



# From the Acropolis to Nice

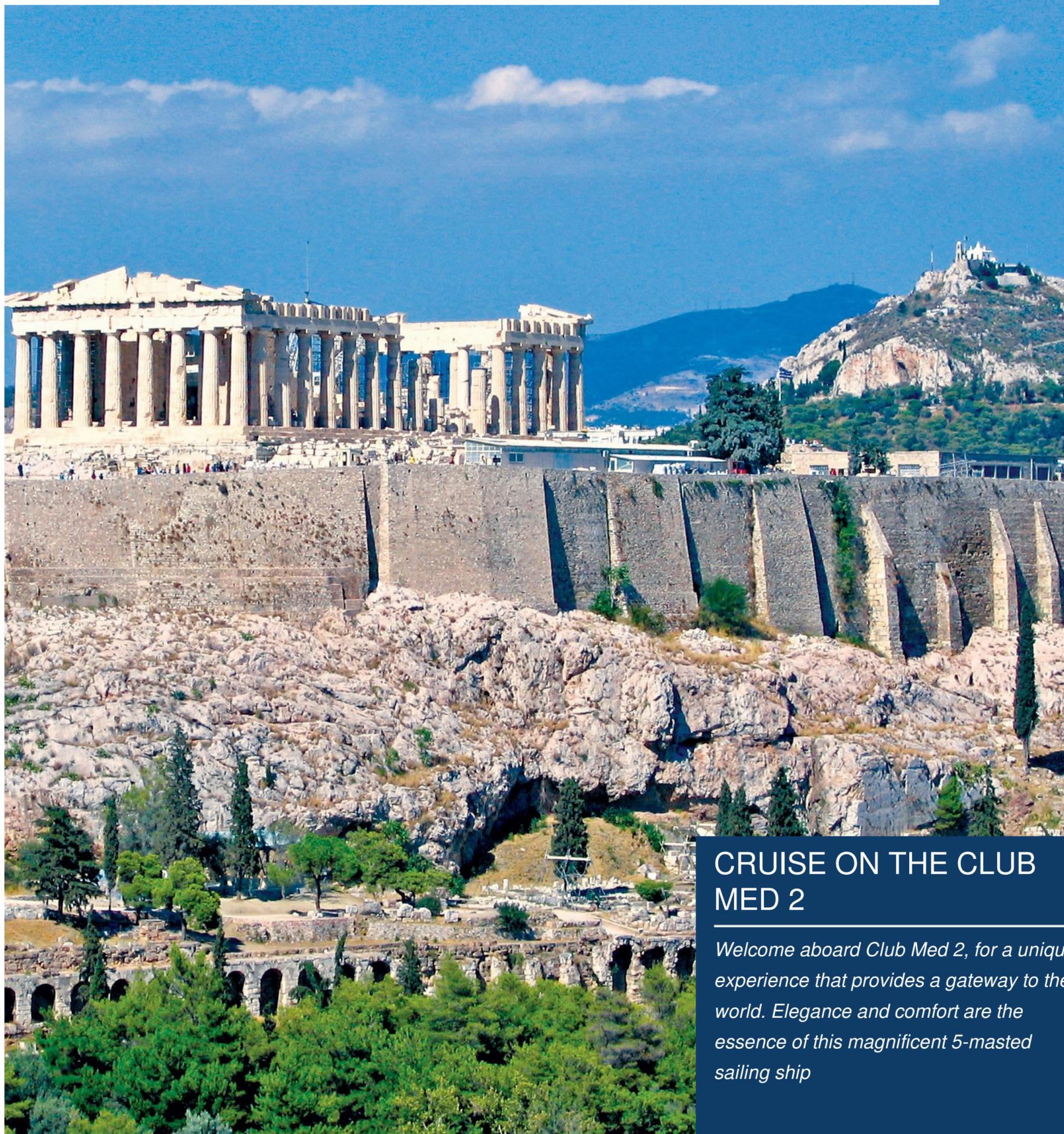
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## Your cruise



