Itinerary

15 Day Three Continents Explorer Cruise: Europe, Africa & Asia

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Athens (Piraeus), Greece ~ Embarkation

Welcome to Athens, Greece! Make your own way to Piraeus Cruise Port to board Celestyal Journey, your home for the next 14 nights. Once onboard, settle into your cabin and explore the ship's facilities before enjoying your first evening at sea. Later, enjoy dinner onboard as your Mediterranean adventure begins, sailing towards Egypt.

DEPARTURE: 5:00pm

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Dinner

Day 2: At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as Celestyal Journey sails across the Mediterranean towards Alexandria, Egypt. With no ports of call today, take the opportunity to settle into life onboard and enjoy the ship at your own pace. Whether you prefer to relax with a good book, admire the ocean views or simply unwind, the day is yours to enjoy.

Throughout the day, make the most of the ship's facilities, including its swimming pools, lounges and dining venues. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard, along with a variety of entertainment and activities. As evening approaches, sit back and enjoy another relaxing night aboard Celestyal Journey before arriving in Egypt the following morning.

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Alexandria, Egypt ~ Overnight in Port

Welcome to Alexandria, Egypt's historic Mediterranean city! Arriving this morning, you'll have the opportunity to discover a destination known for its fascinating ancient history, impressive architecture and lively waterfront. Explore at your own pace or join an optional shore excursion to discover more of this remarkable city.

Among Alexandria's highlights are the historic Citadel of Qaitbay, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, and the impressive Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a modern tribute to the city's ancient library. Alternatively, wander

along the waterfront and experience the city's unique blend of Egyptian and Mediterranean culture. With Celestyal Journey remaining in port overnight, you'll have extra time to enjoy Alexandria before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 7:00am

BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey (In Port)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Alexandria, Egypt ~ Departure

Enjoy another morning in Alexandria before Celestyal Journey continues its Mediterranean voyage. With the ship remaining in port until early afternoon, you may wish to explore more of the city independently or simply relax onboard and enjoy breakfast while overlooking Alexandria's waterfront.

If heading ashore, take the opportunity to enjoy the city's atmosphere, discover its historic streets or visit any attractions you may have missed yesterday. Afterwards, return to Celestyal Journey in time for departure as the ship sets sail towards Limassol, Cyprus. Spend the afternoon enjoying the ship's facilities and the Mediterranean views as your journey continues.

DEPARTURE: 1:00pm

BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Limassol, Cyprus

Welcome to Limassol, a lively coastal city on the beautiful island of Cyprus. Known for its rich history, Mediterranean charm and picturesque waterfront, Limassol offers a wonderful mix of ancient landmarks and modern attractions. Spend the morning exploring the city's historic old town, where narrow streets lead to traditional shops, cafés and the impressive Limassol Castle, which houses the Cyprus Medieval Museum.

Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion to discover more of Cyprus, including the ancient archaeological site of Kourion, known for its impressive Greco-Roman theatre and spectacular coastal views. You may also wish to explore the island's traditional villages or simply enjoy a leisurely stroll along Limassol's waterfront promenade. Afterwards, return to Celestyal Journey for an evening sailing towards Rhodes, Greece.

ARRIVAL: 8:00am
DEPARTURE: 6:00pm

BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Rhodes, Greece

Enjoy a relaxing morning onboard Celestyal Journey before arriving in Rhodes, one of Greece's most beautiful and historic islands. Famous for its medieval Old Town, impressive fortifications and picturesque harbour, Rhodes offers a fascinating glimpse into centuries of Greek history. Wander through the cobbled streets of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, admire the magnificent Palace of the Grand Master or explore the historic Street of the Knights.

Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion to discover more of the island, including the charming village of Lindos, known for its whitewashed buildings and ancient Acropolis overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. You may also prefer to explore Rhodes at your own pace, browsing traditional shops, relaxing at a local café or enjoying the waterfront. With a late evening departure, there is plenty of time to experience the island before returning to Celestyal Journey as your Mediterranean adventure continues.

ARRIVAL: 12:00pm
DEPARTURE: 10:00pm
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: At Sea

Enjoy another relaxing day at sea as Celestyal Journey continues its Mediterranean voyage towards Istanbul, Türkiye. With no ports of call today, take the opportunity to unwind and enjoy everything the ship has to offer. Start your morning with a leisurely breakfast before spending time by the pool, relaxing in one of the lounges or simply admiring the beautiful ocean views as you sail towards your next destination.

