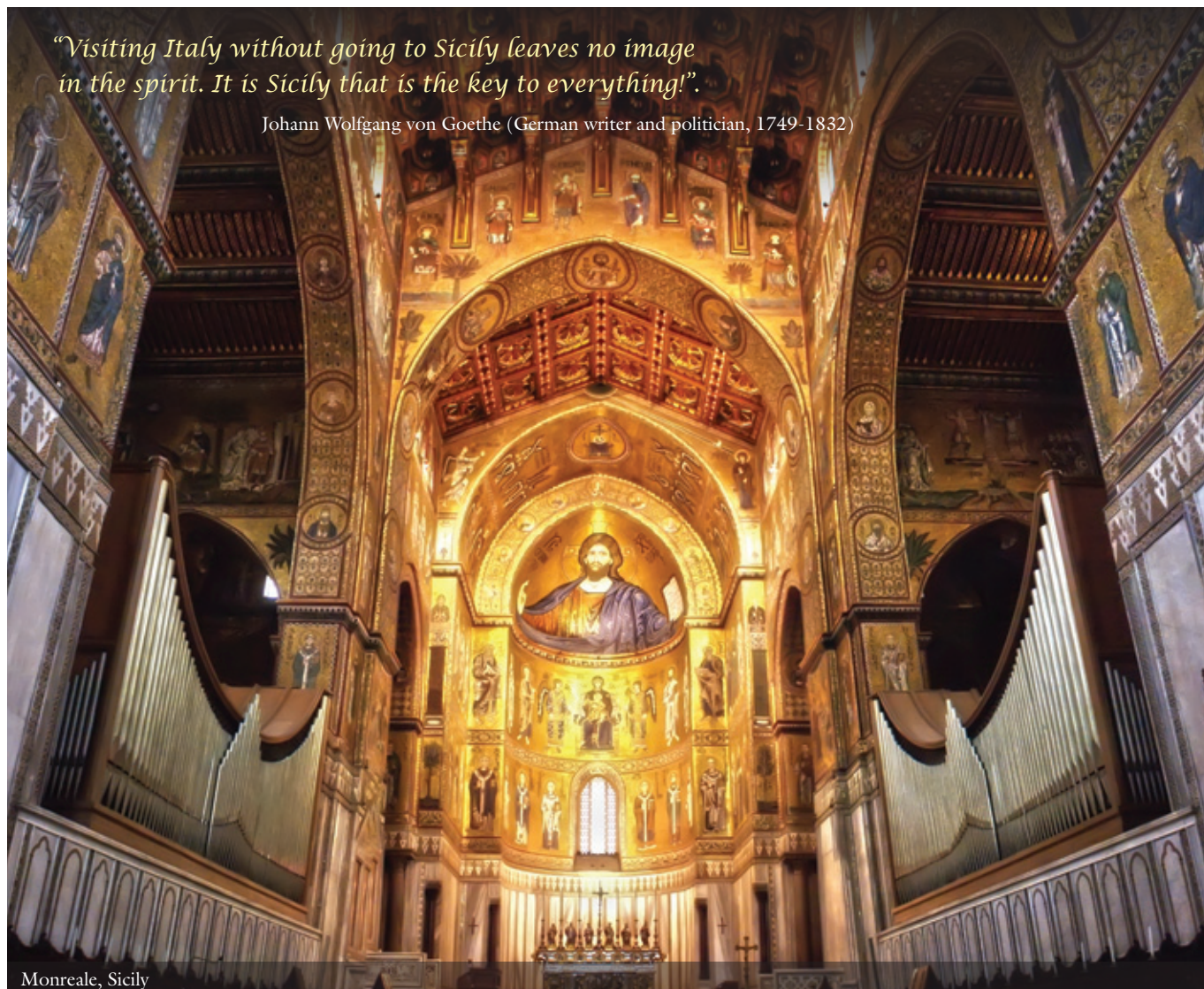
 **Professor Ian Beckett** – Professor of Military History, University of Kent.

**Dr Peter Cattermole** – Former lecturer in volcanology and planetary geology.

**The Rt Revd Graham James** – Historian and Bishop of Norwich.

See pages 104-107 for biographical notes.

27 OCTOBER – 9 NOVEMBER 2015 14 Days from \$3,545 per person twin share



*"Visiting Italy without going to Sicily leaves no image in the spirit. It is Sicily that is the key to everything!"*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (German writer and politician, 1749-1832)

Monreale, Sicily

## YOUR CHOICE OF INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

**Piraeus** Acropolis, Ancient Corinth **Santorini** Oia or Akrotiri. PM Independent exploration  
**Souda Bay** Chania, Akrotiri Peninsula  
**Catania** Town Walk, Syracuse, Mt Etna **Lipari** Independent exploration **Palermo** Monreale, Palatine Chapel & Drive **La Goulette** Carthage, Bardo Museum, Sidi Bou Said  
**Valletta** Island Drive, Valletta Town Walk  
**Piraeus** Sounion.

### Optional Shore Excursions include:

**Lipari** Island Drive, Volcano Cruise **Valletta** Harbour Cruise.

## YOUR ITINERARY

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
27 Oct	Piraeus, Greece		In port
28 Oct	Piraeus, Greece	In port	4.00pm
29 Oct	Santorini, Greece ⚓	8.00am	9.00pm
30 Oct	Souda Bay, Greece	7.00am	2.00pm
31 Oct	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
1 Nov	Catania, Sicily	7.00am	9.00pm
2 Nov	Lipari, Italy ⚓	8.00am	6.00pm
2 Nov	Cruise past Stromboli		late evening
3 Nov	Palermo, Sicily	8.30am	3.00pm
4 Nov	La Goulette, Tunisia	8.00am	6.00pm
5 Nov	Valletta, Malta	2.00pm	In port
6 Nov	Valletta, Malta	In port	3.00pm
7 Nov	Cruise on <i>Minerva</i>		
8 Nov	Corinth Canal transit		early morning
8 Nov	Piraeus, Greece	2.00pm	In port
9 Nov	Piraeus, Greece	In port	

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

AUS FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE	MIN151027
Cabin Type	Standard Fare
Balcony Suites from	\$10,220
Outside Cabins from	\$5,365
Inside Cabins from	\$3,545
Single Fares Available	
AUS\$ prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120	



Minerva, Corinth Canal

# Take the time to *discover* more Grand Voyages 2014-15

For those that love variety and appreciate value, Swan's choice of Grand Voyages will be a tempting alternative to our individual itineraries. By combining two or more successive cruises – and perhaps adding in a pre- or post-cruise tour or city stay – you can tailor-make your own Grand Voyage.

*"There is a special charm to journeys undertaken before daybreak in hot lands: the air is soft and cool and the coming of dawn reveals a landscape fresh from the night dew."*

from Letters from Burma, Aung San Suu Kyi,  
Burmese Democracy Leader (b1945)





# GRAND ANCIENT WONDERS

8 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER 2014 29 Days

ITALY • SICILY • TUNISIA • MALTA • GREECE • TURKEY • CYPRUS • LEBANON  
EGYPT • JORDAN



Trace the history of ancient cultures, empires and peoples as you cruise from the eternal city of Rome to the rose-red city of Petra, the eighth wonder of the ancient world. Discover the ancient domestic architecture of Pompeii, the punic remains of Carthage, Sousse, settled by the Phoenicians, the atmospheric site of Delphi and, of course, the birthplace of civilisation, Athens. Wander through ancient Phaselis, admire the beautiful mosaics in the ancient coastal city of Paphos, explore the Crusader castle at Byblos and transit the Suez Canal to see the Pyramids of ancient Egypt.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 32-35 of this brochure.



# GRAND REALMS OF ANTIQUITY

8 OCTOBER – 20 NOVEMBER 2014 44 Days

ITALY • SICILY • TUNISIA • MALTA • GREECE • TURKEY • CYPRUS • LEBANON • EGYPT  
JORDAN • ERITREA • DJIBOUTI • OMAN



Experience the fusion of Mediterranean cultures, art and architecture and follow in the wake of ancient traders as *Minerva* sails through the Mediterranean and the Red Sea to the Arabian city of Muscat. Visit the iconic cities of Rome, Naples, Valletta and Athens and wander through Roman theatres, colonnaded streets and transit the Suez Canal. The Pyramids of Giza, the Nabataean city of Petra and the Valley of the Kings are all to be enjoyed before *Minerva* sails to Oman with a call at Salalah, known for the ancient Frankincense trade, and onward to Muscat.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 32-37 of this brochure.



# GRAND DESERT SHORES

## 22 OCTOBER – 20 NOVEMBER 2014 30 Days



GREECE • TURKEY • CYPRUS • LEBANON • EGYPT • JORDAN • ERITREA • DJIBOUTI • OMAN

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN141022A	
Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$16,605
Outside cabins from	\$8,560
Inside cabins from	SOLD OUT
<i>Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.</i>	



Petra, Jordan

Ancient Roman cities, Crusader castles, the Pyramids of Giza and the Nabataean city of Petra are just some of the wonders to be seen on *Minerva's* Grand Voyage from the ancient city of Athens to Oman. Visit one of the best preserved Roman theatres in Asia Minor before following the Knights of St John to Cyprus and then Lebanon where you can visit the Crusader castle at Byblos. Transit the Suez Canal to discover a desert world of Pyramids, ancient cities in the sand and the burial place of the Pharaohs. Cruise down the Red Sea to Salalah, home of the Frankincense tree and your final port, the fascinating city of Muscat.

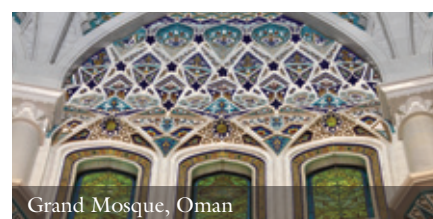
*Full details for these itineraries can be found on pages 34-37 of this brochure.*

# GRAND TRADE WINDS

## 5 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2014 30 Days



EGYPT • JORDAN • ERITREA • DJIBOUTI • OMAN • INDIA • SRI LANKA



Grand Mosque, Oman

From the Egyptian port of Sharm El Sheikh discover Arab and Nomadic culture as you follow ancient trade routes down through the Red Sea, around the Arabian Peninsula and across the Arabian Sea to India. From the well-known sites of Luxor, enjoy relaxing days at sea as you cruise to the little-visited East African port of Djibouti and on to the atmospheric souks, palaces and mosques of Oman. Follow the trade winds southwards along the western shores of the Indian subcontinent - calling at sites in the Indian states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu - to the enchanting island of Sri Lanka and its capital, Colombo.

*Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 36-37 & 40-41 of this brochure.*

AUS\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN141105A	
Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$15,615
Outside cabins from	\$8,200
Inside cabins from	\$5,640
<i>Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.</i>	



# GRAND INDIAN OCEAN

5 NOVEMBER – 19 DECEMBER 2014 45 Days

EGYPT • JORDAN • ERITREA • DJIBOUTI • OMAN • INDIA • SRI LANKA • BURMA  
MALAYSIA • SINGAPORE



From the land of the Pharaohs sail south through the Red Sea to call at the lively East African town of Djibouti and onwards to Oman, soaking up the winter sun during relaxing days at sea en route. From the palaces and mosques of Oman, cruise the Arabian Sea to India's western shores visiting Gandhi's birthplace, admiring Victorian architecture, exploring the restful backwaters of Kerala and delving deep into rural India. The charm of Sri Lanka follows, while a highlight of this Grand Voyage must be two days in Yangon including a visit to the exquisite Shwedagon Pagoda. Enjoy the contrasts of Malaysia, tropical scenery, multi-ethnic cities and traditional culture before arriving at the Lion City, Singapore.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 36-37 & 40-43 of this brochure.



Kerala

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN141105B	
Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$23,795
Outside cabins from	\$12,260
Inside cabins from	\$8,370
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.	



Pinnawela, Sri Lanka

# GRAND INDIAN VOYAGE

## 20 NOVEMBER – 19 DECEMBER 2014 30 Days



OMAN • INDIA • SRI LANKA • BURMA • MALAYSIA • SINGAPORE



Colours of India

The lingering images of former colonial empires, the sights and sounds of rural India and the scent of spices on the trade winds, inspire a relaxing cruise from Muscat to the Indian Subcontinent and on to Singapore. Explore Porbandar, birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, the vibrant city of Mumbai, Kerala, India's most beautiful state and Tuticorin on the very southern tip of India. Enjoy the relaxed charm of Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, and the ancient Muslim port of Galle before cruising the Indian Ocean to sail up the Yangon River to Yangon in Burma (Myanmar). Finally, compare the natural beauty of Langkawi with the colonial architecture of Penang and Singapore.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 40-43 of this brochure.

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN141120A	
Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$17,095
Outside cabins from	\$8,745
Inside cabins from	\$6,045
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.	

# GRAND ORIENTAL ODYSSEY

## 20 NOVEMBER 2014 – 3 JANUARY 2015 45 Days



OMAN • INDIA • SRI LANKA • BURMA • MALAYSIA • SINGAPORE • CAMBODIA  
VIETNAM • HONG KONG



Merlion, Singapore

Cruise the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, Andaman and South China Seas on a Grand Voyage from the Arabian Peninsula to Hong Kong in China. Sail down the western shores of the Indian Subcontinent, visit the enchanting island of Sri Lanka, sail up the Yangon River to the colonial city of Yangon, visit the 'Pearl of the Orient' Penang, the former Malay sultanate of Malacca and the 'Lion City', Singapore before spending the festive period visiting the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh and cruising north along the Vietnamese coast discovering the legacy of the Cham's kingdom at Po Nagar, the colonial city of Hanoi and the atmospheric limestone islands of Halong Bay. Conclude your oriental odyssey in the fabulous city of Hong Kong.

Full details for these itineraries can be found on pages 40-45 of this brochure.

AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN141120B	
Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$26,545
Outside cabins from	\$13,515
Inside cabins from	\$9,295
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.	



# GRAND COLOURS *of the* EAST

4 DECEMBER 2014 – 3 JANUARY 2015 31 Days

SRI LANKA • BURMA • MALAYSIA • SINGAPORE • CAMBODIA • VIETNAM • HONG KONG



Hoi An market, Vietnam



**C**elebrate Christmas and the New Year on board *Minerva* cruising east from Colombo, Sri Lanka, to Hong Kong in China. Cruise the Indian Ocean, sail up the Yangon River to the colonial city of Yangon in Burma (Myanmar), contrast the tropical scenery of Langkawi with the multi-ethnic city of Georgetown and visit World War II sites in Singapore. Spend the festive period discovering the highlights of Cambodia and Vietnam, including Phnom Penh, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City and Halong Bay and, finally, explore one of China's most dynamic cities, Hong Kong.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 42-45 of this brochure.



Schwedagon Pagoda, Yangon

## AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN141204A

Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities

Balcony suites from	\$18,205
Outside cabins from	\$9,400
Inside cabins from	\$6,540

Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.



Hue, Vietnam

# GRAND JAPAN AND CHINA

## 19 DECEMBER 2014 – 24 JANUARY 2015 37 Days



SINGAPORE • MALAYSIA • CAMBODIA • VIETNAM • HONG KONG • CHINA  
SOUTH KOREA • JAPAN • TAIWAN



### AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

MIN141219A

Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities

Balcony suites from \$25,195

Outside cabins from \$13,135

Inside cabins from **SOLD OUT**

Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.



Golden Pavilion, Kyoto, Japan

Enjoy a leisurely cruise discovering the wonders of Vietnam and Japan, beginning in Singapore and ending in one of China's most dynamic cities, Hong Kong. Discover the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, before exploring the highlights of Vietnam including the beautiful Cham city of Nha Trang, the imperial City of Hué, the bustling Vietnamese capital, Hanoi and the magnificent scenery of Halong Bay. Enjoy maiden calls to the metropolis of Shanghai as well as volcanic island of Jeju before discovering the Japanese city of Nagasaki, the tropical paradise of Kagoshima, the sacred island of Miyajima, Kyoto, one of Japan's most intriguing cities, as well as a call to Taiwan.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 44-47 of this brochure.

# GRAND COLONIAL EMPIRES

## 28 FEBRUARY – 29 MARCH 2015 30 Days



SINGAPORE • MALAYSIA • THAILAND • BURMA • SRI LANKA • INDIA • OMAN



### AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

MIN150228A

Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities

Balcony suites from \$18,945

Outside cabins from \$9,780

Inside cabins from \$7,035

Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.



Tea plantation, Sri Lanka

Experience the lingering images of former colonial empires, the sights and sounds of India and the scent of spices on the trade winds. Compare the colonial architecture of Singapore, Penang and Yangon with the natural beauty of the island of Phuket and the limestone karsts of Krabi Bay. Cruise the Indian Ocean to the relaxed charm of Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, before sailing to the Indian subcontinent to explore the rural life of Tuticorin and Kochi, Portuguese Goa and the vibrant city of Mumbai. Continue toward Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi before concluding your cruise in the elegant Omani city of Muscat.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 50-53 of this brochure.