Days	Stages	Arrival	Departure	Nautical Hall
1. Saturday	ATHENS	..	22:00	CLOSED
2. Sunday	NAUPLIA	08:00	17:00	OPEN
3. Monday	PYLOS	08:00	19:00	OPEN
4. Tuesday	CEPHALONIA	08:00	18:00	CLOSED
5. Wednesday	OTRANTO	07:00	14:00	CLOSED
6. Thursday	TAORMINA	08:00	18:00	OPEN
7. Friday	TRAPANI	08:00	18:00	CLOSED
8. Saturday	CAGLIARI	08:00	17:00	CLOSED
9. Sunday	ALGHERO	08:00	17:00	OPEN
10. Monday	CALVI	08:00	17:00	OPEN
11. Tuesday	NICE	07:00		CLOSED

Day 1 : Boarding from 16h to 19h  
Day 11 : Landing from 9h to 11h





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## Itinerary of your cruise

<b>Day 1 - Saturday</b> Athens	The Greek capital opens the pages of its age-old history. In the heart of modernity, the Acropolis and the narrow streets of the Plaka district reveal their splendour and charm. Ship docked in port.
<b>Day 2 - Sunday</b> Nauplia	The original capital of modern day Greece is a charming city that combines Neoclassical and Ottoman influences. Can be admired from the citadel and from the Venitian fort. Ship at anchor. Water sports.
<b>Day 3 - Monday</b> Pylos	The Mycenaean city of Pylos rises up from a rocky promontory on the western coast of the Peloponnese. You'll have a wonderful surprise when you walk down to the bottom end of the village, and the perfectly semi-circular beach comes into view. Ship at anchor, water sports available.
<b>Day 4 - Tuesday</b> Cephalonia	A paradise for nature lovers, Kefalonia is the largest of the Ionian Islands. The Venetian houses of Fiscardo harbour, crystal-clear waters and wild landscapes make it one of the joys of the Greek islands. Ship docked, no water sports.
<b>Day 5 - Wednesday</b> Otranto	Ship at anchor. Water sports.
<b>Day 6 - Thursday</b> Taormina	Ship at anchor, water sports available.
<b>Day 7 - Friday</b> Trapani	
<b>Day 8 - Saturday</b> Cagliari	Ship docked, no water sports.
<b>Day 9 - Sunday</b> Alghero	At the water's edge sits a quintessential Sardinian port. Among the honey-coloured walls of the old town, the churches and former palazzos reveal its Catalan origins. Ship at anchor, water sports available.
<b>Day 10 - Monday</b> Calvi	From its commanding position dominating the ocean, Calvi keeps a faithful watch over the wild coastline and mountain backdrop. A white sand beach and shady palm trees welcome visitors to the island. Ship at anchor. Water sports.
<b>Day 11 - Tuesday</b> Nice	From market visits to VIP strolls, this island celebrates flowers and the arts. Neoclassical elegance and jazzy tempo. Ship docked, no water sports.



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## Excursions of your cruise

