Gallipoli 2015
Luxury Mediterranean Cruise
Featuring Anzac Day Centenary Dawn Service
Greece | Turkey | Montenegro | Croatia | Italy

EXCLUSIVE APT PRIVATE CHARTER – HISTORIAN ESCORTED

LIMITED!
ONLY 118 CABINS
Welcome to Gallipoli

From sun-drenched beaches and dazzling blue seas to ancient Roman relics and forgotten civilizations, no landscape is more beautiful, no history is more compelling than that of the Mediterranean. It is for this reason that I am delighted to personally host APT’s Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise in 2015, offering you the chance to explore the very best of this region as you commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli.

Aboard a brand new, privately chartered luxury small ship, Le Soléal, you’ll visit the most idyllic ports in five countries – Turkey, Greece, Croatia, Montenegro and Italy. Specially selected for its chic atmosphere, distinctive European elegance and refined French-influenced cuisine, a journey aboard this extraordinary vessel offers an intimate discovery and unparalleled comfort. APT’s private charter of Le Soléal will leave you wanting for nothing, as all meals, drinks, shore excursions, tipping and taxes have been included for your pleasure.

On the morning of 25 April 2015, you’ll awake to the rugged landscape that faced the ANZACs and take part in the traditional Anzac Dawn Service from the comfort of your ship. Large onboard screens and a number of lectures, presentations and activities led by our expert team of war historians, including past senior military officers, ensure you will experience the true emotion of the day.

A wealth of options await when you travel with APT, allowing you to delve deeper. Perhaps extend your stay and explore Turkey or Greece; stay awhile in Venice with a two-night city stay; or add our ever-popular Magnificent Europe river cruise.

With only 118 cabins aboard, this cruise is guaranteed to sell quickly, so make sure you book early to secure your spot.

I look forward to welcoming you aboard this exciting journey.

Warm Regards,

Rob McGeary,
APT Company Director
Lest We Forget

Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC Landing at Gallipoli with APT.

Take the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pay tribute to our proud heritage, the courage of our ancestors and the Anzac spirit itself.

Their Spirit, Our History

Pride, determination, courage, mateship. Looking back at the events of April 1915 reminds us of the qualities of the ANZACs, which to this day our proud nations hold so dear. The Battle of Gallipoli, during which around 10,000 courageous ANZACs were killed, is a foundation of our national identity. Anzac Day 2015 will mark exactly 100 years since the fateful dawn landing, and there will be no more special place to be than at Gallipoli, to honour all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Explore the Gallipoli Peninsula

Just four days out from Anzac Day 2015, you’ll dock at the Turkish port town of Çanakkale and set off for nearby Gallipoli National Park. Here, a tour will take you to such places as Anzac Cove and Beach Cemetery – where John Simpson, perhaps Australia’s most famous soldier, is buried. You’ll also visit the Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine memorials, and enjoy some time to contemplate the beaches that are etched in our national history. As you explore, your expert guide will offer great insight into the events of almost 100 years past.

Anzac Day 2015 with APT

Entry to the 2015 Anzac Day Dawn Service is limited, and attendance passes can only be obtained via a ballot run by Veterans’ Affairs, drawn in March, 2014*. APT have arranged an unforgettable Anzac experience whether your ballot entry is successful or not.

Attending the Dawn Service*

APT guests fortunate enough to gain entry to the service at the ANZAC Commemorative Site will transfer to land by zodiacs around dusk on April 24. On entry to the site, you’ll then settle in for the night outside in a secure area featuring live broadcasting from back home. Experienced APT guides will escort you throughout and you’ll be given provisions, including sleeping bags and picnic meals, to make a potentially cold night as comfortable as possible. In the morning, after the main Dawn Service, you’ll have the option of walking to the Australian Service at Lone Pine or the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair, before returning by zodiac to your ship in the afternoon.

