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OCTOBER 2022




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Join us on an exotic journey that illuminates the ancient traditions, serene landscapes and thrilling architecture of these fabled lands. From the remote deserts of Turkey, to the beaches of Gallipoli, the Holy Land and ancient ruins in Jordan and Egypt, this tour really does have it all. Sail aboard the deluxe Viking Mars from Athens through the iconic Suez Canal all the way to Mumbai.

39-NIGHT ESCORTED JOURNEY FEATURING ATHENS TO MUMBAI ABOARD VIKING MARS



OCT 2022 ITINERARY

FRI 07	Depart Australia on your flight to Istanbul**
SAT 08	Istanbul - transfer to your hotel with the day at leisure Overnight: Pera Palace Hotel Istanbul (or similar)
SUN 09	Istanbul - Today cross the Bosphorus by private boat to visit Beylerbeyi Palace. Continue to Camlica Hill for views of Istanbul. Overnight: Pera Palace Hotel Istanbul (or similar) (B)
MON 10	Istanbul - Full day tour visiting St.Sophia, Byzantine Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque. In the afternoon tour Topkapi Palace, Basilica Cistern and the Grand Bazaar. Dinner and drinks with show tonight at a local restaurant. Overnight: Pera Palace Hotel Istanbul (or similar) (B,D)
TUE 11	Istanbul to Cappadocia - Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cappadocia. Visit the rock pinnacles known as 'fairy chimneys' and the picturesque village of Avanos, famous for its local pottery. Overnight: Yunak Evleri Cave Hotel (or similar) (B,D)
WED 12	Cappadocia - Early morning balloon ride# then explore the Goreme Valley. Visit the rock churches of Goreme, the red coned monastic complex of Zelve and Cavusin, where the walls and corridors of the ancient rock town are open to the sky. Overnight: Yunak Evleri Cave Hotel (or similar) (B,D)
THU 13	Cappadocia to Konya - Visit 13th century Selcuk caravanserai 'Sultanhan' and the tomb of Mevlana, the mystic poet and Islamic spiritual leader, who founded the sect of 'Whirling Dervishes'. Overnight: Ramada Plaza Konya (or similar) (B,D)
FRI 14	Konya to Pamukkale - Travel to Pamukkale to visit the cotton fortress which rises above the Menderes Valley. Hot mineral waters flow from the earth and cascade over steep cliffs, forming pools. Then explore the ancient Roman city of Hierapolis. Overnight: Doga Thermal Hotel & Spa (or similar) (B,D)
SAT 15	Pamukkale to Izmir - This morning, explore the ancient ruins of Aphrodisias including the Stadium, Theatre and Agora. Take in views of Izmir from Mount Pagus before visiting the Hellenistic ruins of the Agora (market place). Overnight: Renaissance Izmir Hotel (or similar) (B,D)
SUN 16	Izmir - Tour the ruins of Ephesus including the temple of Artemis and the house of the Virgin Mary. Enjoy free time in Sirince village then visit a local winery for wine tastings. Overnight: Renaissance Izmir Hotel (or similar) (B,D)
MON 17	Izmir to Eceabat - Travel to Pergamon and tour the ruins of the famous temples. Afternoon visit to Troy and Trojan Horse, which was destroyed and rebuilt nine times. Overnight: Hotel Caeli (or similar) (B,D)
TUE 18	Eceabat to Anzac Cove return - Before sunrise transfer to Kabatepe Harbour and cruise the Gallipoli Peninsula. Land by zodiac at Anzac Cove and visit Plugge's Plateau, Shell Green and Lone Pine. Overnight: Hotel Caeli (or similar) (B,D)
WED 19	Eceabat to Thessaloniki - Panoramic transfer to Thessaloniki. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Elektra Palace (or similar) (B,D)
THU 20	Thessaloniki to Kalambaka - Sightseeing tour including the White Tower, Church of St. Dimitrius and Aristotelous Square. Overnight: Hotel Divani Meteora (or similar) (B,D)
FRI 21	Kalambaka - This morning join a truffle hunt then enjoy a pasta lunch before exploring the three monasteries of Meteora. Overnight: Hotel Divani Meteora (or similar) (B,L,D)

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SAT 22	Kalambaka to Delphi - Full-day tour to Delphi visiting the archaeological sites and museum. The site dates back to 1600 BC. Overnight: Amalia Delphi (or similar) (B,D)		
SUN 23	Delphi to Athens - Travel to Athens with the afternoon at leisure. Evening walking tour of the Plaka with dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight: Elektra Palace (or similar) (B,D)		
MON 24	Athens - After breakfast today board your coach for a mystery tour. Overnight: Elektra Palace (or similar) (B)		
TUE 25	Athens - This morning visit the Acropolis and Parthenon before transferring to the port to board <i>Viking Mars</i> . Overnight in port	ARR	DEP
WED 26	Athens		2pm
THU 27	At sea		
FRI 28	Haifa - Israel	7am	
SAT 29	Haifa - Israel		6pm
SUN 30	Port Said - Egypt	6am	11pm
MON 31	Suez Canal - transit		
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TUE 01	Safaga - Egypt	6am	11pm
WED 02	Sharm el-Sheikh - Egypt	6am	6pm
THU 03	Aqaba - Jordan	6am	6pm
FRI 04	At sea - Red Sea		
SAT 05	At sea - Bab-el-Mandeb Strait		
SUN 06	At sea - Gulf of Aden		
MON 07	At sea - Arabian Sea		
TUE 08	Salalah - Oman	1pm	6pm
WED 09	At Sea		
THU 10	Muscat - Oman	8am	11pm
FRI 11	At sea		
SAT 12	At sea		
SUN 13	Mumbai - India. Overnight in port	6am	
MON 14	Mumbai - Transfer to the airport for your flight home** (B)		
TUE 15	Arrive Australia		

INCLUSIONS

- 11-night land tour of Turkey including extensive sightseeing
- 6-night land tour of Greece including extensive sightseeing
- Hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia#
- 21-day voyage aboard *Viking Mars*
- One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- Free onboard Wi-Fi
- Free alternative restaurant dining
- Complimentary onboard beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Complimentary 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- \$100 per person onboard credit^
- Most meals and gratuities
- Group transfers throughout
- Cruise Express Tour Manager

FARES

VIKING MARS	TWIN	SINGLE
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Cat. DV4 Verandah	\$17,690*	on request
Cat. DV1 Verandah	\$18,390*	on request

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