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APRIL 7-15, 2025

featuring archaeologist
Joanne Murphy

with optional
Athens Pre-Tour and
Istanbul Post-Tour

AEGEAN SEA ODYSSEY

CRUISE THE GREEK ISLES AND HISTORIC TÜRKIYE

DELOS, AKROTIRI, ACROPOLIS, EPHESUS AND TROY

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Dear Traveler,

Join **Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Joanne Murphy**, a classical archaeologist and an engaging professor, on a captivating journey cruising the Aegean Sea among the cultural coastal gems of Greece and Türkiye.

Set out from Athens' port of Piraeus for the sacred, uninhabited island of **Delos**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cruise into the iconic caldera of **Santorini** and visit the island's haunting site of **Akrotiri**, which was buried yet preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1600 B.C. Wander through the medieval town of **Rhodes**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and perhaps take an optional excursion to the Acropolis at Lindos with its 4th-century B.C. temple; and then hop over to nearby **Kuşadası**, Türkiye, for a visit to the vast Greco-Roman city of **Ephesus**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our last port of call is **Çanakkale**, for an excursion to legendary **Troy**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before we disembark in deeply historical **Istanbul**. **Optional pre- and post- cruise extensions in Athens and Istanbul are available.**

Aboard ship a **team of experts**, including AIA lecturer/host Joanne Murphy, will share their knowledge through a series of **enriching lectures and informal discussions**. Our luxury vessel, *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, which has only **92 staterooms and suites**, will be a floating sanctuary of sophistication and comfort, where you will indulge in gourmet dining, unwind in spacious staterooms, and savor panoramic views throughout the vessel.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lauren Cummings'.

Lauren Cummings

Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours

Archaeological Institute of America

Featuring Joanne Murphy, Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Joanne Murphy (Ph.D., U. Cincinnati) is a Professor and Department Head of Classical Studies at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), and is the Director of the Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens. Currently, she is working on the publication of the Bronze Age tombs around the Palace of Nestor in southwestern Greece, and she continues her study of the religious and funerary activities on Minoan Crete. Dr. Murphy also directs a field project on the Greek Cycladic island of Kea.

She has lectured on the AIA's national circuit, and was the recipient of the AIA's 2023 Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award. Since 2004, Dr. Murphy has been leading annual tours of Greece, including two departures of the AIA's tour of Crete since 2021.

Aegean Sea Odyssey | Itinerary and Highlights | April 7-15, 2025

(itinerary subject to change)

Day 1: EN ROUTE FROM HOME

Day 2: **ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE | PIRAEUS- EMBARKATION** Upon arriving a Travel Director will be waiting to assist with your transfer to Piraeus. As embarkation begins, take time to unpack and become familiar with your accommodations. This evening gather with fellow travel companions for a welcome reception to celebrate the exciting journey ahead.
Overnight: *Le Dumont-d'Urville* (R,D)

Day 3: **DELOS | MYKONOS** Disembark for a guided archaeological tour of Delos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Observe the Terrace of Lions, the majestic Temple of Apollo and the Theatre District. Later enjoy leisure time to discover Mykonos, a charming island known for its role in Greek mythology and as a key trading port.
Overnight: *Le Dumont-d'Urville* (B,L,D)

Day 4: **SANTORINI** On the southern coast of Santorini rests Akrotiri, considered one of the most well-planned and advanced cities of its time. Buried in lava stone after the volcanic eruption around 1627 BC, the site was discovered in 1967 by archaeologist Spyridon Marinatos. Excavations have revealed a wealth of artifacts including tools and other objects that indicate a sophisticated level of craftsmanship. Visit the site of Akrotiri and the Museum of Prehistoric Thera. This afternoon, enjoy free time on the island or choose to join a winery tour and tasting excursion (at additional cost).
Overnight: *Le Dumont-d'Urville* (B,L,D)

Day 5: **RHODES** This morning join a guided walking tour through the medieval city of Rhodes. Later choose to join the optional excursion (at additional cost) to the Acropolis of Lindos. View the Temple of Athena Lindia which dates back to the 4th century BC.
Overnight: *Le Dumont-d'Urville* (B,L,D)

Day 6: **EPHESUS, TÜRKIYE** This morning arrive at Kuşadası, the gateway to the ancient city of Ephesus. At the ancient agora, explore the ruins of temples and public areas that once buzzed with activity. Later visit a carpet weaving center followed by a traditional Turkish lunch.
Overnight: *Le Dumont-d'Urville* (B,L,D)