Anzac Day Service On Board

A truly unique experience, remaining guests will enjoy Anzac Day amid the luxury of Le Soléal, anchored not far off the Gallipoli coast. After dinner, a presentation will be held in the ship’s theatre and at dawn the next day, the official Anzac Day Dawn Service will be shown live on large screens on board. Afterwards, a private service will be held, led by a member of your war history team. Though it can’t be confirmed until the day, if possible, APT will take guests without attendance passes ashore once proceedings have concluded and restrictions have lifted. In which case, you’ll enjoy the chance to see the memorials with the flags at half-mast; the wreaths at the foot of the memorials and the soldiers standing to attention. They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Lest we forget...

Escorted by War Historians

With an expert team of war historians joining you throughout the cruise, you’ll gain a great understanding of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli and the events of World War I. At various times, you’ll enjoy the opportunity to attend interactive lectures and audio-visual presentations in your ship’s modern theatre (pictured). In all, you’ll gain an incredible insight into the history and emotion of Anzac Day.

*Please refer to pages 26-27 for further details regarding the ballot and arrangements for Anzac Day 2015.
Experience a sublime fusion of quintessential French elegance and modern luxury.

A relaxed, chic atmosphere. Elegant decor. Refined cuisine. Warm ambience. Luxurious accommodation. Attentive and friendly service. Launched in 2013, this stunning yacht represents one of the finest ways in which to discover the unbridled beauty of the Mediterranean.

Exclusive APT Private Charter
Departing in April 2015, the Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise on Le Soléal is available exclusively to APT guests. Timed to be anchored off the Gallipoli coast on Anzac Day 2015, it represents a one-time-only travel experience. As an exclusive APT charter, we’ve been able to tailor a range of activities, presentations and excursions specifically for APT guests. What’s more, you’ll be looked after by English-speaking French staff and you’ll cruise primarily with fellow Australians and New Zealanders.

Genuinely All-Inclusive Cruising
During your cruise, you’ll want for absolutely nothing. From all meals to sightseeing and shore excursions; top-shelf spirits, wine and beer from the open bars to airport transfers; tipping for all staff and all port taxes to a butler service for guests in suites and so much more, you’ll never have to put your hand in your pocket.

Sophisticated Public Areas
Le Soléal’s facilities include: three lounge and bar areas; a range of outdoor decks; a pool; a fine dining restaurant and a casual grill; a state-of-the-art theatre; a shop; a fitness centre; a spa and beauty area; and more. Further, a medical centre ensures your peace of mind and a lift accesses all accommodation levels. With such an array of onboard choice, your time at sea will be just as incredible as the places you’ll visit.

Boutique Ocean Cruising
With just over 100 staterooms and suites, Le Soléal is akin to a private yacht. Cruising among the islands, it will dock in smaller ports and traverse waterways, such as the Corinth Canal, that larger ships can’t access. On board, a guest-to-staff ratio of 2:1 ensures you’ll be treated as an individual.

European Perfection
Having refined their craft over centuries, Europeans are unrivalled when it comes to designing, building and operating top-end sea-faring ships. Built in Italy and cruising under the French flag, Le Soléal merges subtle elegance and pure luxury with exceptional comfort.

Refined Dining Experiences
In Le Soléal’s Gastronomic Restaurant, each dish is carefully crafted by French chefs from the finest produce, showcasing the most sumptuous international and French cuisine. At lunch and dinner, fine wines are perfectly paired to your meal by an expert sommelier. For a more casual meal, the Grill Restaurant offers indoor and alfresco dining, while room service is available 24 hours a day.

Included Sightseeing
Unlike most ocean cruises, shore excursions are included in every port. What’s more, at six different ports, you’ll choose from APT’s unique range of Freedom of Choice Sightseeing Inclusions – at no extra cost.
17 Day Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise

Featuring Gallipoli Anzac Day Centenary Dawn Service

2 Nights Athens | 14 Night Luxury Ocean Cruise

Athens | Santorini | Mykonos | Çanakkale | Anzac Cove | Istanbul | Kotor | Dubrovnik | Venice

After immersing yourself in the ancient wonders of Athens, soak in the picture-perfect scenery of the Mediterranean during a truly luxurious 14-night cruise. Along the way, you’ll visit enchanting sun-drenched locations such as Mykonos, Santorini and Dubrovnik, and you’ll pause at the Gallipoli Peninsula to pay your respects on Anzac Day, 2015.