# GRAND INDIA & ARABIA

15 MARCH – 13 APRIL 2015 30 Days

SRI LANKA • INDIA • OMAN • DJIBOUTI • EGYPT • JORDAN



Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai

Join *Minerva* on an Arabian adventure as she cruises from the Indian subcontinent to the Persian Gulf, around the Arabian peninsula and up the Red Sea to Egypt. From Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, discover the rural charms of India before arriving among the Victoria Raj architecture of bustling Mumbai. Depart Porbandar, Gandhi's birthplace, to sail across the Arabian Sea to visit the fascinating ancient trading ports of Muscat and Salalah. Continue up the Red Sea to the little-visited port of Djibouti, a former French colony, before sailing through the Red Sea to explore the fabled sites of the Valley of the Kings in Luxor, Egypt and the 'rose-red' city of Petra in Jordan.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 52-55 of this brochure.



AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE  
MIN150315A

Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities

Balcony suites from \$16,320

Outside cabins from \$8,505

Inside cabins from \$5,925

Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.



# GRAND ANCIENT HIGHLIGHTS

29 MARCH – 27 APRIL 2015 30 Days

OMAN • DJIBOUTI • EGYPT • JORDAN • ISRAEL • TURKEY • GREECE



Fort Quait Bey, Alexandria

Follow ancient trade routes from the Arabian Peninsula, through the Red Sea to the birthplace of civilisation, Athens. Discover modern Islamic culture, visit towns and countries still little frequented by western travellers and explore the ancient wonders of Luxor, Cairo and Petra before transiting the Suez Canal to Israel to discover Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee, some of the world's most sacred sites. Sail through the eastern Mediterranean to Turkey to discover the magnificent Roman city of Ephesus, and into the Aegean to revel in the beauty of the small Greek islands of Delos and Mykonos as well as the wonders of Athens.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 54-57 of this brochure.



AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE  
MIN150329A

Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities

Balcony suites from \$15,450

Outside cabins from \$8,235

Inside cabins from \$5,835

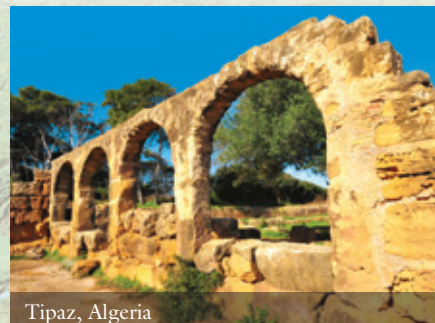
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.

# GRAND REALMS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

11 MAY – 8 JUNE 2015 29 Days



TURKEY • GREECE • ALBANIA • MONTENEGRO • CROATIA • SICILY • ITALY  
AEOLIAN ISLANDS • ALGERIA • SPAIN • PORTUGAL



Enjoy the late spring sunshine of the Adriatic and Mediterranean on this Grand Voyage exploring ancient Roman sites and great cities of Italy and Croatia. The Adriatic offers magnificent scenery as you sail through the beautiful Kotor Fjord and along the scenic coastline of Dalmatia while Italy brings the Norman jewels of Palermo, the grandeur of Rome and the volcanoes of the Aeolian islands. Maiden calls to Algeria allow you to discover one of the best-preserved Berbero-Roman ruins in North Africa at Djemila before *Minerva* sails through the Strait of Gibraltar and heads north to her home port of Portsmouth, taking in the delights of Cadiz and Oporto en route.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 62-65 of this brochure.



AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN150511A Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$16,850
Outside cabins from	\$8,865
Inside cabins from	\$6,205
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.	





# GRAND ISLAND VISTAS

21 JULY – 19 AUGUST 2015 30 Days

CHANNEL ISLANDS • THE AZORES • MADEIRA • SPAIN • MOROCCO • MENORCA  
SARDINIA • CORSICA • FRENCH & ITALIAN RIVIERAS • ELBA • ITALY



Join *Minerva* on this Grand Voyage south from Portsmouth to Civitavecchia, gateway to Rome and the Etruscan tombs at Tarquinia. Follow the pilgrim route to Santiago de Compostela and enjoy exploring the islands of the Azores, sculptured by ancient volcanoes and each with its own identity. Sail to the magnificent garden isle of Madeira and discover Spain's extraordinary Moorish Alhambra and the well-preserved Roman theatre of Cartagena. Mediterranean islands abound, with calls to Menorca, Sardinia, Corsica and Elba, while the French and Italian Riviervas offer breathtaking coastal scenery and elegant cities.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 72-75 of this brochure.



## AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN150721A

Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities

Balcony suites from	\$16,580
Outside cabins from	\$8,690
Inside cabins from	\$6,060

Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.



# GRAND AZORES & MEDITERRANEAN

21 JULY – 2 SEPTEMBER 2015 44 Days



CHANNEL ISLANDS • THE AZORES • MADEIRA • SPAIN • MOROCCO • MENORCA • SARDINIA  
CORSICA • FRENCH & ITALIAN RIVIERAS • ELBA • ITALY • AEOLIAN ISLANDS • SICILY • TUNISIA • MALTA



Enjoy the summer sun of the Mediterranean and Adriatic discovering cities of art and centuries of fascinating history. Explore the islands of the Azores and Madeira before sailing through the Strait of Gibraltar to discover the souks and kasbahs of Tangier, the ancient towns of Ciudadela and Alghero, the towns and landscapes of the French Riviera that inspired great artists, and the elegant Italian cities of Pisa and Florence. Follow in the footsteps of the Romans as you visit Rome and Pompeii and the awe-inspiring Roman theatre at El Djem. Sicily, and Italy's Adriatic coast, brings the glittering mosaics of Palermo and Ravenna and, finally, Venice's magnificent Doge's Palace.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 72-77 of this brochure.

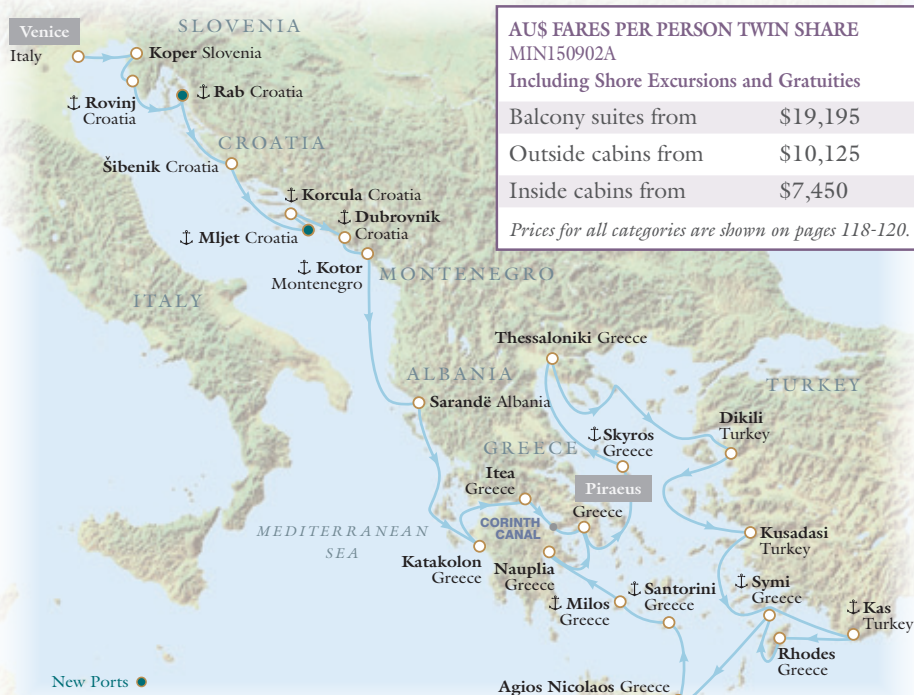
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Balcony suites from	\$26,420
Outside cabins from	\$13,935
Inside cabins from	\$9,970
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.	

# GRAND CLASSICAL COASTS

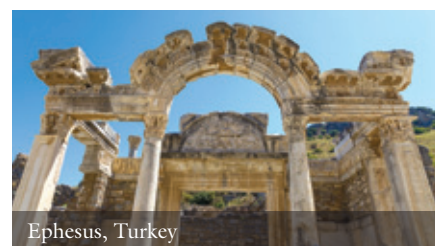
2 SEPTEMBER – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 29 Days



ITALY • SLOVENIA • CROATIA • MONTENEGRO • ALBANIA • GREECE • TURKEY



AU\$ FARES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE MIN150902A Including Shore Excursions and Gratuities	
Balcony suites from	\$19,195
Outside cabins from	\$10,125
Inside cabins from	\$7,450
Prices for all categories are shown on pages 118-120.	




Join *Minerva* on a Grand Voyage from one of the world's most remarkable cities, Venice, to the oldest city in Europe, Athens. Walk the cobbled streets of the walled towns of Slovenia, Croatia and Montenegro, visit the unique site of Butrint and discover atmospheric Delphi. Transit the narrow Corinth Canal to Athens and the treasures of ancient Greece, see the fabled monasteries of Meteora and close cruise Mount Athos where monasteries dot the coast. Discover the Roman and Greek sites of Turkey's Aegean and Lycian coasts, including the remarkable Roman city of Ephesus, before visiting an array of Greek islands and the legendary hilltop citadel of Mycenae.

Full details for both itineraries can be found on pages 78-81 of this brochure.



## PRE AND POST CRUISE OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



# Add more to enhance your cruise *experience*

Enhance your experience with this exciting selection of pre- and post-cruise options to further explore the cultures and landscapes of distant lands. Marvel at the Temples of Angkor Wat or step into history at the Great Wall of China. Visit the iconic Taj Mahal, explore the unworldly landscapes of Cappadocia or stay longer in some of the world's great cities. Just a few of the exciting destinations awaiting further discovery.

Taj Mahal, Agra

## ANGKOR WAT AND BANGKOK

### 4-NIGHT ESCORTED TOUR

**POST MIN141204: 19-23 Dec 2014\*\*** (see page 102)

**PRE MIN141219: 14-19 Dec 2014\*** (see page 102)

**POST MIN150124: 14-18 Feb 2015\*\*** (see page 102)

**PRE MIN150228: 23-28 Feb 2015\*** (see page 102)

Visit the truly staggering complex of Angkor. With three nights in Siem Reap, visit Angkor Wat, the South Gate of Angkor Thom and mysterious Ta Prohm Temple. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy sunrise and sunset visits of the Temples. A boat ride on Tonle Sap Lake reveals Cambodian rural life on floating villages. One night in Bangkok gives a taste of this frenetic city.

#### Your tour includes:

- All sightseeing mentioned, entrances, transport as required, portering and group flight airport transfers in Siem Reap
- Three nights' accommodation at the 5\* Angkor Palace Resort & Spa, Siem Reap and one night's accommodation at the 5\* Ramada Plaza Menam Riverside Hotel, Bangkok
- International flights from Singapore to Siem Reap and Siem Reap to Bangkok (for Post Tour) or Bangkok to Siem Reap and Siem Reap to Singapore (for Pre Tour)
- All meals during the tour including one evening dinner with local Cambodian dance show
- All gratuities for guides, drivers and group meals
- Fully escorted with a local escort and Swan Hellenic escort (subject to minimum numbers)

**RATES (per person) Twin: \$2,693 Single: \$2,993**

*This pre/post cruise extension starts/finishes in Bangkok.*



Temples of Angkor Wat



Buddhas, Bangkok



Guilin Mountains, Li River, China



Terracotta Army, Xian

## HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA

### 5-NIGHT ESCORTED TOUR

**POST MIN141219: 3-8 Jan 2015\*\*** (see page 102)

**POST MIN150103: 24-29 Jan 2015\*\*** (see page 102)

**PRE MIN150124: 18-24 Jan 2015\*** (see page 102)

Discover China as she emerges as the new economic superpower of the 21st century. In Guilin, one of the country's most picturesque regions, admire the wonderful karst landscapes on a Li River Cruise. In Beijing spend two nights visiting the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Summer Palace. Enjoy a further two nights at Xian to discover the Terracotta Warriors, the Shaanxi History Museum and the Wild Goose Pagoda.

#### Your tour includes:

- All sightseeing mentioned, entrances, transport as required, portering and group flight airport transfers in Guilin and Xian
- Flights from Hong Kong to Guilin, Guilin to Xian and Xian to Beijing (or vice versa)
- One night's accommodation at the 4\* Sheraton Hotel, Guilin, two nights' accommodation at the 5\* Sofitel Wanda Hotel, Beijing and two nights' accommodation at the 5\* Sofitel on Renmin Square Hotel, Xian
- All meals during the tour including one evening meal with a Tang Dynasty Show
- All gratuities for guides, drivers and group meals
- Fully escorted with a Swan Hellenic escort (subject to minimum numbers)

**RATES (per person) Twin: \$2,993 Single: \$3,443**

*NB: You are required to obtain a Chinese visa before departing.*

*This pre/post cruise extension starts/finishes in Beijing.*



## PRE AND POST CRUISE OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



Sigiriya, Sri Lanka

### ANCIENT CITIES OF SRI LANKA

#### 4-NIGHT ESCORTED TOUR

**PRE MIN141204: 29 Nov - 4 Dec 2014\*** (see page 102)

**POST MIN150228: 15-19 Mar 2015\*\*** (see page 102)

Enjoy a night in Sri Lanka's former capital, Colombo, before travelling inland to discover some of the sights that make up the country's Cultural Triangle. Visit the ruined 11th century city of Polonnaruwa, explore the sacred site at Anuradhapura, see the 5th century Aukana Buddha statue, climb the rock fortress of Sigiriya and admire the Dambulla Rock caves.

#### Your tour includes:

- All sightseeing mentioned, entrances, transport as required and portage
- One night's accommodation at the 4\* Galle Face Hotel, Colombo and three nights' accommodation at the 5\* Cinnamon Lodge Hotel, Habarana
- All meals during the tour
- All gratuities for guides, drivers and group meals
- Fully escorted with a Swan Hellenic escort (subject to minimum numbers)

**RATES (per person) Twin: \$1,868 Single: \$2,543**

**NB:** You are required to obtain a Sri Lankan visa before departing.

### GOLDEN TRIANGLE, INDIA

#### 6-NIGHT ESCORTED TOUR

**POST MIN141120: 4-10 Dec 2014**

**PRE MIN150315: 8-15 Mar 2015\*** (see page 102)

Admire the wealth of cultural sights in this classic tour. Fly to Delhi and spend two nights here to see Jama Masjid, Raj Ghat and visit New Delhi. Take the train to Agra to discover the ethereal beauty of the Taj Mahal and the red sandstone Moghul Fort. Travel to Jaipur, visiting Fatehpur Sikri en route and spend two nights in Rajasthan exploring the hilltop Amber Fort and Palace of the Winds. Enjoy a further overnight in Delhi before embarking *Minerva* or returning to the UK.

#### Your tour includes:

- All sightseeing mentioned, entrances, transport as required and portage
- Three nights' luxury accommodation in Delhi, one night's luxury accommodation in Agra, two nights' luxury accommodation in Jaipur
- International flight from Colombo to Delhi (or vice versa)
- First class train journey from Delhi to Agra
- All meals during the tour • All gratuities for guides, drivers and group meals
- Fully escorted with a local escort and a Swan Hellenic escort (subject to minimum numbers)

**RATES (per person) Twin: \$2,993 Single: \$3,509**

**NB:** You are required to obtain an Indian visa before departing.

This pre/post cruise extension starts/finishes in Delhi.



Amber Fort, Jaipur



Cappadocia, Turkey

### TURKEY – CAPPADOCIA AND ISTANBUL

#### 4-NIGHT PART ESCORTED TOUR

**POST MIN140827: 10-14 Sep 2014 PRE MIN140910: 6-10 Sep 2014**

Enjoy two nights in Istanbul allowing time to explore the city independently. A half day city tour is included. Whilst in Cappadocia, spend two nights amid its extraordinary landscapes visiting the natural citadel of Uchisar, the Goreme Open Air Museum with its churches hewn out of rock and see the villages of the Zelve Valley with their homes hidden amidst typical 'fairy chimneys'. You'll also explore the labyrinthine underground city of Kaymakli, a refuge for early Christians.

#### Your tour includes:

- All sightseeing mentioned, entrances, transport as required, portage and group flight airport transfers in Cappadocia
- Two nights' accommodation at the Tourist Hotel, Goreme and two nights' accommodation at the Crowne Plaza Istanbul - Old City, located in the historic centre of Istanbul
- Return internal flights from Istanbul to Cappadocia
- All meals during the tour in Cappadocia, bed and breakfast in Istanbul and one lunch in Istanbul • All gratuities for guides, drivers and group meals during the tour
- Services of an English speaking guide throughout the tour in Cappadocia and a local representative in Istanbul

**RATES (per person) Twin: \$1,745 Single: \$2,145**

A similar 3-night tour will be offered in 2015 for passengers embarking/disembarking in Istanbul. The tour will include 1 night in Istanbul and 2 nights in Cappadocia with sightseeing. Details will be sent with your confirmation invoice.

## INDEPENDENT CITY STAYS

Extend your holiday pre or post cruise with a variety of independent stays in this tempting selection of cities. All stays include bed and breakfast daily, group flight airport transfers, portorage and services of a local representative. All meals (except breakfast) and sightseeing is on an independent basis. Group international flights may be overnight to/from London.



### SINGAPORE – 3-NIGHT CITY STAY

Immerse yourself in the melange of Chinese, Malay, Indian and western cultures that constitute the Lion City with a stay at the 5\* Conrad Centennial Hotel, Singapore. Visit the Asian Civilisations Museum or Chinatown, Singapore's cultural heart, where you'll catch glimpses of Old Singapore with its temples and decorated terraces. Spend a day discovering tropical flora at the botanical gardens or the superb new Gardens by the Bay. Ride the Singapore Flyer, the world's largest observation wheel, for spectacular panoramic views of Singapore, and shop to your heart's content on Orchard Road.

