GO DEEPER WITH VARIETY 2023-2024

Variety Cruises

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The story of Variety Cruises dates back to 1949 when our founder had the vision of showcasing the world on board seven day life-enriching journeys at sea. Though we have grown and evolved since, our mission today remains the same.

Our vision is to create a better world at sea

Our mission is to provide seven day life-enriching experiences at sea

FILIPPOS VENETOPOULOS
CEO, Variety Cruises

A letter from our CEO

Filippos Venetopoulos
CEO, Variety Cruises

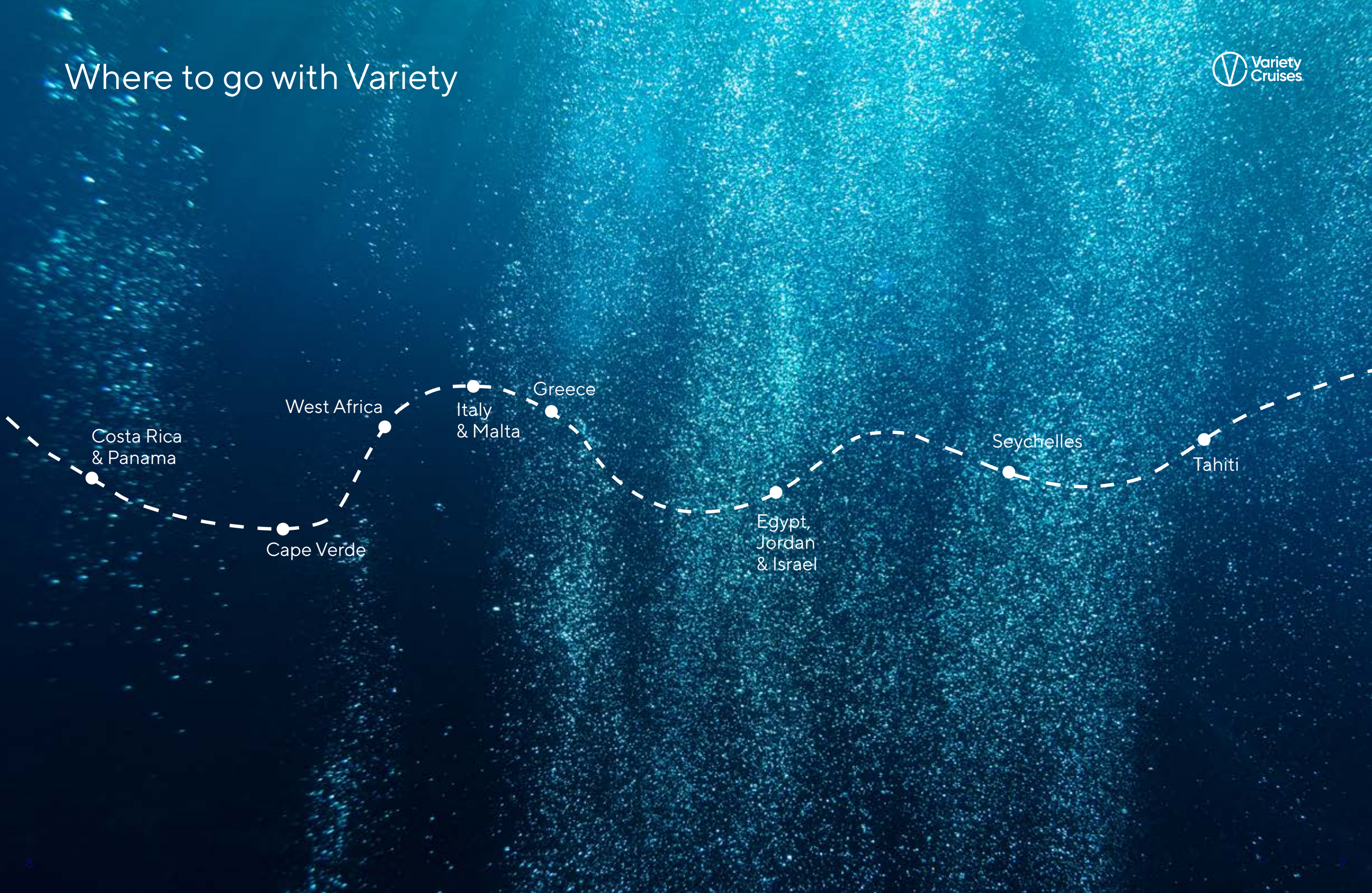
Variety Cruises is proud to serve you with our signature and limited collection 7-day life enriching experiences that go deeper into the destination connecting our team of experts with travelers from around the world, as we work together to positively impact the communities and natural habitat in which we visit, while adhering to our underlying ethos to create A BETTER WORLD AT SEA™.