Day 1 (Thurs. 16 April). Arrive Athens.
Be met on arrival in Athens and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and APT Tour Director at a Welcome Reception.

Day 2 (Fri. 17 April). Athens.
Step back in time today and discover the enchanting Greek capital on a half-day tour. Begin with a visit to the World Heritage-listed Acropolis of Athens, a sacred site dedicated to the goddess Athena. Here, see the iconic Parthenon up close, before heading to the birthplace of the modern Olympic Games, the Panathinaiko Stadium. Later, visit the ruins of the Temple of Zeus then wander through the Central Market and see Parliament House. With the afternoon and evening then yours to enjoy at leisure, you may like to explore the Plaka district, the oldest and arguably the prettiest neighbourhood in the city.

Day 3 (Sat. 18 April). Athens, Embark Ocean Cruise.
Enjoy a morning free to explore this ancient city further. This afternoon, travel to Piraeus, Athens’ vibrant port area, for a short walking tour. Afterwards, board your luxurious ship and settle in. This evening, a special Welcome Dinner marks the start of your unforgettable cruise.

Today disembark on the Greek Island of Santorini. Perhaps board a local boat bound for Athinios then travel by coach to the cliffside village of Oia. In Fira, visit a museum dedicated to Akrotiri, a Bronze Age settlement that was buried in volcanic ash. Later, ride the cable car back to the port. Alternatively, the more energetic may like to embark on a Volcano Hiking tour. With your ship not due to depart until late tonight, you may like to dine at leisure in one the island’s many restaurants, and take in a famous Santorini sunset.

This morning arrive in Mykonos. On disembarking, perhaps cruise to the World Heritage-listed island of Delos, an archaeological site, for a tour of its ruins. Alternatively, go for a walk through the island’s labyrinth of narrow streets, passing the Church of Paraportiani, Little Venice and the Mykonian windmills. Stop at the Aegean Maritime Museum then drive to Ano Mera for a tour of its historic monastery. Later, head to the town square for a taverna lunch with ouzo. This afternoon, enjoy time to further explore Mykonos at leisure.

Day 6 (Tues. 21 April). Çanakkale, Anzac Cove, Gallipoli National Park.
Today travel by coach to Gallipoli National Park for a tour of the war memorials, including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. You’ll also visit Beach Cemetery – where Simpson is buried – and see where some of the trenches lay. During this moving tour, you’ll gain great insight into the fateful battle of 1915. With your ship moored here overnight, this evening perhaps step out for a walk along Çanakkale’s lovely waterfront promenade. Tonight, take in a World War I Gallipoli presentation in the ship’s theatre.
Day 7 (Wed. 22 April), Canakkale, Freedom of Choice. Today, choose from two activities. Perhaps set off on an excursion to the World Heritage-listed ancient city of Troy, learn about the Trojan War, as described in Homer’s epic poem, the Iliad, and visit a replica of the Trojan Horse. Alternatively, pay a visit to the port of Anzac and the ancient ruins of the Anzac, the Temple of Athena and more. Or just sit at back and enjoy a day of relaxation on board. B/LD

Day 8 (Thurs. 23 April), Istanbul, Freedom of Choice. Perhaps rise early this morning to see the domed palaces of Istanbul’s Old City come into view as you cruise along the Bosphorus, the narrow strait that forms a boundary between Europe and Asia. After breakfast, choose from two unique sightseeing options. Perhaps set out by coach on a tour taking in three of Istanbul’s iconic buildings – the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace. Alternatively, explore Dolmabahce Palace before taking a leisurely sightseeing cruise along the Bosphorus. Afterwards, enjoy time at leisure to perhaps visit the Grand Bazaar, one of the oldest covered markets in the world. B/LD

