



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7 nights	STAR CLIPPER Southern Cyclades (02-August; 13-September; 04-October 2025)
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Sat Piraeus (Athens), Greece

Sun At sea

Mon Rhodes, Greece

Tue Bodrum, Turkey

Wed Dalyan River, Turkey

Thu Santorini, Greece

Fri Hydra, Greece

Sat Piraeus (Athens), Greece

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.
- 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).



Date of last update: 18th of January 2025

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.

RHODES - Medieval Rhodes and cooking class



4:00



125 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 15 / Max 24
participants



cooking demo &
lunch included

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Departing from the pier, our guide will take you on a short guided walk through the medieval town of Rhodes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, taking you past the main attractions, lanes, historic squares and buildings before arriving at the restaurant where the cooking lesson will take place.

A gift to take home from your holiday in Rhodes will be the knowledge of how to prepare a healthy, tasty Mediterranean meal.

On arrival, each guest will be given a cooking station equipped with all the necessary utensils and ingredients to prepare a traditional Greek meal.

At the end of the cooking class you will enjoy the Greek lunch you have prepared under the guidance of the chef!

You will learn about the importance of using fresh, local ingredients, the correct use of spices and herbs and how to prepare your own meal. The menu includes tzatziki and aubergine salad for starters, Greek salad and moussaka and soutzoukakia (aromatic meatballs) for main courses.

After lunch you have the option of staying on to explore the charming old town on your own or return to the harbour with your guide.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on uneven cobbled ground, with some stairs.

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

BODRUM - Bodrum Peninsula and ancient Halicarnassus



4:00



62 €



moderate



minibus

Min 12 / Max -
participants

Sightseeing | History & Culture

On arrival in Bodrum, guests are taken by minibus for a 15-minute drive to the Bodrum Underwater Archaeological Museum, which is housed in Bodrum Castle. The Knights of St John of Rhodes built the castle in honour of St Peter (1415-1437), using some of the marble from the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, which was destroyed by an earthquake in the 14th century. There are five main towers in the castle, reflecting the architectural styles of the nations that built them: the English, French, Spanish, Italian and German. The museum collections are housed in the towers.

After visiting the castle, you will take a beautiful scenic drive around the peninsula and see the Myndos Gate of ancient Halicarnassus (Bodrum Peninsula), which dates back to 364 BC, and the 7 km long city wall that surrounded the city from the west side of the harbour to Göktepe. You will then proceed to the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. The Mausoleum was built between 353 and 350 BC for Mausolus, a satrap in the Persian Empire, and Artemisia II of Caria, who was both his wife and sister. The Mausoleum was considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

The last visit before returning to the pier is to the Theatre of Halicarnassus, which is situated on the slope of a hill and offers a panoramic view of the harbour and the castle. After visiting the theatre, the guides will give you some information about the town of Bodrum and how to get back to the boat, and you will be free to explore on your own, have lunch in the town and do some souvenir shopping.

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

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

BODRUM - Gullet cruise



5:30



125 €



moderate



motorized boat

Min 13 / Max 60
participants



lunch included*

Boating & beach

A gullet is a handcrafted wooden motor yacht with one or two masts, built for cruising the Mediterranean. Coastal gullets were originally used by fishermen and sponge divers to transport their catch, but have now been redesigned for yachting holidays. The classic gullet has a rounded stern, a low profile and a roomy hull, but today there are many different designs, collectively known as gullets.

After a warm welcome from your captain, you will start your tour through the crystal clear waters of the Aegean. There will be swimming stops at Tavsan Bay and Green Bay, followed by a delicious lunch on board consisting of grilled fish, salad and mezze (Turkish cold starters). After lunch, relax on deck as the cruise continues, stopping at the bays of Karada or Goktasi for a swim before returning to the pier.

Please note: This itinerary is subject to change. The captain will decide where and when to stop, depending on the day's sea and weather conditions and the time available. Participants must be able to swim.

Wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, snorkelling gear on this trip.

*: Lunch and water are included. Drinks are not included and must be purchased as an extra (bring some extra money to buy drinks). Menu is for guidance only and may vary.

DALYAN RIVER - Carian tombs and mud baths



3:45



59 €



moderate



motorized river
boat

Min 15 / Max 60
participants

Sightseeing

Leave the ship onboard a local motor boat for a one hour panoramic cruise through the reed delta of the Dalyan River. On the way to the Mud Baths you can admire the mysterious Carian and Lycian tombs carved into the rock face while your guide tells you about the history of the site.

The tombs have fine architectural facades inspired by Greco-Roman temples and date back to the 4th century B.C. As Caunos is on the border between Caria and Lycia, tombs from both cultures can be seen side by side.

After a photo stop, the boats head directly to the archaeological site of the Mud Baths.

The mud baths not only cleanse and tone the skin, but are also said to have anti-ageing properties and relieve rheumatism. After applying the mud, it should be left to dry and then washed off in a natural sulphur pool with clear water at a temperature of around 40 degrees Celsius. This leaves you feeling refreshed and relaxed. The time spent in the mud baths is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Everyone then boards the boat for the return journey.

You will be dropped off at the beach where you can choose to stay for a swim or take the tender back to the boat.

Please note: dress for the weather, wear a swimwear under your clothes and bring a towel, aqua shoes, sunglasses, hat and water.

The boat ride to the mud baths takes approximately 60 minutes with a photo stop at the Carian Tombs.

