

## I TRAVEL WITH MIKI presents ...





# **New!** Athens & Ionian Sea Voyage from Greece to Albania

Greece: Athens, Itea, Patra, Preveza, Corfu | Albania: Saranda, Berat, Tirana



### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

New Republics of the Balkans: North Macedonia & Kosovo PRE-TRIP: 6 nights from \$1,295 Crete: Isle of Myth & Beauty
POST-TRIP: 6 nights from \$1,495

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**G529-706** 

**16** days starting from **\$5,805** including international airfare from Little Rock

**Departure Date:** MARCH 7, 2025 **Return Date:** MARCH 22, 2025

**Activity Level:** 

1 2 3 4 5 Moderately Easy

### **ITINERARY SUMMARY**

Please note: This departure will sail from Tirana to Athens.

DAYS	AYS DESTINATION	
1	Depart U.S.	
2-4	Athens, Greece Embark Ship • Itea • Delphi	
5-6		
7-8	Katakolo • Zakynthos	
9-10	Preveza • Corfu	
11	Saranda, Albania	
12-13	Disembark Ship • Berat	
14-15	Tirana	
16	Return to U.S.	

### Overseas Adventure Travel

### **ITINERARY**

**Please note**: The itinerary shown here reflects the reverse direction of this trip—your River Cruise Tour will travel from Tirana to Athens.

#### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on your flight to Athens, Greece.

#### DAY 2 • Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel, where you'll meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers—including those who are arriving from the conclusion of their *Crete: Isle of Myth & Beauty* pre-trip extension.

#### DAY 3 • Athens

Discover Athens, starting with a visit to Plaka, the city's oldest neighborhood, and Monastiraki square, a bustling modern shopping district. Tonight, enjoy an included Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

### **DAY 4 • Discover the Acropolis**

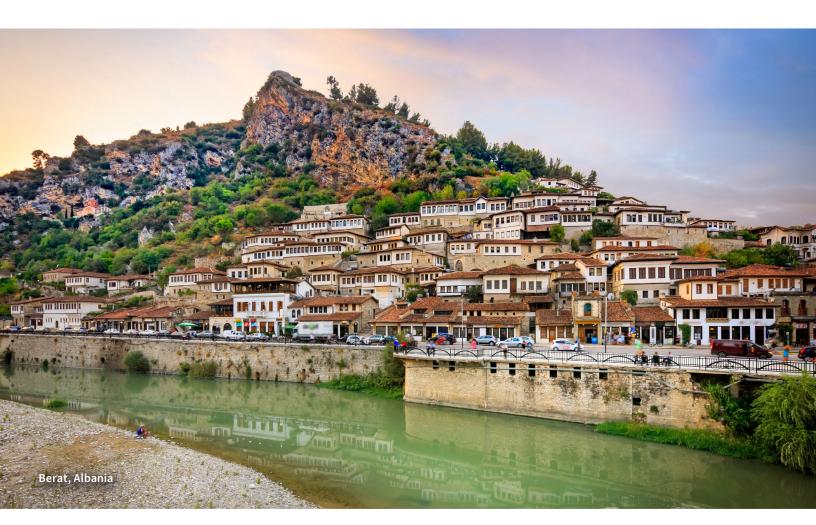
Explore Athens' ancient Acropolis this morning. Its remnants—including the Parthenon—provide glimpses into Greece's Golden Age.

### DAY 5 • Visit honey farm • Embark ship

We'll drive to Patras this morning, stopping en route to visit a local honey farm for a firsthand look at how traditional Greek honey is made, as well as to learn how the special qualities of the land make this particular variety of honey so delectable. Upon arrival in Patras, we'll board our small ship.

### IT'S INCLUDED

- 14 nights accommodation, including 7 nights aboard our privately owned 50-passenger M/V Arethusa
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- 35 meals: 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners—including a Home-Hosted Lunch—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks
- 24 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- · All port charges
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip



#### DAY 6 • Itea • Delphi

Visit Delphi, including the Temple of Apollo and the Delphi Archaeological Museum, whose holdings include a larger-than-life bronze charioteer. Then enjoy time for independent discoveries this afternoon in nearby Arachova before returning to the ship in Itea.