Day 9 (Fri. 24 April), Anzac Day Dawn Service. Today your ship will cruise the strait of the Dardanelles and along the Gallipoli Peninsula on the way to a location on the Gallipoli Peninsula where the Anzac Commemorative ceremony will be escorted ashore around dusk. On board, enjoy the opportunity to visit the Blue Mosque, one of the icons of the Istanbul skyline. B/LD

Day 10 (Sat. 25 April), Anzac Day Dawn Service. As the sun breaks over the hills of Anzac Cove today, you’ll awake to the 100th anniversary of the dawn landing at Gallipoli in 1915. Guests at the site will hear words to the official service then attend the Australian service at Lone Pine Memorial on the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair, before returning to the ship in the afternoon. Guests on board, meanwhile, will enjoy a perfect view of the Dawn Service via large onboard screens, before taking part in an interpretive service conducted on board. The rest of the day then presents the chance to attend a number of presentations and lectures that offer an intimate insight into the history and emotion of Anzac Day. APT hopes to take guests without attendance pass to visit Anzac Cove once access restrictions are lifted in the afternoon. For further details regarding Day 9 and 10, please refer to page 4-5. B/LD

Day 11 (Sun. 26 April), Kusadasi, Ephesus. Today you’ll reach the port of Kusadasi on Turkey’s Aegean Coast. From here, travel to the ancient Greco-Roman city of Ephesus, one of the largest and best-preserved classical cities of the Eastern Mediterranean. Although excavation has continued here for some 150 years, more than 80% of the city remains unrestored. Your tour today offers a rare insight into ancient Roman life as you learn firsthand about the city’s former splendour. Afterwards, return to your ship which will weigh anchor during lunch. B/LD

Day 12 (Mon. 27 April), Corinith Canal, Itea, Delphi. Rise early on your ship enters the Corinith Canal. Inaccessible to larger ships, this manmade waterway links the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. Later, dock in Itea and travel to Delphi, once considered the centre of the known world and today one of the most famous classical sites in Greece. On arrival, follow the Sacred Way, a path walked by pilgrims, to ruins of the Temple of Apollo, the Temple of Delphi and the Delphi Theatre. After exploring the Delphi Museum, return to your ship. B/LD

Day 13 (Tues. 28 April), Al Sea. Sit back, relax and make the most of the incredible onboard facilities as your captain charts a course through the Isthmian and Adriatic seas towards the Bay of Kotor, Montenegro. B/LD

Day 14 (Wed. 29 April), Kotor, Freedom of Choice. Early rise will awaken today to the stunning scenery of the Bay of Kotor. On arrival in Kotor, APT offers four activities. Perhaps walk along the winding coast to visit the hilltop towns of Budva, Cetinje and Njegusi. Or tour the historical centre of Perast, before cruising to the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. You may like to take a speedboat trip to the Blue Caves before relaxing at a pretty beach in Zanjice. The more energetic, meanwhile, might prefer to take the waters of Kotor Bay on a kayaking tour. B/LD

Day 15 (Thurs. 30 April), Dubrovnik, Freedom of Choice. On arrival in the stunning city of Dubrovnik, choose from five activities. Dubrovnik’s past is a past on a walking tour that takes in such places as the Franciscan Monastery, Oradóri’s Fountain, Dubrovnik Cathedral and more. Or take a brief tour then cruise to the islet of Lokrum for lunch and a swim. Alternatively, set off on a bicycle tour through cypress and olive groves, and enjoy a tasting tour at an olive mill and vineyard. Or you might prefer to admire the city’s historic forts and famed walls on a kayaking tour, stopping at Beter Cove for lunch. After your activity, leisure time offers a chance to further explore the marbled streets of the World Heritage-listed Old City. Or perhaps walk the perimeter of the city’s walls, built between the 13th and 16th centuries and today offering great views of the city and the sea. BLD

Day 16 (Fri. 1 May), Al Sea. Enjoy a last day in luxury as your ship heads northwards on the Adriatic Sea on its way to Venice in Italy. B/LD

Day 17 (Sat. 2 May), Venice, Disembark Ocean Cruise. The morning, your journey ends in Venice as you disembark your ship and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Ext

EXTEND YOUR STAY – VENICE Extend your holiday with two nights in Venice. Includes two nights at the Westin Europa & Regina, breakfast daily, one dinner, a half-day tour and a gondola ride. Refer to fare box for pricing and enquiries for further details. Tour code: EUGCAV19.

