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Flick Farewell Cruise

Wonders of Greece & Turkey

Join Bill & Nancy Flick on this hosted trip with Direct Travel. This is the ultimate cruise from Istanbul to Athens sailing on the *Oceania's Nautica* September 14-26, 2023



13 Days Land & Cruise from Istanbul to Athens

Includes Pre & Post Hotel Stays in Turkey & Greece

Greece & Turkey



- Immerse yourself in rich culture and celebrated history as you appreciate intriguing Turkish cities and several stunning Greek isles lining the sapphire Aegean Sea on a tempting journey that explores this multifaceted region.
- Indulge your eyes and senses in this magnificent city astride two continents. Visit beautiful Topkapi Palace, the awesome Hagia Sophia and the impressive Blue Mosque. Cruise the Bosphorus Strait to see the city and its surroundings from another perspective. Visit one of the many museums or stroll through the spice market and the famous Grand Bazaar.
- Enjoy a pre-cruise stay at the Intercontinental Istanbul and a post cruise stay at the Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel in Athens.



Experience
OCEANIA CRUISES
EXTRAORDINARY VALUE

Sailing Itinerary



DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sep 16 Sat	Istanbul, Turkey	Embark 1 PM	7 PM
Sep 17 Sun	Canakkale (Troy), Turkey	7 AM	6 PM
Sep 18 Mon	Thessaloniki, Greece	8 AM	6 PM
Sep 19 Tue	Volos, Greece	7 AM	6 PM
Sep 20 Wed	Mitilini (Lesbos), Greece	8 AM	5 PM
Sep 21 Thu	Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey	8 AM	9 PM
Sep 22 Fri	Bodrum, Turkey	8 AM	7 PM
Sep 23 Sat	Santorini, Greece	7 AM	11 PM
Sep 24 Sun	Mykonos, Greece	8 AM	7 PM
Sep 25 Mon	Athens (Piraeus), Greece	Disembark 8 AM	

DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 - DEPART CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Depart Central Illinois to Chicago O'Hare and board your overnight flight to Istanbul Turkey.

DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

ARRIVE ISTANBUL

On arrival, you will be met and transferred from the airport to the Intercontinental Istanbul. Enjoy a city tour on the way to InterContinental Istanbul, which is the ideal base from which to explore the Ottoman capital's endless historic sites, museums, restaurants, clubs and shops. Located in Taksim with stunning views of the Bosphorus, Istanbul Skyline and the Blue Mosque, the hotel is a short walk from Dolmabahce Palace and Lutfi Krdar Congress Hall. Relax today is at leisure and dinner is on your own.



DAY 3: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 - OCEANIA NAUTICA EMBARKATION 1:00 PM SAILING AT 7:00 PM

We check out the Intercontinental and we are transferred to the Oceania Nautica for embarkation. Onboard indulge your eyes and senses in this magnificent city astride two continents. Visit beautiful Topkapi Palace, the awesome Hagia Sophia and the impressive Blue Mosque. Cruise the Bosphorus Strait to see the city and its surroundings from another perspective. Visit one of the many museums or stroll through the spice market and the famous Grand Bazaar. (B,L,D)

