



## THE ANCIENT GODS BECKON... GREECE & ISLAND JEWELS OF THE ADRIATIC



**PREMIUM ESCORTED TOUR**  
ESCORTED BY CATHI BURNETT-COSGROVE  
Departing 16 June 2019

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS...

- Walk in the footsteps of the Ancient Greeks
- Numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Athens, Hvar and Dubrovnik.
- Charming ports of call including Hydra, the St Tropez of Athenians.
- Transit the stunning Corinth Canal.
- Explore the most beautiful ports of call in Dalmatia: Mijet, Korčula, and more
- Regional food tastings
- Listen to the stories of local people
- Visit Delphi, regarded as the centre of the world by the Ancient Greeks
- Cruise onboard Ponant's luxury small ship *Le Lyrial* to discover the wonders of the Adriatic, from Athens, the City of the Gods, to Venice, la Serenissima.



"This tour has been personally hand-crafted by me. It is unique in content, and I would be delighted to have you join me."

**Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove**

*Andrew Jones*  
TRAVEL

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**SUNDAY 16 JUNE**  
**DEPART AUSTRALIA**

**MONDAY 17 JUNE**  
**ARRIVE ATHENS**

Today we arrive into Athens and meet with our local tour guide. We will transfer to our hotel, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to refresh and relax.

**TUESDAY 18 JUNE** **B,D**  
**ATHENS**

This morning we explore Athens; seeing Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. On your way to the Acropolis you will see Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of the Olympian Zeus and have a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. At the Acropolis, visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally the famous Parthenon. This afternoon is at leisure, and tonight we are treated to dinner and a folklore show.

**WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE** **B,L**  
**ATHENS - LEONIDIO**

We check out of the hotel this morning and leave Athens via the coastal road. We will have a short stop at the Corinth Canal, which we revisit again later in our trip. We then drive on and visit the Theatre of Epidaurus famous for its remarkable acoustics. Continue to the town of Nafplion for a short stop before heading for Mycenae to see the Archaeological Site and Tomb of Agamemnon. We will enjoy our lunch at a local restaurant.

**THURSDAY 20 JUNE** **B,D**  
**LEONIDIO**

Today is free to relax at the hotel or explore the local area as we have our coach & guide available for any group activity. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

**FRIDAY 21 - TUESDAY 25 JUNE**  
**LEONIDIO - ZAKYNTHOS**

After breakfast we drive to Olympia for a visit to the Archaeological Site with the sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the Ancient Stadium and the Archaeological Museum. We then continue to Kyllini to catch a ferry to the island Zakynthos. No trip to Greece would be complete without a stay on one of the beautiful islands – the Venetians named this island

the *Flower of the East* due to its nobility and fertility. Today's visitors come for its endless beaches, and seeking indelible moments. Over the next few days we can explore this stunning island, experiencing local island life. We can recharge, relax, read a book, and meet with locals in tavernas. Whilst on Zakynthos, we will enjoy two excursions to absorb the very best of this island's unique culture.

**WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE** **B,D**  
**ZAKYNTHOS - ARACHOVA**

This morning we take the ferry from Zakynthos to Kyllini, and drive to Arachova; crossing the magnificent bridge over the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion and passing the picturesque towns of Nafpactos and Itsea.

**THURSDAY 27 JUNE** **B,L**  
**ARACHOVA**

We visit the Archaeological site of Delphi, the UNESCO Heritage Site home to the Temple of Apollo and a famous oracle. We visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Athenian Treasury, and the Museum of Delphi for a guided visit. After lunch at a local restaurant we might like to relax at the hotel or explore Arachova on our own.

**FRIDAY 28 JUNE** **B,L**  
**ARACHOVA - KALAMBAKA**

This morning we depart for Kalambaka, a small town situated at the foot of the astonishing Meteora monasteries; with a brief stop en-route at Thermopylae to visit Leonida's Monument. This afternoon our tour will take us to places that only the locals know. Enjoy amazing views, learn about the history, and traditions of the place. High up on the rocks, inside the caves, you will see the 1000-year-old Bandoavas' hermitages; and learn the history of a very old Byzantine church, one of the oldest churches in Greece. Enjoy panoramic views, and find the perfect spot to capture the sunset.

**SATURDAY 29 JUNE** **B,D**  
**KALAMBAKA**

Today we visit two of the monasteries and discover the natural beauty and the cultural heritage of this area. Many visitors never learn that just few kilometers from Kalambaka there is one of the most important prehistoric caves in the world, with archaeological findings dating back to 130,000 BC! Your tour includes a visit to Theopetra's prehistoric cave to discover this ancient man-made structure, a stone wall dating back to 26,000BC. You may see chance

to see the petrified footprints of a 7-year-old child on the caves' floor, who walked on the ashes 60,000 years ago.

