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Aegean Cruises

2008



Greek Islands, Turkey & Egypt







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WHAT THINGS COST

ON BOARD THE SHIP:	
From the bar:	
Glass of wine	€ 3.50
Large bottle of water	€ 2.10
Can of coldrink e.g. coke 340ml	€ 2.5
Pint of beer (local)	€4
Bottle of wine (cheapest)	€ 15
Cup of coffee	€ 2



Small scattered pieces of paradise, floating on crystal blue waters, wrapped in the warm embrace of the sun - welcome to the splendour of the Greek Islands. Of the over 1000 islands in the archipelago only 227 are inhabited and beckon with promises of picturesque whitewashed villages, graceful windmills and sun-kissed beaches. The best way to explore these gems of the Aegean is undoubtedly by sea and Thompsons Holidays together with Louis Cruises have just the ticket.

The World of Louis Cruise Lines

Welcome to the World of Louis Cruise Lines. You are invited on a quest of discovery for the natural and cultural riches of the Mediterranean.

Louis Cruise ships have sailed the oceans of the world and pioneered innovative itineraries for over twenty years. Their Greek and European officers and European and International crew, with their gracious hospitality and nautical tradition will offer you an unforgettable experience.

On board the Aquamarine, Perla and Cristal, three unique cruise ships celebrated for their classic style and intimate atmosphere, you are invited to discover the beauty of the Greek Islands.



Enjoying life on board

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The 3 & 4 night cruises present different visual and cultural experiences. They will transport you from the white-washed and windmill strewn harbour of cosmopolitan Mykonos, to the treasures of medieval Rhodes; the wonders of ancient Ephessos (Kusadasi); the Holy Island of Patmos where St John the Divine transcribed the book of Revelations; the port of Heraklion in Crete, gateway to the Minoan city of Knossos; and the fascinating island of Santorini, witnesses to the most spectacular sunsets in the world.

The 7 night cruise will include an overnight stop in Istanbul, Turkey, the only city in the world straddling two continents – Europe and Asia. Istanbul's dazzling amalgam of churches, mosques, palaces, bazaars and cabarets, add a once in a lifetime experience to the itinerary.

On board these classic cruise ships you will be pampered by the crew, who are experts in the art of hospitality and exceptional service and will offer you an unforgettable experience. You will be tempted by the wide variety of on board facilities, shipboard entertainment options and activities organised by the cruise staff. Your days and nights onboard the ship can be as active, or as quiet and laid-back as you please – the choice is yours. A complete schedule of the next day's events is listed in the daily program, delivered every evening to your cabin.

While the night is still young, you can enjoy the company of newfound friends in the intimate lounges and bars, attend a variety show in the theatre, try your luck in the casino, dance in the disco until the early hours or enjoy a romantic stroll on deck under the star-studded sky as you sail towards your next destination.

Louis Cruise Lines delivers international charms and sophisticated ambience, combined with a comfortable relaxed atmosphere.

EXCLUSIVE: Cruise with Thompsons Holidays and you will enjoy the added benefit of having our Cruise Director on hand to advise and assist you for the duration of your cruise.

On the cover: Cristal cruising the waters of the Aegean Sea

• What is LAGS? You may only carry liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) in your hand luggage in containers that have a maximum capacity of 100ml each, all packed in one re-sealable, transparent plastic bag, capacity of the bag must not exceed one litre.

Dream the destination... Live the journey.

Cruise the destination ...

Ports of Call



Mykonos, Greece

Mykonos combines the cosmopolitan and sophisticated lifestyle with the simple yet charming life of this Cycladic Island. Take a stroll through the maze of narrow streets, marvel at the hundreds of tiny chapels and whitewashed houses with their flower-filled balconies. Take a walk up to the famous windmills or just relax on the waterfront, enjoy the sunset, accompanied by a refreshing drink or traditional ouzo!

