



Greek Cruise Port Info

Venice: This romantic city is built entirely on water with 117 Islands connected by canals and bridges. Plan on 2 or 3 nights prior. Day # 1 Hotel arrival . Plaza Venice Mestre = \$174 per night = \$87 Per Person

Day # 2 I would wander all the winding walkways and alleys and see St. Mark's Square the most famous piazza in the world with the Cathedral, Bridge of Sigh's and Doge's Palace. The Rialto Bridge with shops on top of the Grand Canal with fantastic views is only a 10 min walk away.

The maze of streets around all the canals past historic squares and statues will take you a full day to see.

Gondola Rides: You will see them offered all over the canals.

Day #3 By St Mark's Square you can buy a ticket on the ferry to go see the islands of Murano & Burano. These islands are well worth seeing.

Murano is the island of Venetian Glass and you can wander to see many glass shops with demonstrations on glass blowing.

Both islands with colorful painted buildings along small canals are so delightful to see. I would also bring small bills for the street vendors.

Burano is the island of lace with anything you can ever want made of handwoven lace.

Day # 4 Board the ship at Noon so you can eat a late lunch and have time to explore the ship

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Kotor, Montenegro: It is one of the best preserved walled medieval towns in the Adriatic that sits on a deep bay surrounded by soaring cliffs. Tender Port 10 min from town. This port itself is called a Medieval Gem!

You will see a hilltop fortress that stands guard over this city. Another UNESCO Historical Heritage Site which has old narrow streets with ancient stone houses, restaurants and small shops. Some of the churches date back to the 12th century like the St. Tryphon's Cathedral which is worth seeing.

Kortor has the Maritime museum from the 17th century called Grgurina Palace with artifacts from World War I & II.

I would first take a 30 min cab along the pretty coast to see ~~the~~ Budva, a 2,500 year old Medieval town with 15th century towers.

Then go back to the town of Kotor



Corfu : It is the third largest Island of Greece known as the Emerald Island for it's lush greenery. Very hilly with thick forests and villas all around. It is between Greece and Italy. The main town is also called Corfu. The dock is 1 mile from town and town maps are inside the terminal building. Public shuttles or taxis are available

Explore old town Corfu with its narrow cobbled streets and secluded squares passing the Old Fortress and Venetian Architecture. Everything in town is walkable.

Spianada : The grassey main square lined with Venetian Villas and English Palaces

Old Quarter is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a maze of old world lanes and fortresses on each side. Entrance is at the Spita Gate.

St. Spyridon Church: One of Corfu's largest in town

Archilleion Palace (Austrian Palace) : Exotic gardens with classical statues of Greek mythology built in 1891. Filmed in the James Bond movie "For Your Eyes Only"! This is a 30 min drive from the dock 6 miles. One hour to tour inside and the gardens. Est: \$7 Euro Entrance Fee

Across the lush countryside is Paleokastritsa village and Bay with it's picture perfect views known as the Capri of Greece a resort with many beaches. 45 min drive away.

I would try to set up a tour of all three above.

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Athens: Port of Piraeus is a 30 min/ 6 mile cab to the town of Athens from the ship dock. If it has traffic it could take an hour.

Est \$20 - \$25 Euro

Acropolis & Partheon: you can also buy a ticket and hire a guide at the entrance or do a self guided tour if you buy a map Est \$12.00 euro for entrance.

Too much to write on this architectural BC site that extends over the city. They have many steps and uneven surfaces to climb.

The Plaka District is at the foot of the Acropolis

The Plaka district: Athens oldest historic district which is in the center of Athens. This has cobblestone pedestrian lanes only that pass many flowered balconies, shops and restaurants with old town architecture.

Adrianou St. is the main street to walk up to Agora Square.

You will see many street musicians and a colorful flea market at Monastiraki area. Not a place to shop but fun to see.

Beware of pickpockets as they are all over these crowded areas!

Not far from Agora Square you can walk to Ermou st. a pedestrian mall of high end shops down to Syntagma Square.

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Mykonos: Another famous Greek Island port town with maze like streets to wander or many beautiful beaches. It used to be the haunt of the rich and famous. You will see the islands famous windmills near the waterfront.

The real attraction here is to explore on your own. The main seaside town is called Hora. You will see shuttle buses back and forth from the ship for a small fee. A maze of tiny narrow winding streets with white houses with bright blue trim and red-roofed churches. You will see many shops, boutiques and stylish cafes.

Paraportiani church is outside the city walls and is 5 churches built together.

*Beach people - a 20 min cab ride to the full service resort areas of Eliza Beach is worth a visit before town to see the famous Kalafatis beach with golden sands and views of the island of Delos. If you stay, rentals for beach chairs and umbrellas available.

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Argostoli, Greece

Ketallonia is the largest of the Ionian Islands with a dramatic coastline, rugged mountains with forests and golden beaches. You can do a tour of Drogarati Cave with an underground lake 100 million years old or the Meissani cave nearby with stalactites and stalagmites which you take a boat to see. It is a 10 – 15 Minute walk from the dock but some ships also tender in! The town is easily walkable. The central square is delightful with surrounding cafes or you can walk to the pedestrian shopping streets. They have a floating fish market where fish is sold from boats.

St. George Castle: 1,600 years old is a European Heritage Site to see which is 22 miles away.