Throughout the day, make the most of the ship's dining venues, entertainment and onboard activities. Whether you prefer to enjoy a refreshing drink, watch a live performance or spend some quiet time relaxing, there are plenty of ways to enjoy your day at sea. Later, settle in for dinner and another enjoyable evening onboard before arriving in Istanbul the following morning, where an overnight stay awaits.

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Istanbul, Türkiye ~ Overnight in Port

Welcome to Istanbul, one of the world's most fascinating cities, where Europe and Asia meet across the beautiful Bosphorus Strait. Arriving this morning, you'll have the opportunity to explore a city rich in history, culture and remarkable architecture. Discover famous landmarks such as the magnificent Hagia Sophia, the impressive Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, once home to the Ottoman sultans. Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion to learn more about Istanbul's fascinating past.

Spend the afternoon exploring the colourful Grand Bazaar, where hundreds of shops offer everything from traditional Turkish carpets and ceramics to spices and souvenirs. You may also wish to stroll along the waterfront, enjoy authentic Turkish cuisine or take an optional cruise along the Bosphorus for spectacular views of the city. With Celestyal Journey remaining in port overnight, you'll have extra time to experience Istanbul's lively atmosphere before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 8:00am
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey (In Port)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Istanbul, Türkiye ~ Departure

Enjoy another morning in Istanbul before Celestyal Journey continues its Mediterranean voyage. With the ship remaining in port until midday, you may wish to head ashore for some final sightseeing, enjoy a traditional Turkish breakfast at a local café or explore the city's bustling streets and waterfront. Alternatively, relax onboard and admire the views of Istanbul from the ship.

If exploring independently, take the opportunity to discover any nearby attractions you may have missed yesterday or browse the local shops for a final souvenir. Afterwards, return to Celestyal Journey well ahead of departure as the ship sets sail towards Volos, Greece. Spend the afternoon enjoying the ship's facilities and the beautiful coastal scenery as your Mediterranean adventure continues.

DEPARTURE: 12:00pm
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Volos, Greece

Welcome to Volos, a charming Greek port city nestled at the foot of Mount Pelion, overlooking the beautiful Pagasetic Gulf. Known for its picturesque waterfront, fascinating history and traditional Greek atmosphere, Volos offers a wonderful opportunity to experience a different side of Greece. Spend some time exploring the lively harbour promenade, where cafés, restaurants and traditional tavernas line the waterfront. Alternatively, wander through the city centre, browse the local shops or discover more about the region's rich history at the Archaeological Museum of Volos.

For those looking to explore further, consider joining an optional shore excursion into the scenic Mount Pelion region, famous for its traditional stone villages, lush mountain landscapes and spectacular coastal views. Discover charming villages such as Makrinitsa and Portaria, known for their cobbled streets, historic architecture and beautiful surroundings. Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely afternoon sampling local Greek cuisine or relaxing along the waterfront. With an evening departure, there is plenty of time to enjoy Volos before returning to Celestyal Journey as your Mediterranean adventure continues towards Thessaloniki.

ARRIVAL: 10:30am
DEPARTURE: 9:00pm
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Thessaloniki, Greece

Welcome to Thessaloniki, Greece's vibrant second-largest city, renowned for its rich Byzantine heritage, fascinating history and lively waterfront. Begin your exploration with a visit to the iconic White Tower, one of the city's most recognisable landmarks, before enjoying a stroll along the beautiful seaside promenade. Discover historic churches, impressive monuments and bustling streets that reflect Thessaloniki's unique blend of Greek, Roman and Ottoman influences. Alternatively, explore the city centre, where traditional markets, charming cafés and local shops offer a wonderful taste of everyday Greek life.

For those wanting to discover more, consider joining an optional shore excursion to explore Thessaloniki's historic highlights, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Byzantine monuments and the charming Upper Town, known as Ano Poli. Here, narrow cobbled streets, traditional houses and ancient city walls provide spectacular views across Thessaloniki and the Thermaic Gulf. Alternatively, spend the afternoon sampling local Greek specialties, browsing the colourful Modiano or Kapani markets or relaxing at a waterfront café. Afterwards, return to Celestyal Journey for an evening departure as your Mediterranean voyage continues towards Kusadasi, Türkiye.