Patmos, Greece

Very often, Patmos is called the Jerusalem of the Aegean Sea. It is the sacred island where St John the Devine, whilst in exile, wrote the book of Revelations, which constitutes the last part of the New Testament. Built 900 years ago, the Monastery of St John is an impressive structure with outstanding interior frescoes. The Museums inside also exhibits priceless ecclesiastical treasures. Visit the Grotto where St John lived and actually wrote the book of Revelations.



Kusadasi, Turkey

A picturesque town on the coast with many opportunities for flea market shopping! Nearby, lies the ancient city of Ephessos, founded by the Athenians. A tour to Ephessos will allow you to discover a treasure of Greek, Hellenistic and Roman monuments which witness the past power and prosperity of this city. View the Forum, Odeon, Library of Celsus, the Thermal baths of Scolastika and the magnificent Greek Amphitheatre, which is still eminent for its remarkable acoustics

• Cheques and debit cards are not accepted on board. Credit cards are best and must be registered with reception on embarkation.



Rhodes, Greece

A mix of modern and medieval, Rhodes fascinates and impresses each visitor. Not to be missed is Lindos, the most important of the three great cities of ancient times. Climb to the top of the ancient Acropolis of Lindos with its breathtaking views covering the great expanse of the Aegean Sea and St Paul's Bay below. Wander through the medieval city of Rhodes, view the Palace of the Knights and walk down the famous Chevaliers Road. History is present in each step you take.



Heraklion (Crete), Greece

Heraklion is the most important town and commercial port of Crete. The well-known archaeological site of Knossos is situated only three miles away from the towns city center and is believed to be the largest and most suggestive Minoan site ever discovered in 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 archaeological museum of Heraklion, exhibits a fine display of Minoan culture discovered during the excavations of knossos



Santorini is a unique island, considered to be the

- Look out for the "All Inclusive Drinks Packages" which you can purchase on board - it can result is substantial savings!
- Use your cell phone while in port as its cheaper than when at sea.

lost continent of Atlantis. Marvel at the whitewashed village of Fira, capital of the island with its narrow and picturesque streets, perched on the Caldera rim. Enjoy the most beautiful sunsets in the world, whilst relaxing over a coffee and gazing out to sea. Visiting Oia is also a must, an inspiration with artists, numerous art galleries and spectacular views. Access to Fira is an amazing cable car ride or for the more daring, by donkey.



Istanbul

Straddling the Bosphorus, its skyline studded with domes and minarets, Istanbul is one of the truly great romantic cities. Its history tracks back from Byzantine to Constantinople to its place at the head of the Ottoman Empire. Today it hums as Turkey's cultural heart and good-time capital.

In this sprawling, continent-spanning city you can tramp the streets where crusaders and janissaries once marched; admire mosques that are the most sublime architectural expressions of Islamic piety; peer into the sultan's harem; and hunt for bargains



Alexandria, Egypt

The second largest city in Egypt, Alexandria is known as "The Pearl of the Mediterranean". In ancient times Alexandria was famous for the Lighthouse of Alexandria - one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Don't miss the 25 meter high granite column of Pompey's Pillar and the Bibliotheca Alexandria, the modern version of the ancient Library of Alexandria, now housing more than 8 million books.

> • To get the most out of your trip consider the shore excursions recommended by your Cruise Director.



Ports



Greek Islands, Turkey & Egypt



3-Night Cruise Packages on Aquamarine or Perla

PACKAGES INCLUDES: Transfers throughout, 2 nights at the Titania Hotel on B&B (pre & post cruise), 3 night cruise on board Aquamarine or Perla based in an inside cabin and includes all meals and entertainment, port charges, taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities while on board the ship.