Day 7: **TURKISH COAST CRUISING** Savor a full day of leisure on board as you cruise north along the coast. Take advantage of the ship's plentiful amenities.
Overnight: *Le Dumont-d'Urville* (B,L,D)

Day 8: **TROY** Tour the archaeological site of Troy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and location of the legendary Trojan War, as described in Homer's *Iliad*. Then visit the Archaeological Museum. After lunch join an optional excursion (at additional cost) to see the ancient city of Assos and the Temple of Athena. Tonight gather for a farewell reception followed by a convivial gala dinner to commemorate this epic odyssey cruising the Aegean Sea.

Day 9: **ISTANBUL – DISEMBARKATION | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)





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- 7 nights accommodations aboard *Le Dumont-d'Urville*
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- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



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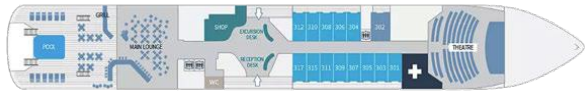
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Deluxe (Deck 3) approx. 204 sq. ft.

One king or two single beds, private bathroom with shower, glazed panoramic swing door and rectangular window, private balcony with two armchairs.



Prestige (Decks 4, 5, 6) approx. 204 sq. ft.

One king or two single beds, one chaise lounge chair, private bathroom with shower, panoramic sliding bay window or panoramic swing door, panoramic sliding bay window, private balcony with two armchairs.



Deluxe Suite (Decks 3, 4, 5, 6) approx. 290 sq. ft.

One king or two single beds, an armchair and sofa, private bathroom with shower, glazed panoramic swing door and panoramic window (Deck 3), panoramic sliding bay window (Decks 4, 5, 6), private balcony with two armchairs.



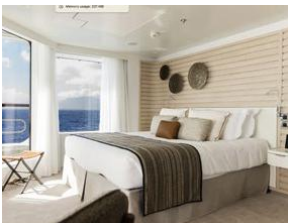
Prestige Suite (Decks 5, 6) approx. 409 sq. ft.

Priority boarding (Deck 6), champagne and fruit basket upon arrival, an assortment of sweet or savory canapés and fruit basket daily, one king or two single beds, lounge with sofa bed convertible to one king or two single beds, armchair, two TVs, sliding courtesy door, two private bathrooms with showers, two panoramic sliding bay windows, private balcony with four armchairs, butler service (Deck 6).



Privilege Suite (Decks 5, 6) approx. 344 sq. ft.

Priority boarding, champagne and fruit basket upon arrival and an assortment of sweet or savory canapés and fruit basket daily, one king or two single beds, lounge with chaise lounge and armchair, private bathroom with shower, panoramic sliding bay window, private balcony with two armchairs, butler service.



Grand Deluxe Suite (Deck 6) approx. 484 sq. ft.

Priority boarding, an assortment of sweet or savory canapés and fruit basket daily, one king or two single beds, lounge with sofa bed convertible to double bed, armchair, two TVs, private bathroom with shower and Baleno tub, two panoramic sliding bay windows, private terrace with two deckchairs and four-seat dining table, butler service.



Owner's Suite (Deck 5) approx. 505 sq. ft.

Priority boarding, champagne and fruit basket upon arrival, assortment of sweet or savory canapés and fruit basket daily, one king or two single beds, lounge with armchair and double sofa bed, two TVs, private bathroom with shower, Baleno tub, smart mirror, two panoramic sliding bay windows, one-hour spa treatment (for two), selection of premium spirits at the bar, butler service.

Optional Athens Pre-Tour | April 5-8, 2025

starting at \$1,195 per person

Enjoy additional time in the ancient city of Athens, where history and modernity entwine.

