



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

<b>10</b> nights	<b>STAR CLIPPER</b> <b>Suez Canal Crossing (Athens to Safaga - 14-June-2024)</b>
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**What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:**

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

**How you can book your shore excursions:**

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- The excursion "**Overland tour to Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza**" can only be pre-booked and will not be available onboard. For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent.
- Transfers and debark tours ending at the airport can also be pre-paid prior to your cruise.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

**Important notes:**

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port. Excursions are operated with a ticketless system.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





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**HYDRA - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)**

Hydra is considered the most cosmopolitan of the Greek islands and many celebrities from Greece and abroad spend their vacations here. It is beloved for its natural beauty and distinctive architecture. It owes its unique character to the impressive mansions that were built in the late 18th century for wealthy Hydriot ship-owners by architects from Venice and Genoa.

The island is an irresistible mixture of old and new with bars, waterfront cafés, restaurants, and boutiques blending harmoniously with picturesque lanes and bare hills dotted with dazzling white chapels and windmills.

The town rises up like an amphitheatre from the port area, remaining hidden until the very last moment for those approaching by sea. No motor vehicles are allowed on Hydra and all transport is by boat, on foot or by donkey.

**MONEMVASIA - Monemvasia and Liotrivi Mansion: history, local traditions and flavours**



**4:00**



**105 €**



moderate



minibus

Min 20 / Max 32  
participants



tasting

History & Culture | Food & Wine

A short drive will take you to the castle of Monemvasia. Begin your visit by passing through the only gate in the old town (Monemvasia's name comes from Moni, meaning 'single', and Emvasia, meaning 'entrance') and then discover the main sites of the early medieval town. Walk through the narrow, picturesque streets within the castle walls, so narrow that in many places only two people can walk side by side. Admire old stone houses and ancient Byzantine churches, many of which are in ruins. After the orientation tour, enjoy some free time before boarding the bus to reach Liotrivi Estate.

Liotrivi Estate is a fully restored manor house set amidst extensive olive groves. Its history begins in the Byzantine years as a winery producing the popular Malvasia wine. In the 19th century it became the summer residence of the important Ritsos family, then in 1929 it was transformed into a traditional olive press, which served the area until 1967. Today it is a unique cultural monument and a centre of activities that has preserved its historical identity.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Liotrivi Historic Mansion and learn about the traditions, history and culture of this unique place. The tour includes a guided tour of the olive grove - where you will learn about the cultivation of the olive tree - and a visit to the old olive oil mill, where you will learn about the traditional method of extra virgin olive oil production. Watch the expert chef knead and bake the traditional bread of the day in the wood-fired oven

Taste local products in the open air of the estate, under the olive trees. The snacks will be accompanied by local Monemvasia wines from the Mansion's collection. You will also have the opportunity to sample other local products such as honey, homemade jams and pastries, while learning their special traditional recipes.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking on uneven ground, with steps and inclines to negotiate in the old town, while at Liotrivi Mansion there is limited walking on flat surface.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The drive from Monemvasia to the Liotrivi Estate takes approximately 30 minutes.



**MONEMVASIA - Monemvasia Castle**



**2:30**



**49 €**



*moderate*



*shuttle bus,  
walking tour*

*Min 15 / Max 24  
participants*

*History & Culture*

Monemvasia is sometimes referred to as the "Gibraltar of the East". The city was fortified in the 13th century under Byzantine rule and established as a successful trading port. The Pope ruled the city for a short period from 1460-1464 before the Venetians took over. During the Venetian rule the city flourished, the population reached 30,000 and many houses and churches were built. Later the city fell to the Turks who ruled for almost 300 years.

Your tour begins with a short shuttle bus ride to the entrance of the fortified lower town.

Walk through the narrow streets within the walls, so narrow that in many places only two people can walk side by side. You will see the ruins of houses and Byzantine churches - most in ruins, with the fortunate exception of the Church of Christ Elkomenos. This cathedral dates back to the 13th century, but shows alterations made during the Venetian occupation of Monemvasia.

Enjoy some free time to explore the medieval town before returning to the port.

Please note: The transfer from the port to the city centre (and back) is by shuttle bus.