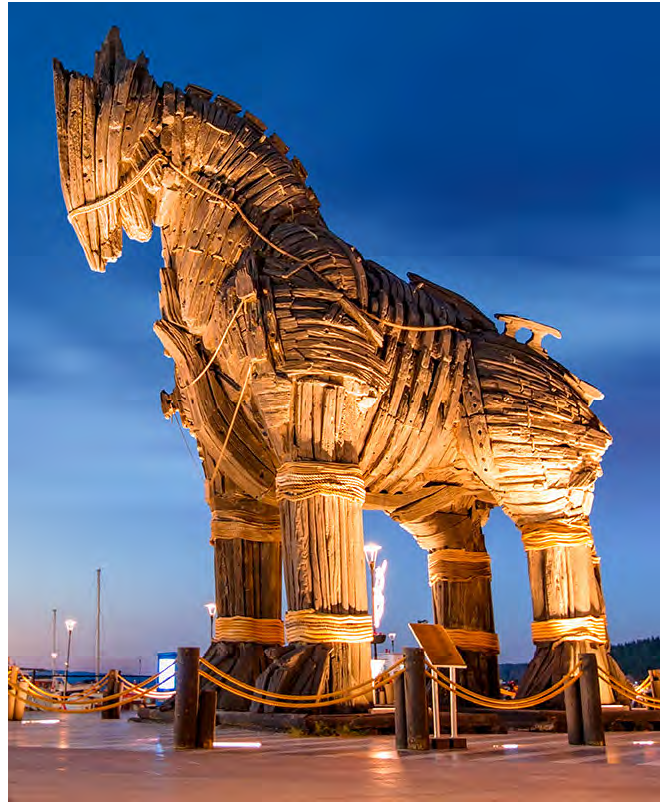




**DAY 4: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
CANAKKALE (TROY), TURKEY**

Arrive 7:00 AM and Depart 6:00 PM

History buffs will rejoice in Çanakkale. Located on the southern shore at the narrowest point in the Dardanelles Strait, Çanakkale was a major point in the defense of the Dardanelles from the time of the mythological Trojan War. A gateway to both Troy and battlefields of Gallipoli, travelers have plenty of compelling options for exploration here. In town, top choices include Çimenlik Castle and the accompanying naval museum and photo opportunities with the Trojan Horse statue used in the movie Troy. For epicureans, there is a vast array of Turkish dishes to indulge in, including pirihi, a type of dumpling; tumbi, a bite-sized fried appetizer of bulgur, tomato and eggplant; and of course, meze, a platter of shareable small dishes such as olives, cheeses, meats, stuffed mussels and more. (B,L,D)



**DAY 5: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
THESSALONIKI, GREECE**

Arrive 8:00 AM and Depart 6:00 PM

With a history spanning more than two millennia, Thessaloniki reigned alongside Constantinople as a capital of the Byzantine Empire. So numerous are the outstanding Paleochristian and Byzantine monuments that as a group they have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Don't miss the ornate church and sacred crypt of St. Demetrius, the city's martyred patron saint, or the palace complex of Galerius and the mosaics in the Rotunda. The Archaeological Museum holds even more ancient treasures. (B,L,D)



DAY 6: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 VOLOS, GREECE

Arrive 7:00 AM and Depart 6:00 PM

Located at the foot of Mount Pelion, Volos wasn't founded until the mid-19th century, and its neoclassical architecture lends it a contemporary feel. The broad streets along the waterfront are excellent for strolling. Still, history hasn't been completely disregarded as the Archaeological Museum of Volos displays vast collections of ancient coins and glass vessels. (B,L,D)



**DAY 7: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
MITILINI (LESBOS), GREECE**

Arrive 8:00 AM and Depart 5:00 PM (Anchor)

Explore this bustling city's ancient roots, and visit the huge castle perched on the hill - the beautiful Greek theater that the Romans repaired and then copied back in Rome! See the impressive Cathedral and the Church of St. Nicholas, converted from a mosque. Enjoy the Archaeological Museum or one of the fine art museums with collections of important works.

**DAY 8: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
EPHESUS (KUSADASI), TURKEY**

Arrive 8:00 AM and Depart 9:00 PM

Meander through the ruins of ancient Ephesus and marvel at the famed Library of Celsus, the huge amphitheater, the marble roads with their chariot marks, the amazing mosaic sidewalks and the superb, rarely opened Terrace Houses. Or journey to three monumental cities of antiquity - Priene, Miletus and Didyma - renowned for their majestic temples and impressive, beautifully preserved stadiums. (B,L,D)



**DAY 9: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
BODRUM, TURKEY**

Arrive 8:00 AM and Depart 7:00 PM

A playground for yachters, tourists and jet setters, modern Bodrum stands on the site of the ancient city of Halicarnassus. You can still see the foundations of the mausoleum, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, which was destroyed by earthquakes. The Knights of St. John used its stones to build Bodrum Castle, fascinating not only as a medieval monument but also for the Museum of Underwater Archaeology within its walls, which includes a display of the oldest known shipwreck. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
SANTORINI, GREECE (Anchor)

Arrive 7:00 AM and Depart 11:00 PM

Visit the beautiful whitewashed hilltop towns of Oia and Fira and their breathtaking views of the caldera below. See the stunning artifacts in Fira's museum, including recent finds from the excavation of Akrotiri, thought by many to be the legendary city of Atlantis, or visit a winery. Stroll through the winding streets with fantastic views around every corner. (B,L,D)