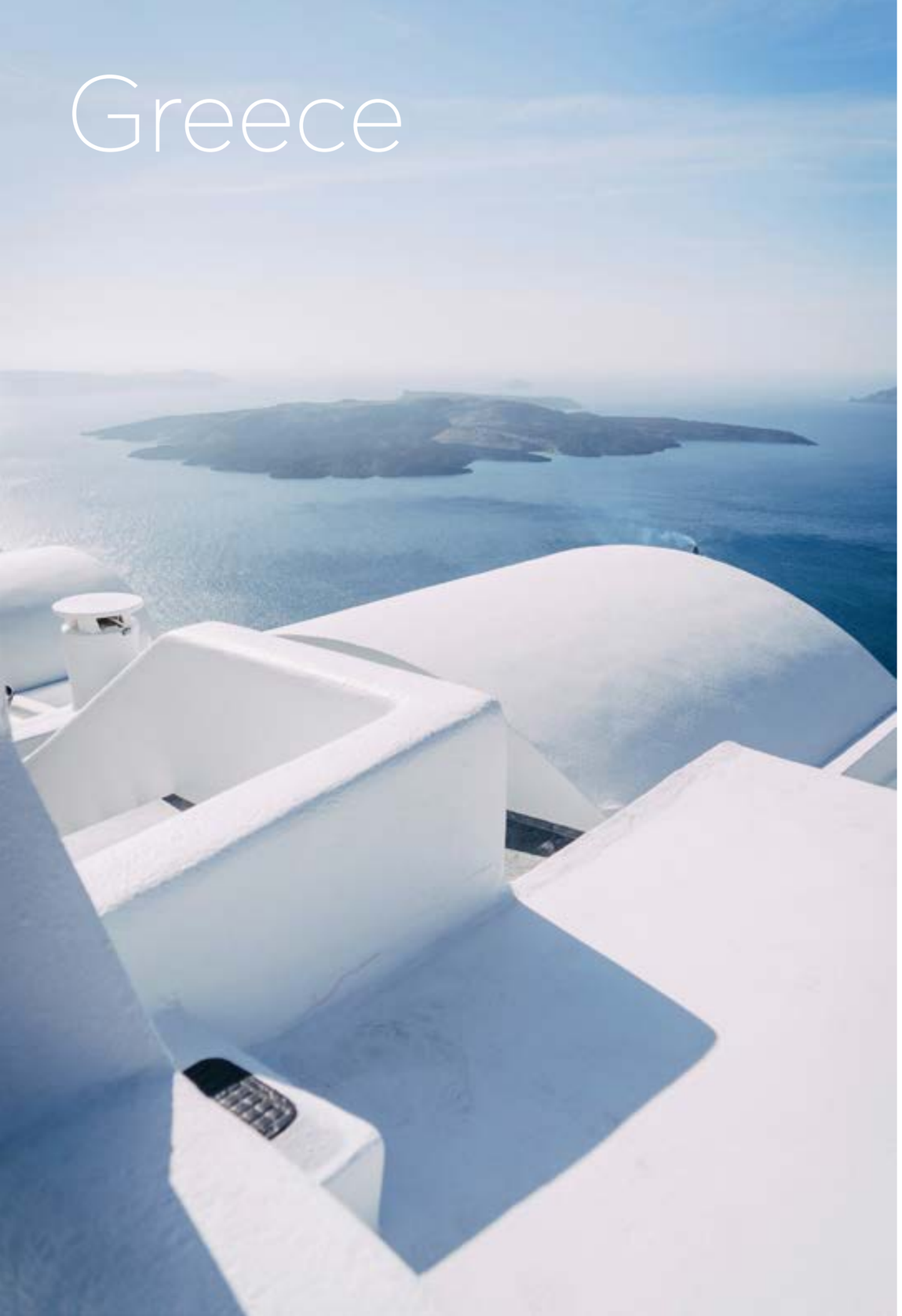
Our signature 360° degree approach starts with designing and building state-of-the-art ships, to crafting and executing our detailed itineraries, while ensuring the safety and comfort of our guests on board their "home at sea". From Greece to West Africa, from Egypt to the French Polynesia and beyond, travelers can discover authentic local and indigenous cultures, regional cuisine, ancient sites, remote villages and natural wonders only small ships can reach.
All while ensuring our experiences reflect cultural and ecological sustainability and inclusiveness—a company priority—with sails that are in-depth and community-driven, yet go deeper and give back, while leaving a minimal footprint behind. All this while maintaining our small ship cruise spirit, hosting less than 100 guests in any given sail, offering the intimate experience that Variety Cruises is known for around the world since 1949. This is evident in our award winning services by USA TODAY's readers-choice award, by thousands of satisfied guests.

So... we invite you to GO DEEPER into the destination as we enter our third generation of small ship cruises; deeper into the scents, deeper into the local cuisine, deeper into the local communities, deeper into the history, and deeper into the moment.

Creating a "Better world at Sea™", since 1949.