**SUNDAY 30 JUNE** **B,D**  
**KALAMBAKA - ATHENS**

Today we travel by the local commuter train to Athens, enjoying the scenery on the way. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel and check-in. This evening is an opportunity to explore Athens. Meander the city and visit some of the liveliest districts in Athens. Plaka is alive with its maze of colourful streets, and the drifting aroma of moussaka and garlic prawns to tickle your taste buds. Don't miss anything of the city's cultural past. Pay a visit to the National Archaeological museum, or the Cycladic Art Museum.

**MONDAY 1 JULY** **B,D**  
**ATHENS**

This morning we will transfer from our hotel to Pireaus Port to commence our cruise of the Adriatic, onboard Ponant's *Le Lyrial*. *Le Lyrial* embodies the subtle alliance between luxury, intimacy and well-being – a signature of Ponant. The elegance of this luxury mega-yacht, along with her intimate size, make this a rare and innovative cruise option.

**TUESDAY 2 JULY** **B,L,D**  
**HYDRA**

Sail into Hydra this morning, an unusual gem belonging to the Saronic islands and located to the east of the Peloponnese. There are no cars here and the harbour town is layered up the slopes of a mountainous bay. We may be surprised to see beautiful traditional stone mansions alongside the multi-coloured caïques along the quays. Further along the shore, within the walls of the "Monastery of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary" is a museum of Byzantine art. Collections from Athens National History Museum are exhibited in the elegant villa Koundouriotis. We then transit the Corinth Canal. The Corinth Canal cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth, turning the Peloponnese into an island as it separates the region from the Greek mainland. Inaugurated in 1893, the canal is a little over 6km long and enables merchant vessels and passengers to avoid a long 400km detour around the peninsula. The two sides of the canal reach a height of approximately fifty metres. From the exterior decks, don't miss this unique opportunity to watch the ship as it navigates along the narrow strip of water encased between tall, ochre cliffs. What an experience!

**WEDNESDAY 3 JULY**

**B,L,D**

**IGOUMENITSA**

In the Epirus region, Igoumenitsa is a charming little port town bordered by the Ionian Sea, in north-west Greece. Surrounded by mountains, it faces the island of Corfu. The coastal path offers beautiful views over the “Emerald Island.” Not far from the town are several sites that are worthy of interest, such as the Gitani Archaeological Site, in a magnificent natural setting surrounded by water, and the Holy Monastery of Giromeri in Filiates. Dating from the 14th century, the Monastery perches like an eagle’s nest on mountainous slopes wooded with hundred-year-old sycamores, not far from the border with Albania.

**THURSDAY 4 JULY**

**B,L,D**

**BAY OF KOTOR - DUBROVNIK**

The long walls of the city of Kotor unfurl before our eyes as we sail the bay. Admire this medieval construction enclosed between the sea and the rugged cliffs from the decks of our ship. The still, deep waters of the bay plus the clouds of mist create a surreal and magical atmosphere. Small islands with churches and fortresses built on them remind us that a proud maritime people has lived here for centuries, in this bay that forms a perfect natural harbour, used by sailors since ancient times. On arrival into Dubrovnik, we travel to Cavtat and Konavle, two small picturesque towns steeped in history. The picture-perfect village of Cavtat is naturally protected by a rocky headland that still has remnants of an old fort. Cobbled streets and alleys meet the palm tree lined promenade that winds its way around the harbor. Konavle is a region with preserved natural, unique and exceptionally precious rural architecture, numerous monuments of the thousand-year-old history of this area. We will arrive into Dubrovnik in the late afternoon. Dubbed the “Pearl of the Adriatic,” Dubrovnik is famous for its spectacular seafront location on the Dalmatian coast coupled with its evocative and historic old city center, with impressive architecture and its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander around its picturesque old streets and alleys, before returning to the ship.

**FRIDAY 5 JULY**

**B,L,D**

**MIJET - KORČULA**

Mljet is a splendid, pristine island is located off the Pelješac Peninsula. and untouched nature awaits you in

the protected forests of Mljet National Park. On the Veliko Jezero lake sits a natural, cultural-historical and tourist delicacy - the picturesque Isle of Saint Mary with the church and the Benedictine monastery dating from the 12th century. We then take a short cruise to the island of Korčula – abundant in beautiful beaches and bays, luxurious hotels and summer houses, centuries-old olive groves and vineyards and villas. There are also ancient villages that seem to have been lost in time, luring the tourists from all over the world to this island. The “must see” sights are the Cathedral of St. Marco, the center of religious life, and the most beautiful gothic Renaissance monument in the old town of Korčula. Korčula is also famous for its gastronomic delicacies, typical for the Mediterranean region.