<p><b>Day 1 - Saturday</b> Athens - Acropolis Museum (1/2 day, afternoon) *</p>	<p>1/2 day. Bus followed by visit on foot Don't miss this opportunity to visit the new Acropolis Museum, which opened in June 2009, where you can see the immense archeological heritage of this incredible site including the Caryatids and the Parthenon Frieze. After the museum visit you'll be given a panoramic tour of Greece's fascinating capital city!</p>
<p><b>Day 2 - Sunday</b> Nafplio / Corinth canal (1/2 day, morning) *</p>	<p>The Corinth Canal is an artificial waterway channelled through the Isthmus of Corinth. This trip takes you along the canal by boat. An unforgettable experience!</p>
<p><b>Day 2 - Sunday</b> Nafplio - Mycenae and Epidaurus (1/2 day) *</p>	<p>Mycenae: this is where the expedition against Troy set off from, and where Clytemnestra had her royal husband assassinated by her lover. You'll discover the famous Lion Gate, the palace with a most superb view and the tomb of Agamemnon. Epidaurus: the visit will focus on the theatre, but also on its exceptional natural beauty. It's not surprising that this is where Asclepius, the god of medicine, opened his first doctor's surgery.</p>
<p><b>Day 3 - Monday</b> Pylos / Nestor's kingdom (half day, morning)</p>	<p>Perched at the top of a hill, surrounded by an ocean of olive trees, discover the Palace of Nestor, "Homer's wise hero", built between 1300 and 1200 BC. After the fall of Troy, Nestor returned to Pylos, one of the richest cities in the Mycenaean world, where he continued to rule for several years. Visit the archaeological museum, containing the artefacts found at the palace and in the surrounding tombs. Then rejoin the coach for the journey to Methoni, famous for its Venetian fort and beautiful sandy beach for swimming.</p>
<p><b>Day 4 - Tuesday</b> Céphalonie - Fabuleuse Céphalonie (1/2 journée - matin) *</p>	<p>Head off to explore the true symbols of Cephalonia, starting with the lookout point above the beautiful beach at Myrto. You will then take the road to the Melissani underground lake that you will explore on a guided boat trip. Next, you will visit the Monastery of St. Gerasimus, the patron saint of the island. Lastly, you will visit a winery for a tasting of a selection of the best wines made from Robola grapes, a typical grape variety of the island.</p>
<p><b>Day 5 - Wednesday</b> Otranto / Cruise in Salento (1/2 day, morning) *</p>	<p>The west coast of the Salentine peninsula is covered in wild landscapes where the fortified ports speak of invasions in bygone times. Vast stretches of rock are lapped by clear waters: all along the shoreline, the landscapes are spectacular. The black rocks of unspoiled creeks contrast with the crystal blue waters, sparkling with gold where the sun hits the surface. Your boat will take you to the Alimini Lakes, to the north of Otranto, a protected oasis in the heart of untamed nature. The magnificent sandy beach is undeniably one of Apulia's foremost natural beauties. The cruise stops twice for you to have a swim.</p>
<p><b>Day 5 - Wednesday</b> Otranto / Lecce (1/2 day, morning) *</p>	<p>Discover Lecce and its many historic and architectural gems. It's known as the Florence of Southern Italy, and with good reason. Lecce feels like an open air museum, with a plethora of churches and palazzos. Their distinctive Lecce stone, known for its pale honey colour, is carved into extravagant and unique forms. Our guided tour will introduce you to the remarkable architectural style known as Lecce Baroque. After visiting the sumptuously decorated Basilica, you'll see the imposing facade of the Governor's Palace, and then enjoy some free time before your return to the ship.</p>
<p><b>Day 6 - Thursday</b> Giardini Naxos / The wonders of Etna (1/2 day, afternoon) *</p>	<p>1/2 day. Bus, truck and visit on foot Europe's highest volcano (3,323 m) has an impressive record: over 140 full-scale eruptions, and every year new volcanic activity disrupts the physiognomy of the terrain. The picturesque route via Naxos will take you to the first crater, where you can admire some amazing scenery. You'll continue with the funicular railway and 4x4 trucks to discover the lunar decor of the craters at 2,900 m. The excursion ends with a walk to see the most recent lava flows.</p>
<p><b>Day 6 - Thursday</b> Giardini Naxos / Taormina (1/2 day, morning) *</p>	<p>Visit the city with its theatre and maritime balcony. Free time.</p>
<p><b>Day 6 - Thursday</b> Giardini Naxos / Etna and Taormina (1 day - lunch not included) *</p>	<p>You'll drive through Giardini Naxos, founded by the Greeks in the 8th century BC, before going on to Etna. From the slopes of the famous volcano you'll have a wonderful view over the Gulf of Catania. You can admire the profusion of plants that thrive on the slopes of the volcano (vines, orchids, etc) before going on to Taormina, where you'll be free to enjoy lunch and stroll at your own pace.</p>
<p><b>Day 6 - Thursday</b> Giardini Naxos / Etna by bus (1/2 day, morning) *</p>	<p>1/2 day. Bus and visit on foot. After a panoramic drive at the foot of the Taormina cliffs, the bus will take you up to the Silvestri crater at 1,986 m altitude. You will then drive round the various lava flows. You'll end the morning with free time to walk around and in the crater, and have a drink in the bar.</p>
<p><b>Day 7 - Friday</b> Trapani - Erice and Trapani (1/2 day, morning) *</p>	<p>Visit the little medieval village of Erice, built like a lookout post 752 metres above sea level. Known for its many churches and historic Porta Trapani, Erice is also famous for its special almond biscuits. The tour continues on to Trapani, a little seaside town founded by the Phoenicians that became a maritime hub during the Arab era.</p>
<p><b>Day 7 - Friday</b> Trapani - Selinunte (1/2 day - morning) *</p>	<p>Spend a morning in Selinunte Archaeological Park, between the green hills and the dark blue sea, and dive into the island's tempestuous history. Founded in 650 BC by the Greeks and chosen for its proximity to the sea and its fertile soil, it was destroyed by the Carthaginians under Hannibal. Selinunte's magnificent monuments and their breathtaking natural surroundings will etch themselves into your memory.</p>
<p><b>Day 8 - Saturday</b> Cagliari / Street art and Sardinian tastes (1/2 day) *</p>	<p>An artist once had the idea to turn the village of San Sperate into a giant canvas. Now it's a veritable open air museum, where you can admire striking optical illusions at almost every turn. After walking around the village, it's time to visit a wine estate. Enjoy a wine tasting accompanied by local delicacies at the home of some of Sardinia's best wines.</p>
<p><b>Day 9 - Sunday</b> Alghero / Sardinian coves (1/2 day - morning) *</p>	<p>Take to the water for a cruise from Capo Caccia, at the north of the Gulf of Alghero, to the La Speranza beach. You will travel along the "coral river", where the depths are filled with the red coral that has become a favourite of the region's jewellers. It also creates the pink beaches you can see along the coast. Towards the end of the cruise, you can have a swim if the weather permits.</p>
<p><b>Day 9 - Sunday</b> Alghero / The treasure of Alghero (1/2 day - morning) *</p>	<p>Set off from Alghero to explore Palmavera, a fascinating prehistoric site. Then take the panoramic coast road to the imposing headland at Capo Caccia. Later, return to Alghero to visit the Coral Museum, and enjoy a tour of this charming city to round off the day.</p>
<p><b>Day 10 - Monday</b> Calvi - The "Seals' Cave" in a semi rigid inflatable boat (1/2 day) *</p>	<p>Set off in our new boat, with an innovative double hull to improve stability on the waves. 12 passengers can experience the thrill of exploring the wildest and most inaccessible corners of Corsica. Visit the famous Seals' Cave, a famously tucked-away gem known for its beauty.</p>
<p><b>Day 10 - Monday</b> Calvi - La Scandola in a</p>	<p>The Scandola nature reserve is the jewel in the region's crown: given World Heritage status for its geological features and exceptional flora and fauna, it's</p>