Day +1: EN ROUTE FROM HOME

Day +2: ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE Upon arrival to Athens International Airport transfer to the hotel to enjoy the evening at leisure.
Overnight: King George, a Luxury Collection Hotel

Day +3: ATHENS Following breakfast, join your local guide for a tour of the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the Acropolis Museum. The Acropolis has a history dating back to the Mycenaean period and has been continuously developed over the centuries. The area has undergone extensive restoration and conservation efforts over the years to ensure its continued preservation. Before returning to the hotel stop at a local taverna for lunch. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure.
Overnight: King George, a Luxury Collection Hotel (B,I)

Day +4: ATHENS | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS Join your guide for a combination bus and walking tour to explore Athens' vibrant tapestry. Visit a variety of local shops and cafés to sample an array of traditional coffees, pastries and finger foods, savoring each flavor. Afterward transfer to the Port of Piraeus to join guests arriving for the main program and embarkation. (B)

What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at King George, a Luxury Collection Hotel (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided tour of the Acropolis
- Guided tour of the Acropolis Museum
- Guided culinary and cultural city tour
- Transportation for included excursions
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Travel Director, local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times



Optional Istanbul Post-Tour | April 15-17, 2025

starting at \$1,495 per person

Experience Istanbul's architectural wonders, cultural treasures and heritage.

Day 9: ISTANBUL Join your local guide for a full-day city tour. Notable sights include Hippodrome Square and the iconic Blue Mosque. After lunch proceed to the Hagia Sophia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Descend into the Basilica Cistern, an ancient underground reservoir built in the 6th century. Conclude the day with a visit to the Grand Bazaar, one of the world's oldest and largest covered markets. The remainder of the evening is at leisure.
Overnight: Çırağan Palace Kempinski (L)

Day 10: ISTANBUL Set out for Topkapi Palace to explore the sprawling grounds, magnificent courtyards and lavish chambers. Afterward take a leisurely stroll through Pera district—Istanbul's bustling pedestrian street lined with shops, cafés and historic landmarks. Following lunch visit Taksim Square. This evening enjoy the hotel's plentiful amenities.
Overnight: Çırağan Palace Kempinski (B,I)

Day 11: ISTANBUL | DEPART FOR HOME After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at Çırağan Palace Kempinski (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Full day guided touring of Istanbul highlights, plus visits to Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar and Taksim Square
- Transportation for included excursions
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

AEGEAN SEA ODYSSEY

APRIL 7-15, 2025 Athens Pre-Tour: April 5-8, 2025 | Istanbul Post-Tour: April 15-17, 2025

Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*	Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Deluxe (Deck 3)	\$7,549	\$7,045	Privilege Suite (Decks 5, 6)	\$16,549	\$16,045
Prestige (Deck 4)	\$8,049	\$7,545	Grand Deluxe Suite (Deck 6)	\$17,749	\$17,245
Prestige (Deck 5)	\$8,749	\$8,245	Owner's Suite (Deck 5)	\$18,949	\$18,445
Prestige (Deck 6)	\$9,349	\$8,845	Single Deluxe (Deck 3)	\$12,149	\$11,645
Deluxe Suite (Deck 3)	\$10,549	\$10,045	Single Prestige (Deck 4)	\$12,949	\$12,445
Deluxe Suite (Deck 4)	\$11,649	\$11,145	Single Prestige (Deck 5)	\$14,549	\$14,045
Deluxe Suite (Deck 5)	\$12,749	\$12,245	Single Prestige (Deck 6)	\$15,749	\$15,245
Deluxe Suite (Deck 6)	\$13,799	\$13,295	<i>Category rates include the required \$450 per person port fee.</i>		
Prestige Suite (Deck 5)	\$15,249	\$14,745			
Prestige Suite (Deck 6)	\$16,049	\$15,545			

Athens Pre-Tour			Istanbul Post-Tour		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*	Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$1,399	\$1,195	Double	\$1,699	\$1,495
Double Deluxe	\$1,799	\$1,595	Double Deluxe	\$2,099	\$1,895
Single	\$1,899	\$1,695	Single	\$2,399	\$2,195
Single Deluxe	\$2,499	\$2,295	Single Deluxe	\$2,799	\$2,595
Deluxe Upgrade: King George (Deluxe Acropolis View Room)			Deluxe Upgrade: Çırağan Palace Kempinski (Çırağan Bosphorus View Room)		

*Special group rates; limited offer. Rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

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STATEROOM CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Stateroom Preference (not guaranteed): 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Pre-Tour Hotel (choose one): Double Double Deluxe Single Single Deluxe

Post-Tour Hotel (choose one): Double Double Deluxe Single Single Deluxe

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining main program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (added to your final invoice):

_____ guests joining Santorini Winery Visit (\$95/person)

_____ guests joining Rhodes – Lindos Acropolis Tour (\$95/person)

_____ guests joining Çanakkale – Assos Tour (\$95/person)

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