Where to go with Variety

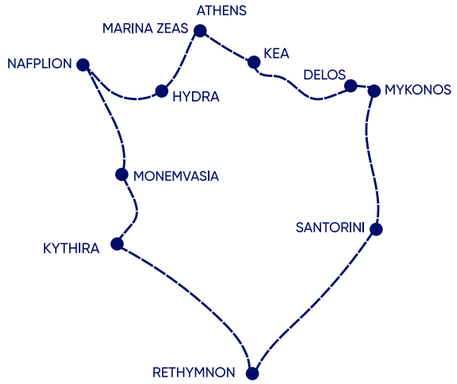




Classical Greece

Enjoy a harmonious balance between conventional cruising and private yachting, along with an exciting voyage of discovery, unraveling the wonders of Classical Greece. The beautiful Cyclades, Kea, Santorini, Mykonos and the neighboring UNESCO-protected archaeological isle of Delos. Crete, the largest and southern most Greek island. The crystal blue waters of the island of Kythira, a hidden gem of the Aegean sea. The Peloponnese with Monemvasia and Nafplion historical treasures. Hydra, an off-the-beaten track island with her picturesque harbor. Each day you will discover a new port of call, a hidden cove with crystal blue waters to cool you, a glimpse of ancient history to amaze you and rich cultural diversity to intrigue you.

Title	Classical Greece
Country	Greece
Travel Style	Archaeology - History
Duration	8 Days
Travel Period	05 May 2023 – 13 October 2023
Departure/Destination	From Athens To Athens
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Harmony G



Jewels of the Cyclades

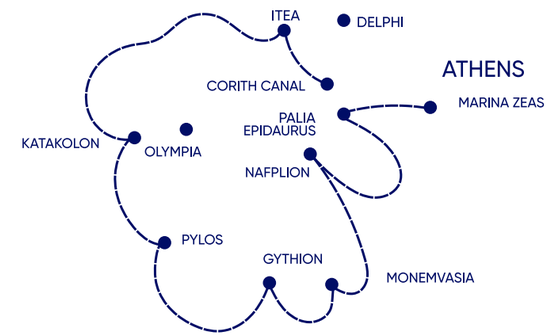
Cyclades: Dazzling white villages, golden beaches and clear azure water are just the star of what these islands have to offer. Ancient Greek geographers gave this unique cluster of islands the name Cyclades because they saw that they formed a circle ('kyklos" in Greek) of sorts around the sacred island of Delos. According to myth, the islands were the debris that remained after a battle between giants. In reality, they resulted from colossal geological events like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Their colours are blue and white like the Greek flag. The islands come in all sizes and, though the ingredients are the same – incomparable light, translucent water, heavenly beaches, lustrous white buildings and bare rock, each one has its own distinct character...

Title	Jewels of the Cyclades
Country	Greece
Travel Style	Active
Duration	8 Days
Travel Period	21 April 2023 - 18 October 2024
Departure/Destination	From Athens To Athens
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Galileo

Antiquity to Byzantium

A voyage through history dedicated to the Golden Age of Greek civilization and beyond, this cruise comes complete with a guest lecturer, Eugenia Alexiou. Eugenia has a Master's degree in Byzantine Art, is an expert historian and, as a graduate of the Athens' Tour Guide Academy, is the perfect tutor through all the classical sites and sights we visit. This journey to off-the-beaten track locales in the Peloponnese peninsula is a masterclass on the journey through classical antiquity and the Roman conquest, ending with the transition to the Christian empire of Byzantium. Transit the amazing engineering feat that is the Corinth Canal, cut though solid rock in the 1880's to join the Gulf of Corinth with the Aegean Sea.

Title	Antiquity to Byzantium
Country	Greece
Travel Style	History
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	24 March 2023 - 08 November 2024
Departure/Destination	From Athens to Athens
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Galileo

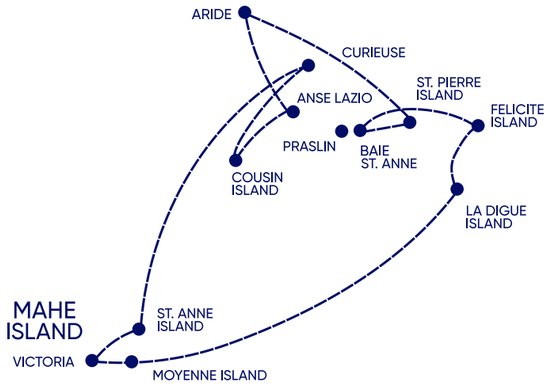


Seychelles

Garden of Eden

There aren't many places on Earth where hawks-bill turtles feel so unthreatened that they come ashore in broad daylight to lay their eggs. These exotic Gallic outposts were made for exploring by sea, with BBQ breaks on deserted islands, every-day swimming stops, and walking tours through the lush interiors. Scattered across the Indian Ocean, some 1,000 miles east of Kenya, these 115 islands offer everything from unsurpassed white sandy beaches to UNESCO Heritage Sites and incredible wildlife. Massive granite rocks and coral fringed beaches create an air of drama and beauty while seamlessly fusing land and sea. Explore Paradise by Yacht.

