

***Empires of the Mediterranean***  
**At-A-Glance**



Combines some of the greatest sites of antiquity with some hidden treasures of the Adriatic. Traveling between two great empires, the Venetian Republic and the Ottoman Empire, this cruise is packed with history and breathtakingly beautiful destinations. *Empires of the Mediterranean* is a comprehensive journey through this fascinating region.

*10 days from Istanbul to Venice (and reverse)*

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### Key Features

- 8 different cities
- 5 countries
- Scenic cruising into Kotor and through the Dardanelles
- 1 overnight
- 2 late stays (in addition to 1 overnight)
- On average, 11 hours spent each day in port
- 7 included excursions
- Free beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner

### Average Monthly Temperature (avg high / avg low), °F

City	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Athens	50 (55/45)	50 (55/45)	54 (61/46)	59 (66/52)	67 (75/59)	75 (82/68)	81 (90/72)	80 (88/72)	74 (82/66)	66 (73/59)	59 (64/54)	53 (57/48)
Dubrovnik	38 (44/32)	41 (47/34)	46 (54/38)	53 (61/44)	61 (70/51)	67 (76/57)	72 (82/62)	72 (82/61)	66 (75/56)	57 (65/49)	48 (55/41)	41 (47/34)
Kusadasi	50 (54/45)	48 (54/43)	52 (57/46)	59 (64/52)	68 (75/59)	77 (84/68)	81 (90/72)	82 (90/73)	73 (81/64)	66 (72/59)	57 (63/52)	52 (55/46)
Istanbul	43 (46/39)	42 (46/37)	46 (52/41)	54 (61/46)	61 (68/54)	71 (79/63)	74 (82/66)	74 (82/66)	69 (77/61)	60 (66/54)	53 (57/48)	46 (50/43)
Venice	37 (43/32)	40 (46/34)	46 (54/39)	54 (61/46)	62 (70/54)	68 (75/61)	73 (82/64)	73 (81/64)	67 (75/59)	57 (64/59)	46 (52/39)	39 (45/34)

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## *Empires of the Mediterranean* Ports of Call

### **Dubrovnik**

- The whole city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Both old and contemporary history to discover.
- Often described as the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic.’

### **Istanbul**

- A melting pot of European and Asian culture rich with history and treasures from the Ottoman Empire.
- Great scenic cruising through the Dardanelles, Sea of Marmara and past the Golden Horn.
- Home to the Grand Bazaar, perhaps the world’s oldest and most famous market.
- Unusual Viking history (go and see the graffiti left in the Hagia Sophia toward the end of the Viking Age).

### **Kotor**

- An off-the-beaten-path port mostly visited by the mega-rich in their private yachts.
- A simply stunning approach through a narrow channel to a port only accessible to smaller ships.
- Central berth, just 400 feet from the town and surrounded by high mountains.
- Great medieval history and the charm of a small and undiscovered gem.

### **Kusadasi (Ephesus)**

- The closest port to the magnificent ancient site of Ephesus.
- The region is rich in sites from antiquity.
- Great beaches and clear warm waters to swim in.
- Central berth, just 500 feet from the town.

### **Piraeus (Athens)**

- No Eastern Mediterranean cruise is complete without this ancient city, whose history spans 3,400 years.
- Some of the world’s best Greek and Roman ruins and artifacts throughout the city and surrounding areas.
- Home to the iconic Acropolis upon which sits the mighty Parthenon.

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Ports of Call (continued)

**Pula**

- An off-the-beaten-path port only accessible to smaller ships at anchor.
- Guests disembark right in the center of town.
- Great Roman history with some very well-preserved buildings on display.

**Santorini (Thira)**

- A beautiful island which is actually the crater of a massive (and still active) volcano.
- Fantastic views of the towering 1,000-foot-high cliffs as the ship sails in and out of the flooded crater.
- The destruction of island by the eruption is said to be the basis for the legend of Atlantis.

**Venice**

- Surely on everyone's 'bucket list' due to the beauty and splendor of this water-bound city.
- Great scenic cruising through the Venetian Lagoon, right past St. Mark's Square.
- Central berth, just 20 minutes' walk from the Doges Palace. Only available to small ships.
- Full of art, architecture and history, a perfect port to start or end your cruise.

***Empires of the Mediterranean***  
Istanbul, Turkey to Venice, Italy Itinerary

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| <p><b>Day 1 Istanbul (Constantinople), Turkey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Embark ship</li> <li>▪ Overnight</li> <li>▪ Ship prepared for next guests</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 Istanbul (Constantinople), Turkey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Panoramic Istanbul<br/><i>5 hours</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Day 3 Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ephesus<br/><i>3½ hours</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Day 4 Piraeus (Athens), Greece</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Panoramic Athens<br/><i>2½ hours</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Day 5 Thíra, (Santorini), Greece</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Santorini Crater Walk &amp; Swim<br/><i>3¼ hours</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Day 6 At Sea</b></p> <p><b>Day 7 Kotor, Montenegro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Walking Tour of Kotor<br/><i>2 hours</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Day 8 Dubrovnik, Croatia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Panoramic Dubrovnik<br/><i>4 hours</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Day 9 Pula, Croatia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Walking Tour of Pula<br/><i>2 hours</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Day 10 Venice, Italy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Disembark</li> <li>▪ Ship prepared for next guests</li> </ul> |
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## ***Extend Your Journey Before or After Your Cruise***

Make the very most of your time away from home by extending your vacation experience with one of our city stays or tours. Spend a little more time in these great destinations. Our expert local guides and hosts will help you get the very best from your stay.

### **Istanbul**

#### **2-night City Stay**

Discover Istanbul at your own pace. Experience fabulous shopping in the world's largest covered market, the Grand Bazaar, and visit iconic palaces and mosques. Enjoy two nights, including breakfasts, at a modern hotel in the Taksim Square district, boasting an on-site hamam. Breakfast and transfers included.

#### **2 or 3-night Istanbul, Gallipoli & Troy Tour**

Explore the World War I battleground of Gallipoli—with an expert guided tour—during 2015, the year of the Gallipoli Campaigns' 100th anniversary. Visit Troy to see the city walls that were besieged in the Trojan War. Return to Istanbul for a panoramic tour of its major monuments. Includes up to three hotel nights, plus all meals and transfers.

\*Enjoy two nights as a pre-cruise tour or three nights as a post-cruise tour.

### **Venice**

#### **2-night City Stay**

Discover Venice, famous for its canals that traverse this floating city. Explore the city's sights on foot or by one of the local vaporetto water buses. Enjoy two nights including breakfasts at the Hilton Molino Stucky or equivalent, situated on the banks of the Giudecca Canal. Breakfast and transfers included.

#### **3-night Rome, Florence, Bologna & Verona Tour**

Admire Rome's monuments — the Colosseum, the Forum and Vatican City — on a scenic drive. In Florence, visit the stunning Duomo and Ponte Vecchio. Tour ancient Bologna and see the famous anatomical theatre, Archiginnasio. In Verona, enjoy a walking tour that includes a visit to the "Juliet balcony." Includes all meals, hotels and transfers.

***Aug-Oct 2015 departures only.***