**RATES (per person)** Twin: \$743 Single: \$1,199



### ROME – 2-NIGHT CITY STAY

Extend your cruise to explore the iconic sights of Rome at leisure. Whether your interests lie in the classical, renaissance or baroque, or simply savouring the atmospheric plazas, culture and cuisine; Rome invites exploration. Explore Palatine hill, home to the once opulent Roman Imperial Palace, walk along the colonnaded streets of the Forum and enter the Colosseum where bloodthirsty gladiatorial games were once staged. At San Clemente Basilica discover layers of past civilisations that have shaped Rome. Or cross the River Tiber to visit St Peter's Basilica within the Vatican City where, among the many art treasures on view, you can marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed Sistine Chapel.

**RATES (per person)** Twin: \$525 Single: \$665



### HONG KONG – 3-NIGHT CITY STAY

Crowded streets and empty wilderness, brash modernity and traditional observances, Hong Kong will take your breath away. Take a tram up the peak to view the myriad of skyscrapers; attend a race meeting at Happy Valley Racecourse; visit one of the many fascinating museums or browse one of the lively markets by day or night. Your base will be the centrally located 5\* Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

**RATES (per person)** Twin: \$1,013 Single: \$1,643



# Our renowned Guest Speakers

Our eminent Guest Speakers' talks illuminate the past and explain the present and, when *Minerva* close-cruises iconic coastlines, their deck talks add an extra dimension to your experience of countries, cultures and landscapes.



Dr Steve Kershaw – Classics

We are delighted to introduce some of the Guest Speakers who will be travelling on *Minerva* in 2014/15.

Please also refer to individual itinerary pages.

**PROFESSOR DAVID ABULAFIA** is Professor of Mediterranean History at Cambridge University and Fellow of the British Academy. He has written extensively on the history of the Mediterranean and Atlantic, especially southern Italy, Sicily and Spain. His best-selling *The Great Sea: A Human History of the Mediterranean* was published by Penguin Books in 2011 for which he was awarded one of the inaugural British Academy Medals in 2013.

**PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER ANDREW** is Emeritus Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Cambridge University, Honorary Professor at Queen's University, Belfast, former Visiting Professor at Harvard,

Toronto and Canberra, and Honorary Air Commodore. Christopher Andrew's *Defence of the Realm*, written as Official Historian of MI5, was 2010's 'Politics' best-seller.

**DR MERI ARICHI** is Senior Teaching Fellow in the Department of History of Art and Archaeology at SOAS, the University of London. She received her PhD from SOAS in 2003 and a post-doctoral fellowship from the CSJR (Centre for the Study of Japanese Religions) at SOAS in 2003/4. Her area of research interest is Buddhist art of Japan, particularly focusing on the Shinto-Buddhist syncretism in medieval Japan. She has been teaching History of Japanese Art at SOAS since 2007.

**PROFESSOR IAN BECKETT FRHistS** is Professor of Military History at the University of Kent. Having previously held chairs in both Britain and the United States, he is currently Chairman

of the Council of the Army Records Society and Secretary of the Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust. He is internationally known for his work on the First World War and on the history of the British Army.

**THE REVD DR ANDERS BERGQUIST** is Vicar of St John's Wood in London. He studied archaeology at Cambridge and travelled extensively in Eastern Europe before studying theology at Oxford. He has written on the subject of Hebrew scholarship in fifteenth century Florence, and is currently preparing a full-length study of the failed attempt to reunite the churches of East and West at the Council of Florence (1438-9).

**PROFESSOR JEREMY BLACK MBE** studied at Queens' College Cambridge, St John's College Oxford, and Merton College Oxford before joining the University of Durham as a lecturer in 1980. There he gained his PhD and ultimately his professorship in 1994. He joined Exeter University as Established Chair in History in 1996, specialising in post-1500 military history, 18th-century British history, international relations, cartographic and newspaper history.

**PROFESSOR DEREK BLUNDELL** is Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, Royal Holloway, University of London, member of Academia Europaea and a former President of the Geological Society of London. His research has ranged from rock magnetism to seismology, from earthquakes and volcanoes to landscape evolution and glacial processes. He has conducted seismic surveys across the Baltic Sea and around Britain and worked on several major European projects: the European Geotraverse, Europrobe, BIRPS and GEODE.

**DR MONICA BOHM-DUCHEN** is a London-based freelance lecturer, writer and curator, who has worked for the Courtauld Institute of Art, Sotheby's Institute of Art, Tate, the Royal Academy of Arts and Birkbeck College. She has lectured for NADFAS since 2011. Her latest book, *Art and the Second World War*, was published in 2013.

**DR ALAN BORG CBE FSA** started his museum career in the Royal Armouries in the Tower of London, moving in 1978 to become the first Director of the Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts at the University of East Anglia. He was subsequently appointed Director General of the Imperial War Museum, and from 1995 Director of the V&A. He is currently Librarian of the Venerable Order of St John and Vice President of the Foundling Museum.

**MR CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY** is a NADFAS lecturer specialising in North Africa and the Middle East. He is also a guidebook writer and photographer; his latest books include *The Berlitz Guides to Oman* 2011 and *Egypt Red Sea Coast* 2012 and the *Insight Guide to Egypt* 2009. He has also worked as a tour leader and guide of specialist art tours to Oman, Eritrea, Egypt and Jordan and as a cameraman and TV producer for the National Geographic, BBC and Channel 4.

**DR ROBERT BRADNOCK** is a Senior Visiting Research Fellow in Geography at King's College London and Associate Research Fellow at Chatham House. His main interests are in

the fields of geopolitics and environment. He was Director of the Geopolitics Research Centre at the School of Oriental and African Studies, a founder of the Journal *Geopolitics*, and Head of the Department of Geography at SOAS. His major research has been in the political and environmental geography of South Asia and its region. His latest book is *An Atlas of South Asian Affairs*.

**PROFESSOR DAVID BRAUND MA PhD (Cantab) DLitt (Batumi)** has been working in the Mediterranean and in the Black Sea region for over 30 years, mostly on ancient history and archaeology. He has spent most of his career at Exeter University, where he has been Professor of Black Sea & Mediterranean History since 1996. Fluent in Russian, Georgian and Modern Greek, he is currently completing a book on Artemis and Aphrodite. In 2014 he is an Onassis Fellow in Greece.

**SIR TONY BRENTON KCMG** is a distinguished British diplomat and a fellow of Wolfson College Cambridge where he is writing a book on Russia at the time of Peter the Great. He joined the British Diplomatic Service in 1975. In a 33 year career he served in the Arab world, the European Union, the USA and Russia; he was British Ambassador in Moscow (2004-2008) during the most difficult period in British/Russian relations.

**THE VERY REV'D DAVID BRINDLEY** has been Dean of Portsmouth since 2002. He has worked in a variety of parochial and academic appointments, including Rector of Warwick and Principal of an ordination training college. He is particularly interested in the interplay between theology and history, and also has an interest in the relationship between religion and the arts.

**THE REVD PROFESSOR JUDITH BROWN** was born in India and educated in England. As an academic, specialising in South Asia and wider aspects of imperial history, she taught as a Fellow of Girton College, in Manchester University, and then in Oxford, as Beit Professor of Commonwealth History and Professorial Fellow of Balliol College (1990-2011). Most of her writing has been on modern Indian politics (with biographical studies of Gandhi and of Nehru), the South Asian diaspora, and more generally on the British empire. She trained for ordination at Cuddesdon.

**MR ANDY BUNTEN** is an obsessive enthusiast about wildlife, who obtained degrees in Zoology and Environmental Technology at Newcastle and Imperial College, before embarking on a career in nature conservation. He has worked for local government, wildlife trusts, and, for 26 years, the RSPB. Now a Consultant, Andy is an enthusiastic traveller who has led wildlife groups to numerous destinations around the world.

**DR ANDREW BURNETT CBE FBA** was, until recently, Deputy Director of the British Museum, having spent his earlier career in the museum's Department of Coins and Medals, being Keeper from 1992 – 2003. His books include *Coinage in the Roman World* and the first two volumes of *Roman Provincial Coinage*. Dr Burnett was appointed a CBE in the 2012 New Year Honours List for services to The British Museum and Numismatics. He is currently a Trustee of the Royal Armouries and an Honorary Professor of UCL.

**CANON DR RUPERT BURRELL QC** was called to the Bar and ordained in the same year and, since 1968, has combined the professions of priest and lawyer. A former honorary chaplain to the TA intelligence battalion, he is Chancellor of the Diocese of Durham and Chancellor Emeritus of the Diocese of Oxford, Chairman of the Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod of the Church of England and an honorary Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

**DR PETER CADDICK-ADAMS TD FRHS** was educated at Sandhurst and Wolverhampton University. Since May 1999 he has lectured at the UK Defence Academy where he gained his PhD. He has also served in the Regular and Reserve Forces and was NATO Historian in Bosnia (1996-7), and UK Historian in Iraq (2003). His recent books are *Monty and Rommel: Parallel Lives* (2011) and *Monte Cassino: Ten Armies in Hell* (2012). One of the UK's most experienced battlefield guides, Peter has led over 200 visits to more than 50 battlefields around the world.

**DR PETER CATTERMOLE** Formerly a lecturer in volcanology and planetary geology at the Universities of Sheffield and UCW Aberystwyth, Peter was for many years a Principal Investigator with NASA's Planetary Geology and Geophysics Program, specialising in the study of volcanoes on Mars and Venus. Peter has travelled widely, working in South America, the Atlantic Islands and the Mediterranean. He has written 20 books and many academic papers, several in collaboration with the late Sir Patrick Moore.

**THE RT REVD & RT HON DR RICHARD CHARTRES KCVO DD FSA** has been the 132nd Bishop of London and Dean of the Chapels Royal since 1995. After reading history at Trinity College, Cambridge, he taught ancient history in the International School in Seville. He served as Gresham Professor of Divinity for some years and was elected as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries after writing the history of Gresham College. Dr Chartres has also published in the field of science, religion and the environment.

**MISS THEODORA CLARKE** is an expert on Russian and Soviet art and lectures widely on classical and modern painting. She attained her Masters at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She is the Director of

Russian Art Week in London and edits the online arts magazine *Russian Art and Culture*. As a freelance art critic she has written for *The Telegraph* and *The Burlington Magazine*. Her latest book on contemporary and avant-garde art is *Re-imagining Russia*.

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY COUTTS-BRITTON** served as an infantry officer before pursuing a second career with NATO and its Partnership for Peace Programme. He is a history lecturer and battlefield guide. He specialises in the wars of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries making the Balkans and the Black Sea Region a specific area for study.

**PROFESSOR SIR BARRY CUNLIFFE CBE** is Emeritus Professor, European Archaeology, Oxford University. He has excavated widely in Britain, France and Spain. He has served as a Governor of the Museum of London, President of the Society of Antiquities and the Council for British Archaeology, Trustee of the British Museum and Commissioner of English Heritage. His most recent book is *Britain Begins* (2013). He is now working on a book about the prehistory and early history of Eurasia.

**SIR RICHARD DALES KCVO CMG** is a former Ambassador to Norway and High Commissioner to Zimbabwe. He retired in 2002 after 38 years in the Diplomatic Service. Since retirement, he has been Chairman of the Anglo-Norse Society and a member of the Governing Council of the University of East Anglia and was Chairman of International Alert from 2006 to 2010.

**MR STEPHEN DUFFY** has recently retired as Senior Curator at the Wallace Collection. Educated at Oxford University, his specialist interest is the art of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, but he is also fascinated by many other periods. A very experienced lecturer and exhibition organiser, his books include *The Discovery of Paris*, *Richard Parkes Bonington* and (with Jo Hedley) *The Wallace Collection's Pictures: A Complete Catalogue*.

**MR TIM EARL** has his roots in Guernsey where he still does a little wildlife journalism although he has recently moved to the Isle of Man. Most of his time is spent leading wildlife tours worldwide. He co-authored the *Insight Guide to the Channel Islands* shortly after writing *Explore Guernsey*. He helped set up most of the island's nature reserves including one at L'Eree which is now part of a Ramsar wetland site of international importance.

**MR OLIVER EVERETT CVO** is Librarian Emeritus of the Royal Library, Windsor Castle, where he was Librarian and Assistant Keeper of the Royal Archives, 1985-2002. He was in the Foreign &



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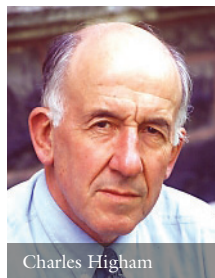
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Commonwealth Office, 1967-78, including postings in India and Spain. He was Assistant Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, 1978-80 and Private Secretary to Diana, Princess of Wales, 1981-83. He lectures widely in Britain and abroad.

**MISS LUCIA GAHLIN** teaches Egyptology for the Universities of Exeter and Bristol, is a Research Associate at UCL's Institute of Archaeology, and an accredited NADFAS lecturer. She is affiliated with the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, and has worked on excavations at Amarna in Egypt. Her publications include *Egypt: Gods, Myths and Religion*. She has led many tours to Egypt.

**CANON RALPH GODSALL** is a priest vicar of Westminster Abbey and a Canon Emeritus of Rochester. A graduate of Queens' College, Cambridge in Classics and Theology, he has travelled extensively in the Near and Middle East. He has a particular interest in the origins of Christianity across the region and an understanding of contemporary issues confronting Christians in Palestine/Israel, Syria, Iraq and Egypt, who see their history and their destiny bound up with the countries where they live and with the dominant Muslim/Jewish culture.

**THE REVD ROBIN GRIFFITH-JONES** worked at Christie's after leaving Oxford and, prior to ordination, worked with Mother Teresa's Sisters in India and with the long-term homeless in London. Appointed Master of the Temple Church, London, in 1999, he has written books on the gospels, St Paul and Mary Magdalene, and has edited books on the Temple Church and on Islam and English Law.

**MS JOANNA HARDY FGA DGA FRSA** is a gemmologist and an independent jewellery specialist with over 30 years' experience in the jewellery industry. She trained as a goldsmith before working at De Beers, where she valued and graded rough diamonds. As a polished diamond dealer she worked in Antwerp, Tel Aviv and Mumbai, and later joined Philips Auctioneers. For 14 years she was a senior specialist and auctioneer in the jewellery department at Sotheby's, London. Joanna is a Freeman of the City of London and Liveryman of the Goldsmiths Company.

**PROFESSOR LORD (RICHARD) HARRIES OF PENTREGARTH FRSL** is an Emeritus Gresham Professor and an Honorary Professor of Theology at KCL. He has written 26 books on the interface of Christian faith and wider culture, including the arts, his most recent book being *The Image of Christ in Modern Art*. After retiring as Bishop of Oxford in 2006 he was made a Life Peer and continues to be active in the House of Lords.

**MR GEORGE HART** was principal lecturer on the British Museum's antiquities collections from Egypt, Greece, the Levant and the civilisations of the ancient world. For 12 years he was Chairman of the Friends of the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, and is on the Board of Trustees of the Egypt Exploration Society. He is also an

editorial advisor on its bulletin, *Egyptian Archaeology*. He has written books on Egyptian mythology and religion and is the author of a two-volume history of the Pharaohs.

**PROFESSOR CHARLES HIGHAM FBA** is Research Professor at the University of Otago, New Zealand, a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and an Honorary Fellow of St Catharine's College, Cambridge. For over 40 years he has undertaken archaeological fieldwork in Southeast Asia and southern China, his most recent research involving the origins of the civilisation of Angkor. His books include an *Encyclopaedia of Asian Civilisations*, *The Civilisation of Angkor* and *Early Mainland Southeast Asia: from First Humans to Angkor*.

**PROFESSOR TOM HIGHAM** is a Professor of Archaeological Science at the University of Oxford. He is a specialist in archaeological dating, using radiocarbon methods. He is also the Director of the Advanced Studies Centre at Keble College, Oxford, where he is a Fellow by Special Election. He is originally from New Zealand.

**PROFESSOR CAROLE HILLENBRAND OBE FBA** is currently Professor of Islamic History at the University of St Andrews. In 2005 she was awarded the King Faisal International Prize in Islamic Studies – the first non-Muslim ever to receive this award. She has published six books and many articles on the Crusades, Islam, and Muslim history. She was awarded an OBE in the 2009 New Year's Honours List.

**PROFESSOR ROBERT HILLENBRAND FBA** taught Byzantine art for many years at Edinburgh University. He is an Emeritus Professor of Fine Art at Edinburgh University, and is currently Professor of Islamic Art at St Andrew's University. His 170 publications include prize-winning books on Islamic architecture and Islamic painting. He has held visiting professorships at seven universities and was Slade Professor of Art at Cambridge in 2008.

**PROFESSOR ANDREW HOPKINS** is Associate Professor at the University of L'Aquila and is a recognised authority on Italian architecture. He has been a fellow at Harvard University's Villa I Tatti in Florence, the Center for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery in Washington D.C., the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles and at the British School at Rome. His books include *Italian Architecture from Michelangelo to Borromini* (Thames & Hudson's World of Art series (2002)), and *Baldassare Longhena and Venetian Baroque Architecture* for Yale University Press (2012).