Title	Seychelles – Garden of Eden
Country	Seychelles
Travel Style	Nature
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	07 January 2023 - 26 October 2024
Departure/Destination	From Mahe to Mahe
Departure Port	Victoria Port (Inter island Quay), Mahe
Boat	Pegasos

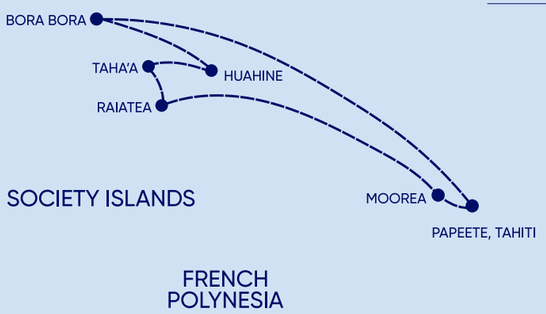


Tahiti

Tahiti and French Polynesia
7 nights

Sailing round-trip from Papeete port, Tahiti, uncover the world-famous Society islands of French Polynesia by small ship. Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea - islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping allows you to see every landscape, from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. There are many sides to the Islands of Tahiti, yet they are all connected by Mana. Mana is a life force and spirit that surrounds us. You can see it. Touch it. Taste it. Feel it. And from the moment you arrive, you will understand why locals say the islands are embraced by Mana.

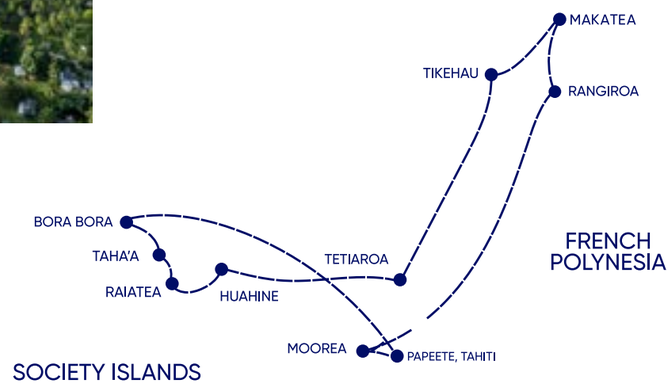
Title	Tahiti & The Pearls of French Polynesia
Country	Tahiti
Travel Style	Nature
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	03 February 2023 - 06 December 2024
Departure/Destination	From Papeete to Papeete
Departure Port	Papeete, Tahiti
Boat	Panorama II



Tahiti, the Society & Tuamotu islands
10 nights

Join us on board our 10-night sailing, roundtrip from Tahiti unraveling the Society and Tuamotu islands. Uncover the islands of two archipelagos by small ship. Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Rangiroa, Tetiaroa, Tikehau, and Makatea - islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping allows you to see every landscape, from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. There are many sides to The Islands of Tahiti. Yet they are all connected by Mana. Mana is a life force and spirit that surrounds us. You can see it. Touch it. Taste it. Feel it.

Title	Tahiti, the Society & Tuamotu islands
Country	Tahiti
Travel Style	Nature
Duration	11 days
Travel Period	13 January 2023 - 24 December 2024
Departure/Destination	From Papeete to Papeete
Departure Port	Papeete, Tahiti
Boat	Panorama II

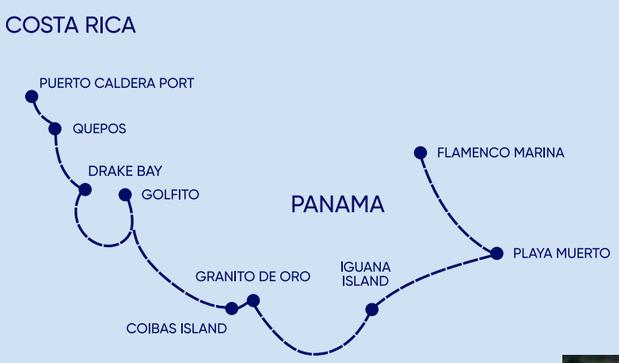


Costa Rica & Panama

Crossing The Panama Canal: Costa Rica & Panama

A Costa Rica & Panama Canal cruise is one full of adventures, excitement, and lifetime memories. The jungles with their spectacular plants and wildlife, the unique white sand beaches and the crossing of the legendary Panama Canal, are only some of the myriad treasures this Panama cruise has to offer.

Title	Crossing The Panama Canal: Costa Rica & Panama
Country	Costa Rica & Panama
Travel Style	Nature
Duration	8 Days
Travel Period	21 January 2023 - 09 March 2024
Departure/Destination	From Panama to Costa Rica and vv
Departure Port	Colon 2000, Panama or Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica
Boat	Panorama



Italy & Malta

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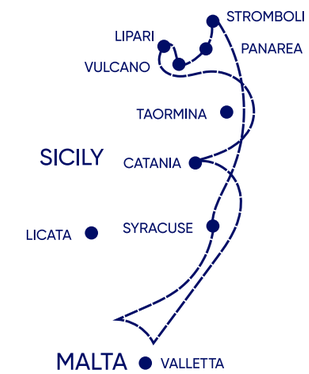
History rich Malta and Sicily welcome you for your next small ship cruise adventure. The unique and varied peninsulas of both countries offer a natural playground to be best experienced by a small ship, and so we have designed the ultimate itinerary for you to experience the destinations we visit in depth, always keeping in mind your comfort and safety. Rising out of the cobalt-blue seas off Sicily's northeastern coast, the Unesco-protected Aeolian Islands (Vulcano, Lipari, Salina, Panarea, Stromboli, Filicudi and Alicudi) are a little piece of paradise, a seven-island archipelago offering a wealth of opportunities for relaxation and outdoor fun. Stunning waters provide sport for swimmers, sailors, kayakers and divers, while trekkers can climb hissing volcanoes and gourmets can sip honey-sweet Malvasia wine.

