# **Moostash Joe Tours**

presents

# Athens and Greek Isles Cruise Vacation

October 8 – 16, 2015



# Day by Day Itinerary

#### Thursday, October 8 – OMAHA / EN ROUTE

Early this afternoon we depart Omaha's Eppley Airfield and travel to Chicago O'Hare in preparation for this evening's overnight transatlantic flight to Munich, Germany.

#### Friday, October 9 – MUNICH / ATHENS (I,HD)

As the sun begins to rise on the German heartland we arrive in Munich and continue by connecting flight to Athens, Greece. On arrival in Athens we meet our Greek Tour Guide who will introduce us to Athens. As we'll soon find out, Athens is the oldest surviving capital of the modern world and is built around the Acropolis and the pinnacled crag of Mt. Lycabettus, which the goddess Athena was said to have dropped from the heavens as a bulwark to defend the city.

#### Saturday, October 10 – ATHENS **(B)**

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Athens that will show us the city's major attractions. Featured is our visit to the Acropolis, the sacred hill of Athens and home to the ruins of the Parthenon, considered the world's most perfectly proportioned building. We'll also see the Propylaia, the Temple of the Wingless Victory, the Erectheum, as well as the Agora, and stop to visit the National Archeological Museum. Afterward, the remainder of the day is free to explore Athens on our own. The Plaka, with its winding cobblestone streets lined with colorful houses, gardens and quaint shops is the perfect location to spend the afternoon. It is here where you'll discover the oldfashioned tavernas and antique shops while enjoying the atmosphere of a traditional neighborhood.

#### (B,L)Sunday, October 11 – ATHENS (Delphi)

This morning we leave Athens and travel through the fertile Beotia Plain to Delphi, offering one of the most popular archaeological adventures worldwide. Located amidst breathtaking scenery in central Greece, the Sanctuary of Apollo at Ancient Delphi was the most important sacred site in the Greek world.

Our introductory tour will begin with a walk along the Sacred Way, in its heyday every available space was filled with treasury buildings, statues and votive offerings, most notably the Treasury of the Athenians. The focus of Delphi, both in ancient times and today, is the Temple of Apollo, dating from the 4th century BC. The temple was destroyed by an earthquake in 373 BC and was replaced by the building whose remains can be seen today. It was here that the famous oracles of Delphi were given in a small chamber in the Temple of Apollo. In addition, we'll see the Sanctuary of Apollo, also known as the Sacred Precinct, which is the heart of the complex. Our tour of Ancient Delphi will come to an end with a visit to the Delphi Museum. Full of archaeological treasures, the museum displays one of the greatest classical sculptures: The Charioteer, a life size bronze figure of compelling presence and beauty.

#### Monday, October 12 - ATHENS / CRUSING (Mykonos) (B,L,D)

After breakfast we depart Athens and travel to Piraeus for embarkation aboard Louis Cruise Lines M/V Louis Olympia tobegin our three-day cruise of the beautiful Greek Isles. During the cruise, we'll have the fantastic opportunity to

explore and devour the treasures of the world's most historical and magical playground, the Mediterranean.

Our port of call this evening is the Cyclades island of Mykonos, a favorite island with visitors from all over the world and widely known as the "St. Tropez of Greece". White and glistening, scattered with windmills and 365 churches, Mykonos has become the home-away-from-home for many artists and fashion designers; narrow streets, flower-decked alleyways, chic boutiques and picturesque fishing harbors add to its appeal.

# Tuesday, October 13 - CRUSING (Kusadasi & Patmos)

(B,L,D)

This morning's port of call is Kusadasi, Turkey, a colorful harbor town, seaside resort and port for the ancient Greek city of Ephesus. Known as one of the most fascinating and bestpreserved archeological sites in the world, Ephesus is famous in antiquity for its Temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Walk through history and discover innumerable monuments including the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scolastika and the Great Theatre built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period; you'll be following in the footsteps of Cleopatra, Mark Anthony, the Virgin Mary and John the Apostle.

This afternoon, we step ashore on the Dodecanese island of Patmos, Greece. Often called the Jerusalem of the Aegean Sea, Patmos is the sacred island where St. John the Divine, while in exile, wrote the Book of Revelations, that constitutes the last part of the New Testament. Built over 900 years ago, the Monastery of St. John is one of the richest and most influential monasteries in Greece. Its towers and buttresses make it look like a fairytale castle, but were built to protect its trove of religious treasures, which are now the star attraction for thousands of pilgrims and visitors.