**PROFESSOR TONY HOPKINS** is Emeritus Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Pembroke College. He is known for his work on international history, the British Empire, and globalization. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Stirling and Birmingham.

**THE RT REVD GRAHAM JAMES** read history at the University of Lancaster and completed his theological training at Oxford

prior to his ordination in 1975. He was appointed Bishop of St Germans in his native Cornwall in 1993 and translated to Norwich in 1999. He is the lead bishop for the Church of England on media issues. He entered the House of Lords in 2004, and currently serves on the Select Committee on Communications.

**PROFESSOR COLIN JONES FBA** is Professor of History at Queen Mary University of London and an historian of France. He has taught at universities in Britain, France and the United States. President of the Royal Historical Society (2009-2012), his books include *The Cambridge Illustrated History of France* (1994), *The Great Nation: France from Louis XV to Napoleon* (2002), *Paris: Biography of a City* (2004) and, forthcoming in summer 2014, *The Smile Revolution in 18th-century Paris*.

**DR MARA KALNINS** is a Life Fellow of Corpus Christi College and former University of Cambridge Reader in Modern Literature. She has published extensively in nineteenth and twentieth century studies, has edited several volumes in the scholarly Cambridge University Press edition of D H Lawrence, and is General Editor of Conrad's works for Oxford University Press. Her most recent book – *The Ancient Amber Routes: Travels from Riga to Byzantium* – explores the cultural links between the Baltic and the civilisations of classical antiquity.

**DR STEVE KERSHAW** As a Classics Tutor for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, Professor of History of Art for Rhodes College and the University of the South, and as a lecturer for the V&A, Steve Kershaw has travelled extensively in the world of the Greeks and Romans both physically and intellectually. His books include *A Brief Guide to the Greek Myths* and *A Brief History of the Roman Empire*.

**MR STUART LAING** was elected Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 2008, following a career in the British Foreign Service. Specialising in Arab and Middle Eastern affairs, he served in Saudi Arabia and in Cairo and then as Deputy Ambassador in Riyadh. He was appointed High Commissioner to Brunei, Ambassador in Muscat and Ambassador in Kuwait. Stuart researches on Arab and East African history and is the co-author of a book on Omani-British history, *Unhook Till the End of Time*.

**REAR ADMIRAL JOHN LIPPIETT CB** had a 36 year career in the Royal Navy culminating in three jobs as Rear Admiral. His book, *War and Peas: Intimate Letters from the Falklands War*, based on his experiences 'Down South', was broadcast on BBC radio to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the war. He became Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust in 2003 and has overseen the creation of a stunning new museum which opened in 2013.

**MR NIGEL MCGILCHRIST** was a scholar at Winchester College and a First Class graduate from Oxford, and has lived and worked in the Mediterranean – Italy, Greece and Turkey – for 30 years. He is author of the twenty-volume series of cultural guides to the Greek Islands,

*McGilchrist's Greek Islands*, and of the *Blue Guide to The Aegean Islands*. He lectures widely in art and archaeology at museums and institutions in Europe and the USA.

#### THE REVD PROFESSOR TERESA

**MORGAN** is University Lecturer in Ancient History, Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and an associate priest in the parish of Littlemore. A historian of culture and *mentalité*, she has written extensively on Greek and Roman education, ethics, and early Christianity. She has also written two popular religious books: *Seasons of the Spirit* and *Every-Person Ministry*.

**MR JEREMY PATERSON** taught ancient history for nearly 40 years at Newcastle University, where he was also Dean of Arts. He studied in Oxford and at the British School at Rome. Although primarily a social and economic historian, his research and publications range widely and include the ancient wine trade, the archaeology of the Roman Empire, early Christianity, and Cicero. He also chairs the Minimus project to introduce Latin in primary schools.

**THE RT REVD STEPHEN PLATTEN**, recently retired as Bishop of Wakefield, is a well-travelled ambassador in international affairs, and was for a number of years lead speaker on this for the Bishops in the House of Lords. A former lecturer in theology and Dean of Norwich, he has written widely on theology and its historical and literary background. He is at present Rector of St Michael's Cornhill in the City of London and an assistant Bishop in that Diocese.

**GENERAL THE LORD RICHARDS OF HERSTMONCEUX GCB CBE DSO** has commanded operations in NI, East Timor, Sierra Leone, and Afghanistan. In 2010 he became Chief of the Defence Staff, the professional head of Britain's armed forces and their strategic commander as well as the PM's military adviser. He retired in 2013. His operational awards include a MiD, CBE, DSO and KCB; he was the first officer to receive an operational knighthood since WW2. A visiting Professor of Exeter University and a Fellow of Kings College London and Cardiff University, he has edited or contributed to a number of books. In 2011 he received the annual Churchill Award for leadership. He became Baron Richards of Herstmonceux in February 2014.

**THE RT REVD BARRY ROGERSON** retired as Bishop of Bristol in 2002 after forty years of ministry as parish priest, lecturer in theological colleges in England and overseas and, for many years, a member of the World Council of Churches. His interests lie in interfaith dialogue and history, with a growing penchant for post-colonial political history.

**MISS LOUISE SCHOFIELD** was, for 13 years, Curator of Greek Bronze Age and Geometric Antiquities at the British Museum, publishing widely on the Minoans and the Mycenaeans. Since leaving the British Museum she has made a programme with the BBC's Horizon team on Mycenae and the truth behind the story of the Greek sack of Troy. Her book *The Mycenaeans*

(2007, reprinted 2013) looks in detail at the Bronze Age Greeks and at their relationship with their neighbours on Crete, Santorini and the coast of Asia Minor.

#### PROFESSOR GARY SHEFFIELD is

Professor of War Studies at the University of Wolverhampton. A leading military historian with particular expertise in the two world wars, he has published many books including, most recently, *The First World War in 100 Objects* (2013) and *A Short History of the First World War* (forthcoming in 2014). He regularly broadcasts on radio and television, writes for the national press, and leads tours to the world's battlefields.

**MR ADRIAN SINDALL CMG** has – among other diplomatic postings – been British Ambassador to Syria and Deputy Ambassador to Jordan. Since leaving the FCO he has been Chairman of the Arab British Centre in London, of the Council for British Research in the Levant and has served as a Council Member of the Centre for Near and Middle East Studies at SOAS, London University.

**DR MICHAEL SQUIRE** is Lecturer in Classics at King's College London, with a special interest in Graeco-Roman art and the history of its reception. His books include *Panorama of the Classical World* (2nd ed. 2008), *Image and Text in Graeco-Roman Antiquity* (2009), *The Iliad in a Nutshell: Visualizing Epic on the Tabulae Iliacae* (2011) and *The Art of the Body: Antiquity and its Legacy* (2011).

**MISS SARAH STANIFORTH** worked for the National Trust 1985-2014, most recently as Museums and Collections Director. She read chemistry at Oxford University and studied paintings conservation at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She is President of the International Institute for Conservation and has a number of other non-executive roles. Her professional interests include buildings and collections conservation, museum and heritage management and bringing historic places to life through excellent standards of presentation and interpretation.

**THE RT REVD TIM STEVENS** read Classics and English at Cambridge and worked for BOAC and at the FCO prior to ordination in 1976. He was appointed Bishop of Leicester in 1999. He is particularly interested in interfaith relationships and in regeneration issues in cities. He is Convenor of the Bishop's Bench in the House of Lords and a member of the Joint Committee on Lords Reform. He is a former member of the Archbishops' Council and a former Chair of the Trustees of the Children's Society.

**THE VERY REVD VICTOR STOCK** has discussed Religion and Science with Brian Cox, taken people to Amsterdam, St Petersburg and Venice, hosted 15 years of Dialogues at St Mary le Bow and, for 10 years, was Dean of Guildford. In retirement he looks at pictures and enjoys being a Priest Vicar at Westminster Abbey.

**PROFESSOR TONY STOCKWELL** is Emeritus Professor of Modern History, Royal Holloway, University of London. His interest in Southeast Asia began in 1965-66 as a VSO

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**M**inerva now offers 44 balcony suites – some of the most spacious and comfortable balcony suites afloat – as well as a choice of eight other categories of outside and inside cabins.

*All cabins are twin-bedded and if requested at the time of booking can be made into a single queen bed.*

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These Deluxe Balcony Suites feature a deep teak deck balcony with floor-to-ceiling patio doors and are 31.13m<sup>2</sup> including balcony (which measures 9.38m<sup>2</sup>). Featuring a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat screen TV, refrigerator and tea and coffee making facilities, all Deluxe Balcony Suites on the starboard side have en suite shower facilities while all those on the port side have en suites with baths.

**With our compliments:** A welcome bottle of Champagne and mineral water on embarkation. Mini Bar: first set up is complimentary. Fruit Basket: replenished on a daily basis. Complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles - *see page 18.*



### OWNER'S SUITE, Category A – *Discovery or Explorer Suites – a choice of 2 unique suites*

These premier suites are 34.30m<sup>2</sup> in total, incorporating a private balcony measuring 7.5m<sup>2</sup> with floor-to-ceiling patio doors, a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat screen TV, refrigerator and tea and coffee making facilities. The Owner's Suite on the starboard side has en suite shower facilities while the Owner's Suite on the port side has en suite bath facilities.

**With our compliments:** Champagne on embarkation: replenished free of charge on request. Bottled mineral water: replenished free of charge on request. Mini Bar: replenished as per consumption. Fruit Basket: replenished on daily basis. Canapés: served on daily basis. Complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles - *see page 18.*



### SUPERIOR BALCONY SUITE, Category C – *a choice of 10*

These Superior Balcony Suites, feature a balcony with floor to ceiling patio doors. Overall cabin area of 30.70m<sup>2</sup> includes the balcony (which measures 7.5m<sup>2</sup>). Featuring a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat screen TV, refrigerator and tea and coffee making facilities, all Superior Balcony Suites on the starboard side have en suite shower facilities, while all those on the port side have en suites with baths.

**With our compliments:** A welcome bottle of Champagne and bottled mineral water on embarkation. Mini Bar: first set up is complimentary. Fruit Basket: replenished on a daily basis. Complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles - *see page 18.*





#### BALCONY SUITE, Category D – *a choice of 20*

These Balcony Suites, feature an expansive teak deck balcony with floor-to-ceiling patio doors bringing the total size inclusive of balcony to 28m<sup>2</sup> (balcony measures 7.10m<sup>2</sup>). Featuring a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat screen TV and refrigerator, all Balcony Suites on the starboard side have en suite shower facilities, while all those on the port side have en suites with baths.

**With our compliments:** Bottled mineral water: first set up is complimentary. Mini Bar: charged as consumed.

#### AEGEAN DECK CABIN OUTSIDE, Category F & G – *a choice of 56*

These outside cabins on **Aegean Deck** range from 12.1m<sup>2</sup> to 13m<sup>2</sup> in size and feature large picture windows. All Aegean Deck cabins (including inside cabins, Categories K & L) feature en suites with showers.

Outside cabins on **Baltic Deck**, Categories H & I, are similar but have two portholes instead of picture windows. All cabins on Baltic Deck (including inside cabins, Categories M & N) feature en suites with showers.

**With our compliments:** A welcome bottle of mineral water on embarkation.





## GENERAL INFORMATION



Passengers who have never cruised before, or who have not cruised with Swan Hellenic, will no doubt have many questions to ask about the ship, our operation and many other matters. This section has been written to give you some general information about cruising with us, and we feel sure during your voyage. Please note that instructions contained in this section form part of our Booking Conditions.

Our aim is your complete enjoyment of the cruise and our staff, together with the ship's crew, will do all that they can to ensure this. The information given here is correct at the time of printing (October 2013), but is subject to change without notice.

### BEFORE YOU GO

#### RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of AU\$1000 per person or 10% of your total holiday cost whichever is greater (or full payment for bookings taken within 119 days of departure) and a completed booking form are required to secure your reservation and must be received within 7 days of booking. The balance is due from your travel agent no later than 119 days prior to your sailing.

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE FARE

Flights; meals other than onboard your cruise (aboard *Minerva*); beverages (beer, wine, spirits, sodas) travel insurance; optional shore excursions; items of a personal nature; passport costs or visa fees; vaccinations (if required); transfers; pre- and/or post-cruise hotel accommodation and portage.

#### BOOKINGS

Bookings in Australia and New Zealand may be made through your preferred travel agent.

#### PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Swan Hellenic requires a full 10 year Australia passport or full 5 year New Zealand passport with spare pages, **valid for at least six months after the date of return** for all Australian/New Zealand citizens. Depending on your cruise itinerary and countries visited, you may need to purchase and obtain required visas prior to departure from your home country. Full information on visas for your cruise for Australia/New Zealand passport holders will be sent to you approximately 16 weeks before departure.

In some countries group visas may also be obtained by Swan Hellenic, however, Swan Hellenic may not always be able to obtain group visas for non UK passport holders. In some countries group visas are restricted to allow passengers to participate in shore excursions organised by Swan Hellenic only. If you wish to explore independently in these countries it will be necessary for you to obtain and purchase an individual visa prior to the cruise departure; this includes St Petersburg and Russia. This information is subject to change and it may be necessary for other visas to be obtained and purchased.

Other nationalities should consult their travel agent/embassy regarding visa/entry requirements. Passengers with an Israeli visa, passport or entry permit or with a visa for Egypt or Jordan at an Israeli border crossing in their passport (whether valid or not) may not be permitted to disembark in some countries.

Please check with your travel agent, applicable consulate or embassy, or Swan Hellenic before travelling to make sure your documentation is in order.

Some countries place restrictions on certain nationalities obtaining group or individual visas. In such ports you will not be permitted to disembark.

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Swan Hellenic will endeavour to inform passengers of any mandatory requirements and changes in the pre cruise documentation which is sent approximately 8 weeks prior to the cruise departure.

**Please note that it is the responsibility of each passenger to check with the various embassies or consulates involved in their particular cruise, to ensure that they have the necessary visas and correct documentation to enter all the countries visited. Any passengers arriving at the departure port/airport without a passport, correct visas (if required) or correct documentation will be refused permission to board the ship/aircraft. Failure in this respect is not covered by insurance and no refund can be made.**

#### CHILDREN

There are no recreational facilities for children aboard *Minerva* and reservations for children are not advised.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking your cruise that you have full comprehensive travel insurance valid from the date

of deposit being made. We will require you to give us details of your travel insurance company including the policy number. You must ensure that, as a minimum, it covers cancellation for the total value of the cruise, delay or curtailment, medical charges, evacuation (from the vessel) and repatriation costs. We suggest you discuss the various policies that are available with your travel agent.

#### PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Swan Hellenic will always try to accommodate passengers with special requirements. If you or any person travelling with you suffers from any medical condition, disability or limited mobility you must contact our office for advice before any booking is confirmed. Please read clause 10 of the Booking Conditions – **FITNESS TO TRAVEL ON THE CRUISE SHIP, PREGNANCY, BEHAVIOUR, DISABILITY OR REDUCED MOBILITY, MEDICAL AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT.**

#### HOTELS & LAND TOURS

The land packages contained in this brochure can only be purchased in conjunction with the cruises shown in this brochure. The company reserves the right to assign your hotel based on pre-reserved space at hotels contracted. Hotel rooms are not usually available until approximately 3.00pm on the day of arrival. Certain land packages and excursions will not operate if minimum numbers are not met and others may have a maximum capacity. The sequence of escorted land tours may vary from the brochure. If, for any reason, a hotel or entertainment feature is cancelled or otherwise unavailable, the company reserves the right to cancel, make substitutions or omissions and is under no obligation, except that in the event of cancellation you will receive a full refund of any payments received for that service. Please note that the terms for cancellation by the passenger of any pre-booked land stays and excursions are as per our general cancellation terms, as detailed in our Booking Conditions.

#### SHORE EXCURSIONS

Shore excursions are included in your cruise fare in every port of call, where available. Please note that the company reserves the right to amend, cancel or substitute an included shore excursion and in these circumstances is under no obligation to make a



refund. Additional optional excursions, including some as mentioned in the brochure, may be available at supplementary cost.

The excursions programme outlined in the brochure may be subject to change. The full Shore Excursion programme and Booking Form will be sent approximately 8 weeks prior to departure. All excursions should be pre-booked although it is possible to book on board (subject to availability) Please note it is not possible to credit the non-use of an included shore excursion in any way.

The value of shore excursions, up to £650 per person, is based on a typical 15-day cruise with a combination of full and half day excursions in the major ports visited including entrance fees and guides.

### ONLINE SERVICES – ALREADY BOOKED

Our website <http://au.swanhellenic.com> features an Already Booked section. Here you will be able to find useful information such as Frequently Asked Questions, Your Cruise Book (available 8 weeks prior to departure) and Partner Services. You can also update your Mandatory Passenger Information online.

### JOINING YOUR CRUISE

#### Portsmouth

For cruises departing from and/or returning to Portsmouth there will be complimentary return coach transfers from London Victoria coach station and Southampton Airport. Pre-booking is required to participate in these transfer services. Embarkation Embarkation will generally begin three hours before the ship is due to sail.

### INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Company will have no responsibility, financial or otherwise, in regard to air, hotel, transport or any other arrangements made by passengers with third parties. Passengers should ensure that any such arrangements are transferable and refundable and covered by their travel insurance, in the event of delay, amendment or cancellation of any of these independent arrangements, or of your cruise. Information regarding embarkation and disembarkation times as well as access to the port will be given in your Pre Cruise documentation.