DALYAN RIVER - Ancient Caunos and Carian tombs



3:30



59 €



moderate to
strenuous



motorized river
boat

Min 15 / Max 60
participants

Sightseeing | History & Culture

Leave the ship onboard a local motor boat for a 30 minute panoramic cruise through the reed delta of the Dalyan River. On the way to Caunos you can admire the mysterious Carian and Lycian tombs carved into the rock face while your guide tells you about the history of the site.

The tombs have fine architectural facades inspired by Greco-Roman temples and date back to the 4th century B.C. As Caunos is on the border between Caria and Lycia, tombs from both cultures can be seen side by side.

After a photo stop, the boats head straight to the archaeological site of Caunos.

You will visit the well-preserved theatre with 34 rows of tiered seating, the watchtower and the Roman baths. After spending approximately 90 minutes at the site, you will reboard the boat for the return journey.

At the end of the excursion, the boat will drop you off at Iztuzu beach, where you can choose to stay for a swim or take the tender back to the boat.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking on uneven ground with inclines, uphill walls and many steps.

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

Wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel and sunscreen if you plan to spend time on the beach at the end of the walk.

The boat ride to Caunos takes approximately 30 minutes, with a photo stop at the Carian Tombs.

SANTORINI - Akrotiri and Oia



4:45



95 €



moderate



motorcoach,
cable car

Min 20 / Max -
participants

History & Culture | Unesco | Sightseeing

Your tour begins with a scenic tender ride through the caldera to Athinios harbour, where local guides and buses await to take you to the site of Akrotiri, one of the most important prehistoric settlements in the Aegean.

In the last quarter of the 17th century BC, a series of earthquakes followed by an eruption forced all the inhabitants to leave. The volcanic material covered the whole island and the city itself. These materials have protected the buildings and their contents down to the present day, just as in Pompeii.

Wonderful frescoes have been found in some of the houses, as well as many vessels and utensils of daily use.

After your guided tour of the site you will continue on and after a short drive you will arrive in Oia. With your guide you can take a short walk around the village of Oia or spend some time on your own. You will also have the opportunity to enter the workshops of the artists, meet them and talk to them. See the architecture and typical Santorinian style of houses and churches. Afterwards you will return to Fira, the attractive capital.

The excursion ends in the town of Fira, built on the top of the caldera. Enjoy some free time in the town to browse the shops and boutiques. When you are ready, 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 walk involves moderate walking on uneven ground with some inclines and steps.

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

Estimated travel times: 30 minutes between Athinios pier and Akrotiri; 50 minutes between Akrotiri and Oia; 30 minutes between Oia and Fira. The order of the visits is subject to change.

At the end of the tour you will have free time to explore 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.

SANTORINI - Oia village



4:30



85 €



easy



motorcoach,
cable car

Min 20 / Max -
participants



tasting

Panoramic

Your tour begins with a scenic tender ride through the caldera to Athinios harbour, where local guides and buses await the group. The tour begins with a scenic drive up the colourful rocky sides of the caldera, offering spectacular panoramic views of the island. Your first stop will be at Profitis Ilias, the highest peak on the island at almost 2,000 feet, where you will see the monastery of Profitis Ilias and have a breathtaking view of the entire island. After a short photo stop, we continue to the Santo winery where you will have the opportunity to taste some of the island's wines. Afterwards you will enjoy a pleasant drive through the beautiful traditional villages of the island towards Oia, located on the northern side of the island. On arrival in Oia, your guide will give you a briefing in the main square, then you will have some free time to explore the village. You will 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.

The excursion ends in the town of Fira, built on the top of the caldera. Enjoy some free time in the town to browse the shops and boutiques. When you are ready, 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 walk involves moderate walking on uneven ground with some inclines and steps.

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

Estimated driving times: 30 minutes between Athinios pier and the winery; 40 minutes between the winery and Oia; 30 minutes between Oia and Fira. The order of the visits is subject to change.

At the end of the tour you will have free time to explore 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.

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.

PIRAEUS (Port of ATHENS) - Panoramic Athens and Plaka exploration (ending at the airport)



4:00



75 €



easy



motorcoach

Min10 / Max 30
participants

Panoramic | Airport transfer

This excursion ends at Athens airport (ATH) and is suitable for guests with flight after 15:00

From the port of Piraeus you pass through the charming marina of Zea, where the foundations of the dock dating from the 5th century BC are clearly visible. Next is the attractive Mikrolimanon waterfront, lined with inviting al fresco fish restaurants. It is only a short drive to cosmopolitan Athens, a mix of modern buildings and great monuments. You will pass the Temple of Zeus, the Panathenaic Stadium, the Parliament in Syntagma (Constitution) Square, the National Academy, the University, the Library and Hadrian's Arch before arriving in Plaka, the oldest and most picturesque neighborhood of Athens.

You will have approximately two hours free time to explore Plaka, strolling among the tavernas and boutiques, discovering architectural gems such as the ancient Agora, the Tower of the Winds and the monument to Lysicrates, and the neoclassical houses. At the end of your free time, you will be transferred to the airport.

Please note: Walking time in the city centre is at your own discretion.

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

Traffic in Athens may affect the duration of the drive between sites. The order of the visits is subject to change and the length of free time may vary depending on the day's traffic.

The guide will leave the group when the coach leaves Athens for the airport.

PIRAEUS (Port of ATHENS)

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

- Shared Transfer to Athens airport.

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

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 08:45.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 12:00.

- Private transfers to Athens airport or to hotels in Athens.

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

Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport.

Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 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 prior to your cruise, 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 one of the three cruise terminals at Piraeus port, located at approximately 10 km from Athens city center and 42 km from Athens airport. All guests must leave the ship by 10:00am.



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.