



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7
nights

STAR FLYER Southern Cyclades (18-July, 08-August-2026)



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 and the availability of guides.
- 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.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- 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.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged. Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Transfers can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- 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).





IMPORTANT NOTE: below programs are given as an indication. Final excursions program and prices for 2026 season in the Mediterranean Sea will be published on our website by the end of January 2026.

RHODES - Medieval Rhodes and the city of the knights (walking tour)



3:45



55 €



moderate



walking tour

**Min 20 / Max 50
participants**

History & Culture | Unesco

Meet your local guide at the pier and head 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. Continuing 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 the tour, you will have some free time to explore the Old Town before returning to the cruise port.

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.

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 Göltepe. 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. 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 and extra money (to buy drinks) on this trip.

*: Lunch and water are included. Drinks are not included and must be purchased. Menu may vary.

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.

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)

Star Clippers 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.