# *TURKIYE* & GREECE CRUISE



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Turkey & Greece Cruise with Istanbul & Flights Duration: 16 days Stay: 7 nights hotel, 7 nights cruise cabin, overnight flight Travel style: Cruise with independent city stay & flights from Australia Booking code: CRMTG16M

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# 16 Days Turkey & Greece Cruise with Istanbul

# About the holiday

Embrace the beauty of the Mediterranean with this Turkey and Greece adventure!

Begin with flights to Istanbul, where you'll have a week to explore the only city that straddles two continents. Your time is free to discover the city's highlights at your leisure, like the famous Hippodrome, impressive Blue Mosque and St. Sophia, the converted mosque that was once a great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century. Opt to embark on a cruise along the Bosphorus, or allow plenty of time for browsing in the Grand Bazaar, where bargaining is an art. To help make the most of your stay, we've included a Hop-on, Hop-off bus tour and unforgettable day tour to Gallipoli.

After enjoying the historic sights, architectural wonders and vibrant culture of Istanbul, board stylish MSC Sinfonia for a wonderful 7-night voyage. With up to 1960 passengers on board, experience a superb and luxurious cruise while visiting the exciting ports of Corfu in Greece and Bari, on the picturesque southeastern coast of Italy. Then explore the Greek capital of Athens and Izmir in Turkey, before returning to Istanbul in time to fly back to Australia.

## Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy a full week to explore the many highlights & historic sights of Istanbul Cruise aboard impressive MSC Sinfonia in your choice of cabin Cruise from Istanbul to Corfu, Bari, Athens (Piraeus) & Izmir Ask us about extending the holiday with a tour of Turkey or seeing more of Europe!

# **Travel dates**

2024 & 2025 - See our website for lowest-price departure dates

Lead-price departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking & cabin prices can vary depending on when you book. Contact us for cruise options.

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Cruise package includes:

Flights - Return economy airfare from Australian capital cities to Istanbul
Accommodation - 7 nights Istanbul at Hotel Saba Sultan Standard room, based on twin share Daily breakfast
Sightseeing - Istanbul Hop On Hop Off Bus Day Tour Gallipoli Day Tour from Istanbul
Cruise - 7 nights MSC Cruise, Turkey & Greece Round-trip from Istanbul Choice of cabin aboard MSC Sinfonia All meals & non-chargeable entertainment on board the ship

Package excludes:

Airport & cruise port transfers Meals, other than where specified Optional shore excursions & activities Chargeable entertainment & speciality dining on the ship Cruise gratuities Other personal items, including drinks, laundry, taxis, WiFi access etc. Travel insurance is essential Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotel, cruise company & local operators. Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply. Travel insurance is essential - contact us for a quote

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## **Itinerary:**

Day 1 - Fly Australia to Turkey

#### Day 2 - Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey

On arrival at Istanbul Airport, please catch a taxi to your hotel, that will be a wonderful base for the next 7 nights.

#### Day 3 - Istanbul Hop On, Hop Off Bus tour

Today you have the convenience of a bus tour with local commentary, but the freedom to do it at your own pace. The Istanbul Hop On Hop Off Bus 1 Day Pass departs every 45 minutes from 10:00 to 16:45 and stops at many iconic sights (entrance fees not included):

Sultanahmet	Eminönü
Karaköy	Galataport
Dolmabahçe palace	Naval museum
Beylerbeyi palace	Beşiktaş bazaar
Taksim square	Şişhane
Egyptian spice bazaar	Sultanahmet

#### Days 4-7 - Free Days Istanbul

These days are free to explore Istanbul at your leisure. Re-trace your steps from the guided tour or discover new highlights. Take your time enjoying an interesting and exciting week in this fascinating city.

#### Days 8 - Gallipoli Day Tour from Istanbul

Following an early pick up from your hotel in Taksim or Sultanahmet area, leave the crowds of Istanbul and depart for Gallipoli peninsula. Drive along the sea of Marmara enjoying the views of the countryside for about five hours, with a break on the half way for refreshments (own expense).

The name Gallipoli has long been associated with sacrifice and heroism, a place where history and legend have combined, with the events of 1915 leaving their mark on many nations. Let this tour take you back to where history was made and myths were born, connecting the past with the present. After lunch (own expense) in Eceabat, which is the nearest town to the battlefields of Gallipoli, visit Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, ANZAC Cove, Ariburnu Cemetery, ANZAC Commemorative Site, Respect to Mehmetcik Statue, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Johnston's Jolly (Turkish and Allied trenches and tunnels), Turkish 57th Infantry Regiment Cemetery, The Nek, Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial. At the end of the tour depart back to Istanbul with unforgettable memories in your mind and feelings in your heart.

#### Day 9 - Depart on Greece & Turkey Cruise

Today, check out of your hotel in the morning. The day is then free until it's time to catch a taxi or shuttle bus to Istanbul port to board the magnificent MSC Cruise.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Day 9	Istanbul, Turkey		9:00pm
Day 10	At Sea		
Day 11	Corfu, Greece	2:00pm	9:00pm
Day 12	Bari, Italy	7:00am	7:00pm
Day 13	At Sea		
Day 14	Athens (Piraeus), Greece	7:00am	5:00pm
Day 15	Izmir, Turkey	7:00am	3:00pm
Day 16	Istanbul, Turkey	9:00am	

#### Cruise Itinerary

Day 16 - Cruise arrives back in Istanbul, Fly to Australia

Your MSC cruise arrives back in Istanbul this morning. Please make your way to the Istanbul Airport by taxi for the flights back to Australia.

Please note: The day-by-day schedule is intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, ocean conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

If you have any questions, where here to help! Please phone 1300 168 910 or email hello@mytravelxp.com

# About Saba Sultan Hotel

Appreciate the comfort of a 3-star boutique hotel in the old city area, that's an ideal location for guests who want to experience the cultural and historical heritage of istanbul, as well as discover this historical peninsula. The 17 ornate rooms each have unique designs and Ottoman motifs that reflect the history of the Sultanahment area. The rooms feature a private bathroom with shower, mini-bar, individually controlled air conditioning, electronic safe, flat-screen TV with cable channels, tea/coffee making facilities and sound-proofed windows that can be opened. The hotel serves daily breakfast in the dining room, WiFi access is complimentary and you can enjoy panoramic views of the Bosphorus and the Sultanahmet area from the hotel terrace.

# About MSC Sinfonia

MSC Sinfonia brings unforgettable experiences at sea to even the most seasoned traveler. Age divided clubs for children and teens will keep the little ones engaged with age-appropriate fun and games. The Doremi Splash Park and Virtual Arcade offer thrills for the young or the young at heart as well. Wellness is just around the corner at the Aurea Spa, which has a power walking track, a fully equipped gym, a massage room, a solarium, a relaxation room, a steam bath, a beauty parlour, a whirlpool bath, several pools and much more. There's a library and a cyber café for those who want a little quiet relaxation. Plenty of duty-free shopping areas mean that you'll always have something to remember your exceptional MSC cruise. San Carlo Theatre shows live performances nearly every night. Adults can have their own entertainment at bars, lounges, a disco, the Sanremo Casino and even the Ambassador Cigar Room. Sinfonia offers a new twist on cruising for everyone in the family.

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- 3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
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