# Wednesday, October 14 – CRUSING (Rhodes)

Today will be spent on Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese islands. As we enter the harbor, you'll be able to envision where the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, was thought to have stood. A mix of modern and medieval, it is in Rhodes Old Town where you'll find the citadel built by the Knights of St. John. Surrounded by a masterpiece of medieval military architecture, the huge city walls run for over two miles and are home to the Palace of the Grand Master as well as Collachium, the Knights quarter, and the Bourg, which housed the rest of the population that included Jews and Turks as well as Greeks.

Second only to Rhodes town, Lindos is one of the islands most visited destinations. To this day, traffic is banned allowing the village to retain much of its original charm. Perched on a sheer precipice above the village, donkeys are the mode of transportation up to the Acropolis. The temple site was among the most scared spots in the ancient world, visited by Alexander the Great and supposedly by Helen of Troy and Herakles.

# Thursday, October 15 – CRUSING (Heraklion & Santorini)

(B,L,D)

This morning we dock in Heraklion, the most important town

and commercial port of Crete. Nearby, the well-known archeological site of Knossos is located only three miles from the town's center and is believed to be the largest and most suggestive Minoan site ever discovered on Crete. The Palace of Knossos was not only the residence of the ruling house but also an administrative and religious center for the whole region. The flavor of Crete, with its markets and buildings, reveals the centuries of Venetian, Turkish and Greek life that brought tradition and zest to the land of "Zorba the Greek".

Our final port of call will take us to the Cyclades island of Santorini, regarded as the most spectacular of all the Greek islands, and believed by many to be home of the lost city of Atlantis. Santorini's spectacular caldera is a vestige of what was probably the biggest volcanic eruption in recorded history. The island's violent volcanic past is visible everywhere in black-sand beaches, earthquake damaged dwellings and raw cliffs of lava plunging into the sea. Marvel at the whitewashed village of Fira, where postcard images of churches and bougainvillea-clad houses are set against the blue sea and sky, before enjoying one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world.

Friday, October 16 – CRUISING / OMAHA (B,I) Early this morning we return to Piraeus and following disembarkation we'll travel to Athens International Airport in preparation for the journey home. No better time to reflect on memories to last a lifetime and to celebrate the beginning of new friendships made along the way!

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### **Per Person Vacation Pricing:**

Inside Cabin: \$3,490 • Outside Cabin: \$3,590 Single Supplement: \$340 Inside Cabin, \$390 Outside Cabin

#### **The Vacation Price Includes:**

- Economy-class air transportation by scheduled service of United and Lufthansa German Airlines including meals and light beverages served in-flight.
- Transfer service arrangements and sightseeing tours on pre and post-cruise days by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Greek Tour Guide.
- First-class hotel accommodations and cruise accommodations aboard Celestyal Cruises Olympia based on choice of an Inside Cabin or Outside Cabin.
- All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- Luggage handling and porterage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotel and the Port of Piraeus.
- All taxes for included ground services, airline, and port taxes totaling \$860 per person.

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; optional tours and shore excursions; gratuities to the motor coach drivers, Greek Tour Guide, ship-board personnel and local guides; luggage handling at airports; meals other than those stated above, and drinks with meals other than breakfasts.

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#### TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Payment is accepted by personal or bank checks. YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of February 23, 2015. In the event of a marked increase or decrease in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

**TOUR PRICING:** This is a package tour in which land tour costs and special group airfares have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to take the land tour only or deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price and special group airfares. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

TRIP CANCELLATION, BAGGAGE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE: You have been given the option of purchasing trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance at the time you sign-up for the tour. The insurance includes: Trip Cancellation Insurance up to the full price of the tour cost; Trip Interruption up to 150% of the tour cost; Travel Delay - \$750; Baggage - \$1,500; Baggage Delay - \$400; Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense: \$50,000; Emergency Medical Transportation - \$250,000; Accidental Death and Dismemberment - \$25,000. The insurance premium is non-refundable (after the 10 day free-look period) and is based on a minimum participation of 10 travelers. For a complete description of coverage and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please visit our website, www.grouptripsandtravel.com under the FAQ section.

**CANCELLATION:** If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of \$100 per person up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of \$350 per person. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, in addition to the \$350 per person charge, there may be additional cancellation charges from the airline, hotel(s) or ground service companies up to the full value of your tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174, faxed to: 630/584-1573, or emailed to: lindsey@intertravcorp.com.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a valid passport. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before the return date of the tour, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

**AIRLINE TICKETING:** For ticketing purposes legal first, middle, and last names are required (identical to your passport). Once airline tickets have been issued and if a ticket requires a name change because of incorrect information supplied to our office, the client is responsible for any applicable airline charges.

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