



SHORE EXCURSIONS

10
nights

STAR FLYER

Suez Canal Crossing (Athens to Safaga - 20-June-2026)



Sat	Piraeus (Athens), Greece
Sun	Hydra, Greece
Mon	Santorini, Greece
Tue	Bodrum, Turkey
Wed	Rhodes, Greece
Thu	at sea
Fri	Alexandria, Egypt
Sat	Port Said, Egypt
Sun	Suez Canal transit
Mon	at sea
Tue	Safaga, Egypt

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.
- **The excursion "Discover 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.

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.

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. No motor vehicles are allowed on Hydra and all transport is by boat, on foot or by donkey.

SANTORINI - Akrotiri



3:15



89 €



moderate



**motorcoach,
cable car**

**Min 20 / Max 40
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 Fira, the attractive capital of the island built on the top of the caldera.

Here you will have free time to explore the town 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 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; 30 minutes between Akrotiri 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 - 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.

RHODES - Ancient Lindos and its Acropolis

				Min 15 / Max 35 participants
4:00	89 €	strenuous	motorcoach	

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.

BODRUM - Bodrum Peninsula and ancient Halicarnassus

				Min 12 / Max - participants
4:00	62 €	moderate	minibus	

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 to negotiate.

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 – Discover Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza (back in Port Said)



**2 days /
1 night**

629 €

(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 of 150 EUR for single room occupancy.

Day 1 - Alexandria to Cairo

When you disembark from the ship in Alexandria, you will be met and set off on the three-hour drive to Cairo.

Once you arrive in Cairo, you can immerse yourself in over 5,000 years of Egyptian history by visiting the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), which is the world's largest archaeological museum. This architectural marvel houses over 100,000 artefacts, including the complete burial collection of King Tutankhamun. Marvel at colossal statues and intricate carvings, and explore exhibits that celebrate Egypt's rich heritage in a sustainable and respectful manner. The GEM promises an extraordinary, immersive journey through the ages.

Spend the night at the five-star Mena House Giza hotel in Cairo.

Upon arrival, you can check in, freshen up, and enjoy a delightful dinner at the hotel before settling in for the night and preparing for another incredible day of exploration the following day.

Day 2 - Cairo to Port Said.

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



Following the Pyramids visit, there will be a quick shopping stop and will continue the tour to Sakkara. The Step Pyramid of Sakkara, that 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.

Lunch will be served at one of the deluxe restaurants.

After lunch, visit 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.

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 (Mena House Giza, or similar)
- 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.
- This tour involves extensive walking and long driving times.
- Expected weather: sunny and very hot.
- Dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring a 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.

Cancellation Policy:

- Cancellations are free of charge up to 40 days prior to the start of the excursion.
- 50% cancellation fees apply for cancellations between 39 and 20 days prior to the start.
- 100% cancellation fees (full payment) apply for cancellation made less than 20 days prior to the start.



PORT SAID – The new Suez Canal museum in Ismailia



4:15



89 €



moderate



motorcoach

**Min 20 / Max 40
participants**

History & Culture

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.

Time permitting, on the way back to the port 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 between the pier and 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.