

WHISPERS OF THE ADRIATIC - ALBANIA AND GREECE CRUISE

Two-Day All-Inclusive Land Program in Tirana

Your pre-cruise experience in Tirana begins with a private transfer from the airport to a centrally located hotel, followed by free time to relax before dinner at a traditional taverna featuring authentic Albanian cuisine and local music. The next day, enjoy a guided walking tour through Tirana's vibrant streets, discovering its rich history and diverse architectural styles. After lunch and some free time to explore the city at your own pace, end the day with dinner at a charming restaurant in the atmospheric Castle neighborhood, known for its excellent traditional dishes.

A 7-nights ' cruise program in Albania & the Ionian Isles

Embark on an unforgettable cruise from the historic city of Durres, where ancient charm meets the deep blue waters of the Ionian Sea. Sail through breathtaking landscapes and uncover hidden gems along the Albanian and Greek coasts. Discover the vibrant seaside city of Vlore, immerse yourself in the crystal-clear waters of Corfu, and experience the untouched beauty of Othoni. In Sarande, enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere and spectacular views. Explore the raw nature of Sazan Island, and end your journey with a

modern twist in Chenzen. Return to Durres with unforgettable memories of a journey filled with culture, nature, and the sea at its purest.



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DAY 1: Tirana Arrival

Upon arrival Private Transfer from Tirana Airport to 4 star hotel. Evening welcome dinner in a traditional Albanian taverna, offering an authentic culinary experience and introduction to local culture.

DAY 2: Tirana Exploration

Guided half-day walking tour which explores the historic and architectural evolution of Tirana. It's a fascinating city which features a dynamic and rich history, and we discover how Titana evolved from a small rural trade centre in





the 17th century into the capital of Albania with a legacy of ancient ruins, Ottoman and Italian influences and the more recent communist regime. The sights include the Byzantine ruins and walls, the main Italian

boulevard its Art Gallery and distinguished Italian buildings, Tirana City Hall, the Statue of Skanderbeg, Ethem Bey Mosque, the famous Clock Tower, National Library, Opera House and the mosaic "Albanians" on top of the entrance of National Historical Museum. Tirana truly is a multi-cultural wonder, something to reflect upon as you sit and enjoy a coffee, a beer or a glass of wine, coffee before choosing a place for lunch. This evening you are at leisure to dine out and explore the City Centre's nightlife. Overnight in 4* Tirana Hotel.

DAY 3: Embarkation in Durres

After breakfast we transfer to Durres and board the Callisto, with the afternoon free to explore the historic port city. Late afternoon, rejoin the ship for our welcome reception and a 'sail-away' cocktail whilst getting to meet your crew and fellow adventurers. Tonight will be your first dinner on board dinner onboard - the Chef will set out to impress you.

DAY 4: Vlora

The first swim-stop of the holiday see's the Captain drop anchor in a beautiful, secluded bay so you can slip into the wonderfully translucent Adriatic waters. Back on board we set sail for Vlora, Albania's coastal gem, where we disembark and set out on a walking tour of the historic town where Albania famously declared its independence. After seeing the main sites there's time for further exploration Before it's back on board for dinner.

DAY 5: Corfu (Greek Night)

We couldn't resist hopping across the border to the beautiful island of Corfu, and one of the most beautiful of all Greek cities, steeped in Venetian, British and French history, and recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site Stroll the narrow streets and step out to the wide open Esplanade, walk under the arcade of Liston where the old aristocracy enjoyed their coffee and drinks, and perhaps even witness a game of cricket! For lunch sample famous local specialties, Greek cuisine unlike anywhere else in Greece influenced by Italian tradition. Back

onboard tonight is Greek Night with music and dancing until late!

DAY 6: Othonous

After a busy day in cosmopolitan Corfu we see a much sleepier side of Greece when we drop anchor at tranquil Othonous, the largest of the little-visited Diapontian islands. In Greek mythology it is supposed to have been the home of the nymph Calypso, who captured and imprisoned Odysseus here on his return home from the Trojan wars. Even in high summer there are rarely more than 400 people living here and the empty beaches make it ideal for swimming. It is a place of much natural beauty and well worth a hike to explore the scenery. Although it's an equally good place to just relax amid the olive groves and turquoise waters. A leisurely day to top up your tan.