This tour involves extensive walking (2 hours) over cobbled and uneven surfaces with inclines and many steps to negotiate. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

**SANTORINI - Transfer to Oia Village**



**4:30**



**69 €**



*easy*



*motorcoach,  
cable car*

*Min 20 / Max -  
participants*

*lunch not  
included  
(free time)*

*Panoramic*

Your tour begins with a scenic tender ride through the caldera to Athinios harbour, where local guides and buses await the group. Start with a scenic drive up the colourful rocky sides of the caldera, offering spectacular panoramic views of the island.

Enjoy a leisurely drive through the beautiful traditional villages of the island towards Oia on the northern side. On arrival in Oia, your guide will give you a briefing in the main square, then you will have approximately two hours free time to explore the village on your own and have lunch (not included). You may have the opportunity to visit artists workshops, admire the typical architecture of the houses and churches or enjoy a drink on a panoramic terrace overlooking the caldera.

Return to the coach for a short drive to Fira, the attractive capital of the island built on the top of the caldera.

At the end of the tour you will have free time to explore Fira on your own and browse the shops and boutiques before you take the cable car (ticket included) to the small harbour of Skala where the tenders will take you back to the ship

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on uneven ground, with inclines and some steps to negotiate.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Estimated driving times: 60 minutes between Athinios pier and Oia; 30 minutes between Oia and Fira.

The ticket for the cable car between Fira and Skala harbour is included in the tour. There may be some queuing at the cable car station. Please check the timetables of the tenders from Skala to the ship on the Daily Program.



**RHODES - Ancient Lindos and Acropolis**



**4:00**



**89 €**



*strenuous*



*motorcoach*

*Min 15 / Max 35  
participants*

*History & Culture*

Picturesque Lindos, on the east coast of Rhodes, is renowned as an important archaeological site and a popular tourist resort. This tour begins with a beautiful 30-mile drive along the east coast of the island, past picturesque villages, orange and lemon groves, vineyards and gnarled old olive trees. Once in Lindos, you will walk to the top of the Acropolis where you will see the 4th century BC Doric Temple of Athena Lindia and a double-winged portico, a Byzantine church, the Knights' fortifications and the remains of the Governor's quarters. From the top of the Acropolis you can also enjoy a breathtaking view of St Paul's Bay, where the apostle is said to have landed in 51 A.D. to preach Christianity to the Rhodians.

Below the Acropolis are the old whitewashed houses and narrow streets of this picturesque town, whose beauty has inspired artists and writers for generations. Before leaving Lindos, browse the many tempting shops selling everything from ceramics to crocheted linen.

The return journey to the quay in Rhodes follows the same scenic route.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobbled and uneven surfaces with steep inclines and many steps. The village of Lindos is pedestrian only. The walk up to the Acropolis in Lindos is on a narrow path with approximately 300 steps to climb.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. There is no shade at the site, take precautions against the sun.

The journey between Rhodes and Lindos takes approximately 60 minutes each way, depending on traffic conditions. If time permits, guests will have approximately 30 minutes free time to shop and browse in the village of Lindos.

**RHODES - Medieval Rhodes and the city of the knights**



**4:00**



**69 €**



*moderate*



*motorcoach*

*Min 20 / Max 50  
participants*

*History & Culture | Unesco*

Meet your local guide at the pier and board a coach to the medieval Old Town of Rhodes for a guided walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Entering through the gate of Panagia Bourgou, you will explore the main points of the town, starting with the Jewish quarter. You will pass by the Synagogue and, as you enter the centre, you will reach the Turkish quarter, today the busiest area of the city. Walking through the picturesque cobbled streets, you will pass the Suleiman Mosque, formerly the Church of the Holy Apostles, with its elegant Italian Renaissance portal.

Next, head for the Palace of the Grand Masters. Built in the 14th century in the north-west corner of the ramparts, it looks more like a fortress than a palace. It was converted into a prison by the Turks, damaged in an explosion and finally restored by the Italians. It is built around a central courtyard paved with colourful marbles and contains magnificent Hellenistic and Roman mosaics from the neighbouring islands.

