



New
This Year

Old Port of Mykonos

Includes most meals!

11 nights

\$4,495* p.p.

Departs: Oct. 9, 2019

Toronto - \$4,495* p.p.

Vancouver - \$4,795* p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

Visits to:

Rome - Chania, Crete - Mykonos - Rhodes - Santorini - Athens - Naples

What's Included:

- * Roundtrip airfare
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Rome: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Full-day city tour of ancient Rome including Skip The Line and entrance to the Colosseum, Vatican and Sistine Chapel
- Royal Caribbean cruise: nine-night sailing onboard Jewel of the Seas with all meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes, fees and gratuities***

ITALY & THE GREEK ISLANDS

Round-trip by land & sea: Rome

Discover the fascinating Greek Islands where stunning sunsets, picture perfect villages and delicious cuisine await. Start your fascinating adventure in the Eternal City of Rome and visit the famous Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel.

Then embark on a nine-night Greek Islands cruise sailing from Rome to the gorgeous islands of Crete, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, Athens and Naples!

Royal Caribbean's lovely Jewel of the Seas is an exciting Radiance Class ship that will thrill you as you discover the breathtaking scenery and stunning beaches of Greece. You will be endlessly entertained onboard with fun activities, astonishing entertainment, spacious staterooms and a diverse selection of dining options. Highlights include the Solarium, an adults-only retreat, multiple pools and whirlpools, poolside movie screen, sea-facing glass elevators, a rock-climbing wall, fabulous restaurants, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, the rejuvenating Vitality Spa and more!

Single supplements available!
Call your local Merit Travel expert.



*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. 2V or similar. **Single supplement: \$2,100.** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 8N or similar: \$150. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 2N or similar: \$200. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat 2D or similar: \$800. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. [IATA](#) ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC-7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | *Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.



ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

APPROPRIATE FOR:

Travellers who are physically fit and comfortable with longer days of touring by transport and by foot and do not require mobility aids.

Your Itinerary | Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner = (B, L, D)

DAY 1 | Oct. 9, 2019 | Toronto/Vancouver - Rome

Board your overnight flight to Rome.

DAY 2 | Oct. 10, 2019 | Rome

Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel.

Accommodation at Hotel Imperiale (2 nights)

DAY 3 | Oct. 11, 2019 | Rome (B)

Following breakfast at your hotel, depart on a half-day tour of Vatican City. This tour includes access to the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.

We will then visit the Colosseum, known as the Flavian Amphitheatre and the most recognizable ancient Roman building.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

DAY 4 | Oct. 12, 2019 | Rome - Civitavecchia (B, D)

Your morning is at leisure. Transfer to the cruise terminal to board your Royal Caribbean cruise ship.

Departs at 5 p.m.

Accommodation onboard Jewel of the Seas (9 nights)

Below is information on your cruise itinerary and ports of call you will be visiting. Shore excursions are not included. Meals (B, L, D) and prepaid gratuities are included onboard the cruise.

DAY 5 | Oct. 13, 2019 | At sea (B, L, D)

Enjoy the amenities onboard your cruise ship as you cruise at sea.

DAY 6 | Oct. 14, 2019 | Soudha Bay (Chania) (B, L, D)

Arrive 11:00 a.m. Depart 8:00 p.m.

Soudha Bay (Chania) is located in the western region of the island of Crete, Greece. Chania (located only 7km from the bay) is the second largest city on the island, which makes it the perfect place to spend your day. This destination, offers its visitors an array of attractions including the respected Soudha Bay War Cemetery, wonderful beaches and plenty of shopping opportunities.

DAY 7 | Oct. 15, 2019 | Mykonos (B, L, D)

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Depart 7:00 p.m.

Mykonos's many captivating attributes make it one of the most celebrated Greek islands. Its main village is a colourful maze of narrow streets lined with white-washed houses, many with bright blue doors and shutters.

As an attractive backdrop, famous windmills are lined up like toy soldiers on the hillside, vestiges of a time when wind power was used to grind grain. Mykonos has churches and chapels scattered about the island. Radiant flowers spill over white-washed walls and shady courtyards. Artists have relied on Mykonos' beautiful setting to inspire them.

The most photographed site is the Paraportiani, a cluster of white-washed churches resting below windmills. Mykonos's museums include an Archaeological Museum, which houses relics from the Trojan War, a Folk-Art Museum and a Maritime Museum.

