

GASTRONOMY GREEK ISLAND CRUISE: THE DELMONICO WAY AT SEA



It all started in 1949, when historian Diogenis Venetopoulos becomes a pioneer in educational group travel sharing “his Greece” with international travelers. Soon the company expands at sea with the wooden caique Eleftherios launching a week-long classical Greece cruise, introducing the less than 100 guests’ cruise formula.

In 1978, the torch is passed to the second generation, with Lakis Venetopoulos taking over the reins; through a series of partnerships, the fleet is upgraded to meet the highest standards and expand with the launch of worldwide cruise destinations’ series. In 2016, Variety receives USA’S TODAY readers’ choice award as the best boutique cruise line.

In 2019, third generation Filippos Venetopoulos takes the reins from his father, leading the company to the next level!



**A limited collection cruise
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DELMONICO'S first fine
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-MAX TUCCI



July 19th -26th 2024



M/S GALILEO

OUR BELOVED FLOATING HOME SINCE 1992 & OUR GUESTS #1 CHOICE

- 24 OCEAN VIEW CABINS
- 49 MAX GUESTS
- 16-18 CREW
- 48M/157FT LENGTH
- 10.5M/32.8FT BREADTH
- 2.8M/9.2FT DRAFT



Patmos



Lipsi



Amorgos



Santorini



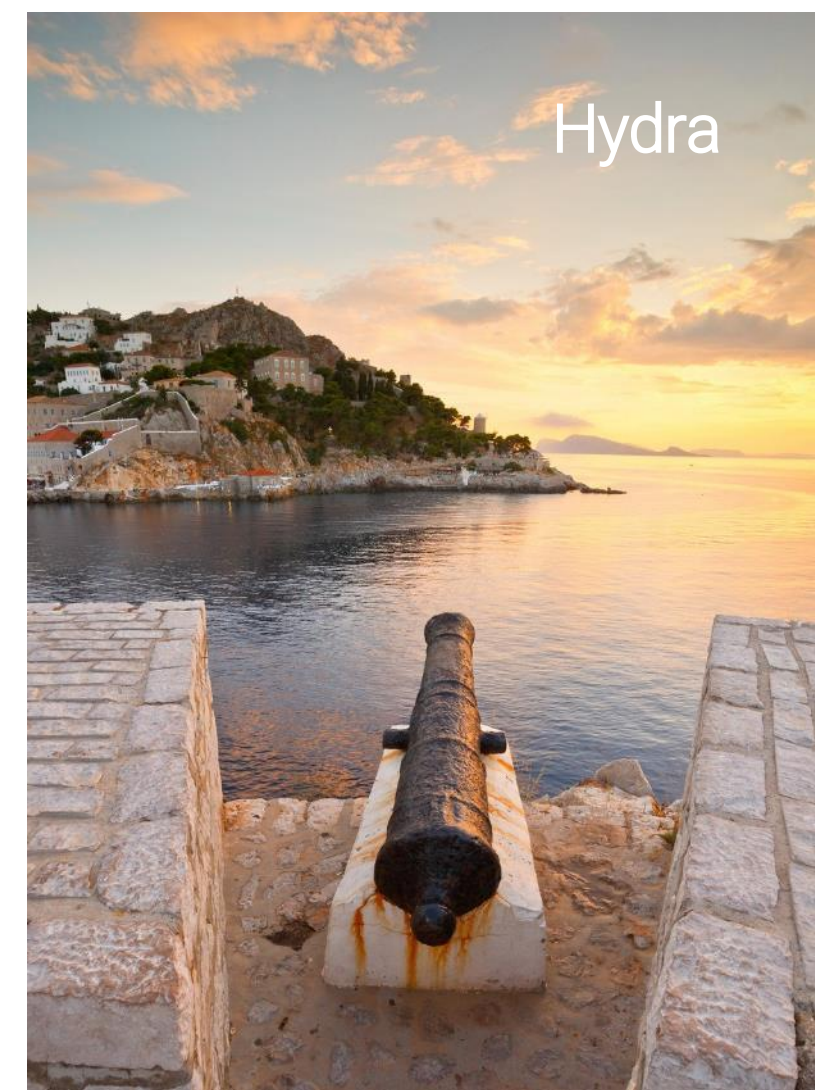
Milos



Monemvasia



Hydra



Cruise Highlights



- Many swim stops
- Visiting 6 Greek islands
- Visiting the castle town of Monemvasia
- Signature Delmonico's meals on board
- Captain's Cocktail & Dinner in a unique culinary party



Friday July 19th

Embarkation starts at 2pm. All guests are expected to be onboard MS Galileo by 14:30pm. Safety Demonstration takes place at 3:15pm, the boat departs at 4pm.

Leaving Piraeus behind while enjoying a get together on the outside decks, the boat is passing by the Athenian Riviera and the unique site of Cape Sounio, one of Greece's most popular places to admire for two reasons:

First is to marvel the sanctuary of God Poseidon, and second is to enjoy the most beautiful sunset of Athens that should not be missed.

During our welcome dinner on board, you will relax and unwind and get to know some of your fellow travelers.



Saturday, July 20th

Galileo arrives in Patmos island in the morning where you are free to wander around the picturesque port of Skala.

If you wish to create an unforgettable memory of this island that attracts many discerned travelers every summer, then you should join our **optional shore excursion** to St John's Monastery and Chora.