EXTEND YOUR EUROPE EXPERIENCE APT’s Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise is also available as part of these holidays
• 23 Day Turkey & Ancient Mediterranean Cruise (pages 12-15)
• 23 Day Greece & Ancient Mediterranean Cruise (pages 16-19)
• 31 Day Ancient Mediterranean & Magnificent Europe Cruising (pages 20-23)

OUSTANDING ACCOMMODATION Stay two nights in Athens at the superb Hotel Grande Bretagne. Enjoy two nights aboard the new and luxurious ship, Le Soleal. Guests in suites will benefit from a full buffet service on your cruise.

FINEST DINING – 43 MEALS 16 breakfasts (B), 13 lunches (L) and 14 dinners (D).

HURRY! LIMITED AVAILABILITY! ONLY 118 STATEROOMS & SUITES

EXCLUSIVE LUXURY CRUISING

TOUR CODES
• 17 DAY ANCIENT MEDITERREAN (EUGCAV17)
• 19 DAY ANCIENT MEDITERREAN (EUGCAV17)
• 23 DAY GREECE & ANCIENT MEDITERREAN (EUGCAV18)
• 17 DAYS ATHENS TO VENICE (EUGCAV19)
• 19 DAYS ATHENS TO VENICE (EUGCAV19)
• 23 DAY TURKEY & ANCIENT MEDITERREAN CRUISE (EUGCAV20)

2015 DATES & PRICES

TO Upgrade, add per person:

P4 Prestige Stateroom 4 $3,195 $4,795
P5 Prestige Stateroom 5 $4,395 $6,595
P6 Prestige Stateroom 6 $5,995 $8,495
D3 Deluxe Stateroom 3 $1,795 $2,695
D4 Deluxe Stateroom 4 $1,995 $3,095
D5 Deluxe Stateroom 5 $2,795 $3,795

EXCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING INCLUSIONS

• Choose your activity in a total of six unique parts
• Santorini – visit the small village of Oia and enjoy a cable car ride; or take a Volcano Hiking tour
• Mykonos – take a city tour and visit Ano Mera for lunch; or cruise to Delos for a tour of its ancient ruins
• Canakkale – visit the legendary ancient city of Troy; or explore the ruins of Assos
• Istanbul – enjoy a city tour, including the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace; or tour Dolmabahce Palace then cruise the Bosphorus Strait
• Koroni – visit the ancient city of Koroni; tour Perasa then cruise to an islet; take a kayak tour; or travel by speedboat to the Blue Caves
• Dubrovnik – enjoy a city tour; cruise to the islet of Lokrum for lunch; enjoy a culinary bicycle tour; or admire the sights on a kayak tour

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FINEST DINING – 43 MEALS

16 breakfasts (B), 13 lunches (L) and 14 dinners (D). Enjoy a Welcome Dinner on board.

All meals included during your cruise, starting with a Champagne breakfast each morning.

YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

• Airport transfers, port charges and all tipping
• Services of a dedicated APT Cruise Director as well as expert local guides in most locations
• Travel exclusively with APT guests
• Complimentary beverages – Champagne, wine, beer and top-shelf spirits, served at your discretion throughout your ocean cruise

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23 Day Turkey & Ancient Mediterranean Cruise

Featuring Gallipoli Anzac Day Centenary Dawn Service

Istanbul | Cappadocia | Pamukkale | Athens | Santorini | Çanakkale | Anzac Cove | Dubrovnik | Venice

A constantly intriguing country, in Turkey, the flavours of the Middle East mingle with the charming influence of Europe. Here, ancient history, unique cuisine and warm hospitality abound. We invite you to experience this captivating region in style, before stepping aboard a luxury yacht to discover Greece, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy in the very finest style.