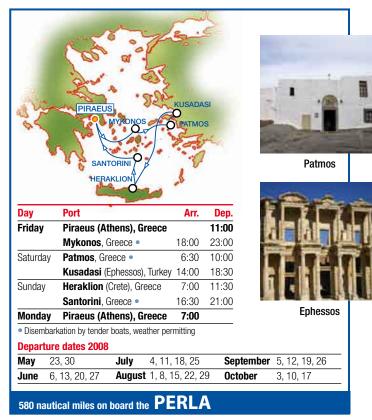
Low Season: 07 March - 25 April, 07 & 14 Nov 2008 High Season: 02 May - 31 October 2008 R5 084 pps R5 621 pps

3-Night Aegean Discovery

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Saturday	Rhodes, Greece	9:30	19:30	a series of the	- 1
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Sunday	Patmos, Greece •	6:30	10:00	The amount	î.
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619 nautical miles onboard the **AQUAMARINE**

3-Night Aegean Legends



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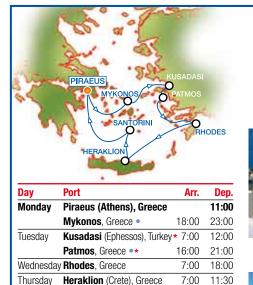
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4-Night Cruise Packages on Aquamarine or Perla

PACKAGES INCLUDES: Transfers throughout, I night at the Titania Hotel on B&B (post cruise), 4 night cruise on board Aquamarine or Perla based in an inside cabin and includes all meals and entertainment, port charges, taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities while on board the ship.

Low Season: 03 March - 28 April / 03 & 10 Nov 2008 R5 184 pps High Season: 05 May - 27 October 2008 R5 900 pps

4-Night Jewels of the Aegean





Santorini



7-Night Cruise Packages on Cristal

PACKAGES INCLUDES: Transfers throughout, 2 nights at the Titania Hotel on B&B (pre & post cruise), 7 night cruise on board Cristal based in an inside cabin and includes all meals and entertainment, port charges, taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities while on board the ship.

Low Season: II - 25 April 2008 High Season: 02 May - 24 October 2008 R8 682 pps R9 934 pps

7-Night Splendours of Greece & Turkey



Day	Port		Arr.	Dep.		
Friday	Piraeus (Ath	nens), Greece		17:00		
Saturday	Istanbul, Tur	key	15:00			
Sunday	Istanbul, Tur	key		18:00		
Monday	Mykonos, G	reece •	15:00	24:00		
Tuesday	Patmos, Gre	ece •	7:00	10:30		
	Kusadasi (E	phessos), Turke	y 14:30	20:30		
Wednesday	r Rhodes , Gre	есе	7:00	18:00		
Thursday	Heraklion (C	Crete), Greece	7:00	12:00		
	Santorini, G	reece •	17:00	21:00		
Friday	Piraeus (Atl	nens), Greece	6:00			
Disembarkation by tender boats, weather permitting						
Departure dates 2008						
April 11	, 18, 25	August	1, 8, 15, 2	22, 29		
May 2,	9, 16, 23, 30	September	5, 12, 19	, 26		
June 6,	13, 20, 27	October	3, 10, 17	, 24		

1.288 nautical miles on board the **CRISTAL**

4, 11, 18, 25

July



Istanbul



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Heraklion

Dav Port Arr. Dep. Piraeus (Athens), Greece 11:00 Friday Istanbul, Turkey 18:00 Saturday 10:00 Kusadasi (Ephessos), Turkey 14:00 20:00 Sunday Monday Rhodes, Greece 7:00 12:30 Tuesday Alexandria (Cairo), Egypt 8:30 Istanbul Wednesday Alexandria (Cairo), Egypt 13:00 Thursday Santorini, Greece 13:00 20:00 Piraeus (Athens), Greece Friday 6:00 Disembarkation by tender boats, weather permitting Departure dates 2008 October 31 November 7, 14, 21 Ephessos ALEXANDRIA Santorini Cairo Athens CRIS 1.669 nautical miles on board the

Note: Rotation of the ports of call may vary for congestion reasons at certain ports, with or without prior notice. On certain departures, itineraries may be operated by other ships of the LCL fleet, of equal standard.