After your visit to the Palace of the Grand Masters, continue along the Knights' Street, with its medieval buildings, towers and decorated façades. In these Gothic buildings from the 15th and 16th centuries, the Knights of the Order of St. John lived according to their mother tongue. The street ends in Hospital Square. At the end of your tour, you will have some free time to explore the Old Town before boarding the coach for the return journey to the harbour.

Please note: This tour involves a lot of walking and standing over cobbles and uneven ground, with some steps.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.



### ALEXANDRIA - Roman Alexandria



**3:15**



**89 €**



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 60  
participants

Sightseeing | History & Culture

Discover the beauty of the city of Alexandria on this exclusive excursion.

Departure from Alexandria Port and drive to the catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, discovered in 1900.

The largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria, it consists of three levels cut into the existing rock at a depth of about 90 feet (27 meters). The catacombs date from the early 2nd century AD and began as a family crypt, later expanded to hold more than 300 bodies. On arrival, take a guided tour of parts of this underground cemetery.

After visiting the catacombs, you will stop at Pompey's Pillar. Erected in 297 AD, this massive column measures approximately 84 feet (about 26 metres) in height. Originally part of the Temple of Serapis, the column was carved from a single slab of polished pink granite. At the end of your visit, reboard your coach and return to the cruise pier.

Please note: This tour involves approximately 45 minutes of moderate walking on uneven ground with numerous steps to negotiate.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

### ALEXANDRIA - Overland tour to Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza (back in Port Said)



**2 days /  
1 night**

**615 €**

(based on double  
room occupancy)



Moderate to  
strenuous



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 60  
participants

Overnight in  
Cairo in 5\* hotel

Sightseeing | History & Culture | Unesco

**This excursion can only be pre-booked and will not be available onboard.**

For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent. There is a supplement for single room accommodation. There is a supplement for single occupancy.

#### Day 1, Friday, 20th of June 2025 - Alexandria to Cairo

Upon disembarking the ship at Alexandria, you will be met and depart for the three-hour drive to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo, you will be visiting The Citadel and Mohamed Ali Mosque. It is also referred to as the Alabaster Mosque due to the extensive use of that stone on some of the exterior walls and other surfaces.

The mosque, the largest such structure built during the first half of the 19th century, is more impressive at a distance than close-up. Though its artistic merit is questionable, the mosque is an unparalleled contribution to the Cairo skyline. Situated on the summit of the Citadel high atop the Citadel grounds, its great dome and towering minarets are the first features that catch your eye at the fortress.

Check in at your 5 stars hotel.

This evening you will enjoy the spectacular Sound and Light show at the Pyramids' area.

After the show dinner will be served at your hotel.

Overnight in Cairo.

#### Day 2, Saturday, 21st of June 2025 - Cairo to Port Said.

After a buffet early breakfast at the hotel, you will check-out and depart for the visit of Sakkara.

The Step Pyramid of Sakkara overlooks Zoser's mortuary complex. Dating from 2700 BC, the Step Pyramid is the oldest stone structure in the world and was designed by Imhotep for King Djoser. In addition to Djoser's Step Pyramid, there are another 16 pyramids on the site in various states of preservation or decay.

Sakkara is also home to an impressive number of mastaba tombs. Because the necropolis was lost beneath the sands for much of the past two millennia, many of the mastaba tombs have been superbly preserved, with both their structures and lavish internal decorations intact.



Following Sakkara visit, you will be visiting the Great Pyramids of Giza, which are considered the most famous of Egypt's attractions and the only monuments left of the ancient wonders. The three main Pyramids at Giza were built as tombs by Cheops, his son Chephren, and Chephren's son Mykiernus to preserve each of the pharaohs' mummified body for eternity. For centuries, these unique structures have intrigued the world while surviving the rise and fall of great dynasties.

Southeast of the great Pyramid stands the Sphinx carved out of solid rock around 2650 BC.

Lunch will be served at one of the deluxe restaurants, before a quick shopping stop.