DAY 7: Saranda (Albanian Night)

Saranda is one of Albania's more developed seaside resorts but the highlight of the day is the visit to see the fabulous relics at Butrint, a UNESCO heritage site, an amazing promontory dating back to the bronze age with ruins that embrace Greek, Roman and Byzantine periods. It's a real 'must see' experience. Back in Saranda visit the castle with its cobblestone streets, cafes and shops and enjoy the view of the river meandering through the town below. Back onboard tonight is Albanian Night with traditional dancers and music and cuisine.

DAY 8: Sazan (Kushner Island)

Today we really go off the beaten track and visit the uninhabited island of Sazan, only really known as the place where the Ionian Sea meets the Adriatic. Get some beach time, go for a swim, or join the guided walk and enjoy the wonderful scenery. Reboard Callisto and we turn toward Durres by sunset.

DAY 9: Chenzen/Durres - Captain's Dinner

In the morning we arrive in Chenzen, very close to Montenegro, and the jumping off point for a wonderful excursion to Shkoder Village and the spectacular Shkoder Lake. We take lunch in a traditional restaurant enjoying great food and natural beaty. Back on board we weigh anchor and sail to Durres and tonight we dine in honour of the Captain for the unforgettable experience he and his crew offered us.





DAY 10: Durres Disembarkation

Breakfast onboard. Disembark by 9 AM for transfers to Tirana or onward destinations.

Please note:

Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions -- winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel -- if port authorities do not allow the vessel to leave port, or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but the Captain guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.





YOUR SHIP: CALLISTO

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VESSEL TYPE: Motor Yacht

LENGTH: 50 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 34

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2000 / 2015-16

Imagine a place far from home that feels just like home, where the borders are delineated by the golden shores of the sea; and home is wherever the anchors drop. Imagine 170 feet of comfort, classic beauty, and safety classified by the latest International "Safety of Life at Sea" (SOLAS) standards. Imagine your floating home on board the classically designed, reminiscent of a Mega Yacht that sails the seas under the name CALLISTO, waving her Greek flag through the wind. Discover the world by sea at 10 knots per hour, in her un-rushed pace, one island or seashore at a time. Callisto loves to seduce her select 34 guests with her classic lines and comfortable lounges redefining what yachting was meant to be. A spacious lounge with ample space, dining areas decorated with warm colors, rich library and two decks for sunbathing, shaded areas and outdoor bar and loungers are just some of the elements that define her essence. 360° views of unobstructed ocean are your eyes' canvas painted with ocean blue and deep green mountains. Mingle with likeminded travelers in our public areas, enjoy a moment to yourself in our ample deck space, or retreat to one of our 17 ocean view cabin-sanctuaries all offering windows or portholes connecting you with mother nature's wonders.

Calisto's experienced crew of 16 is trained with hospitality at heart to pamper her guests and guarantee the ultimate home away from home experience. Elegance is a state of mind; on board Variety Cruises it means feeling at home at sea- it's our state of mind.

Home at Sea Single seating dining Indoor & Outdoor Lounge -Bar, Indoor & Outdoor Restaurant, Audiovisual in Lounge, Mini library, Beach Towels, Snorkeling equipment, Kayak, Board Games, Swimming Platform, Wi-Fi

Comfort Zone Windows: Main deck cabins, Portholes: lower deck cabins, Triple Occupancy cabins: Category C & B, Flat-Screen TV, Mini Safe, Mini Fridge, Individually controlled A/C, En suite bathroom with shower, Hairdryers, Telephone for internal use, Central music

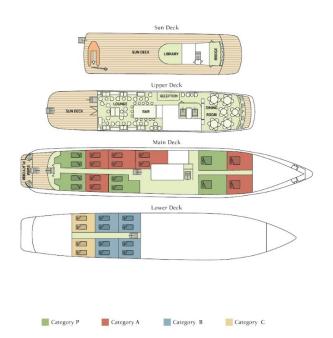


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