Passengers on a cruise only package must make their

own arrangements to transfer from the airport to the ship and vice versa. This is also applicable to passengers booked on a pre or post tour whereby passengers must make their own arrangements to transfer from the hotel to the airport and vice versa.

## ON BOARD

### CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

On board Minerva all prices are in £ Sterling.

As there are limited foreign exchange facilities on board, we would recommend that you purchase any currency requirements you expect to need before you travel. There is little opportunity to visit banks whilst on excursions. For purchases ashore, many shops accept most Travellers' Cheques and major Credit Cards. A cashless system operates on board with passengers settling accounts at the end of the cruise.

Payment methods – Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards (2% surcharge), Visa debit cards only, Travellers Cheques and cash are accepted for payment of shipboard accounts. Personal cheques and Mastercard debit cards are not accepted.

### ON BOARD BAR CREDIT

Where on board credit has been allocated, please note that this is for the use of non alcoholic or alcoholic drinks only purchased in the Minerva bars and restaurants. On board bar credit is non-transferable, non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

### HEALTH, VACCINATIONS AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

As health regulations are ever changing, we recommend that you consult your GP a or travel clinic t least 12 weeks before your intended departure to check the latest requirements for the countries you will be visiting and take a copy of your itinerary and personal travel plans for review with your practitioner. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fully protected with the appropriate vaccination certificate(s) for your cruise. Vaccination requirements are subject to change without notice. Any passenger arriving at the airport/port without the correct vaccination or exemption certificate (s) will be refused permission to board the ship. No passenger refund is applicable. Depending on the itinerary, passengers should consult their GP regarding the possibility of

taking a course of anti-malarial tablets prior to their departure.

Conditions of entry to each port vary according to the conditions set by each country and port authority and may differ to the advice given by the World Health Organisation and doctors. We have to abide by the latest information given to us by the port authorities that allow the ship entry to the port of call. In certain countries, Yellow Fever inoculations are mandatory for each passenger whether or not you intend to proceed ashore. You will be required to obtain and carry an original Yellow Fever certificate stamped by an authorised Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre. The certificate itself is valid from 10 days after vaccination for a period of ten years. If you are excused on medical grounds you will be required to obtain and carry an original Yellow Fever (charges apply) Exemption Certificate stamped by an authorised Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre. Certificates will be inspected upon embarkation. You will not be able to travel or embark the ship without a valid certificate as stated. Regulations requiring mandatory Yellow Fever Vaccinations and certificates are laid down by the local Port and Health Authorities, and the vessel will be unable to obtain entrance to certain ports if the correct paperwork, as stated above, is not available. This requirement may differ from the advice given by the World Health Organisation and your local doctor.

Other countries recommend that precautions are taken against Malaria and other diseases. You should seek advice with regard to your personal itinerary, including pre/post voyage travel, as Malaria advice and/or prophylaxis may be recommended. Health advice varies from time to time depending on the situation of the country you are visiting. Seasonal influenza vaccination is recommended for all passengers.

If you do not normally enjoy good health, you should consult your doctor regarding the advisability of taking a cruise and being away from the usual medical and hospital facilities. Your insurance company must be advised of any pre-existing conditions at the time of booking and of any conditions arising subsequently prior to departure, otherwise your insurance may be invalid and you will be responsible for any costs arising from medical treatment or repatriation.

We ask you to advise us at the time of booking of any disability or illness so that we can advise our onboard medical team.



Yangon, Burma

## MEDICAL ATTENTION

We hope you will find it unnecessary to use the ship's medical facilities during your voyage. If, however, the occasion does arise, it is comforting to know that we do carry a fully qualified doctor and nurses. The doctor or nurse will make a charge for their services as well as requiring payment for any medicines or drugs needed. Such charges are normally reclaimable under your travel insurance, less any excess. In the unlikely event that you require urgent medical attention ashore, we will assist by contacting your insurer who will make the necessary arrangements for your treatment and repatriation.

## BARS & ALCOHOL

Please note that bars may have to be closed for the sale of alcohol and cigarettes in certain waters. Only alcohol purchased in the ship's bars and restaurants may be consumed on Minerva.

## DINING ARRANGEMENTS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are arranged on an open sitting basis and may be taken in the Swan Restaurant or the Veranda. Opening times will vary according to the daily programme.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Our onboard telecommunications systems mean that you are never more than a telephone call away from your home or office. All cabins feature direct-dial telephones, whilst fax facilities are available at Reception. The Internet Lounge, situated on Bridge Deck, allows you to access your email account (please note certain types of access, including Skype and other VOIP protocols are blocked due to bandwidth restrictions). This also applies to Apple and MS programmes, such as iCloud.com which, because of band width restrictions, are also unavailable on board. Internet cards are available for purchase on board. WiFi is available for use on personal laptops in certain areas. Satellite coverage cannot be guaranteed. Kindle users; please note that you will not be able to access the mailbox, on your device, via the onboard WiFi system. Please use the terminals in the Internet Lounge.

## ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Cabins and suites feature 220 volt current. The use of hair dryers, electric rollers, curling irons, electric shavers and other small appliances should be checked with Reception, but, for safety reasons, the use of travel irons and any personal tea/coffee making equipment is **strictly prohibited**. Each cabin is equipped with a hairdryer.

## LAUNDRY & PRESSING

Valet service is available for laundry and pressing. A laundry bag and order form are provided in your cabin wardrobe. Some passengers may wish to make use of the self-service launderette on Aegean Deck – washing powder is provided. Dry cleaning is not available on board.

## WHAT TO WEAR

As a general rule, for days on board and ashore, summer clothing/casual wear is the order of the day. It should be light, comfortable and easy to care for. A sweater and jacket for cooler evenings and a light raincoat are also advisable.

On cruises to northern latitudes, warmer, layered, windproof clothing will be necessary. On more southerly cruises the weather will usually be suitable for sunbathing, so don't forget your wrap, bathing suit, sunglasses, sunhat and sunscreen. For trips ashore and for getting into and out of the ship's tenders, comfortable, sturdy walking shoes are a must. You may also want to bring with you a camera, extra binoculars, an umbrella, sunscreen and insect repellent.

In certain countries, shorts, short skirts, bare arms and shoulders will not be appreciated locally and you may be prohibited entry to certain sites. Please refer to the notes section in the Cruise Book for each excursion.

During the day, the general atmosphere on board is informal and casual clothing, including shorts, is perfectly acceptable. However, just as at a land based resort, we ask you to cover swimwear when entering the ship from the open decks. In the evening, the dress code varies according to your chosen restaurant. The Veranda is smart casual; for ladies that means dresses or blouses with skirts or trousers and, for gentlemen, long trousers and shirts with collars. In the Swan Restaurant gentlemen are required to wear a jacket

and tie. As a courtesy to other passengers, the dress code will be observed; please ensure you are correctly dressed to avoid any embarrassment on entering the Swan Restaurant for dinner in the evening. On formal nights (approximately two in a 15 day cruise), gentlemen are invited to wear black tie or dark suits and ladies to wear evening gowns or cocktail dresses.

## SMOKING

Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the open decks. Smoking outside these areas, including in cabins and on excursion coaches, is strictly prohibited.

## EMERGENCY MUSTER DRILL

After embarkation and prior to Minerva setting sail there will be a full emergency muster station drill. This exercise is to give all passengers precise information on the correct route from their cabins to the places where they should muster in an emergency, together with instructions about life jackets and emergency procedures. **This Muster Drill is a requirement of law and all passengers must attend.**

## NOISE

There are all kinds of noise associated with a working vessel when the ship is in motion. We recognise that tolerance levels vary so please contact the Reservations Department if you require further information before you book.

## PORT HOLES

In rough weather or for operational and security reasons, port hole covers (known as deadlights) may need to be closed. Cabins with port holes are located on Baltic Deck. On cruises where the vessel sails through the Red and Arabian Seas, the vessel is subject to the requirements of the International Maritime Organisation for anti-piracy. The requirements are designed to protect the ship from the potential risk of attack, which includes the rigging of razor-wire and the closing of the cabin deadlights. The captain is required to comply with these requirements, which vary day to day dependent upon the reported level of risk.



## GENERAL

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

**We are unable to accept 'conditional bookings'.**

Please advise any special requests clearly at the time of booking and we will do our best to comply with your wishes. We must point out that failure to fulfil a special request cannot be considered a breach of Contract on the part of the company.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We particularly ask you to tell us in writing of any alterations to your address before departure, and in any communication, please state the cruise on which you are travelling.

### DATA PROTECTION

Please be assured that we have methods in place to protect the personal booking information held by us. This information will be passed on to the principal and to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies.

If you travel outside the EU, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in your country of residence. We will only pass your information on to persons responsible for your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities or dietary/religious requirements. (If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EU or not, we will be unable to accept your booking). In making your booking you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons.

Full details of our data protection policy are available upon request.

### CHANGES TO YOUR CRUISE & ITINERARY

The information in this brochure outlines details of our carefully planned programme. Should any subsequent events cause us to change our plans or affect the published itinerary in any way, we will let passengers know as soon as possible. Disembarkation at anchorage ports are subject to local weather and sea

state conditions. **However, in the event of war or threat of war, political unrest, terrorist activity, piracy, natural or nuclear disaster, we maintain the unreserved right to cancel, postpone or alter without prior consultation, any itinerary in whole or in part, in order to safeguard passengers, the ship and employees. See Booking Conditions on pages 110-113.**

### GUEST SPEAKERS/SPECIALIST ENTERTAINMENT

If any of our confirmed Guest Speakers or specialist entertainers are unable to travel on their allotted cruise, Swan Hellenic reserves the right to engage alternative Guest Speakers, specialist entertainers or to alter the advertised programme.

### OVERSEAS STANDARDS

It is a fact of life that when we travel to different countries, we often find that the customs, traditions and general pace at which things are done can be very different from what we are used to in Australia/New Zealand. In so far as standards of safety are concerned, the suppliers of services must comply with the rules and regulations of their own country and these are not always as strict as they are in Australia/New Zealand. Every care is taken to contract the best available transport. However, standards can vary and not all vehicles will have air-conditioning or seat belts.

### DANGEROUS GOODS

We direct your attention to the fact that it is an offence to carry on board an aircraft or a ship any goods of a dangerous or damaging nature. Remember that petrol and other lighter fluids, including fluids for hair curlers, come under the terms of the Explosives Act; their inclusion in baggage is strictly prohibited.

### BROCHURE ACCURACY

The information contained in this brochure is checked for accuracy by our UK staff, our overseas staff and our agents. Nevertheless, we would ask you to bear in mind that things can change and often these things can happen without our prior knowledge. However, should we become aware of any long term or permanent change which is considered to have a permanent effect upon your enjoyment of the cruise, we will do our utmost to advise you.

## COMPLIMENTARY RHS MEMBERSHIP

A Flemish & French Masterpiece & Impressions of the Riviera



**RHS Garden Holidays**

For all bookings on the above cruises a one year complimentary membership to the RHS is included. If you're already a member, the RHS will renew your existing membership on a complimentary basis. Membership of the RHS has many benefits. As well as supporting the work as the UK's leading gardening charity, you will receive:

- Free entry to RHS Gardens as well as to 80 other gardens around the country all year and a further 60 at selected periods
- Priority booking and discounted tickets to RHS Shows, from the celebrated RHS Chelsea Flower Show to many other RHS Shows that run throughout the year around the country
- The Garden Magazine – free every month, and packed with ideas on how to make the most of your membership
- Free personalised gardening advice

#### Joining Details

Membership forms and details will be available on board Minerva during the cruise.



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# BOOKING CONDITIONS

## 1 THE CONTRACT

1.1 The contract is between All Leisure Holidays Limited trading as "Swan Hellenic" ("The Company") and each person booking with the Company (including the parents or guardian of any person under 18 years of age) ("the Passengers"). Please note that information contained in the section headed "General Information" in our brochure or in these or any other comparable sections, and any other relevant information on our website also form part of your contract with the Company.

1.2 The Lead Passenger warrants as a fundamental term of the contract that he/she has read and agrees to these terms and conditions and has the authority by each Passenger named on the confirmation invoice to be bound by them. Furthermore that he/she is authorised by each passenger named on the confirmation invoice (and, where such passenger is under 18 years of age, by his/her parents or guardian) to enter into a contract with the Company on their behalf. Unless otherwise indicated, the Lead Passenger warrants that the Passenger information given may be used by the Company or its partners for future marketing purposes.

1.3 A binding contract comes in to place when you pay the full deposit (or where appropriate the full price) and a confirmation invoice is issued even if the Company is unable to confirm all holiday details (e.g. flights) at the time of booking. A confirmation invoice will be sent to the Lead Passenger when you pay by credit card, a fee will be charged to your tour price. Fees differ by card type. Please contact us to obtain the applicable surcharge fee for your card type.

1.4 All details on the confirmation invoice (and on any additional documents produced by the Company) will be deemed to have been accepted unless the Company receives notification to the contrary, in writing, from the Lead Passenger immediately that the confirmation invoice is received. If you have not received your confirmation invoice within 7 days of booking your cruise please contact us immediately. If any errors are not immediately identified and reported, any cost of rectifying the same at a subsequent date must be met by the Passenger. Please note that Passengers not following these instructions will be fully liable for any costs that may subsequently be incurred in rectifying errors at a later date. v All invoices and vouchers must be checked by Passengers and the Company must be notified of any errors immediately.

1.5 It is expressly agreed that all Passengers and their luggage are carried subject to the Conditions of Carriage of the airlines and shipping company used, some of which limit or exclude liability. Any compensation payable by the Company for non-performance or improper performance of land, sea and air carriage services shall be limited in accordance with the international conventions which govern such services by the carrier. See paragraphs 12 and 13.

1.6 For bookings made through an approved Travel Agent, the Agent holds any monies paid on behalf of the customer for the Company.

1.7 The Company reserves the right to cancel bookings and levy cancellation charges on the scale in section 8 below if balance payments are not received in full 119 days before departure. Travel insurance (where purchased through us or directly with a third party) does not form part of your contract with the Company or of any "package".

1.8 The contract and all other proceedings arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by English law and the jurisdiction of the English courts. If and in so far as a claim against the Company is governed EU Regulation 392/2009 relating to the Liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accidents (or the Passenger Liability Regulation (EU 392/2009) or in respect of non-international carriage by the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 and or in the case of river cruises. The Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1996 (LLMC 96) as amended by SI 1998/1258 in the Court competent to hear such claims.

## 2 THE BOOKING PROCESS

2.1 A non-refundable deposit of A\$1,000 or 10% of the total fare due, whichever is greater (or full payment for bookings taken within 119 days of departure) is due upon booking. A higher Deposit amount may be payable if any supplier(s) require additional payments for a service prior to the balance due date. Payment of a Deposit means acceptance of these Booking Terms & Conditions. The Company takes no responsibility for credit card or foreign currency transaction processing fees levied by issuing banks.

2.2 If the Deposit and/or balance are not paid on time, the Company reserves the right to cancel the contract and apply any cancellation charges set out in section 8.

2.3 Passengers must be fit to travel. Any passengers with reduced mobility or with other physical or mental disabilities or conditions which may require special treatment or assistance (including Passengers who may require the use of a wheelchair) must advise the Company prior to booking. They may be required to complete a questionnaire and provide medical evidence of fitness to travel at the time of booking and upon receipt of which they may be asked to accept additional Booking Terms & Conditions before a confirmation invoice is issued and a contract entered into. See paragraph 10.

2.4 The Company may (at its discretion) offer Passengers at the time of booking a guaranteed cabin booking (a "Guarantee Cabin"). Under such offers a Passenger is guaranteed to receive a cabin of a specified type although the precise location of the cabin is at the Company's discretion. The Company may (at its discretion) upgrade a Guarantee Cabin to a higher category cabin at no additional cost to the Passenger. The Company may allocate specific cabins under guarantee offers at any time up until the Passenger arrives on the vessel at the port of embarkation. Once Guarantee Cabins have been allocated, the Company is unable to accept Passenger change requests. If Passengers book one or more back-to-back cruises and one or more cruise includes Guarantee Cabins, it is possible that Passengers may be allocated different cabins on each cruise and may need to move between cabins on changeover day(s).

## 3 PRICES AND SURCHARGES

3.1 The Company reserves the right to alter the published prices of any of the cruise holidays. Passengers will be advised of the current price of the holiday that they wish to book before any

contract is confirmed.

3.2 The price of the travel arrangements was calculated using exchange rates quoted in the appropriate brochure. Changes in transportation costs (including the cost of fuel, port costs, taxes or other fees) and exchange rates mean that the price of travel arrangements may change after booking. The Company reserves the right to adjust cruise/package prices accordingly at any time, however, the Company undertakes that no changes to the price will be made within 30 days of departure.

3.3 The Company will absorb and the Passenger will not be charged for, any increase equivalent to up to 2% of the total holiday cost (excluding insurance premiums and/or any amendment charges). The Company may, at its discretion, and subject to the approval of the relevant authority (ies), charge the Passenger any increase above 2% in respect of (i) transportation costs, including the cost of fuel, (ii) dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports, or (iii) the exchange rates applied to the package. If the increase is more than 10% of the price of their travel arrangements, Passengers will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any insurance premiums and amendment charges. If the Company is able to offer another holiday and this alternative holiday is of equivalent or higher price to the original holiday booked, then the Passenger will not have to pay more. If the alternative holiday is a lower price, the Passenger will be refunded the difference. Should Passengers decide to cancel their holiday under these circumstances, they must do so within 14 days of the date of the invoice for the additional charge or such other period as may be specified.

