



SHORE EXCURSIONS

5
nights

STAR FLYER

Sicily & Greece (*Valletta to Athens - 19-April-2026*)



Sun Valletta, Malta

Mon Syracuse, Italy

Tue at sea

Wed Pilos, Greece

Thu Monemvasia, Greece

Fri 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.
- Transfers can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

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.

SYRACUSE - Classical Syracuse: archeological park and Ortygia



4:15



65 €



moderate to
strenuous



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 35
participants

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Meet your guide at the pier and board a coach for a 15-minute drive to the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, the most impressive legacy of the ancient Greek city of Syracuse.

During a guided walking tour you will see the main highlights of the site, including the remains of the Greek theatre, the Roman amphitheatre, the quarry of Paradise and the famous "Ear of Dionysius".

The quarries of Syracuse were excavated using slave labour and then used as prisons. The "Ear of Dionysius" refers to an ear-shaped cave with unusual acoustics. Legend has it that Dionysius, the Greek tyrant who ruled Syracuse, used to listen to the prisoners' conversations to find out if they were plotting against him.

The Amphitheatre is one of the largest and most complete theatres left by the ancient world. The ruins give an idea of this huge arena.

After the visit, return to the lively Ortygia (Syracuse's old town) and continue on foot to discover its outstanding Baroque architecture and charming alleys. Starting from the Fountain of Arethusa, you will make a brief visit to the Cathedral and see other attractions such as the ruins of the Temple of Apollon, Archimedes Square with the Fountain of Diana and Corso Matteotti, the main shopping area of the Ortygia with its elegant boutiques. At the end of your visit, you will have some free time before walking back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking and standing (approximately 3 hours) over cobbled and uneven surfaces with some inclines and steps to negotiate. The order of the visits is subject to change.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts).

PILOS - Methoni Fortress and Nestor's Palace ruins



4:00



85 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max -
participants

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A coach awaits you at Pylos harbour for the 30-minute drive to the ruins of Nestor's Palace, built in the 13th century BC. King Nestor is mentioned in the Homeric epics as a wise old ruler who took part in the Trojan wars.

The palace was strategically located on the top of Ano Eglianos Hill, overlooking the coastline, and was surrounded by a fortified wall. Excavations have revealed some early remains dating from before 1300 BC, an Old Palace (1280 BC) and a New Palace (1250 BC). The Palace of Nestor is considered to be the best preserved Mycenaean palace in Greece, although there are only a few remains at ground level. It was originally a two-storey building, decorated with frescoes, with facilities such as storerooms, workshops, baths, light wells, reception rooms and a sewage system. The buildings were almost completely destroyed by fire in the 12th century BC, but hundreds of clay tablets with inscriptions remained intact and were unearthed during excavations.

The tour continues with a visit to the fortress of Methoni on the southernmost tip of the western Peloponnese coast. This site has had a turbulent past, changing hands many times throughout its history. It was fortified as early as the 7th century BC and was used as a Byzantine fortress between 395 AD and 1204 AD. It then passed to the Venetians, who reinforced the fortifications in the 13th century, and was contested by the Turks and Venetians.

The Turks finally held the fortress until 1829, when they lost control of the Peloponnese during the Greek War of Independence. At the end of the visit you will reboard the coach for the short journey back to Pilos.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking and standing over cobbles and uneven surfaces.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Estimated travel times: 30 minutes between Pilos and the ruins of Nestor's Palace; 30 minutes between Nestor's Palace and Methoni; 15 minutes between Methoni and Pilos.

MONEMVASIA - Monemvasia and Liotrivi Mansion: history, local traditions and flavours



4:00



105 €



moderate



minibus

Min 20 / Max 64
participants



tasting

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A short drive will take you to the castle of Monemvasia. Begin your visit by passing through the only gate in the old town (Monemvasia's name comes from Moni, meaning 'single', and Emvasia, meaning 'entrance') and then discover the main sites of the early medieval town. Walk through the narrow, picturesque streets within the castle walls, so narrow that in many places only two people can walk side by side. Admire old stone houses and ancient Byzantine churches, many of which are in ruins. After the orientation tour, enjoy some free time before boarding the bus to reach Liotrivi Estate.

Liotrivi Estate is a fully restored manor house set amidst extensive olive groves. Its history begins in the Byzantine years as a winery producing the popular Malvasia wine. In the 19th century it became the summer residence of the important Ritsos family, then in 1929 it was transformed into a traditional olive press, which served the area until 1967. Today it is a unique cultural monument and a centre of activities that has preserved its historical identity.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Liotrivi Historic Mansion and learn about the traditions, history and culture of this unique place. The tour includes a guided tour of the olive grove - where you will learn about the cultivation of the olive tree - and a visit to the old olive oil mill, where you will learn about the traditional method of extra virgin olive oil production. Taste local products in the open air of the estate, under the olive trees. The snacks will be accompanied by local Monemvasia wines from the Mansion's collection. You will also have the opportunity to sample other local products such as honey, homemade jams and pastries.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking on uneven ground, with steps and inclines to negotiate in the old town, while at Liotrivi Mansion there is limited walking on flat surface.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The drive from Monemvasia to the Liotrivi Estate takes approximately 30 minutes.

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.

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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.