



# Istanbul to Athens on the Aegean Sea

ANCIENT WONDERS IN MODERN LUXURY | 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS

## ITINERARY

<b>Day 1</b>	Depart Home City	<b>Day 7</b>	Rhodes, Greece
<b>Day 2</b>	Istanbul, Turkey	<b>Day 8</b>	Naxos
<b>Day 3</b>	Istanbul   Embark <i>Le Dumont D'Urville</i>	<b>Day 9</b>	Delos   Mykonos
<b>Day 4</b>	Çanakkale   Troy	<b>Day 10</b>	Piraeus   Athens
<b>Day 5</b>	Dikili   Pergamon	<b>Day 11</b>	Athens   Disembark   Return to Home City
<b>Day 6</b>	Bodrum		

Note: Itinerary is subject to change.

## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise for 8 nights from Istanbul, Turkey to Athens, Greece, aboard **Le Dumont D'Urville**, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship. Also includes 1 night stay in a deluxe hotel in Istanbul.
- Featured Guest Speaker**, translator and writer **Ekin Oklap**.
- Experience over 2,500 years of history spanning Ottoman, Byzantine, Roman and ancient Greek civilizations — all in one seamless journey.
- Visits to 5 **UNESCO World Heritage sites**: the **Historic Areas of Istanbul**, the **Archaeological Site of Troy** and **Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape**, Turkey; and the **Medieval City of Rhodes** and **Delos**, Greece.
- Included meals** | 2 receptions, 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Cappadocia Pre-Tour Extension** and **Athens Post-Tour Extension**. (Available at additional cost.)



## 2027 DEPARTURE, PRICING & SAVINGS

**October 19 to 29 | Program Begins: October 20**

Standard Rate from \$9,295

Special Savings **\$1,000**

**Special Savings Rate from \$8,295\***

\*This Special Savings includes our \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts. Valid if you book by 5/28/26 and pay in full at time booking.

Rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. For single pricing and availability please call for details.

To secure your spot, call Travel Department at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia at 800-942-5004 or visit [www.wacphila.org/travel](http://www.wacphila.org/travel)

## ISTANBUL TO ATHENS ON THE AEGEAN SEA

### PROGRAM FEATURES

#### Your Travel Program

- 1-night stay in the deluxe **Sofitel Istanbul Taksim**.
- 8-night cruise** from Istanbul, Turkey, to Athens, Greece.
- Luxurious deluxe accommodations.
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land and Cruise Program.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary non-premium liquor, house wine, beer, nonalcoholic beverages, and minibar service throughout the cruise; complimentary house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages at meals during excursions.
- Included meals | 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- In the Old City of Istanbul, see the iconic Hagia Sophia with its Byzantine mosaics, and the sublime Blue Mosque.
- Climb the steepest theater of the ancient world at the Acropolis in Pergamon.
- Tour the fascinating Museum of Underwater Archaeology in Bodrum, located in magnificent St. Peter's Castle.
- Venture to Lindos to admire the village's famous mosaics. Ascend to the Acropolis overlooking the town and the sparkling sea.
- Enjoy a free afternoon on the island of Mykonos where, according to Greek mythology,

- Hercules lured giants into battle.
- Explore ancient wonders of Athens, including the Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis.

#### UNESCO

- Visit these World Heritage sites:
- Istanbul: An ancient city with over 2,000 years of history as the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires.
  - Troy: Immortalized in Homer's Iliad and one of Turkey's most famous archaeological sites.
  - Pergamon: Home to one of the ancient world's largest libraries and most advanced medical center.
  - Rhodes and its Old Town, with a fascinating history including the Crusader conquest and Ottoman occupation.
  - Delos, mythological birthplace of Apollo.

#### Always Included

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for passengers who book their air through Gohagan & Company.
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary water in your room and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary audio headset during guided excursions.

#### Featured Guest Speaker

**Ekin Oklap**, who was born in Turkey, has translated four of Nobel Prize-winner Orhan Pamuk's books from Turkish into English. Oklap, who is trilingual, is an accomplished translator and writer.



### ACCOMMODATIONS



**Le Dumont D'Urville**  
Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Small Ship

### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



**Cappadocia | 6 days, 5 nights**  
October 17 to 20, 2027 | Program Begins: October 18

### POST-TOUR EXTENSION



**Athens | 3 days, 2 nights**  
October 29 to 31, 2027 | Program Ends: October 31

All Program Features are contingent upon final brochure pricing. 2027

Gohagan & Company  
8550 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite 650  
Chicago, Illinois 60631



To secure your spot, call Travel Department at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia at 800-942-5004 or visit [www.wacphila.org/travel](http://www.wacphila.org/travel)