Title	Malta, Sicily & the Aeolian Islands
Country	Italy & Malta
Travel Style	History
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	17 June 2023 - 15 July 2023
Departure/Destination	From Valletta to Valletta
Departure Port	Valletta, Malta
Boat	Harmony G



Cape Verde

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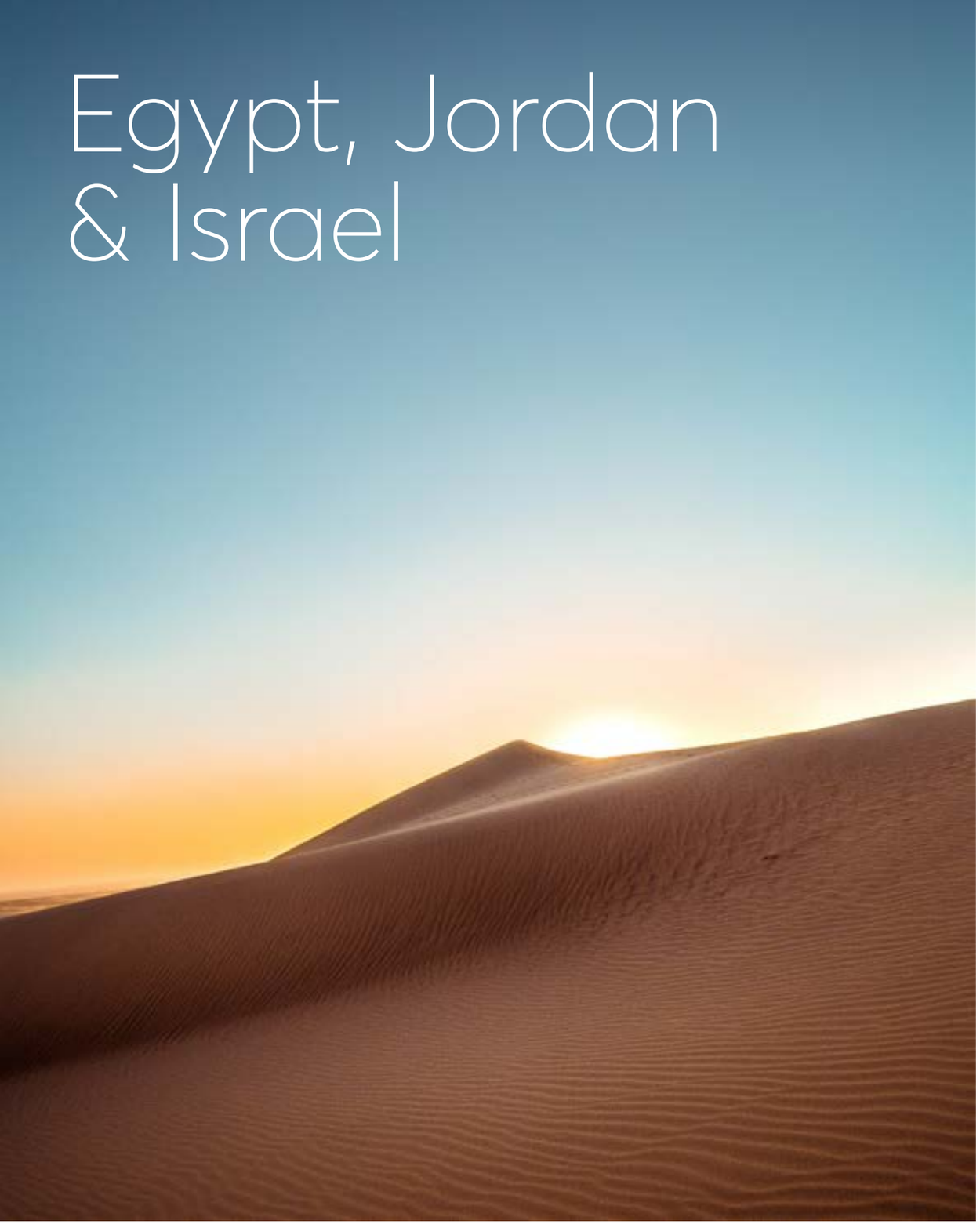
Explore the archipelago of Cape Verde with its intoxicating mixture of African and Portuguese heritage and its welcoming locals. Once a former colony and slave trade outpost, the Cape Verde Islands of today offer a spellbinding blend of African and Portuguese influences in their architecture, food, customs and traditions. Being blessed with a pleasant year-round climate, the archipelago offers a diverse range of landscapes from verdant mountain ranges, lush hills and jungles to explore, to volcanic landscapes or wide deserted beaches. This cruise holiday will open up for you a vibrant and colorful world, all set to the gentle rhythms of West African music.