3.4 Should the total cost to the Company of a Passenger's holiday fall by more than 2% due to any of the changes mentioned above then the Company will pass on to Passengers any refund due. Passengers should note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some changes in local currency costs may have no impact on the price of Passengers' travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

3.5 All outstanding balances on on-board accounts must be settled in full before the Passenger disembarks the vessel. If any Passenger fails to settle their on-board account then the Company shall be entitled to take whatever steps may be necessary to recover the monies due and shall be entitled to pass on any costs incurred in doing so.

3.6 Passengers must be aware that the holiday price quoted may include different points of departure and return from/to the UK. In such cases there may be additional costs associated with transfer between the two places not included in the holiday price that will be passed on to the customer.

3.7 We may decide, at any time, to advertise Saver Fares on selected cruises or cabin grades. These are subject to availability and your cabin number will not be allocated at the time of booking.

## 4 OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND SHORE EXCURSIONS

4.1 Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret that the Company cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage or loss as a result of Force Majeure. In this Contract, "Force Majeure" includes any event which the Company or any supplier of the service(s) in question could not even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, technical problems with transport, closure of airports, ports or airspace, changes of schedules by airlines, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, fire, closed or congested airports or ports and all similar events outside the control of the Company and our suppliers.

4.2 The Company is not responsible for any improper or non-performance of any services of the package holiday which are wholly attributable to the fault of the Passenger, the unforeseeable or unavoidable act or omission of a third party unconnected with the provision of any of the services to be provided under the Contract; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the Company and/or the relevant supplier, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised including (but not limited to) an event of Force Majeure; or any event which the Company and / or relevant suppliers could not even with all due care foresee or forestalled. In the event that the Company is responsible for any death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and / or omissions of its suppliers of services which form part of the Package then the Company limits its liability, where applicable, by the International Conventions.

4.3 Where death and or personal injury and or loss of or damage to property occurs during carriage by air or by sea then the liability and the extent of damages recoverable will be dealt with by their conditions of carriage and the International Conventions set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 and not otherwise.

4.4 Where there is any loss of or damage to property including luggage which is not covered by any International Convention and where liability is not limited by reference to any enactment, terms or conditions, then any legal liability that the Company may have for any such losses or damage will not exceed £500 per Passenger.

4.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Contract, the Company shall not in any circumstances be liable to the Passenger for any loss or anticipated loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of use, loss of contract or other opportunity nor for any other consequential or indirect loss or damage of a similar nature.

### Shore Excursions

4.6 Where the Company provides or sells a shore excursion to the Passenger the Passenger shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the supplier of the shore excursion supplier.

4.7 The Company does not perform shore excursions which it sells to Passengers. These are performed by local operators who may themselves engage the services of third party suppliers. The Company will at all times endeavour to appoint reputable and competent operators who comply with all prevailing local rules,

regulations and standards. It should be noted that, outside the UK, standards of hygiene, accommodation and transport might differ from comparable standards in the UK.

4.8 Local laws and regulations of the relevant country will be applied to assess the performance of suppliers and the Company. The Company's legal obligations will have been performed if the supplier has complied with local laws and regulations even if the laws of England have not been met.

4.9 Passengers should be aware that they may also be subject to terms and conditions imposed by local excursion operators.

4.10 In the event of an excursion being cancelled, the Company will take all reasonable steps to ensure that Passengers are offered a choice of an alternative excursion and/or a full refund in the case of optional excursions.

4.11 Passengers cancelling optional excursions prior to departure will be refunded in accordance with the schedule set out in clause 8.1. Passengers cancelling optional excursions after departure will not be entitled to a refund. If in such cases the cancellation is due to ill health a supporting letter from the ship's Doctor (charges may apply) may enable Passengers to make a claim on their Travel Insurance Policy. Any Passenger that fails to attend an excursion for whatever reason will be deemed to have cancelled.

4.12 Passengers wishing to change optional excursion details will be allowed to do so on presentation of the appropriate ticket(s) at the shore excursion desk during the advertised opening hours and at least 72 hours prior to the ship's arrival in the excursion port. Any amended booking will be treated as a new booking and the price charged (if applicable) will be set at the prevailing on board price which may be higher than the original brochure price for the same excursion. New booking balances due will be credited with any payment from the original booking less a £5 per Passenger administration charge. Any discounts applied to the original booking will only be transferred to the new booking at the Company's discretion. If the cost of the new booking is less than the original booking then no refund of the surplus balance will be made.

4.13 Any changes to optional excursion arrangements requested by Passengers less than 72 hours prior to the ship's arrival in the excursion port will only be allowed subject to availability and the terms and conditions of the excursion operator. All other conditions are as (4.6) above.

4.14 The Company is not responsible for the performance of and has no liability for shore excursions which are not sold by the Company. Passengers are advised to take great care in purchasing shore excursions from third parties in the ports to ensure they are safe and are covered by insurance.

## 5 TRAVEL INSURANCE

5.1 It is a condition of booking that each Passenger has adequate travel insurance in force from the time of deposit being made for the entire duration of the holiday. We suggest you discuss with your travel agent the various travel insurance policies that are available. Policies can be purchased that provide protection in the event of a trip cancellation, interruption, personal illness, injury, medical fees or damage to property. Verification of your travel insurance policy may be required by Swan Hellenic or its agents.

5.3 The Company is not responsible for checking that Passengers have the correct level of insurance and will not be liable for any costs, howsoever arising, in excess of any travel insurance cover purchased. In particular Passengers should check that their insurance arrangements cover all likely scenarios should they have to cancel their cruise.

## 6 PASSPORTS & VISAS

6.1 It is the responsibility of all Passengers to check and fulfil the passport, visa, and immigration requirements applicable to their itinerary. Passengers must check passport and visa requirements for their own specific circumstances with the relevant Embassies or Consulates as applicable.

6.2 Passengers must understand that passport, visa and immigration requirements do change. Passengers are responsible for checking the up to date position in good time before departure.

6.3 The Company requires a full 10 year Australian passport or a full 5 year New Zealand passport with spare pages valid for at least six months after the date of return for all Australian/New Zealand citizens. Passengers, must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country (ies) to or through which they intend to travel.

6.4 All Passengers must ensure that they have the correct travel documents in their possession before departure. Passengers may incur fines if they fail to comply with documentation or visa requirements. The Company will re-charge to the Passenger any such fines that have been paid by the Company on the Passenger's behalf.

6.5 The Company does not accept any responsibility for Passengers who are denied disembarkation or are unable to travel, or who incur any other loss because they fail to comply with any passport, visa, or immigration requirements. Cancellation of any part of the holiday that arises due to problems with visa/passport, or immigration requirements will be subject to cancellation charges set out in section 8.

## 7 CHANGES TO BOOKING DETAILS BY PASSENGERS

7.1 The Company will do its utmost to ensure that amendments requested by Passengers are accommodated, but the Company makes no guarantee that these requests will be met. Any change request must be made by the Lead Passenger and the Company reserves the right to pass on the costs of making any such changes. Passengers must be aware that charges associated with amendments are likely to increase nearer to the date of departure.

7.2 Additional passengers or cruises may be added to a booking at any time subject to availability. In each case a deposit (or full payment, as relevant) per additional Passenger will be required by the Company and all other booking conditions must be met before the new contract exists.

7.3 Requests for significant amendments to booking details (e.g. change of sail date) received before the balance due date will be treated as a new booking. At the Company's sole discretion, the original booking will either be deemed cancelled (and be subject to the cancellation charges set out in section 8), or will be deemed amended (and be subject to an Amendment fee of

AUS\$200 per Passenger). A maximum of one change of sail date per booking will be considered for an Amendment fee of AUS\$200 per Passenger as long as the change to the sail date is requested at least 119 days before the booked departure date. Any deposit paid, discount applied or promotion applicable to a booking that is cancelled or amended will only be transferred to a new booking at the Company's discretion. Any offers currently available on the cruise that the Passenger wishes to transfer their booking to will also only be applied at the Company's discretion.

7.4 For amendments to booking details received before the balance due date (e.g. passenger name changes) an administration charge of AUS\$100 per Passenger affected will be charged. If name changes are required to scheduled flight details, the charge may be significantly more than \$100 per Passenger and will be quoted on request. Passengers should also be aware that airlines may not allow transfer of Passenger names and in such cases a flight booking might need to be cancelled and rebooked, subject to availability, and at the Passenger's expense.

7.5 After an amendment is applied a new confirmation invoice will be issued at which point the contract will be deemed to be amended accordingly.

8 CANCELLATION BY A PASSENGER

8.1 A Passenger may cancel a booking at any time. Cancellation will take effect when the Company has received written notice of cancellation signed by the Lead Passenger. Cancellation charges payable to the Company are:

Period before departure within which the Company receives notice	Cancellation charge per passenger
After payment of deposit	Loss of deposit
112 to 60 days before departure	Loss of Deposit or 60% of total holiday cost (whichever is greater)
59 to 29 days before departure	90% of total holiday cost
28 days or less before departure to	100% of total holiday cost

Cancellation and/or amendment fees charged by your travel agent and/or associated supplier are not included and may be additional to Swan Hellenic's fees as outlined above.

8.2 A Passenger will not have a right to exclusive occupancy of a cabin with two or more berths unless any applicable single occupancy premium has been paid. In the event of a Passenger becoming a single occupant of such a cabin due to a cancellation, he/she will become liable to pay any applicable single occupancy premium.

9 CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION BY THE COMPANY

9.1 The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion at any time to cancel, postpone or alter without prior notice or consultation any cruise in whole or in part in order to safeguard its Passengers, its crew, its employees or the vessel in the event of war or threat of war, political unrest, terrorist activity or threat of terrorist activity, nuclear or natural disaster, riots, civil strife, adverse weather conditions or other similar events as previously defined ("Force Majeure") or for any other valid operational reason. If the majority of ports that the Company aims to visit during any one cruise have to be changed on UK Foreign Office advice before the cruise commences, the Company undertakes to offer Passengers an alternative cruise or refund of the cost of their cruise in full.

9.2 If under clause 9.1 the Company cancels a cruise before the scheduled departure date it will offer, when possible, a subsequent alternative departure of similar standard (which must be accepted in writing within 14 days of the offer being made), or the choice of a full refund of all monies paid

9.3 If under clause 9.1 the Company cancels a cruise after the scheduled departure date, it will return all Passengers as soon as practicable to the UK and make a proportional refund for any unused services, less any non-recoverable expenses incurred.

9.4 If under clause 9.1 the Company alters the planned itinerary only, refunds will be limited to any balances outstanding on shore excursions.

9.5 In any of the circumstances mentioned above the Company shall not be liable to pay any compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company.

9.6 The Company and the Captain of the ship are unable to guarantee that the ship will call at every advertised port or follow every part of the advertised route. They will at all times endeavour to maintain the advertised programme but reserve the right at their sole discretion to make any alternations they deem necessary.

9.7 The company also reserves the right to cancel any cruise by giving written notice at least eight weeks before departure if sales of that departure have not reached 70% of capacity. Under such circumstances clause 9.2 will apply and the Company shall not be liable to pay compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company.

9.8 The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion to use a substitute ship of similar standard to the original ship should it prove necessary to do so.

9.9 In addition to the rights of the Company, Aircraft and Ship's Captains always have the right at their absolute discretion to vary any planned routing without prior notice or consultation if they deem it necessary to do so in the interests of safety.

9.10 Any flight details contained in the Company's brochures and on confirmation invoices are provisional. Final flight details (including timings and routings) will be issued near to departure and may differ significantly from any provisional information previously provided.

9.11 If for any reason details of a cruise have to be altered before departure (and subject to Clause 9.1) the Company will notify the Lead Passenger as soon as possible.

9.12 The Company will not be held responsible for, nor have liability in respect of, delays caused by third parties during passage through sea areas controlled by vessel traffic schemes, canals, rivers or any other navigable waterways.

9.13 In respect of cruise travel where the port of embarkation is

in the EU and the Company reasonably expects the departure of a cruise to be delayed for more than 90 minutes beyond its scheduled departure time, Passengers departing from port terminal shall be offered free of charge snacks, meals or refreshments as are appropriate given the waiting time, provided they are available and can reasonably be supplied. If the delay in departure necessitates a stay of one or more nights or a stay additional to that intended by the passenger where and when physically possible the Company shall, subject to the Package Travel Regulations 1992, offer Passengers departing from port terminals free of charge adequate accommodation on board or ashore, and transport to and from the port terminal and place of accommodation in addition to the snacks, meals and refreshments previously referred to. The maximum amount that the company will pay for accommodation ashore and transport to and from the port terminal shall be equivalent to 80 Euros per person per night for a maximum of three nights. The company will not have an obligation to provide such accommodation ashore where the delay is caused by weather conditions endangering the operation of the ship.

10 FITNESS TO TRAVEL ON THE CRUISE SHIP, PREGNANCY, BEHAVIOUR, DISABILITY OR REDUCED MOBILITY, MEDICAL AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

10.1 The Company's priority is the comfort and safety of its Passengers who are asked to provide prior to booking as much information as possible regarding any special assistance that may be required in the port, during embarkation and on board the vessel. This information is required in order to ensure that the carrier is able to carry Passengers safely and in accordance with applicable safety requirements established by international, EU or national law or in order to meet safety requirements established by competent authorities including flag state.

10.2 Every Passenger warrants that he/she is fit to travel by sea and that his/her conduct or condition will not impair the safety of the cruise ship or inconvenience the other Passengers. The Company and the carrier reserve the right to require any Passenger to produce medical evidence of fitness to travel in order to assess whether that Passenger can be carried safely in accordance with applicable international, EU or national law.

10.3 For the purposes of EU 1177/2010 Disabled Person' or 'Person with Reduced Mobility includes any person whose mobility when using transport is reduced as a result of any physical disability (sensory or locomotor, permanent or temporary) intellectual or psychosocial disability or impairment, or any other cause of disability, as a result of age, and whose situation needs appropriate attention and adaptation to his particular needs for the service made available to all passengers. Passengers with Reduced Mobility and or Disabilities must advise at the time of booking of their specific needs with regard to accommodation, seating or services required from the carrier or terminal operator, or their need to bring medical equipment, or to bring a recognised assistance dog on board the vessel or of any other known disabilities or who in the Carrier's and or Master's opinion is unfit or unable to travel or anyone whose condition may constitute a danger to themselves or others on board on the grounds of safety.

10.4 The requirement to notify the Company at the time of booking of any medical equipment required on board is to ensure that the medical equipment can be lawfully carried and/or carried safely. It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all medical equipment is in good working order and for arranging enough equipment and supplies to last the entire voyage. The ship does not carry any replacement and access to shore side care and equipment may be difficult and expensive. Passengers must be able to operate all equipment.

10.5 If it appears to the Company or the carrier, the Master or the Cruise Ship's doctor that a Passenger is for any reason unfit to travel, likely to endanger safety, or likely to be refused permission to land at any port, or likely to render the Carrier liable for Passenger maintenance, support or repatriation, then the Carrier or the Master shall have the right to take any of the following courses: (i) Refuse to embark the Passenger at any port; (ii) Disembark the Passenger at any port; (iii) Transfer the Passenger to another berth or cabin; (iv) If the Cruise Ship doctor considers it advisable, to place or confine him/her in the Cruise Ship's Hospital or to transfer the Passenger to a health facility at any port, at the Passenger's expense (v) to administer first aid and administer any drug, medicine or other substance or to admit and/or confine the Passenger to a hospital or other similar institution at any port provided that the ship's doctor and/or Master considers that any such steps are necessary.

10.6 The vessels have a limited number of cabins equipped for Disabled Persons or Persons with Reduced Mobility. Not all areas or equipment on the vessels are suitable for access to Disabled Persons or Persons with Reduced Mobility. Passengers must check with the Company at the time of booking to enable the Company to assess your needs with the performing carrier.

10.7 Those passengers confined to wheelchairs must furnish their own standard size wheelchairs and must be accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to assist them. The ship's wheelchairs are available for emergency use only. Passengers must not use mobility scooters on board. They must be gel or dry cell battery only with a width of no more than 78cm to enable access to the cabin. Each part should weigh no more than 23kg. Any passenger taking a mobility scooter aboard the Vessel must reside in a disabled cabin.

10.8 Not all ports of call will be accessible by wheelchair and some may be by tender. The decision will be made by the Master of the vessel; it will be based on safety and will be binding. Passengers must check at the time of booking in order to avoid disappointment.

10.9 If there are any particular conditions, which require personal care or supervision then such personal care or supervision must be organised by the Passenger and at the passenger's expense. The vessel is unable to provide respite services, one to one personal care or supervision or any other form of carer for physical, psychiatric or other conditions.

10.10 In accordance with EU 1177/2010 where it is strictly necessary for the safety of the Passenger, the Company and or the carrier can require a Disabled passenger or Person with Reduced Mobility before it accepts the booking that a Passenger is assisted by an accompanying person who is fit and able to provide the

assistance required.

10.11 Assistance dogs are subject to national and EU Regulations regarding travel. It is the passenger's responsibility to check the position prior to the cruise and to be satisfied that the assistance dog can be carried to the ports of embarkation and disembarkation and that the dog is not prohibited from going ashore at the various ports of call. Assistance dogs must have all necessary papers and comply with national Regulations regarding health, vaccinations, training and travel.