Rhodes

7, 14, 21, 28 July * Perla only sails from 19 May to 20 October 2008

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November

Santorini, Greece •

Friday

April

May

June

Departure dates 2008 March 10, 17, 24, 31

7, 14, 21, 28

5, 12, 19, 26

Piraeus (Athens), Greece

August

October

 Disembarkation by tender boats, weather permitting * Perla's 4-Day cruise itinerary will first call at Patmos in the morning (6:30-11:00) and then Kusadasi in the afternoon (15:00-20:00)

728 nautical miles on board the AQUAMARINE & PERLA*

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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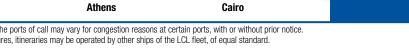
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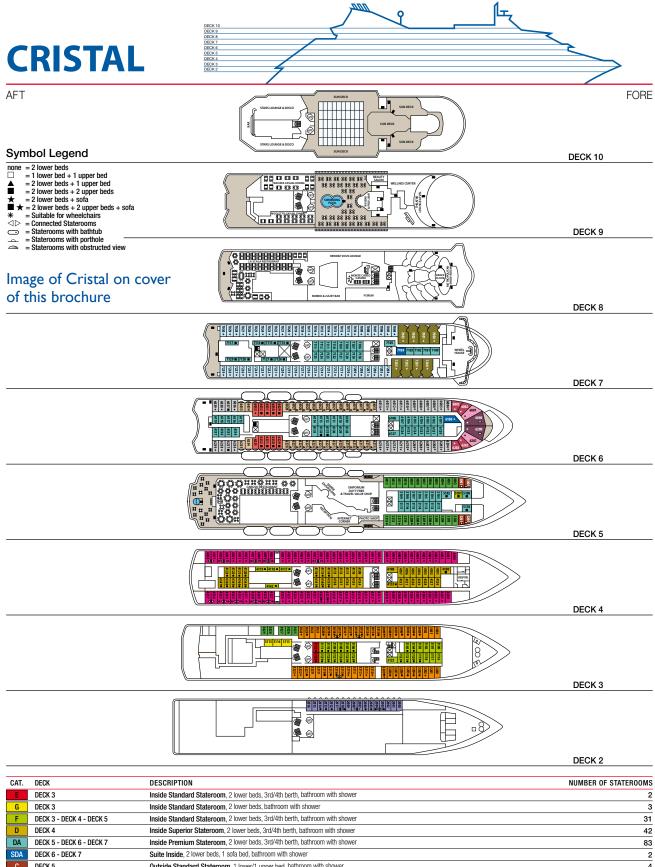
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7-Night Mediterranean Legends







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DECK 6 - DECK 7	Suite Inside, 2 lower beds, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	2
DECK 5	Outside Standard Stateroom, 1 lower/1 upper bed, bathroom with shower	4
DECK 2	Outside Standard Stateroom, 2 lower beds, 3rd/4th berth, bathroom with shower	17
DECK 6	Outside Superior Stateroom, 2 lower beds, 3rd berth, bathroom with shower (obstructed view)	32
DECK 3 - DECK 5	Outside Superior Stateroom, 2 lower beds, bathroom with shower	29
DECK 6	Outside Premium Stateroom, 2 lower beds, 3rd/4th berth, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower (obstructed view)	10
DECK 3	Outside Premium Stateroom, 2 lower beds, 3rd/4th berth, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	49
DECK 4	Outside Premium Stateroom, 2 lower beds, 3rd/4th berth, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	77
DECK 6	Deluxe Outside Stateroom, 2 lower beds, 3rd/4th berth, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	30
DECK 7	Suite, 2 lower beds, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	53
DECK 6	Grand Suite, 2 lower beds, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	4
DECK 6	Royal Suite, 2 lower beds, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower	2
DECK 7	Balcony Suite, 2 lower beds, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with shower (small balcony)	8
DECK 6	Imperial Suite, 2 lower beds, 1 sofa bed, bathroom with bathtub and shower (large balcony with private whirlpool bath)	2

Deck plans and stateroom layouts are given purely as a guide. Size and layout may vary within the same category.