Day 1 (Fri. 10 April). Arrive Istanbul.
On arrival in the world-famous Turkish city of Istanbul today, you’ll be met at the airport by an APT representative and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, this evening, meet your fellow travellers and APT Tour Director at a special Welcome Reception.

Two Night Stay: Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

Day 2 (Sat. 11 April). Istanbul.
After breakfast, a guided sightseeing tour of Istanbul begins today with a visit to Topkapı Palace, an important part of the World Heritage-listed Historic Areas of Istanbul and the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1465 and 1856. At the fall of the Ottoman Empire in 1923, the palace was transformed into a museum that today contains an incredible range of porcelain, robes, weapons, shields, armour, Ottoman miniatures, Islamic calligraphic manuscripts and murals, as well as a display of Ottoman treasures and jewellery. Immerse yourself in the history of the city as you wander through the museum, then head for Istanbul’s colourful Spice Bazaar, a bustling market complex that was constructed in the 1660s. On a tour here, you’ll gain a fascinating insight into the local culture as you wander amid the array of stalls selling local produce and home-crafted goods. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you enjoy a sumptuous Welcome Dinner and soak up the vibrant atmosphere of the city.

Day 3 (Sun. 12 April). Cappadocia.
This morning after breakfast, you’ll transfer to the airport for your included flight inland to Cappadocia, a region of great history and exceptional natural landscapes. The ancient name of a large region in the centre of Anatolia, today Cappadocia refers specifically to the valleys of Göreme and Ürgüp. On arrival here, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Two Night Stay: Cappadocia, Lykia Lodge Hotel.

A fascinating tour begins this morning as you travel to nearby Göreme National Park. Here in this World Heritage-listed park, you’ll encounter the unique natural rock pinnacles, or ‘fairy chimney’ formations, that developed over centuries as the result of volcanic activity. You’ll also visit the towns of Göreme and Ürgüp, as well as the Göreme Open Air Museum, which is home to more than 30 rock-carved churches and chapels that date back to the 9th, 10th and 11th centuries. After exploring the site and taking in the many well-preserved frescoes, return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Throughout your meal, take in a range of entertainment including traditional belly dancing and a unique whirling dervishes ceremony.

Day 5 (Tue. 14 April). Cappadocia, Pamukkale.
This morning after breakfast, you’ll transfer to the airport for your included flight to Kusadasi, and your Mediterranean cruise on board the Le Soleal. "Le Soleal" is the retirement ship for the spring of Pamukkale.

Coach
Cruise
Flight (included)
No. of nights stay
Extension (EUCGST2)

EXCLUSIVE APT PRIVATE CHARTER!
Departing Cappadocia after breakfast, travel by coach to the city of Konya today, one of Turkey’s most developed cities and home to one of the largest universities in Turkey. A guided tour here will give you the chance to explore the Mevlana Museum, the original lodge of the Mevlana Whirling Dervishes who were a mystical Sufi Muslim group. You will also visit the theological college of the Karatay Koran School. This tour is an amazing chance for you to see the remarkable juxtaposition of old and new, and for alongside the signs of modern commerce sits several ancient mosques as well as a market district, among other attractions that are guaranteed to delight and impress you. Stay: Hilton Garden Inn Konya. BD

Day 6 (Wed. 15 April). Pamukkale, Hierapolis. Continuing on your return west towards the coast, this morning you’ll journey to the spell-binding natural site of Pamukkale. One of Turkey’s most popular attractions, here, for thousands of years, an underground spring has poured stream of hot, mineral-saturated water, creating large circular basins of incredible colour in the earth. This afternoon, you’ll relish the chance to bathe in these amazing hot springs. Later you will set off on a locally guided tour of Hierapolis, an ancient city located on the natural springs. Thought to have been built some time in the 2nd or 3rd century it has attracted many pilgrims over the centuries. As you explore the city you will take in the remains of buildings including the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, and the Necropolis. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