10.12 Where any mobility or other equipment is lost or damaged by the fault or neglect of the Company then it is the Company's or carriers absolute decision as to whether to repair or replace such equipment. Unless the Company and or the Carrier agree otherwise and in writing Passengers are limited to bringing 2 items of such mobility or medical equipment on board per cabin with a total value not exceeding £2200. All equipment must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before the cruise. The Carrier may decline to carry such equipment where it is not safe to do so or where it has not been notified in time to enable a risk assessment to be carried out.

10.13 Where a Passenger is refused embarkation as a result of safety and/or fitness to travel and or failure to give notice under EU 1177/2010 or otherwise, neither the Company nor the carrier shall be liable for any loss or expense occasioned to the passenger thereby, nor shall the passenger be entitled to any compensation from the carrier.

10.14 Any Passenger who embarks, or allows any other Passenger for whom he or she is responsible to embark, when he or she or such other Passenger is suffering from any sickness, disease, injury or infirmity bodily or mental or to his/her knowledge has been exposed to any infection or contagious disease, or for any other reason is likely to impair the safety or reasonable comfort of other persons on board or for any reason is refused permission to land at his/her or her port of destination shall be responsible for any loss or expense incurred by the Company, carrier or the Master directly or indirectly in consequence of such sickness, disease, injury, infirmity, exposure or refusal or permission to land unless in the case of sickness, disease, injury, infirmity or exposure the same has been declared in writing to the Carrier or the Master before embarkation and consent in writing of the Carrier or the Master to such embarkation has been obtained.

10.15 Pregnant women are highly recommended to seek medical advice prior to travel at any stage of their pregnancy. Women who are up to 23 weeks pregnant at the end of the cruise are required to produce a medical certificate of fitness to travel. Ships cannot, for safety reasons, carry pregnant Passengers of 23 weeks or more by the end of the cruise. The Company and the Carrier reserve the right to request a medical certificate at any stage of pregnancy and to refuse passage if the Company and/or the Master are not satisfied that the Passenger will be safe during the passage.

10.16 The ship's doctor is not qualified to deliver babies on board or to offer pre or post natal treatment and no responsibility is accepted by the Company in respect of the ability to provide such services or equipment. The cruise ship's doctor is not a specialist and the ship's medical centre is not required to be and is not equipped to the same standards as a land-based hospital. The Vessel carries medical supplies and equipment as required by its flag state. Neither the Company nor the doctor shall be liable to the Passenger as a result of any inability to treat any medical condition as a result.

10.17 The Company and the carrier are entitled to administer a health questionnaire prior to boarding. All Passengers must follow the vessels instructions and procedures relating to all matters including health, safety, hygiene and security. Any Passenger boarding a ship at initial embarkation who has not filled in the required pre-boarding health declaration must inform the Company of any sickness and/or diarrhoea experienced less than 72 hours prior to embarkation. In the interest of Passenger's safety the Company reserves the right at its discretion, to refuse boarding. In such circumstances the Company shall not be liable to pay any compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company. The Company and the carrier are entitled to request Passengers to remain in their cabins in the event of illness which is or may be infectious.

10.18 In the event of illness or accident, Passengers may have to be landed ashore by the Company and/or Master for medical treatment. The Company makes no representations regarding the quality of medical treatment at any port of call or at the place at which the Passenger is landed. Medical facilities and standards vary from port to port and the Company makes no representations or warranties in relation to such standards.

10.19 The Company does not accept any responsibility for Passengers unable to travel, or who incur any other loss because they fail to comply with any health formalities. The Company takes no responsibility for Passengers denied embarkation and/or disembarkation on medical grounds. Cancellation of any part of the holiday that arises due to health requirements will be subject to cancellation charges as set out in Section 8.

10.20 Any cost or expense reasonably incurred by the Company for or on behalf of the Passenger in respect of any form of medical, dental or similar treatment, hotel, transportation, repatriation, damages to fixtures and fittings (including the soiling of soft furnishings i.e. mattresses) or any other expense shall be repayable by the Passenger to the Company irrespective of whether the sum is covered by the Passenger's travel insurance arrangements.

10.21 If a Passenger is refused entry to board an aircraft because, in the opinion of the Captain or airline staff, the Passenger is unfit to travel or represents a threat to the safety of the aircraft or its Passengers or crew or is abusive or disruptive, the Company will not be liable to complete the Passengers holiday arrangements and will not be liable to pay any refund or compensation.

10.22 Unless approved by the Company in writing prior to departure, Passengers may not bring on board any controlled substances.

10.23 Passengers may not bring on board any prohibited substances, any animals or any goods of a flammable or dangerous nature. Doing so will render the Passenger strictly liable to the Company for any injury, loss, damage or expense suffered by the Company as a result. The Passenger will also be personally

liable for any statutory penalties.

10.24 Passengers are required at all times to follow the instructions of employees and crew regarding the use of ship's equipment (including hand sanitizers) and general behaviour whilst on board. The Company will not be responsible for any consequential injury, illness, financial or other loss incurred by Passengers if they fail to comply with the instructions they are given.

10.25 The Captain (or any employee or member of the crew authorised by the Master) will be entitled to search the cabin and/or personal luggage of any Passenger suspected of being in breach of these clauses. In addition, any employee or crew member will be entitled to enter a Passenger's cabin in order to carry out an inspection, or to undertake cleaning, maintenance or repair work.

10.26 The Company expects all Passengers to have consideration for other Passengers when travelling on our cruises and to treat all staff and fellow Passengers with respect. If in the Company's opinion, or the reasonable opinion of someone either in authority or from one of our suppliers (such as an airline), any Passenger acts in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger, breach of safety and/or upset or distress to any of our staff, fellow Passengers or a third party or your behaviour impacts the smooth and/or safe running of the cruise we are entitled to disembark the Passenger and terminate the cruise holiday. In such circumstances neither the Company or the relevant carrier will have any further liability and the Passenger will not be entitled to any refund for any part of the cost of their unused cruise package including any return travel arrangements, transfers or alternative accommodation etc.

10.27 Should any Passenger have the misfortune to suffer illness, injury or death during the period of the cruise arising out of an activity that does not form part of the arrangement made by the Company, the Company will, where appropriate, provide any assistance it can to the affected Passenger, such assistance being limited to a maximum cost incurred by the Company of £5,000 per booking.

10.28 The Company may invite various affinity groups of people with shared interests who choose to travel together onto a cruise. The Company does not envisage that this will materially affect the normal day to day operation of the ship but Passengers must accept that there may be occasions when certain facilities are unavailable whilst these groups are on board.

## 11 COMPLAINTS

11.1 Any Passenger who encounters a problem during a cruise must immediately report it to the reception desk on the ship and ensure that the issue is recorded in the ship's log together with any action taken to resolve it. If the matter cannot be resolved during the cruise, and the Passenger wishes to pursue a complaint, the Passenger must write to the Company within 28 days of final disembarkation to allow the complaint to be investigated properly. If the Passenger does not give the Company the opportunity to resolve the issue locally during the cruise by reporting it to a member of the ship's crew at the reception desk and having the issue recorded in the ship's log, then the Company may not be able to deal positively with any complaint on your return.

11.2 The Company is a Member of ABTA, membership number W0302.

11.3 Passengers are asked to make any complaints relating to EU Regulation 1177/2010 whilst on board the vessel. If the complaint is not resolved at this time you must make a formal complaint to the Company within 2 months from the date of the circumstances giving rise to the complaint. Within 1 month of receipt of the complaint the Company will respond informing the Passenger whether the complaint has been substantiated, rejected or is still being considered. The Company will provide a final response to the Passenger no later than 2 months after receipt of the complaint.

## 12 CARRIAGE BY SEA OR INLAND WATERWAYS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

12.1 Carriage by sea is subject to the Carriers' Conditions of Carriage which are contractually incorporated into the contract with the Company. Copies of the conditions of carriage will be sent to Passengers with their travel documentation but they can be provided in advance upon request. They are also available on board the ship and on the Company's website. It is important that you read these documents as they set out your rights and obligations. They also contain limitations of liability.

12.2 The liability of the Company and the carrier to Passengers for carriage by sea in respect of death, personal injury and/or loss of or damage to luggage is governed since 1 January 2013 by International Carriage by EU Regulation 392/2009 relating to the Liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accidents

by the provisions of the Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974 as amended in 1976 ("The Athens Convention") for Domestic Carriage For the purposes of EU 392/2009, the Athens 1974 and 2002 The Company is a contracting carrier. EU Regulation 392/2009 may be viewed at: <http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:131:0024:0046:EN:PDF> The Athens Convention 1974 may be viewed at: <http://www.admiraltylawguide.com/conven/passengers1974.html>. The Athens Convention 2002 which comes into force on 23 April 2014 may be viewed at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/261628/Misc.6.2013\\_Prot\\_2002\\_Athens\\_8760.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/261628/Misc.6.2013_Prot_2002_Athens_8760.pdf) or are available from The Company on request. EU Regulation 392/2009 and where applicable The Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 are contractually incorporated and applicable to the Contract, The Company shall be entitled to the benefit of all limitations, rights and immunities conferred by EU Regulation 392/2009 and where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 in respect of any ship on which the cruise is performed.

12.3 EU Regulation 392/2009 and where applicable The Athens Convention 1974 (from April 23 2014 the Athens Convention 2002) limit The Company's and the Carriers' liability for loss or damage to luggage and make special provision for valuables. It is presumed that luggage has been delivered undamaged unless written notice is given to the Company and/or the performing Carrier. a) in the case of apparent damage, before or at the time of disembarkation or redelivery; or b) in the case of damage which is not apparent or of loss, within 15 days from the date of disembarkation or redelivery or from the time when such redelivery should have taken place. Damages for cabin luggage payable by the Carrier are limited up to 2250 SDRs approx. £2,111.41 if EU Regulation 392/2009 and or Athens Convention 2002 applies or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 limit of 833 SDRs approx. £781.80.

12.4 Limits shall be reduced in proportion to any contributory negligence by the Passenger and by the maximum deductible specified in Article 8 by the passenger in accordance with Article 8 (4) of the Athens Conventions or EU Regulation 392/2009. All Claims must be brought in accordance with EU Regulation 392/2009 or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 within 2 years of the date of disembarkation from the ship.

12.5 In respect of domestic carriage in the UK, The Athens Convention will apply and the limits for death/personal injury are 46,666 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) approx. £43,794.67 these limits may also apply to domestic cruises in the EU. Where the carrier has a principal place of business in the UK the limits of liability per passenger may be 300,000 SDR approx. £281,541.21 per carriage.

12.6 In respect of international carriage EU Regulation 392/2009 applies the limits for death/personal injury caused by a shipping incident, with the exception of circumstances beyond the Carrier's control (ie act of war, natural disaster, act of a third party) to no more than 250 000 SDRs approx. £234,587.82 per passenger per carriage. Except for cases involving war and terrorism damages up to a further 150 000 SDRs approx. £140,752.69 may be payable in respect of a shipping incident unless the Company or the carrier proves that the death or personal injury occurred without the carrier's fault or neglect. Where death/ personal injury is caused by a non- shipping incident it is for the passenger to prove that the death or personal injury was caused by the fault or neglect of the carrier. The maximum sum payable to any passenger under EU Regulation 392/2009 is limited to 400 000 per passenger per carriage which is approx. £375,340.52. The maximum sum payable in cases involving war and terrorism where the carrier is liable is 250 000 SDRs per passenger per carriage or 340 000 000 SDRs per ship, per carriage.

12.7 The Company and the carrier are not liable for valuables, monies or other securities including jewellery and watches. If they have been deposited with the reception desk on the ship for safe keeping and a receipt issued then in those limited circumstances the Company's and the carriers liability will be as set out in EU Regulation 392/2009 or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002. The use of safes on board a Vessel is not a deposit with the ship or with the Company under the EU Regulation 392/2009 or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 or otherwise. The limits are 3,375 SDRs approx. £3,166.45 pursuant to EU Regulation 392/2009 and the Athens Convention 2002 or 1200 SDRs approx. £1,125.81 pursuant to the Athens Convention 1974.

12.8 An SDR is an international monetary unit. The exact value of an SDR fluctuates with the daily exchange rate. The daily exchange rate can be viewed at the international monetary Fund website [http://www.imf.org/external/np/fin/data/ms\\_sdrv.aspx](http://www.imf.org/external/np/fin/data/ms_sdrv.aspx) and an SDR converter is available at [http://coinmill.com/GBP\\_SDR](http://coinmill.com/GBP_SDR).

$\text{html}\#\text{SDR}=46\,666$ . The values in the booking conditions are those of 26 March 2014 and may fluctuate upwards or downwards.

12.9 In so far as the Company and its servants and/or agents and suppliers may be liable to a Passenger in respect of claims arising out of carriage by sea, the Company shall be entitled to all the rights, defences, immunities and limitations available, respectively, to the actual carrier and under the relevant Conventions, and nothing in this Contract shall be deemed as a surrender thereof. The Company's liability will not at any time exceed that of the carrier under its Conditions of Carriage and/or applicable or incorporated conventions or other legislation.

12.10 Where carriage is performed on Inland waterways and the vessel does not go to sea the liability provisions relating to sea going vessels do not apply to the cruise. In those cases the liability of the Company and the carrier to Passengers shall be determined in accordance with English law and The Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1996 (LLMC 96) as amended by SI 1998/1258. The Company's liability pursuant to SI 1998/1258 a copy of which will be provided by on request or can be found at (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/1998/1258/article/4/made>). The limits for non-sea going passenger vessels is SDR 175,000 per passenger limit (approx. \$270,500.04 or £164,185.05). Liability for property claims will be at least SDR 1,000,000 under SI 1998/1258 (4(b)(i)).

12.11 The Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels referred to as the "Strasbourg Convention" with protocols and amendments, applies to vessels sailing on waterways located in the territory of a state party subject to (i) the "Revised Convention relating to the Navigation of the Rhine of 17 October 1868" and (ii) the "Convention of 27 October 1956 concerning the canalization of the Moselle" (Article 15(1) of the Strasbourg Convention: <http://www.inr.nl/downloads/forms/B2.pdf>). If the Strasbourg Convention applies the limits for passenger claims are SDR 60,000 per passenger subject to a minimum of SDR 6,000,000 (see Article 7). A copy of the Strasbourg Convention can be found at: [http://www.ccr-zkr.org/files/conventions/clni\\_2012\\_en.pdf](http://www.ccr-zkr.org/files/conventions/clni_2012_en.pdf). The Company's and the carrier's for death, injury, illness, damage, delay or other loss to person or property of any kind suffered by Passengers shall, in the first instance, be governed by the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1996 (LLMC 96) as amended by SI 1998/1258 or where applicable the Strasbourg Convention. The Company's liability therefore shall not exceed those limitations provided by the said LLMC 1996 and SI 1998/1258 or where applicable Strasbourg Convention or in any further revisions, protocols and/or amendments thereto as shall become applicable. Where the LLMC 1996 or if applicable Strasbourg Convention permits us to apply a deductible, we may apply that deductible.

## 13 CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE BY AIR AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

13.1 Travel on board aircraft used in travelling to and from the ship is subject to the airline's standard ticket conditions, some of which limit or exclude liability in accordance with international conventions. For complete details contact the individual airline(s) directly.

13.2 If your air journey involves a destination or stop in a country other than the one from which you depart, the Warsaw Convention may govern the liability of all airlines involved in your journey, including any portion thereof in a single country. This Convention limits the liability of airlines involved in your journey, including any portion thereof in a single country. This Convention limits the liability of airlines for death or bodily injury and for baggage loss, delay or damage. For many air carriers, the Warsaw Convention limits for bodily injury or death and the defence that they have taken all necessary measures to avoid the damage for the first 100,000 Special Drawing Rights of any such claim do not apply. In addition, in cases of death or bodily injury, many air carriers will make advance payments to the person entitled to compensation, if required to meet immediate economic needs, in proportion to the hardship suffered. European Community carriers provide a minimum advance equal to not less than 15,000 Special Drawing Rights in the event of death. Other air carriers may apply alternate provisions.

