

# Nationwide Retirees Best of Greece Cruise

September 28 – October 7, 2024

## Ports of Call

Unpack only once and visit 7 unique destinations in comfort, convenience and ease on this extraordinary voyage! You may come and go in each port of call or take advantage of a wide variety of optional shore excursions designed to incorporate highlights of the areas.



### Day 1

#### Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Sat. Sept. 28, 2024

Departs: 5:00PM

Athens brought the world drama, history, poetry, and philosophy. Once home to the world's most powerful and civilized empires, Athens is now the world's foremost archaeological playground. The towering columns of the Parthenon still stand in homage to the virgin goddess Athena. The Parthenon sits atop the Athenian Acropolis and watches over the city where it can be seen from just about anywhere in Athens. In addition to an abundance of historical riches, modern Athens has plenty to offer—from scenic beaches to restaurants with superb Mediterranean cuisine and bustling markets.



### Day 2

#### At Sea Cruising

Sun. Sept. 29, 2024

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.



### Day 3

#### Santorini, Greece

Mon. Sept. 30, 2024

Tendered: 8:00AM to 10:00PM

Here on the island of Santorini, you'll find a classic Greek seascape—whitewashed houses accented by sea-blue roofs. This is a treasure trove for both professional and amateur archeology buffs, with sites that include tombs that date back to the 9th century and the sanctuary of Apollo. In many ways, Santorini could be considered an explosive place, being that its terraced collection of homes and windmills lie on a caldera-- a huge basin formed by an erupting volcano. The island's volcanic past has also produced delicious grapes for excellent wines that are well worth investigating while on your Santorini cruise.



### Day 4

#### Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey

Tue. Oct. 1, 2024

Docked: 9:00AM – 9:00PM

Once the capital of the Roman province of Asia Minor, this coastal town is now an archeologist's dream. The UNESCO World Heritage ruins of Ephesus impress even



those familiar with the world's other ancient cities. Though excavations have been underway for 150 years, only 20 percent of the city has been uncovered. This former Greek banking and trading center is rich with historic sites, including the Great Theater, the Temple of Hadrian, and the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



### Day 5

#### Mykonos, Greece

Wed. Oct. 2, 2024

Tendered: 8:00AM to 6:00PM

Mykonos is known for its whitewashed villages sprinkled with blue and jade green. It's also famous for its sophisticated nightlife. The most popular island in the Cyclades is bustling with activity, awash in beautiful alleyways, and home to alluring sandy beaches.

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## Day 6

### Volos, Greece

Thur. Oct. 3, 2024

Tendered: 8:00AM to 6:00PM

Volos, Greece's newest port city, is located at the foot of Mount Pelion and the innermost point of the Pagasetic Gulf. As an important industrial center and bridge between Europe and Asia, this lively seafront destination offers you many things to discover—local cultural activities, museums, cafes, restaurants, and an exciting nightlife area. You will also enjoy its unique architecture, nearby lush mountain ranges, and golden beaches.



## Day 7

### Thessaloniki, Greece

Fri. Oct. 4, 2024

Docked: 8:00AM to 6:00PM

The second largest city in Greece, Thessaloniki has so much going for it—beauty,

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history, culture, and absolutely amazing views of the sea. One of the most famous sites is the iconic White Tower which dates from the 1500s and was built as part of the city's fortification. Head to the top of it for sweeping views of the city, shimmering gulf, and surrounding hills. Thessaloniki offers many opportunities to stroll among 5th century churches, archeological sites, a 13th century bathhouse, and archaeological and contemporary art museums.



## Day 8

### Kavala, Greece

Sat. Oct. 5, 2024

Docked: 8:00AM to 6:00PM

Tucked into the northeastern coast of mainland Greece, just below the Bulgarian border, the hillside city of Kavala overlooks the Aegean Sea and is the main seaport of eastern Macedonia. Kavala will offer you a surprising mix of history, culture, and architecture—archeological sites, monuments, cobblestone streets, wooden balconies lined with flowers, colorful palaces, and hilltop fortresses—as well as diverse landscapes like lakes, beaches.



## Day 9

### At Sea Cruising

Sun. Oct. 6, 2024

While at sea, take time to rest and reminisce. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues onboard before we bid the Celebrity Infinity “adieu”.



## Day 10

### Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Mon. Oct. 7, 2024

Arrival: 5:00AM

Debarcation day. Although the Best of Greece cruise is at an end, ask Magic Cruises & Tours about extending your vacation in Athens before flying home.

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