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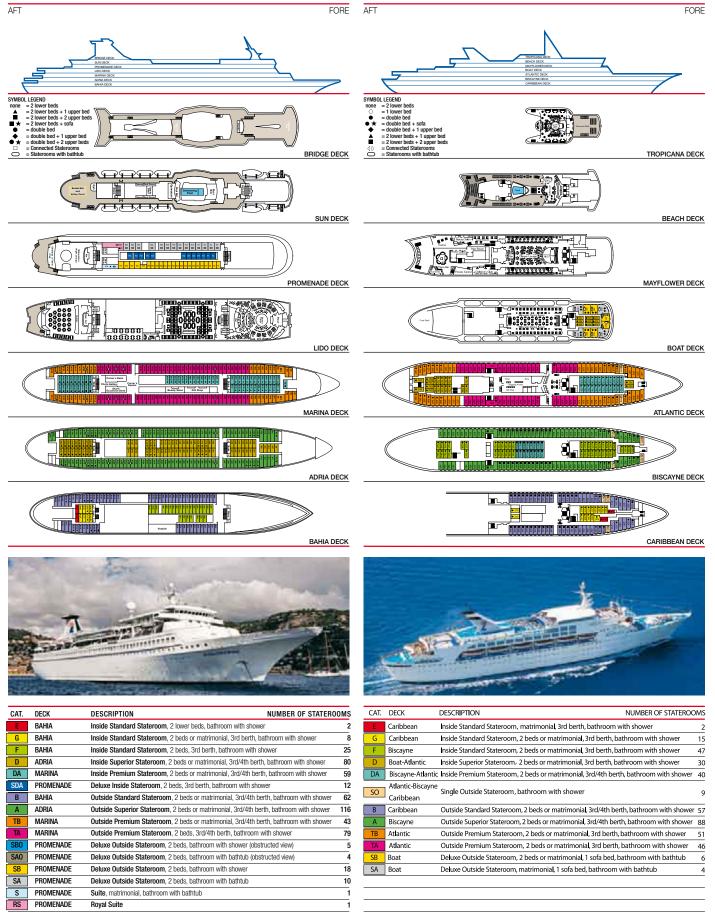
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Cristal Deck Plans

AQUAMARINE





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Aquamarine and Perla Deck Plans



What you need to know before you go:

VISAS:

SA passport holders require a Multiple Entry Schengen Visa. It is the passenger's responsibility to secure the required visas in advance.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

It is the responsibility of each guest to ensure that they are in possession of the correct travel documents and have checked the health requirements before departure.

CHECK IN:

Clients are requested to be at the port no later than I hour before scheduled departure.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

If you have a particular dietary requirement please advise your travel agent at the time of booking.

PREGNANCY:

Ladies 6 months pregnant or more are not allowed to cruise for their own health & safety reasons.

VALUABLE ITEMS:

Safety boxes are provided for your valuable items on all ships either in your cabin or Pursers office.

Your approved Thompsons agent is:



Just a phone call away from a remarkable holiday.

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EMBARKATION PROCEDURE:

Embarkation commences 3 hours before departure time. Due to security reasons and for easier embarkations/disembarkations, the ship's staff at your first point of embarkation will keep your passport for the duration of the cruise. They will return it to you on the last day.

LUGGAGE ASSISTANCE:

Your luggage should be clearly labelled with your name and cabin number.

WHAT TO WEAR:

In general, light weight and preferably cotton clothes are recommended to suit the weather conditions of the countries you will visit. On the formal nights we suggest suit & tie for the gentleman and for the ladies a cocktail dress or pants suit.

DAILY PROGRAM:

Every evening, a program for the following day will be delivered to your cabin.

THOMPSONS TERMS & CONDITIONS: Prices are from a starting price and per person sharing, subject to change due to currency fluctuations and availability. Valid for sailing dates specified. Thompsons Standard Terms & conditions apply. E & OE. Prices correct at time of going to print.

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