DAY 11: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 MYKONOS, GREECE (Anchor)

Arrive 8:00 AM and Depart 7:00 PM

Enjoy wandering through the narrow, winding streets of this delightful seaside village with its whitewashed houses, flowers and brightly painted shutters and doors. Stand beneath the windmills on the hill. Visit the archaeological museum and an old bakery still using a 15th century wood-burning stove. This evening will be our farewell dinner on board the ship. (B,L,D)





DAY 12: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

ATHENS, (PIRAEUS) GREECE

Arrive 8:00 AM and Depart 7:00 PM

Climb up the magnificent Acropolis and stand in awe of the Parthenon, the beautiful temples and the view over Athens stretched out before you. See city highlights including the new and old Olympic stadiums. Journey to Cape Sounion and the temple of Poseidon overlooking the sea, or visit ancient Corinth and the narrow Corinth Canal cut through miles of solid rock. (B)

After breakfast we will disembark the ship and be transferred to the Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, which is centrally located and within walking distance of Athens' emblematic Acropolis, trendy restaurants and exclusive shopping. The elegant 320 rooms and suites feature original art and antiques plus a full range of stylish bars and dining venues. Each of the 320 hotel rooms and suites at the Hotel Grande Bretagne offers enchanting views of the hotel's courtyard or a spellbinding panorama of the city's timeless landmarks.

This afternoon we will experience the very best of Athens with the assistance of a local guide for this private tour to the Acropolis and other ancient highlights. Ascend one of the most famous historical sites in Europe and explore excavated treasures at the new Acropolis museum. Visit other cultural treasures around the city, including the National Gardens, Temple of Zeus, Greek Parliament building and Panathinaikon Olympic stadium.

For your dinner, your driver will take you to the restaurant with the best view in town, on the top of Lycabettus. You will have fantastic views over the whole city while enjoying a delicious gourmet dinner. Around 8:30 pm return to your hotel.



Flick Farewell Cruise Rates

Oceania's Nautica is sleek and elegantly charming. The Nautica's decks are resplendent in the finest teak, custom stone and tile work, and her lounges, suites and staterooms boast luxurious, neo-classical furnishings. Nautica offers every luxury you may expect on board one of Oceania's stylish ships. She features four unique, open-seating restaurants, a world class fitness center and spa, eight lounges and bars, a casino and 342 lavish suites and luxurious staterooms, nearly 70% of which feature private verandas. With just 656 guests to pamper, Oceania's 400 professionally trained European staff ensure you will wait for nothing.



Ocean View Stateroom - \$5,799.00 per person

In this stateroom with the curtains drawn back and the natural light streaming, these inviting 165 sq.ft. staterooms feel even more spacious. A generous seating area, vanity desk, refrigerated mini-bar and breakfast table are perfectly complemented by the rich hues and stylish fabrics of the welcoming décor.



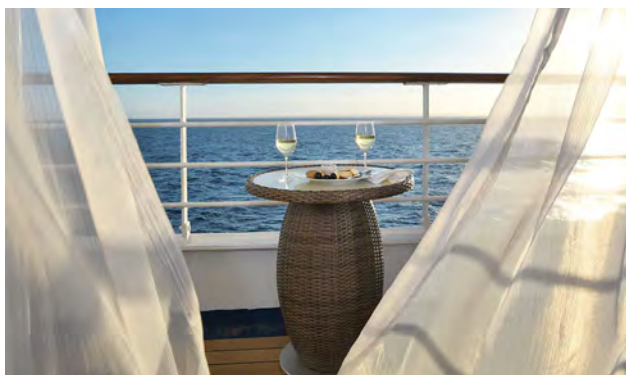
Veranda Stateroom - \$6,999.00 per person

Elegant décor graces these handsomely appointed 216 sq.ft. staterooms that boast their most popular luxury - private teak veranda for watching the ever-changing panoramas.

Concierge Veranda - \$7,499.00 per person

Located in some of the most desirable locations on the ship, Category A Concierge Level Veranda Staterooms offer the attractive blend of both value and luxury. These sleekly redefined 216-square-foot staterooms offer coveted amenities and exclusive privileges, such as free laundry service, that make your experience that much more carefree. Fresh new decor, sumptuous Tranquility Beds and re-inspired verandas with stylish new furniture complete the Concierge experience.