Next, you will visit the Egyptian museum of antiquities located in Tahrir square, the present museum building was built in 1900, in the neo classical style by the French architect Marcel Bourgeon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 12000 objects range from prehistoric era to the Greco Roman period. The museum consists of two floors, The museum's ground floor follows the history of ancient Egypt, the second floor consist of thousands of smaller items from the span of Egyptian history. One of the most important rooms in the Egyptian museum hosts the Treasure of Tutankhamun, the boy-king who ruled Egypt for nine years. The mightiness of his treasures still fascinates us to this very day.

Finally, a three-hour drive will take you to Port Said and your awaiting ship.

Your program includes:

- ✓ 1 night accommodation at a 5\* hotel in Cairo.
- ✓ One breakfast, one lunch and one dinner.
- ✓ Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the program.
- ✓ Beverage package during meals (including bottled water, tea and coffee).
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide Egyptologist.
- ✓ Transportation by air-conditioned coach equipped with WC.
- ✓ High security arrangements for the group.

Your program does not include:

- ✓ Tips for the driver and local guide.
- ✓ Personal expenses.
- ✓ All other services not mentioned in the program.

Please note :

- ✓ The local currency is the Egyptian pound.
- ✓ Expected weather: sunny and very hot.
- ✓ Protect yourself from the sun: wear hat, sunglasses and bring sunscreen.
- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring hat, sunscreen and water.
- ✓ For the visit of Mohamed Ali Mosque, shoes must be removed before entering.  
No shorts are allowed for men and women. Women are required to cover their head and shoulders.  
We recommend bringing your own scarf.
- ✓ The order of the visits may be reversed



## PORT SAID – The new Suez Canal museum in Ismailia



4:15

History & Culture



89 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40  
participants

Depart from the pier in an air-conditioned coach for the city of Ismailia, founded in 1863 during the construction of the Suez Canal. The city lies roughly halfway between Port Said to the north and Suez to the south, at the point where the canal widens to include Lake Timsah, one of the Bitter Lakes connected by the canal.

You will visit the new Suez Canal Museum, inaugurated in 2024 and housed in the first building of the Suez Canal Authority headquarters in Ismailia. Built by the French between 1862 and 1869, this magnificent and completely renovated building is considered an architectural masterpiece. It combines both Arab and European architectural styles, as it consists of a rectangular space with a large central courtyard overlooking the building units. The museum houses historical collections and up to 2,000 artefacts, displayed in 12 exhibition rooms, that tell the story of the canal from its excavation to the present day. The museum houses over 4,000 artefacts, including ancient statues, stelae, pottery, jewellery and sarcophagi from different periods of Egyptian history.

After visiting the museum, take a diversion on the way back to Port Said to see the Ismailia Peace Bridge, which links Africa and Asia by crossing the Suez Canal. Built by Japan and Egypt, it was completed in 2001. Time permitting, you can also make a photo stop at the Princess Ferial Gardens in Port Said, named after King Farouk's eldest daughter and inaugurated in 1869, the day the Suez Canal was opened.

Please note: This tour involves approximately 60 minutes of moderate walking to visit the museum. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. The drive between Port Said and Ismailia takes approximately 1:15 (each way).

## SAFAGA

Star Clippers offers the following transfer services (optional, on request):

### - Shared Transfer to Hurghada Airport (HRG).

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 09:00.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 12:30.

### - Private transfers to Hurghada airport (HRG) or to hotels in Safaga, Hurghada and Soma Bay areas.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

Private transfers are operated by private minivans (1-4 passengers).

### - Private transfers from hotels to Hurghada airport

Private transfers are operated by private minivans (1-4 passengers).

This service can only be pre-booked.

Transfers and excursions ending at the airport can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.

The ship will be alongside at the commercial port of Safaga, approximately 55 km south of Hurghada Airport (HRG). We recommend that all passengers have pre-arranged transfers. Taxis will not be allowed to enter the port but will be outside the main gate of the port of Safaga. A shuttle bus service is provided from the pier to the main gate of the port of Safaga.



### EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

### MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Culture & History:** it explores places of historical significance, visits ancient ruins or historic buildings, gives a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.
- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Food & Wine:** it explores the culinary traditions of a region, from local markets and vineyards to cooking classes or wine tastings.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, cycling, ATV, 4x4 off-road.

### WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap and sun lotion.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash in local currency.
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.