Title	Islands of Cape Verde Archipelago
Country	Cape Verde
Travel Style	Nature
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	02 December 2023 - 12 March 2024
Departure/Destination	From Palmeira to Palmeira
Departure Port	Palmeira port, Sal
Boat	Harmony G

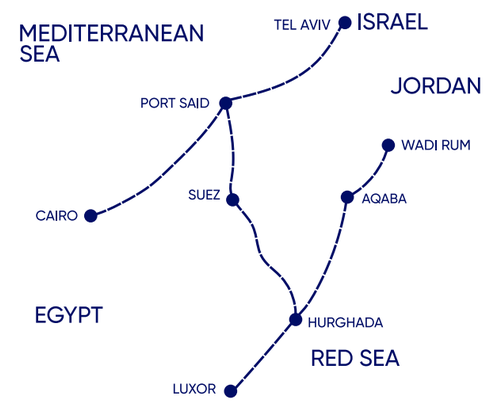
Egypt, Jordan & Israel

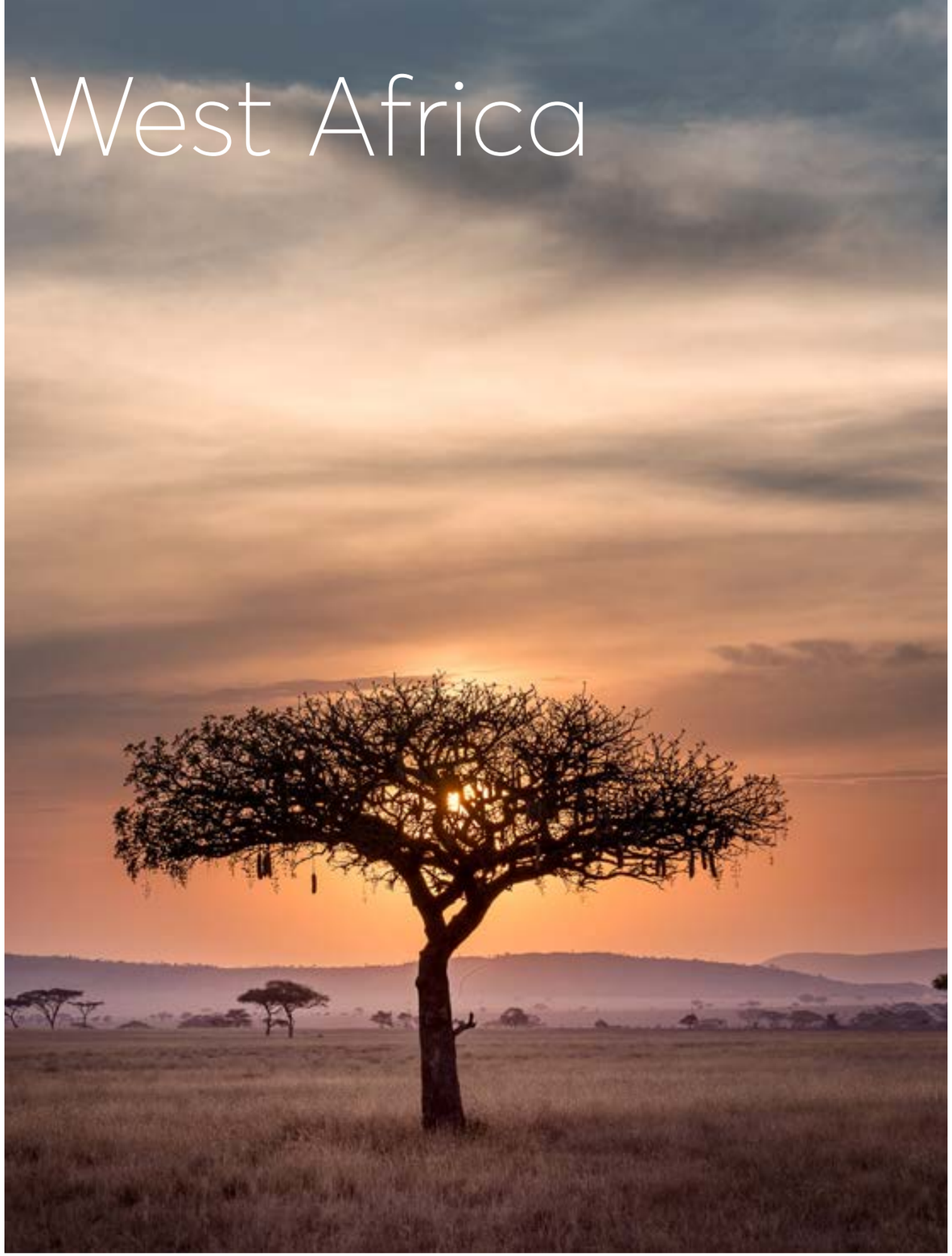


Egypt, Jordan & Israel

Embrace your wanderlust and discover the world on a deeper level. Cross the Suez Canal, discover Israel, Egypt and Jordan. An expert Egyptologist on board and on shore will enhance your experience with insights that bring each destination to life for a very well-rounded perspective. Join us during the winter and spring months when you'll enjoy cooler temperatures that will make your exploration of these historical sites and ancient ruins comfortable. Wadi Rum in Jordan, the Valley of the Kings, Karnak and Hatsepsut Temples in Luxor, the Pyramids in Cairo and more ancient treasures await.

