



SHORE EXCURSIONS

10
nights

STAR FLYER

Suez Canal Crossing (Safaga to Athens - 30-June-2026)



Tue	Safaga, Egypt
Wed	at sea
Thu	at sea, Suez Canal transit
Fri	Suez Canal transit (morning) Port Said, Egypt
Sat	Port Said, Egypt
Sun	Alexandria, Egypt
Mon	at sea
Tue	Rhodes, Greece
Wed	Santorini, Greece
Thu	Milos, 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.
- **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.

PORT SAID (03 July) - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Port-Saïd is a city-port in the northeast of Egypt, on a coastal strip between the Suez Canal, the Mediterranean Sea and Lake Manzaleh. In 1859, during the construction of the strait, the city of Port Said was initially established as a camp for the workers who participated in the excavation of the Suez Canal. It then becomes a modern urban center, and it is now the fifth largest city of Egypt in terms of population.

PORT SAID (04 July) – Discover Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza (back in Alexandria)

	649 € (double room occupancy*)		Moderate to strenuous		motorcoach	Min 10 / Max 60 participants	Overnight in Cairo in 5* hotel Meals included
---	--	---	-----------------------	---	------------	------------------------------	--

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 - Port Said to Cairo

Upon disembarking the ship at Port Said, 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. 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.

Lunch will be served at deluxe restaurant before proceeding to 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 internal decorations intact.

After a quick shopping stop, you will be transferred to the hotel.

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 Alexandria

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will check out and depart for the visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza, that 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. Steeped in legend and superstition, the sphinx was a monument either to the sun god Ra or to Pharaoh Chephren.

Next, 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.

Lunch will be served at one of the deluxe restaurants before the journey to Alexandria.

A three-hour drive will take you to Alexandria and your awaiting ship.



Your program includes:

- 1 night accommodation at a 5* hotel in Cairo (Mena House Giza, or similar).
- One breakfast at the hotel, two lunches, 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 (04 July) – The new Suez Canal museum in Ismailia

				Min 20 / Max 40 participants
4:15	89 €	moderate	motorcoach	

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).



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.

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.

SANTORINI - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Perched on the cliffs of the caldera, this volcanic island offers breathtaking panoramic views, whitewashed houses with blue roofs and picturesque cobbled streets. A truly photogenic island with a reputation to match.

Tender service (with local boats) between the ship and the small port of Skala, located at the foot of the cliffs below Fira. From there, passengers can take the cable car to Fira or walk up along the donkey path (very steep and slippery, not recommended). For the return with the cable car, 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. 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.