

# Classical Greece Land & Cruise

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## WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Time Zone:** Greece and Turkey are 8 hours ahead of the U.S. Central Time Zone.

**Weather:** Average High/Low

City	Mar./Apr.	Oct.
Athens, Greece	69°F / 53°F	74°F / 60°F
Mykonos, Greece	64°F / 55°F	72°F / 59°F
Kusadasi, Turkey	71°F / 57°F	73°F / 53°F
Patmos, Greece	62°F / 55°F	75°F / 63°F
Rhodes, Greece	67°F / 56°F	76°F / 62°F
Heraklion, Crete, Greece	51°F / 36°F	74°F / 62°F
Santorini, Greece	65°F / 56°F	71°F / 61°F

**Visa:** When we check in for the cruise portion of the tour, the cruise officials will take your passports and hold them during the cruise. They will take care of the entry requirements for Turkey during the cruise and will return your passports when you disembark at the end of the cruise. There is no need to obtain a separate Turkish Visa, as you will not be staying in the country overnight.

## EUROPEAN UNION TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Accommodations:** Although there are chain hotels in the UK & Europe, standardized hotel rooms that we enjoy in the US & Canada are the exception rather than the rule. Due to the fact that hotels are often located in older buildings, small and irregularly sized rooms in buildings that are bit maze-like are normal. Rooms with twin beds very close together, queen beds made by connecting two twin beds, hand-held shower heads, and elevators the size of broom closets are all quite normal in the UK and Europe, even in luxury hotels.

**Packing:** Bags with wheels are not suitable as a carry-on bag in Europe where motorcoaches have very limited space. The European Union does not allow these bags in the passenger section of the motorcoach. *Packing Note:* Washcloths are not standard in European hotels. Feel free to bring them with you. If you use them regularly, packing a washcloth or bringing a packet of facial cleanser wipes is a good idea.

**Currency:** The unit of currency is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis. A helpful web site for referencing current rates is [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com). You may want to obtain a small amount of Euros before you travel so that you have some cash to start your trip. Credit cards and bank cards are the easiest form of payment and ATMs are readily available. Make sure you have a PIN number for your cards. Mastercard and VISA are the most widely accepted cards with American Express being accepted in many places as well. Be sure to contact your bank and credit card companies before you travel to prevent a freeze on your account when you begin to make purchases overseas.

**Electrical Current:** The electric current in European Union is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores. Hairdryers are provided at the hotels & on the ship.

**International Driver & Guide:** Your Driver and Guide will be with you for the majority of your tour, if they meet your expectations it is suggested you tip them to show your appreciation. The suggested gratuity for your Driver is 8 EU per

person, per day and for your Guide is 8 EU per person, per day. Any tipping is on a voluntary basis and is given directly to the individual at the end of the

tour.

**Meal Expenses and Gratuities:** For the meals not included with the tour you can expect to spend the equivalent of \$15 – \$40 USD per person, per day. Waiters are paid a living wage in Europe, a 10% gratuity when dining on your own is sufficient.

**Public Facilities:** Outside of your hotel room some of the restrooms will have pay toilets or attendants collecting at the door. You may wish to have local coins available for these situations. Please note, that toilet paper is not to be flushed in Greek plumbing, but deposited in the waste basket next to the toilet. All tap water is safe to drink. The hot and cold water faucets may be the opposite of North America and hot water can be extremely hot.

**Souvenirs:** Your Tour Director can suggest places to find souvenirs. The following is a list of items travelers often like to bring back:

- Ceramics and wood products
- Bronze statues
- Copper ornaments
- Onyx
- Turkish delight candy
- Gold jewelry
- Leather sandals and goods
- The Blue Eye (protection from the evil eye)
- Korres natural make-up, creams and fragrances

## CRUISE DETAILS

**Aboard Ship Current:** The Celestyal *Discovery* current is 110 volts.

**Beverages:** Beer and wine are included with meals. Sparkling and still mineral water, iced tea, soft drinks, juices, coffees, hot chocolate and tea are also included. Alcohol consumption is allowed for guests who are 18 years of age.

**Cell Service Aboard Ship:** Celestyal cruise ships are equipped with telephone service and internet access 24-7. Whenever your ship has a land signal from a Greek or a foreign mobile telephone network, your phone will also have a signal, provided it is enabled to roam. There may be periods during your cruise, however, when the ship is outside of any service area: you will be able to use your mobile phone, but it will have to be via a connection to your ship's satellite, which entails a substantial charge. We therefore suggest you avoid doing so, unless there is an emergency. Be sure to check with your cell service company for information on International Calling Plans.

**Cruise Ship Clothing & Dining:** While aboard the cruise ship casual attire is appropriate during the day. Low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes are recommended while on deck. When at port comfortable walking shoes are suggested. In the evening your attire should be "country club casual" in the restaurants, casinos, lounges, and nightclubs, and in the other open spaces on the ship. Jeans, shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes and t-shirts would not be appropriate in the evenings. On each Celestyal cruise there is one Gala Night and Captain's Cocktail. A cocktail dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for men would be appropriate in the full service restaurant. If you choose to dine at the buffet on this evening the "country club casual" attire is acceptable. Reservations are not necessary at either restaurant.

**Gift Shop:** The shops often have specials, and they offer an authentic Greek shopping area, where you will be able to find a large selection of souvenirs and products.

**Internet:** Celestyal Cruise Lines ships offer tablets for rental for you to access the internet. They also offer Wi-Fi service (satellite permitting) at a charge in most public areas but not in the cabins.

**Lifeboat Drill:** There will be a mandatory lifeboat drill on the ship. All guests are required to attend this drill to learn what to do in case of an emergency. For this drill you will want to report to your muster station. Your muster station number or letter can be found on your guest key card. Crew members will be available to direct you to the correct muster station. Attendance will be taken so be sure to check in once you arrive at your muster station. For your safety, life vests are located in your stateroom and various areas thought the ship.

**Payment On Board Ship:** Celestyal Cruise Line ships sail with the tradition of a "cashless society." Simply provide the front desk with your credit card at the beginning of your voyage, sign for your purchases, then settle your shipboard account with one convenient transaction at the end. The day prior to disembarkation an itemized statement will be delivered to your stateroom. Please review this statement thoroughly and request any adjustments as necessary before departure.

**Ship Phones:** It is possible to phone anywhere in the world from the ship. The charges depend on the duration of your call an on the country you are calling. The reception desk on-board will provide necessary information before you make the call.

**Shipboard & Shore Excursion Gratuities:** Gratuities to your cabin steward and dining staff are included. The suggested gratuity for the driver and guide accompanying you on one of the optional shore excursions would be 2 Euros per person, per day.

**Ship Tenders:** This itinerary includes ports of call that require the use of tenders to get to shore. Tendering takes place when no pier facilities are available or when the water is too shallow for ships to get closer to shore. Vessels drop anchor a short distance away and use small boats, called tenders, to shuttle passengers to dry land.

**Shore Excursions:** Your cruise includes shore excursions on Rhodes and Kusadasi. Optional shore excursions will be offered on at all ports. The itineraries will be discussed during your orientation briefing in Athens. These excursions can be booked at the briefing or on the ship.

**Smoking While Cruising:** Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is only allowed in designated areas aboard ship.

**Spa & Fitness Services:** A fully-equipped gym is available on the ship.

**Water:** Tap water on-board the ship is safe to drink.