Title	Egypt, Jordan, Israel & The Suez Canal
Country	Egypt, Jordan & Israel
Travel Style	History
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	05 February 2023 - 19 March 2023
Departure/Destination	From Aqaba, Jordan to Tel Aviv, Israel and vv
Boat	Harmony V

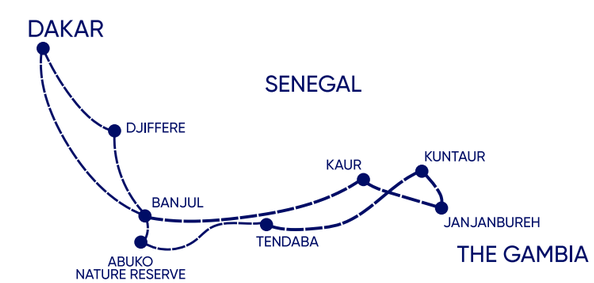




West Africa

The Rivers of Gambia & Senegal, 7-night cruise sure to satisfy your curious minds. Experience outstanding wildlife viewing on a yacht cruise along the West Africa Coast and upstream the Gambia River, deep inside the African continent. Discover the waterways of Senegal and Gambia with visits to no less than 4 Natural Reserves: Sine Saloun Delta, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a birdwatcher's paradise; Djiffere fishing village; River Gambia National Park; Wassu mysterious stone circles, another UNESCO World Heritage site; Bao Bolong Wetland Reserve and Kiang West National Park in Gambia. Our on board Gambian River Naturalist will assist you in discovering the amazing flora and fauna and will be at your side throughout this exciting voyage, unravelling the wonders of West Africa.

Title	Rivers of West Africa
Country	West Africa
Travel Style	Nature
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	23 December 2023 - 17 February 2024
Departure/Destination	From Dakar, Senegal and to Banjul, the Gambia and vv
Boat	Harmony G



Variety Cruises

Limited Collection

Unexplored Greece

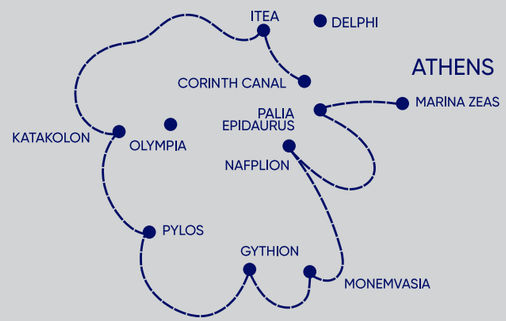
Let us show you our home, off-the-beaten path. These 10 stunning island destinations offer a more nourishing side of Greece, a taste of true Greek culture. These are places where people take pride in offering hospitality – in line with the ancient custom of filoxenia, love of strangers – and where things are done with meraki, love and soul. A cruise voyage unraveling the most authentic Cycladic and Dodecanese islands of Greece. Discover unknown gems with rich history, incomparable light, translucent water, and heavenly beaches. Whether Greece has always been on the top of your bucket list or whether you are returning for yet another visit, Greece is a magical land with an endless supply of beauty and knowledge, so be prepared to experience it all with new eyes.

Title	Unexplored Greece
Country	Greece
Travel Style	Off-the-beaten Path
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	09 June 2023 – 25 August 2023
Departure/Destination	From Athens to Athens
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Callisto

Hiking cruise

Our Hiking Collection Cruise offers you the best of two worlds. Hiking of course, but also insider insight into the history and stories from Ancient Greece. To guide the hikes we have outdoor specialists, George and Iro on board, and to explore the history of the Peloponnese we have our resident archaeologist, Evgenia.

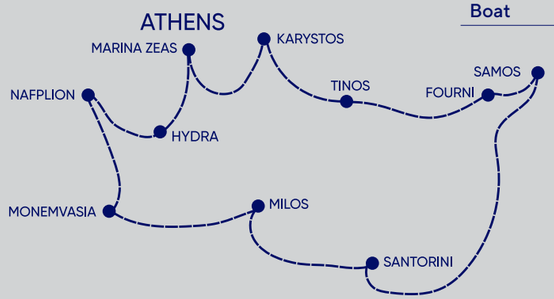
Title	Hiking Cruise
Country	Greece
Travel Style	Active
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	31 March 2023 and 27 October 2023
Departure/Destination	From Athens to Athens
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Galileo



Wines of Greece

Variety Cruises are pleased to announce the first of our new Wine Cruises of Greece. This journey takes us to many of the Greek wine hotspots including Nemea, Santorini, and Tinos. Wine and the making of it is central to this voyage, but as we follow its trail we'll also discover the limestone crags and wild mountains of the Peloponnese, the breathtaking views of Santorini, and the quieter villages of the Cyclades and Eastern Aegean islands. We'll meet leading winemakers, taste at top wineries, and enjoy dinners paired with a specially chosen selection of wines - each exploring the superb native grape varieties of Greece's many diverse regions.
This exploration will illustrate how the wines of Greece have emerged as some of the most interesting and exciting in the world over the past 25 years, with changes at least as profound as those that have taken place in Chile and New Zealand. Our on board chef will design classic and regional fare, matching intense local flavours with the unique and varied wines.
The Wine Cruise celebrates everything that is wonderful and alluring about Greece; the passion of its people, the evening light on the hillsides, remote swim spots in turquoise seas. We'll call upon quiet harbours, see ancient sites, and discover hidden yet exquisite corners of the country.