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Calvi - La Scandola in a catamaran (1/2 day, morning) *	an absolutely unmissable part of any visit to Corsica. Your group will be the only passengers on a motor-powered catamaran - set off and enjoy this natural wonder!
<b>Day 10 - Monday</b> Calvi - Balagne Villages (1/2 day, morning) *	Some of Corsica's most beautiful villages blend beautifully into the landscape of La Balagne. You'll take the scenic route, with superb views of the plain, the sea, the Bay of Calvi - the Ile Rousse. You'll discover the maquis, with its fabulous fragrance and vegetation, and the mediaeval village of Sant'Antonino, the island's most ancient village, perched up high on the rocks, where you'll have time to explore and enjoy a cool glass of Muscat.
<b>Day 10 - Monday</b> Calvi / U Giussani : Along the mountain ridge in a 4x4 (1/2 day) *	With this Ideal short excursion, discover one of the most beautiful panorama in Corsica. And admire, at an altitude of 1200 m, the breathtaking 360 degree view over the north of the island. From the Cap Corse to the Revellata peninsula, contemplate the Corsican panorama, not forgetting the highest summit of the Balagne area, the Monte Padru. Your adventure will continue through the centenarian olive-trees in the Reginu valley.

\* Excursion available during and after the booking of your cruise



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## Formalities

### CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

### HEALTH FORMALITIES

Recommended vaccinations: diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Pregnant women who do not need constant medical supervision may come aboard, upon presentation of a medical certificate showing their due date and certifying that their pregnancy is compatible with the cruise. The final day of the cruise must be before the end of the 26th week of pregnancy.

## Meeting place for boarding

## Prolong your holiday

### IN A RESORT

- Our Resort Gregolimano 4 tridents
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### Escapade à Athènes

With our Escapades, discover a region or a city for a few days. Before or after your cruise, live the must try experiences of your destination and customize your Escapade with a la carte activities!