DAY 8 | Oct. 16, 2019 | Rhodes (B, L, D)

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Depart 5:00 p.m.

Rhodes is one of Greece's favoured vacation spots and was an important cultural centre with a well-known School of Rhetoric attended by such greats as Cicero and Caesar.

Rhodes' most famous attractions originated with the Knights of St. John, who occupied parts of the island from 1310 to 1522. The Knights left behind a medieval town, dominated by the Palace of the Grand Masters and Knights' Hospital, which houses an Archaeological Museum with interesting exhibits of national archaeological finds.

Rhodes has inspired many artists. The Old Town offers shopping opportunities and lively nightlife. At Mount Filerimos a church has been built on the site of an ancient temple. A popular excursion is to the charming village of Lindos. Its premier attraction, the ancient acropolis, stands atop sheer cliffs. Walls of a 13th century Crusader castle enclose the site.

Today, the winding path up to the acropolis is lined by stalls, where locals sell lace tablecloths and souvenirs. Mandraki Harbour's entrance is flanked by stone columns topped by figures of a stag and a hind, the town's heraldic animals.



DAY 9 | Oct. 17, 2019 | Santorini (B, L, D)

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Depart 6:00 p.m.

Santorini is everything that has made the Greek islands legendary.

The world-famous island of Santorini is the southern most island of the Cycladic group in the Aegean Sea and is located north of Crete. Its population is distributed among thirteen villages and just exceeds nine thousand. The marvelous dry climate and unbroken sunshine create year-round conditions which are perfect for observation, photographs and videos under an extraordinary variety of natural lights and colours.

DAY 10 | Oct. 18, 2019 | Athens (B, L, D)

Arrive 6:00 a.m. Depart 6:00 p.m.

Piraeus is the seaport for Athens, the capital of western civilization, which boasts a fantastic mix of classical ruins and vivacious modern life.

Climb the hill of Acropolis to wonder at the Parthenon, join the lively Athenians in Constitution Square, and find a welcoming taverna for spirited bouzouki music, plenty of ouzo to drink, and energetic Greek dancing.

Piraeus is the largest harbour in the country. The white chapel of St. George at its summit has a theatre bearing the same name. The hill of Nymphs is the site of a planetarium, which is located above magnificent Thesseio temple. Among these hills, Acropolis is the one that glorified Athens and the whole Greek world.

DAY 11 | Oct. 19, 2019 | At sea (B, L, D)

Enjoy the amenities onboard your cruise ship as you cruise at sea.

DAY 12 | Oct. 20, 2019 | Naples (B, L, D)

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Depart 6:00 p.m.

From Naples visitors can explore the rugged Amalfi coast, Italy's most romantic stretch of coastline. Near Amalfi is the resort of Positano, where visitors enjoy strolling through streets and shopping in small boutiques.

You may choose to take an excursion to legendary Pompeii, an ancient Roman city covered and preserved by the debris from the violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The monuments of this city are among the finest of any ancient city in Europe, and visitors can spend a day here learning about life in a Roman town during the 1st century A.D. The Cathedral of San Gennaro, a fine medieval building, has one chapel containing the tomb of Charles of Anjou, while another houses the cathedral's gold and silver treasure. Among the Christian underground burial vaults discovered in an area of suburban heights, the Catacombs of San Gennaro can be visited. Capodimonte Park, a well-kept tropical park, has a royal palace built by Charles III in 1738 that now houses Naples' picture gallery, the National Museum of Capodimonte.

DAY 13 | Oct. 21, 2019 | Rome (Civitavecchia) - Toronto/Vancouver (B)

Arrive in Rome at 5:00 a.m.

After breakfast, disembark your cruise and transfer to the airport for your flight home.



RESPONSIBILITY

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- c. Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations
- d. Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
- e. Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
- f. Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
- g. Personal injuries or death;
- h. Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

PRICING

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS

Merit Travel reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of \$750 per person is required at time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note, some of our suppliers may require additional deposit or full payments at time of booking, pending seasonality. You will be advised of additional requirements at time of booking.

LIABILITY

Merit Travel cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit Travel tour. Merit Travel's responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times. Provided Merit Travel supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit Travel cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited. There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services. Merit Travel reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit Travel will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

- a. 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
- b. 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
- c. 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a \$50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller's return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain at the passenger's expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.