



Meteora, Greece



M/V Arethusa,
Greece

DAY 11 • Kalymnos • Sponge fishing conversation

Meet a sponge workshop owner and a marine biologist to hear both sides of the issue of Kalymnos' sponge fishing industry and its impact on the area's delicate ecosystem. Then, set off on a tour of the island of Kalymnos, known for its majestic mountains, including a visit to the Traditional House museum, for a glimpse into how people lived on this island in ages past.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

DAY 12 • Patmos • Kusadasi, Turkey

The volcanic island of Patmos is where St. John the Evangelist is said to have dictated the Book of

Revelation. Visit the Monastery of St. John and the Holy Cave of the Apocalypse to see where the holy man lived and worked, followed by a walk through Patmos Town.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

DAY 13 • Kusadasi • Ephesus • Carpet weaving demonstration

Today we'll walk among the ruins of ancient Ephesus—considered to be one of the world's best-preserved and most extensive classical Greco-Roman cities. Then, visit a local carpet cooperative to learn how Turkish carpets are made. Later, gather for a Captain's Farewell Dinner onboard.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

DAY 14 • Kusadasi • Disembark ship • Fly to Istanbul

We'll disembark our ship this morning and fly to Istanbul. After we arrive and check into our hotel, our Trip Experience Leader will take us on a discovery walk through an area of the city popular with locals.

Meals: B | The Marmara Pera or similar

DAY 15 • Istanbul • Hippodrome & Hagia Sophia • Spice Market

Enjoy a full morning of discoveries in Istanbul, beginning at the city's lively central square—the Hippodrome of Constantinople. From there, we'll continue on to the magnificent Hagia Sophia, a sixth century Byzantine church famous for its mosaics, before making our way to the Spice Bazaar—one of the largest and most colorful bazaars in the city.

Meals: B,L | The Marmara Pera or similar

DAY 16 • Istanbul • Topkapi Palace • Bosphorus cruise

This morning we'll visit the sprawling palatial complex of Topkapi Palace before embarking on a scenic cruise on the Bosphorus Strait. Following lunch on your own, enjoy an afternoon of independent discoveries prior to our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B,D | The Marmara Pera or similar

DAY 17 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or begin your Cappadocia's Unique Landscapes & Vibrant Ankara post-trip extension.

Meals: B

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHT



On Day 7, embark your 50-passenger small ship, where you'll spend the next 7 nights cruising to new port cities and historic towns