We leave our ship for a short drive to the Chora and the imposing Monastery of St. John the Theologian, a unique creation, integrating monastic values within a fortification closure, with towers and crenelations, evolved in response to changing political and economic circumstances for over 900 years. It is home to a remarkable collection of manuscripts, icons, and liturgical artwork and objects.

We will then visit Chora, Patmos' main town, one of the best preserved and oldest in the Aegean. Whitewashed houses, mansions with antique furniture and embroideries, narrow streets and lace-like alleys are an absolute must see. We return to the main port of Patmos, Skala, for a short orientation walk and some free time before embarking on our boat.

During the onboard lunch the boat leaves Patmos for our next island experience.



Saturday, July 20th

Late afternoon Galileo arrives at Lipsi island, an insider tip away from the mainstream. We have curated for all our guests a visit to a small, yet beautiful winery situated on a hillside overlooking the port. We will sample local wines and cheeses whilst enjoying a panoramic view of Lipsi and the Aegean sea.

In the evening, we will enjoy an authentic dinner in the Chora. Embarkation after dinner as we will leave Lipsi for our next island exploration.



Sunday, July 21st

We reach Aegiali Bay in Amorgos in the morning to swim in crystal clear blue and turquoise waters, and unspoiled sandy beaches invite you to uncover them and indulge yourself. The boat leaves Aegiali at noon. Enjoy a light lunch and relax before reaching the main port of Amorgos, Katapola. You may either explore the area on your own or join our **optional shore excursion**:

First, we cross the island on our way to the Monastery of Hozoviotissa, perhaps the most unusual monastery in the Aegean and one of the most significant sights on Amorgos. Impossibly tall and narrow, it seems painted onto the sheer rock face at first sight, but actually it's slotted into it. We climb uphill on an easy pace to reach the main 1,000-year-old church of the Virgin Mary. The view is the best in Amorgos. Now we continue to Chora, hidden from pirates' eyes, reflecting their Byzantine and Venetian past. Abandoned windmills, the shops, and cafes at Platystenos, Chora is a veritable balcony over the Aegean. After a guided walk we will return to Katapola and to our ship.

In the evening, we have fun during our Greek night on-board, starting with our Ouzo-Mezes appetizer.

Early morning the boat leaves to our next exciting destination.



Monday, July 22nd

Galileo reaches Ios Island for today's swimming stop at in one of the most beautiful beaches on the island with clear blue waters and fine yellow sand. Around noon we set sail for our next legendary destination, Santorini. Light lunch on board is included.