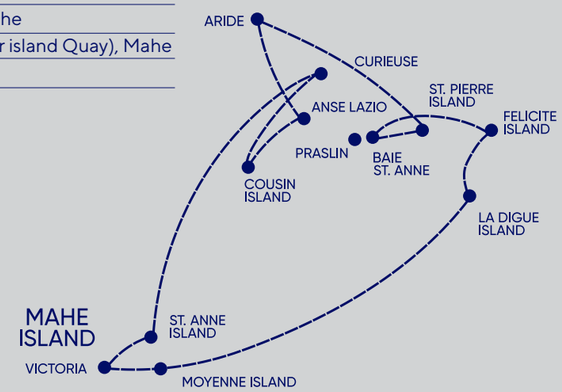
Title	Wines Of Greece – All Inclusive Cruise
Country	Greece
Travel Style	Gastronomy
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	01 September 2023
Departure/Destination	From Athens to Athens
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Harmony G



LGBTQIA+ cruise in the Seychelles

OCTOBER 28 marks a special occasion for Variety Cruises as LGBTQIA+ activist Constantine Venetopoulos and part of the 3rd generation of the family that founded Variety Cruises in 1949 joins our "STRAIGHT FRIENDLY" 7-day adventure in the Seychelles, offering insight into what it's like to lead the cruise company with the vision A BETTER WORLD AT SEA. Guests will have ample time to connect with others from the LGBTQIA+ community and allies, discover the historic and cultural links the Seychelles have to offer in terms of gender history and together explore and understand the destination's approach on such matters. Constantine and guests on board will be joined by a host who will ensure signature activities including classic highlights such as a OFF-BROADWAY AT SEA night and more.
Constantine helps lead the GENDER EQUALITY pillar of VARIETY CARES' foundation, has been a volunteer councilor for THE TREVOR PROJECT since 2011 (the leading suicide prevention line for LGBTQIA+ youth) and is the director of the film DRAW WITH ME which was the first documentary on transgender history to be presented at THE UNITED NATIONS during the 50th anniversary of the Stone Wall riots.

Title	Seychelles LGBTQIA+
Country	Seychelles
Travel Style	LGBTQ+
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	28 October 2023
Departure/Destination	From Mahe to Mahe
Departure Port	Victoria Port (Inter island Quay), Mahe
Boat	Pegasos

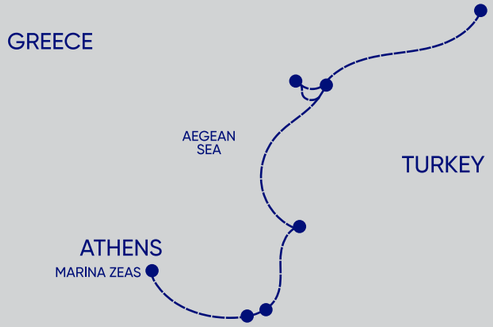


Anzacs and Islands

Experience a harmonious balance between conventional cruising and private yachting, along with an exciting voyage of discovery, unravelling the Treasures of the Aegean Sea and of Turkey. Delos, Mykonos, Chios: some of the white pearls of the Aegean Sea. The Greco Roman city of Troy nestled on the Turkish Coast. All waiting to be discovered. Each day you will discover a new port of call, a hidden cove with crystal blue waters to cool you, a glimpse of ancient history to amaze you and rich cultural diversity to intrigue you.

Dawn Service in Anzac Cove in Gallipoli included.

Title	Anzacs and Islands
Country	Greece and Turkey
Travel Style	History
Duration	8 days
Travel Period	21 April 2023
Departure/Destination	From Athens to Istanbul
Departure Port	Marina Zeas, Piraeus
Boat	Harmony G



Variety Cares

Travel with purpose

To travel is to immerse yourself

VARIETY CARES™ is a creative non profit foundation that ties together a like minded community of worldwide travelers who share the notion that 'to travel is to immerse yourself, with the destination and her people at heart.

"We don't believe in giving back, we believe in giving." Lakis Venetopoulos

A better world at sea

As of January 1, 2022, 5 euros of each passenger cruise participation go towards our efforts via VARIETY CARES, creating a Better World at Sea one cruise at a time. On behalf of our team, the destinations, and the communities we visit a big THANK YOU for your contribution striving for

Clean Oceans

Gender Equality

Education For All

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