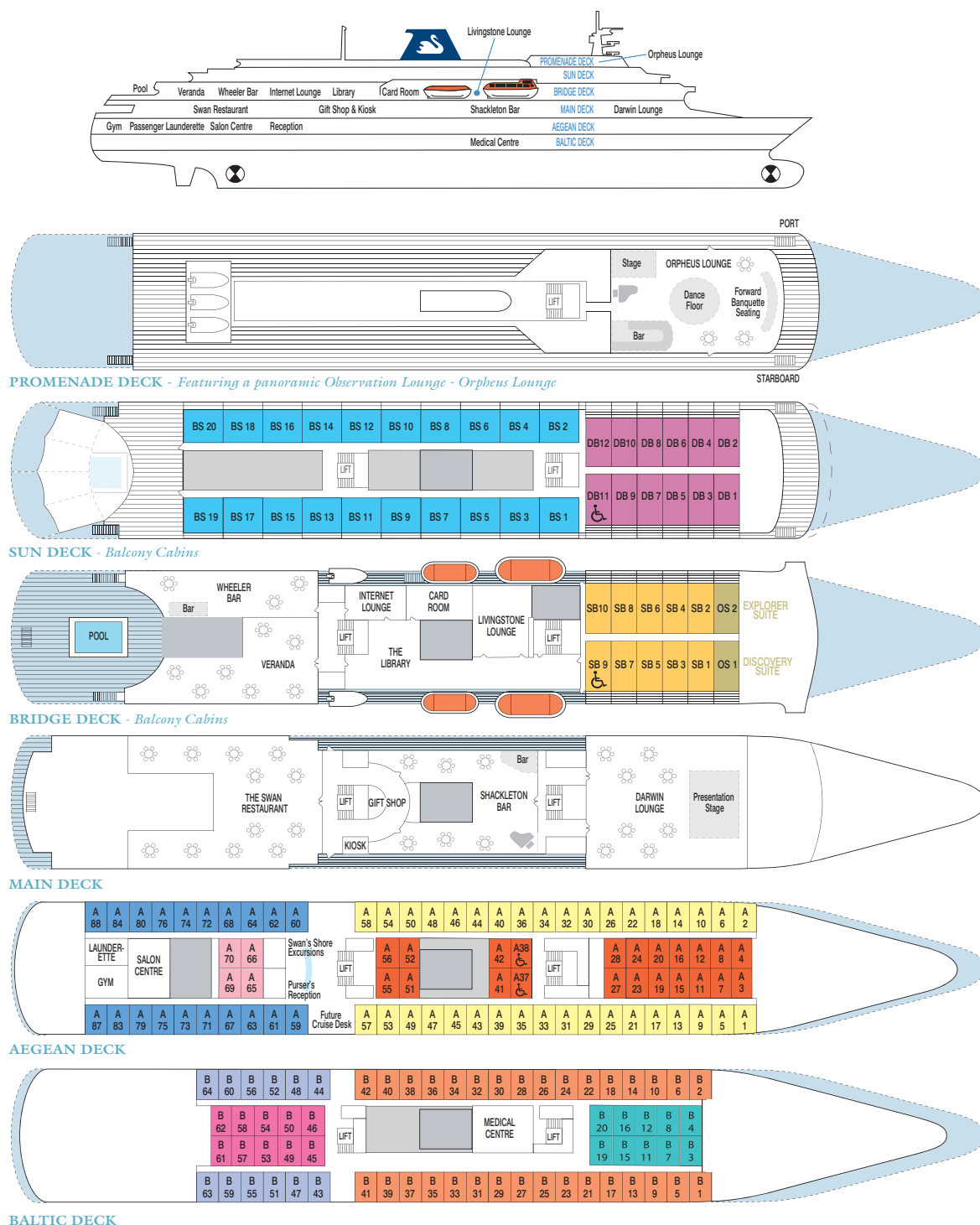
## 14 GUIDES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

14.1 Independent contractors retained by the Company, including but not limited to Guest Speakers, guides, guest personalities and entertainers are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. The Company also retains the right to change any member of ship's crew previously advertised or disclosed (e.g. the ship's Captain) without notice.





## MINERVA



### MINERVA'S PROFILE

• Gross Tonnage	12,892
• Length	437 ft
• Beam	66 ft
• Draft	19 ft
• Cruising Speed	13 knots
• Passenger Decks	6
• Stabilisers	retractable fin
• Registration	Bahamas



### FACILITIES INCLUDE

- 44 Balcony cabins\*
- 100 Outside cabins
- (73% outside cabins including 23% balcony cabins)
- Choice of two Restaurants
- Orpheus Lounge
- Internet Lounge
- Livingstone Lounge
- Darwin Lounge
- Shackleton & Wheeler Bars
- Card Room - max 10 tables
- Library
- Swimming Pool
- Gift Shop and Kiosk
- Gymnasium
- Complimentary Launderette with Washers and Dryers
- Salon Centre
- Medical Centre
- Telephone, Fax and E-mail Facilities
- Flatscreen TV, Hairdryer and Personal Safe in every Cabin

\*Starboard Side = Showers.  
Port Side = Baths

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## CRUISES – JULY - NOVEMBER 2014

CRUISE CODE		MIN140715	MIN140730	MIN140813	MIN140827	MIN140910	MIN140924	MIN141008	MIN141022	MIN141105
DURATION (NIGHTS)		15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	15
All prices are per person twin share - AU\$		Norway and the North Cape	To Mediteranean Waters	Swan's Hellenic Celebration	Black Sea Panorama	Shores of the Aegean	Adriatic Odyssey	Realms of the Mediterranean	Pyramids and Petra	From Petra to Oman
OCCUPANCY		Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin
Cat	Deck Description	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$
A	BRIDGE DECK Owner's Suite with Balcony	SOLD OUT	\$8,725	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$10,435	SOLD OUT	\$10,830	\$9,220
B	SUN DECK Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$10,485	\$7,920	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$9,445	\$10,485	\$9,805	\$8,325
C	BRIDGE DECK Superior Balcony Suite	\$10,225	\$7,720	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$10,225	\$9,545	\$8,095
D	SUN DECK Balcony Suite	\$9,270	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$9,270	SOLD OUT	\$7,295
F	AEGEAN DECK Outside Forward Window	SOLD OUT	\$4,845	SOLD OUT	\$7,120	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$6,465	\$5,895	\$4,965
G	AEGEAN DECK Outside Aft Window	\$6,145	\$4,615	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$6,145	\$5,580	\$4,695
H	BALTIC DECK Outside Forward Port Holes	\$5,515	\$4,135	SOLD OUT	\$6,040	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$5,515	\$4,965	\$4,210
I	BALTIC DECK Outside Aft Port Holes	\$5,200	\$3,885	SOLD OUT	\$5,745	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$5,200	SOLD OUT	\$3,940
K	AEGEAN DECK Inside Forward	\$4,510	SOLD OUT	\$4,275	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$4,510	SOLD OUT	\$3,220
L	AEGEAN DECK Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	\$3,240	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
M	BALTIC DECK Inside Forward	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$2,910
N	BALTIC DECK Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$3,660	\$4,245	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$3,880	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

## CRUISES – NOVEMBER - MAY 2015

CRUISE CODE		MIN141120	MIN141204	MIN141219	MIN150103	MIN150124	MIN150228	MIN150315	MIN150329	MIN150413	MIN150427
DURATION (NIGHTS)		14	15	15	21	21	15	14	15	14	14
All prices are per person twin share - AU\$		Indian Exploration	To Burma and Beyond	Travels in Indochina	Japan & China Discovery	Islands of East Asia	Shores of the Orient	India and the Malabar Coast	Jewels of Arabia and the Red Sea	Holy Lands	Black Sea Empires
OCCUPANCY		Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin
Cat	Deck Description	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$
A	BRIDGE DECK Owner's Suite with Balcony	SOLD OUT	\$11,265	\$13,245	\$20,880	\$19,075	\$12,865	\$12,490	\$9,340	\$11,235	\$12,225
B	SUN DECK Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$10,645	\$10,140	\$11,965	\$18,820	\$17,190	\$11,580	\$11,260	\$8,415	\$10,165	\$11,065
C	BRIDGE DECK Superior Balcony Suite	\$10,360	\$9,865	\$11,640	\$18,330	\$16,740	\$11,265	\$10,950	\$8,185	\$9,895	\$10,785
D	SUN DECK Balcony Suite	\$9,315	\$8,850	\$10,485	\$16,465	\$15,030	\$10,120	\$9,850	\$7,345	\$8,935	\$9,730
F	AEGEAN DECK Outside Forward Window	\$6,255	\$5,865	\$7,020	\$10,960	\$9,995	\$6,735	\$6,585	\$4,930	\$6,090	SOLD OUT
G	AEGEAN DECK Outside Aft Window	\$5,910	\$5,530	\$6,510	\$10,170	\$9,285	\$6,355	\$6,220	\$4,650	\$5,775	SOLD OUT
H	BALTIC DECK Outside Forward Port Holes	\$5,220	\$4,855	\$5,865	\$9,190	\$8,385	\$5,590	\$5,475	\$4,140	\$5,130	SOLD OUT
I	BALTIC DECK Outside Aft Port Holes	\$4,870	\$4,515	\$5,550	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$3,865	\$4,795	SOLD OUT
K	AEGEAN DECK Inside Forward	\$4,120	\$3,790	\$4,720	SOLD OUT	\$6,955	\$4,495	\$4,435	\$3,120	\$4,225	\$4,720
L	AEGEAN DECK Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$2,985	\$4,060	SOLD OUT
M	BALTIC DECK Inside Forward	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$2,795	\$3,850	SOLD OUT
N	BALTIC DECK Inside Aft	\$3,430	\$3,115	SOLD OUT	\$6,435	\$5,875	\$3,735	\$3,690	\$2,565	SOLD OUT	\$4,050

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## CRUISES – MAY - AUGUST 2015

CRUISE CODE		MIN150511	MIN150525	MIN150608	MIN150623	MIN150707	MIN150721	MIN150805
DURATION (NIGHTS)		15	15	16	15	15	16	15
All prices are per person twin share - AU\$		Aegean & Adriatic Odyssey	Empires of Mediterranean	White Nights of the Baltic	Islands and Highlands of Britain	A Flemish and French Masterpiece	Azores Archipelago Adventure	Impressions of the Riviera
OCCUPANCY		Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin
Cat	Deck Description	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS
A	BRIDGE DECK Owner's Suite with Balcony	\$12,140	\$10,345	\$15,165	\$13,310	\$14,150	\$11,650	\$10,495
B	SUN DECK Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$10,950	\$9,330	\$13,720	\$12,035	\$12,805	\$10,520	\$9,435
C	BRIDGE DECK Superior Balcony Suite	\$10,650	\$9,075	\$13,365	\$11,735	\$12,470	\$10,240	\$9,170
D	SUN DECK Balcony Suite	\$9,585	\$8,155	\$12,060	\$10,580	\$11,255	\$9,225	\$8,225
F	AEGEAN DECK Outside Forward Window	\$6,425	\$5,505	\$8,235	\$7,175	\$7,685	\$6,230	\$5,490
G	AEGEAN DECK Outside Aft Window	\$6,065	\$5,200	\$7,800	\$6,685	\$7,280	\$5,890	\$5,175
H	BALTIC DECK Outside Forward Port Holes	\$5,355	\$4,640	\$6,930	\$6,085	\$6,475	\$5,215	\$4,585
I	BALTIC DECK Outside Aft Port Holes	\$5,000	\$4,335	\$6,505	\$5,775	\$6,065	\$4,875	\$4,270
K	AEGEAN DECK Inside Forward	\$4,340	\$3,520	\$5,705	\$5,110	\$5,330	\$4,255	\$3,430
L	AEGEAN DECK Inside Aft	\$4,165	\$3,360	\$5,490	\$4,930	\$5,130	\$4,090	\$3,275
M	BALTIC DECK Inside Forward	\$3,920	\$3,160	\$5,200	\$4,685	\$4,860	\$3,860	\$3,065
N	BALTIC DECK Inside Aft	\$3,625	\$2,905	\$4,840	\$4,375	\$4,515	\$3,580	\$2,800

## CRUISES – AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2015

CRUISE CODE		MIN150819	MIN150902	MIN150916	MIN150930	MIN151014	MIN151027
DURATION (NIGHTS)		15	15	15	15	14	14
All prices are per person twin share - AU\$		An Italian Mosaic	Hidden Treasures of the Adriatic	The Sparkling Aegean	Coasts of the Black Sea	Aegean and Ionian Contrasts	Landscapes of the Mediterranean
OCCUPANCY		Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin
Cat	Deck Description	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS
A	BRIDGE DECK Owner's Suite with Balcony	\$13,120	\$12,305	\$13,295	\$16,200	\$13,950	\$13,015
B	SUN DECK Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$11,830	\$11,090	\$11,990	\$14,615	\$12,585	\$11,720
C	BRIDGE DECK Superior Balcony Suite	\$11,525	\$10,800	\$11,665	\$14,230	\$12,245	\$11,395
D	SUN DECK Balcony Suite	\$10,360	\$9,705	\$10,500	\$12,795	\$11,020	\$10,220
F	AEGEAN DECK Outside Forward Window	\$6,930	\$6,485	\$7,055	\$8,550	\$7,405	\$6,855
G	AEGEAN DECK Outside Aft Window	\$6,440	\$6,020	\$6,670	\$7,945	\$6,995	\$6,470
H	BALTIC DECK Outside Forward Port Holes	\$5,830	\$5,445	\$5,890	\$7,195	\$6,170	\$5,750
I	BALTIC DECK Outside Aft Port Holes	\$5,525	\$5,165	\$5,495	\$6,810	\$5,760	\$5,365
K	AEGEAN DECK Inside Forward	\$4,850	\$4,525	\$4,790	\$5,980	\$5,015	\$4,325
L	AEGEAN DECK Inside Aft	\$4,665	\$4,350	\$4,585	\$5,750	\$4,805	\$4,130
M	BALTIC DECK Inside Forward	\$4,420	\$4,125	\$4,335	\$5,455	\$4,535	\$3,870
N	BALTIC DECK Inside Aft	\$4,115	\$3,835	\$4,010	\$5,070	\$4,195	\$3,545

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GRAND VOYAGES – OCTOBER 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015									
CRUISE CODE		MIN141008A	MIN141008B	MIN141022A	MIN141105A	MIN141105B	MIN141120A	MIN141120B	MIN141204A
DURATION (NIGHTS)		28	43	29	29	44	29	44	30
All prices are per person twin share - AUS		Grand Ancient Wonders	Grand Realms of Antiquity	Grand Desert Shores	Grand Trade Winds	Grand Indian Ocean	Grand Indian Voyage	Grand Oriental Odyssey	Grand Colours of the East
OCCUPANCY		Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin
Cat	Deck	Description	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS
A	BRIDGE DECK	Owner's Suite with Balcony	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$18,885	\$19,800	\$30,270	\$21,745	\$34,095
B	SUN DECK	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$18,685	\$26,380	\$17,065	\$17,850	\$27,255	\$19,575	\$30,435
C	BRIDGE DECK	Superior Balcony Suite	\$18,195	\$25,675	\$16,605	\$17,370	\$26,510	\$19,045	\$29,595
D	SUN DECK	Balcony Suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$15,615	\$23,795	\$17,095	\$26,545
F	AEGEAN DECK	Outside Forward Window	\$11,185	\$15,685	\$10,145	\$10,495	\$15,840	\$11,350	\$17,515
G	AEGEAN DECK	Outside Aft Window	\$10,585	\$14,830	\$9,600	\$9,910	\$14,930	\$10,705	\$16,380
H	BALTIC DECK	Outside Forward Port Holes	\$9,395	\$13,180	\$8,560	\$8,780	\$13,170	\$9,405	\$14,470
I	BALTIC DECK	Outside Aft Port Holes	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$8,200	\$12,260	\$8,745	\$13,515
K	AEGEAN DECK	Inside Forward	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$6,805	\$10,170	\$7,345	\$11,320
L	AEGEAN DECK	Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
M	BALTIC DECK	Inside Forward	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
N	BALTIC DECK	Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

CRUISE CODE		MIN141219A	MIN150228A	MIN150315A	MIN150329A	MIN150511A	MIN150721A	MIN150721B	MIN150902A
DURATION (NIGHTS)		36	29	29	29	28	29	43	28
All prices are per person twin share - AUS		Grand Japan & China	Grand Colonial Empires	Grand India & Arabia	Grand Ancient Highlights	Great Realms of the Mediterranean	Grand Island Vistas	Grand Azores & Mediterranean	Grand Classical Coasts
OCCUPANCY		Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin	Twin
Cat	Deck	Description	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS
A	BRIDGE DECK	Owner's Suite with Balcony	\$32,020	\$24,060	\$20,715	\$19,545	\$21,355	\$21,035	\$33,495
B	SUN DECK	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$28,840	\$21,675	\$18,675	\$17,640	\$19,265	\$18,955	\$30,195
C	BRIDGE DECK	Superior Balcony Suite	\$28,075	\$21,080	\$18,165	\$17,160	\$18,740	\$18,440	\$29,385
D	SUN DECK	Balcony Suite	\$25,195	\$18,945	\$16,320	\$15,450	\$16,850	\$16,580	\$26,420
F	AEGEAN DECK	Outside Forward Window	\$16,675	\$12,630	\$10,920	\$10,455	\$11,330	\$11,135	\$17,715
G	AEGEAN DECK	Outside Aft Window	\$15,445	\$11,925	\$10,305	\$9,900	\$10,700	\$10,510	\$16,625
H	BALTIC DECK	Outside Forward Port Holes	\$13,900	\$10,480	\$9,120	\$8,805	\$9,495	\$9,310	\$14,850
I	BALTIC DECK	Outside Aft Port Holes	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$8,235	\$8,865	\$8,690	\$13,935
K	AEGEAN DECK	Inside Forward	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$7,155	\$6,975	\$7,465	\$7,300	\$11,905
L	AEGEAN DECK	Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$6,680	\$7,150	\$6,995	\$11,425
M	BALTIC DECK	Inside Forward	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$6,300	\$6,725	\$6,580	\$10,775
N	BALTIC DECK	Inside Aft	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$5,925	SOLD OUT	\$6,205	\$6,060	\$9,970

Prices applicable for bookings from 22nd April 2014.



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Departs	Cruise	No.Days	From/To	Cruise reference	Pages
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JUL 15, 2014	NORWAY AND THE NORTH CAPE	16	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN140715	20-21
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