**SATURDAY 6 JULY**

**B,L,D**

**HVAR**

Off the coast of Split, Hvar will surprise you by its long-standing traditions. Stari Grad is nestled by a cove on the north-west coast, surrounded by dry stone wall structures on the Stari Grad plains. These have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site because they were built in the time of the Ancient Greeks. From these parcels of land come wines and olive oil manufactured manually. In the upper part of town, you will discover hams and cheeses made by local producers. The city of Hvar is of a luxurious Mediterranean nature, rich in culture and historical heritage.

**SUNDAY 7 JULY**

**B,L,D**

**OPATIJA**

This elegant Istrian seaside location evokes an atmosphere of olden day holiday charm. The Opatija coastline is scattered with castles and layered gardens on hillsides which you can admire during a walk on the Lungomare. On this coastal path, famous for its panoramic terraces, and built in the early 20th century, you will find the *Maiden with a Seagull*, a graceful statue embodying life on the water’s edge. Further along the shoreline, you will notice the Saint-James Abbey which gives its name to the town “Opatija”, meaning “abbey” in Croatian. It’s been one of the most “fashionable” tourist destination on the eastern coast of the Adriatic for more than 150 years.

**MONDAY 8 JULY**

**B**

**DISEMBARK VENICE**

Proud and eternal, Venice has reigned on its lagoon ever since the 6th century. We arrive into port this morning and disembark our ship. You have the option to extend your holiday independently, or join other group members and your Tour Escort in Tuscany, staying in an idyllic villa.

**Alternatively, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia:**

**TUESDAY 09 JULY**

**IN TRANSIT**

**WEDNESDAY 10 JULY**

**ARRIVE AUSTRALIA**

If you have decided to continue home, you will arrive into Australia today and bid farewell to new found friends.



## TOUR PRICE

**Twin Share** \$17,490 per person  
ex Tasmania

**Single** \$22,980  
(Limited availability)

Pricing based on category Deluxe Room for your Adriatic cruise. Upgrade to Prestige Deck 4 and business class airfares available on request.

While this pricing is current as of August 2018, fluctuating fuel surcharges, currency exchange rates and taxes may result in an increased cost.

### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST\*

- Economy class airfare ex Hobart including all fees, taxes and levies
- Tour Escort from Hobart
- Meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Seven night cruise on board Ponant's *Le Lyrial* in a category Deluxe Room
- Entrance fees to all specified attractions
- Gratuities
- All excursions as stated in the itinerary
- Shore excursions in each port

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- Meals other than specified
- Local airport departure taxes (where and if applicable)
- Laundry, telephone calls, beverages, and other expenditure of a personal nature
- Any services other than mentioned
- Travel Insurance

### OPTION TO EXTEND

Why not include a touch of Italy to your holiday?

5 night extension in Tuscany in an idyllic villa just outside Montepulciano.

This package includes:

- 5 nights in villa accommodation
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- Transfers from the ship to the villa, and the villa to the airport

**TWIN** \$2630 per person

**SINGLE** \$4680



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**TOUR PAYMENTS** A non-refundable deposit of \$2500 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. An interim payment of \$3000 is due no later than 3 January 2018. The balance of payment is due not later than 30 March 2019.

**CANCELLATIONS** Deposits are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date 30 March 2019. Loss of deposits. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

If flight changes, including flight cancellations, are requested, revision fees or airline cancellation fees will apply. Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

**REVISION FEES** A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

**PARTICIPATION** For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

**TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

**SMOKING** Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

**PRICE GUARANTEE** Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide.

Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE** Portage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Airport portage at beginning and end of the vacation is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings.

Baggage insurance is recommended.

**DINING** A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** Airport taxes which are payable directly at the airport: passports; visas and vaccinations, tips to local city guides or staff; laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol beverages and food not on the regular table d'hote menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel or restaurant); optional excursions; travel insurance, excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature.

**HOLIDAYS** During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Passengers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to; cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). We recommend passengers investigate all Department of Foreign Affairs warnings regarding the safety of travelling to certain destinations. The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS** All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of passengers.

**TOUR ESCORT** The inclusion of an Andrew Jones Travel tour escort is subject to minimum passenger numbers. A substitute tour escort may be used without notice if unforeseen circumstances arise.

\* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share. Price is correct at time of publication August 2018 but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, surcharges and currency. Airfare included is based on a group airfare and all passengers will need to fly on these flights, dates and destination only. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply.

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