ARRIVAL: 8:00am
DEPARTURE: 6:00pm
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12: Kusadasi, Türkiye

Welcome to Kusadasi, a lively Turkish port town on the beautiful Aegean coast and the gateway to the ancient city of Ephesus. Renowned for its fascinating history, bustling bazaars and picturesque waterfront, Kusadasi offers a wonderful combination of cultural discoveries and coastal charm. One of the region's highlights is Ephesus, among the best-preserved ancient cities in the Mediterranean. Join an optional shore excursion to explore its remarkable Roman ruins, including the magnificent Library of Celsus, the impressive Great Theatre and the ancient marble streets that once formed part of this thriving city.

Alternatively, spend the day exploring Kusadasi at your own pace. Wander through the colourful Grand Bazaar, where local shops offer traditional Turkish carpets, ceramics, leather goods and souvenirs, or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the waterfront overlooking the Aegean Sea. You may also wish to discover the historic Pigeon Island, home to a picturesque fortress and beautiful coastal views, or relax at a local café and sample traditional Turkish cuisine. Afterwards, return to Celestyal Journey for an afternoon departure as your Mediterranean adventure continues towards the Greek island of Crete.

ARRIVAL: 9:30am
DEPARTURE: 5:00pm
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13: Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Welcome to Heraklion, the vibrant capital of Crete and one of Greece's most fascinating historic cities. Known for its rich Minoan heritage, Venetian architecture and charming Mediterranean atmosphere, Heraklion offers a wonderful combination of ancient history and modern Greek culture. Spend the morning exploring the city's picturesque Venetian harbour, where the impressive Koules Fortress has guarded the entrance for centuries. Alternatively, wander through the historic city centre, discover the lively markets and traditional shops or visit the renowned Heraklion Archaeological Museum, home to an extraordinary collection of Minoan artefacts.

For those looking to explore further, consider joining an optional shore excursion to the magnificent Palace of Knossos, one of Greece's most important archaeological sites and the centre of the ancient Minoan civilisation. Discover the remains of this remarkable palace complex, famous for its colourful frescoes, grand courtyards and connections to the legend of the Minotaur. Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely afternoon exploring Heraklion's charming streets, sampling traditional Cretan cuisine or relaxing at a waterfront café. Afterwards, return to Celestyal Journey for an evening departure as your Mediterranean adventure continues towards Athens.

ARRIVAL: 8:00am
DEPARTURE: 6:00pm
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14: Athens (Piraeus), Greece ~ Overnight in Port

Welcome back to Athens, the historic capital of Greece and the birthplace of Western civilisation. Arriving this morning, you'll have the opportunity to explore one of Europe's most fascinating cities, renowned for its ancient landmarks, rich history and vibrant atmosphere. Visit the magnificent Acropolis, where the iconic Parthenon overlooks the city, or explore the nearby Acropolis Museum, home to an impressive collection of ancient Greek artefacts. Alternatively, wander through the charming streets of Plaka, Athens' historic neighbourhood, where traditional tavernas, colourful shops and picturesque laneways create a wonderful atmosphere.

For those wanting to discover more, consider joining an optional shore excursion to explore Athens' famous landmarks, including the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Syntagma Square and the Panathenaic Stadium. Alternatively, spend the afternoon browsing the bustling Monastiraki markets, enjoying authentic Greek cuisine or relaxing at a local café while soaking up the city's atmosphere. With Celestyal Journey remaining in port overnight, you'll have plenty of time to enjoy your final day in Athens before returning to

the ship for your last evening onboard.

ARRIVAL: 7:30am
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

OVERNIGHT: Celestyal Journey (In Port)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15: Athens (Piraeus), Greece ~ Disembarkation

After an unforgettable 14-night journey exploring three continents, your Mediterranean cruise aboard Celestyal Journey comes to an end. Enjoy your final breakfast onboard before disembarking at Piraeus Cruise Port in Athens. Take a moment to reflect on the incredible destinations, fascinating cultures and memorable experiences enjoyed throughout your voyage.

Following disembarkation, make your own way to the airport or your onward accommodation. If you have additional time in Athens, you may wish to extend your stay and discover more of the Greek capital before continuing your travels. We hope you have enjoyed your Three Continents Explorer Cruise and return home with wonderful memories of your Mediterranean adventure.

DISEMBARKATION: As advised by the cruise line
BERTH / TENDER: Berth

MEALS: Breakfast