Upgrade your experience to a
Penthouse Suite \$7,799.00 p.p.



Concierge Verandas

You may be wondering what is the difference between a Veranda Stateroom and a Concierge Stateroom. The latter is located in some of the most desirable locations on the ship, Category A Concierge Level Veranda Staterooms offer the attractive blend of both value and luxury. In addition to Stateroom Amenities you will receive the following:

- FREE laundry service – up to 3 bags per stateroom+
- Expanded lunch and dinner room service menu from The Grand Dining Room
- Priority noon ship embarkation
- Complimentary welcome bottle of Champagne
- Priority online specialty restaurant reservations
- Unlimited access to the Aquamar Spa Terrace
- iPad® upon request for your enjoyment onboard++
- Complimentary Oceania Cruises logo tote bag
- Cashmere lap blankets, perfect for relaxing on your veranda
- Complimentary pressing of garments upon embarkation++
- Complimentary shoeshine service

+Up to 20 garments per laundry bag; additional restrictions apply. ++Certain limitations apply. Smoking in suites, staterooms and on verandas is strictly prohibited.



Terms & Conditions

Your Cruise Rate Package Includes:

- Bloomington to Chicago Airport Transfers
- Round Trip International Flight From Chicago
- Airport/Hotel Airport Transfer in Istanbul with City Tour
- One pre-night stay at the InterContinental Istanbul
- Hotel/Ship Transfer in Istanbul
- Accommodations on the Oceania Nautica
- Three Free Group Shore Excursions (No Substitutions)
- FREE Internet - One sign-in per stateroom not suitable for streaming.
- Prepaid Gratuities
- \$150 Shipboard Credit Per Cabin.
- Launderettes on our ships (cashless)
- Private welcome cocktail party w/hot hors d'oeuvres for our group
- Ship/Hotel Transfer in Athens
- One post-night stay at Hotel Grande Bretagne
- All soft drinks, Vero Water, specialty coffees and teas.
- Full Day Athens Private Group Tour (No Substitutions)
- Farewell Private Group Dinner
- Hotel/Airport Transfer in Athens
- Hosted by Bill & Nancy Flick along with a Direct Travel Representative provided there are 40 participants on the cruise.

NOT INCLUDED:

Travel Expenses: Travel protection insurance. Airline fees for excess baggage, upgrades or seat assignments. Please note that deviations such as additional pre or post extensions are subject to additional fees such as air, transfers, accommodations and insurance.

Excursions: Optional land excursions or shore excursions not identified as included.

Beverages: Alcoholic beverages are not included but you may purchase a beverage package for \$540.00 per person to be used on the ship. It includes unlimited premium spirits, Champagne, wine, beer, soft drinks etc. wherever and whenever you wish.

Personal Items: Shopping, Laundry Service, Tipping on land or on excursions, photos etc.

Payments & Insurance:

A deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required. The final payment is due on or before May 3, 2023.

Once paid, monies are non-refundable unless you have purchased travel protection and are canceling for a covered reason. No exceptions. Early sign up is suggested. Direct Travel Escort participation requires a minimum of 40 passengers.

Travel Protection is highly recommended. Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons including Covid, and other benefits including Bankruptcy/Default, Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Common Carrier AD&D, 24-hour AD&D, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay.

Travel Requirements: Guests must provide a photo copy of their passport and vaccination card at reservation. Guests should be fit for travel. If you have chronic illness or mobility issues please discuss this with us before making a reservation.



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A deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required. The final payment is due on or before May 3, 2023. All monies that are paid are non-refundable thus Direct Travel recommends trip cancellation insurance which is available for purchase. Mail form to Direct Travel 2415 East Washington Street, Suite 4A | Bloomington, IL 61704

Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport. Passports must be valid through May 14, 2024.

PASSENGER 1: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

PASSENGER 2: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Credit Card #: _____ VI MC AX DS

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please select your cabin category.

- Ocean View Stateroom - \$5,799.00 per person Veranda Stateroom - \$6,999.00 per person
 Concierge Veranda Stateroom - \$7,499.00 per person Penthouse Suite - \$7,799.00 per person

Travel Insurance: Highly recommended!

- Yes, please add Travel Insurance to my package for an additional for approximately 10% of the Cruise Package
- No, I do not want Travel Protection.** Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.

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