### DAY 7 • Katakolo • Olympia • Olive oil farm

From our port in Katakolo, we drive for a tour of Olympia—birthplace of the Olympian Games, forerunner of our modern Olympic Games. Then visit the city's Archaeological Museum. This afternoon, enjoy lunch at a local olive oil farm.

## DAY 8 • Explore Zakynthos • Local folk music performance

Explore Zakynthos on a tour this morning, taking in the Venetian-style architecture of this Greek island town. This evening, a group of *kantades* (musicians) will serenade us with traditional Zakynthian songs.

## DAY 9 • Preveza • A Day in the Life of Kleisoura village

Today we will spend *A Day in the Life* of Kleisoura village. With the local community leader as our guide, we'll help prepare local dishes including handmade pies and homemade cheese, and tour the village, meeting its people and viewing its old medieval castle. We'll share lunch at the

community center before returning to our ship in Preveza.

### DAY 10 • Corfu • Old Town • Achilleion & Philharmonic Orchestra

Discover Corfu's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its Venetian architecture, followed by a visit to Achilleion Palace, the 19th-century villa of the Empress Sisi, boasting elaborate gardens. In the afternoon, meet a member of one of Corfu's many philharmonic orchestras for an introduction to this unique cultural tradition, followed by a performance.

#### DAY 11 • Butrint, Albania • Saranda

Visit the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine ruins of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Then visit the seaside village of Ksamil for an included lunch.

### DAY 12 • Disembark ship • Gjirokaster • Berat

Disembark the ship and transfer overland to Berat. Along the way, we explore the hillside town of Gjirokaster, whose collection of Ottoman-era mansions is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### DAY 13 • Berat • Home-Hosted Lunch

Discover Berat—a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is regarded as one of Albania's most beautiful cities. Then, meet a local woman who crafts intricate lace products to learn more about this local tradition, followed by a **Home-Hosted Lunch** with a local family on their farm in a nearby village.

### DAY 14 • Tirana & Dajti Mountain • Bunk'Art Museum

Explore Tirana's House of Leaves, a museum dedicated to the victims of the Gestapo, then later the victims of the secret service of Albania's communist dictatorship.

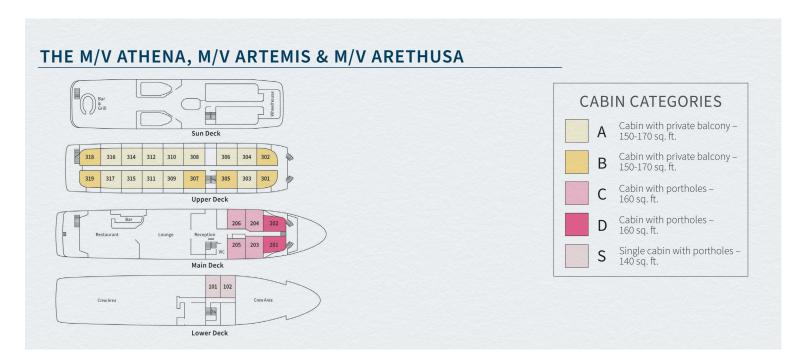
Then ascend Mount Dajti by cable car for panoramic views of Tirana. Later, visit the Bunk'Art Museum, an underground bunker revealing the impacts of World War II and the Cold War on Albania's past and present.

### DAY 15 • Conversation with cleric of the Bektashi Order • Tirana

Visit the headquarters of the Bektashi order, where a priest will explain the tenets of this liberal Muslim sect and its relationship with the broader Islamic world. Then explore Tirana, including the renovated marketplace of the New Bazaar, bustling Skanderbeg Square, and the Byzantine-era Tirana Castle.

#### DAY 16 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, begin your post-trip extension to the *New Republics of the Balkans: North Macedonia & Kosovo*.



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### 2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

PRICING CONSISTS OF THE BASE-TRIP COST, AIR FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (LIT) AND \$100 GROUP SUPPLEMENTAL FEE

Deck Departure Mar 7, 2025
RETURN MAR 22, 2025

Д	Upper Deck	\$6,205
Е		\$6,105
C	Main Deck	\$6,095
		\$5,805

Deposit: \$750 Deposit per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

#### **RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:**

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Dates, prices, itineraries subject to change. Main Deck D Cabins and Single Cabins are limited. Single Cabins may have supplements due to availability.

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