DAY STAY: Pamukkale, Spa Hotel Colossus Thermal. BD

Day 7 (Thurs. 16 April). Pamukkale, Aphrodisias. This morning, set off for the ancient city of Aphrodisias, named after Aphrodite, the famous Greek goddess of love. Located near a quarry with plentiful supplies of marble, Aphrodisias became famous for its sculpture school, and for incorporating marble into its many magnificent buildings. During a tour here, you’ll visit such impressive remains as the Temple of Aphrodite, the vast Stadium, the monumental gateway, and the odeon – a semicircular auditorium. After taking in these unique sights, return to Pamukkale and enjoy the remainder of today at leisure. B

Day 8 (Fri. 17 April). Izmir. After breakfast, farewell Pamukkale as you travel to the large port city of Izmir, a modern metropolis located on the adjoining waters at the Gulf of Izmir by the Aegean Sea. Known as the ‘Pearl of the Aegean’, Izmir has a rich historical and cultural background, and a home to the iconic clock tower that was a gift from German Emperor Wilhelm II. This evening, appreciate the local cuisine of the city as you enjoy a delicious dinner in a local restaurant. Stay: Iskenderun Grand Efes Hotel. BD

Day 9 (Sat. 18 April). Athens, Embark Ocean Cruise. Transfer to the airport in Limr this morning for your included flight via Istanbul to Athens in Greece. On arrival here, you will travel to Piraeus and board your luxurious ship. Once settled in, you will be treated to a special Welcome Dinner on board the evening.

14 Night Stay: the luxurious Le Soleal. BD

Day 10 to 23 (Sun. 19 April to Sat. 2 May). Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise. Over the next 14 days, the landscapes of the Mediterranean will unfold before you. Starting with visits to the Greek Island of Santorini and Mykonos, you’ll soon make your way back up to Istanbul to take in this grand city from a unique vantage point. Then be moved by the scenes of Oia and enjoy a cable car ride; refer to fare box for pricing and enquire for further details. Tour code: EUGCT25.

EXTEND YOUR STAY – VENICE Extend your trip with two nights in Venice at the Westin Europa & Regina (or similar). Includes breakfast daily, one dinner, a city tour and a gondola ride. Refer to fare box for pricing and enquire for further details. Tour code: EUGCT26.

EXTEND YOUR EUROPE EXPERIENCE This holiday can be extended to include our 15 Day Magnificent Europe river cruise. On Saturday May 2, fly from Venice to Budapest to board the MS AmaDolora and cruise to Amsterdam. See pages 20-23 for river cruise itinerary details and enquire for pricing.

2015 DATES & PRICES (A$) per person

23 DAYS ISTANBUL TO VENICE
EUGCT23
Sale Price
Sale Price
April 10, 2015
$1,795
$2,695

25 DAYS ISTANBUL TO VENICE (INCLUDES 2 NIGHTS IN VENICE)
EUGCT25
Sale Price
Sale Price
April 10, 2015
$1,795
$2,695

SUITE UPGRADES – LE SOLEAL
Prices are based on a Category 5 Superior Stateroom (Deck 3). See page 24 for deck plans.

PB P2 Superior Stateroom 2 $1,295 $2,195
PB P3 Diesel Stateroom 3 $1,295 $2,195
PB P4 Superior Stateroom 4 $1,395 $2,195
PD P5 Superior Stateroom 5 $1,495 $2,395
PD P6 Superior Stateroom 6 $1,595 $2,395
OS6 Deluxe Suite 6 $2,195 $3,095
OS8 Owner’s Suite 6 $2,795 $4,495

PLEASE NOTE
Attendance passes to the 2015 Anzac Day Dawn Service can only be obtained via a run by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs or Veterans’ Affairs New Zealand. Please see page 26-27 for details.