Upon arrival in Santorini, you may either spend the rest of the day on your own or join our **optional shore excursion**.

We wander around the narrow, cobbled streets of Fira, the capital of Santorini and continue to the most picturesque village of the island, Oia, famous all over the world for its sunset and magical views over the Caldera that you will love. Take as many photos as possible to share with your friends when you are back home, but most of all take the time to feel Oia's energy and ambiance. We will visit a winery visit nestled nestled between vines on the ancient plain of Oia for a pure wine tasting experience! This optional tour ends in Fira where you may spend the rest of the evening at your own leisure.

Enjoy the Santorini specialties like Fava or Tomato fritters in the restaurant of your own choice. Return to the boat at around 10:30pm as we set sail before midnight for the next island.



Tuesday, July 23rd

This morning, we enjoy the most beautiful beach of Greece, the famous Kleftiko in Milos. This swimming stop will stay in your memories for ever as it is a true experience! Afterwards you can indulge a culinary experience with our Delmonico's signature lunch. While enjoying your meal, the boat sails to the port of Adamas, port of Milos. You may either explore on your own, or book our **optional shore excursion**.

The tour goes first to the Ancient Theater of Milos, located on the east side of Milos, looking down to the largest natural port of the Mediterranean. We pass by the area where the statue Venus of Milos was discovered and now graces the museum of Louvre in Paris, and visit the Catacombs, the second most remarkable Pre-Christian monument worldwide, following those of Rome. Next stop is in the capital of Plaka: Learn about history and traditional life of the island, as well as walk around the narrow streets of the village with its numerous little shops.

The port town Adamas and the Capital town Plaka will offer a great choice of restaurants and tavernas for your dinner out this evening.

Galileo leaves Milos around midnight for our next Greek discovery.



Wednesday, July 24th

After breakfast we will arrive at the Peloponnese peninsula - at the rock of Monemvasia, with the medieval castle town carved into it .

Today we are delighted to share with you a cultural and traditional experience at Liotrivi estate, located among the vast olive groves just a short drive away from the port. We will tour the olive grove and get to know the traditional cultivation of the olive tree, visit the old olive mill-museum and get to know the traditional method of producing extra virgin olive oil.

Tasting varieties of extra virgin olive oils and other types of edible olives which are also produced at the estate you will get to know the special characteristics of each - quality of the olives and olive oil! A traditional buffet style lunch is included in the beautiful surroundings of the estate. We return to our boat for some free time to unwind and prepare for our evening walk to the castle in the late afternoon.

Sample some of the good local wines and food of the Peloponnese while having your dinner out.

Early Morning departure to the next destination Hydra.



Thursday, July 25th

In the morning Galileo reaches the beautiful beach of Kyparissi, Greece's best kept secret. The village remains unspoiled as it is quite difficult to reach, and this swimming stop will stay in your heart forever! Light lunch on board is included giving us time to relax before reaching the beautiful island of Hydra in the afternoon.

The moment you arrive on Hydra, you instantly feel the change of pace. The main port is cosmopolitan and elegant, with its 17th-century mansions, captains' houses, old churches, wells and marble-covered alleyways that fan out everywhere. Hydra has always been a favored retreat of jet setters and rock stars: Aristotle Onassis, Maria Callas, Peter Ustinov, Leonard Cohen, Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones have all regularly frequented the island ... as have famous artistic luminaries, among them Picasso, Chagall and Miller.

After some free time, we return to the boat for the Captain's Cocktail and dinner inspired by a glorious alliance; the authentic Greek cuisine and the legendary Delmonico's dishes!



Piraeus

Friday, July 26th

Our boat reaches Marina Zeas at around 1am in the morning.
We will enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board before preparing for disembarkation at 8:30 am.

If you need any assistance with your transfers to the airport or your Athens hotels, our expert staff will be there to assist you.

We look forward to welcoming you on another
VARIETY CRUISES voyage soon!