Please note prices include port charges, gratuities and beverages – sparkling wines, served at your discretion cruise, starting with a Champagne Breakfast each morning.

EXCLUSIVE LUXURY TOURING & CRUISING

YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

• Airport transfers, port charges and all tipping
• Flight within Turkey and from Istanbul to Athens included
• Services of a dedicated APT Tour Director as well as expert local guides in most locations
• Travel exclusively with APT guests
• Optional beverages – Champagne, wine, beer and top-shelf spirits, served at your discretion throughout your ocean cruise

FREEDOM OF CHOICETM SIGHTSEEING INCLUSIONS

• Choose your activity in a total of six unique ports:
  • Santorini – visit the small village of Oia and enjoy a cable car ride, or take a Yoga Hiking tour
  • Mykonos – take a city tour, or cruise to Delos for a tour of its ruins
  • Cappadocia – visit the ancient city of Troy, or explore the ruins of Assos
  • Istanbul – enjoy a city tour; or tour Dolmabahce Palace then cruise the Bosphorus Strait
  • Kotor – visit a range of coastal villages, or travel by speedboat to the Blue Caves
  • Dubrovnik – enjoy a city tour; cruise to Lokrum for lunch; enjoy a cultery bicycle tour; or take a kayak tour

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Take in a range of World War I, Gallipoli and ANZAC presentations run by an expert war history team

OUTSTANDING ACCOMMODATION

Stay two nights in the heart of Istanbul at the Grand Hyatt Istanbul
Experience Cappadocia during two nights at the Lykia Lodge Hotel
Relax at Konya’s Hilton Garden Inn
Enjoy two nights at Pamukkale’s Spa Hotel Colossus Thermal
Stay a night at the wonderful Swissotel Grand Efes Hotel in Izmir
Enjoy 4 nights aboard the new and luxurious Le Soleal
Full Butler service to guests in suites

FINEST DINING – 34 MEALS

• 22 breakfasts (B), 13 lunches ($) and 19 dinners (D)
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8 Night Greece Land Journey | 14 Night Luxury Ocean Cruise

Athens | Kalabaka | Delphi | Olympia | Nafplion | Anzac Cove | Istanbul | Dubrovnik | Venice

A land of legend, ruins, and a stunning coastline – Greece conjures a heady fusion of adventure, character and serenity. Athens, Olympia and Delphi depict a timeless heritage while Santorini and Mykonos glitter with Greek charm. Visit these places and much more before taking in the wonders of the Mediterranean during a 14-night luxury cruise.

Day 1 (Fri. 10 April). Arrive Athens.
On arrival in Athens today, you’ll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and APT Tour Director at a Welcome Reception.
Stay: Athens, Hotel Grande Bretagne.

Day 2 (Sat. 11 April). Athens, Thermopylae, Kalabaka.
Departing Athens, travel to Thermopylae, a narrow pass that was the site of what is arguably the most famous battle in ancient European history. After stopping at the site to learn about the Battle of Thermopylae, continue on to Kalabaka, where you’ll enjoy time at leisure. Tonight, indulge in dinner at a local restaurant.
Two Night Stay: Kalabaka, Divani Meteora Hotel.

Day 3 (Sun. 12 April). Metéora, Metsovo.
After breakfast, travel to nearby Metéora this morning, one of the largest and most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Greece. On arrival here, you’ll visit two of the six World Heritage-listed monasteries, which have been built on almost inaccessible natural sandstone pillars. Take in the wonderful views and learn about the monks that began building these structures in the 14th century to create a safe haven during times of political upheaval. Afterwards, continue on to the picturesque town of Metsovo, set among the towering north-western peaks of the Pindus mountain range. Here, enjoy a tour of the Katogi Averoff Winery. Afterwards, enjoy a wine tasting and gain an insight into how Greek wines are produced, before indulging in lunch at a traditional guesthouse nearby. The afternoon is then yours to enjoy at leisure.

Day 4 (Mon. 13 April). Delphi, Arachova.
Departing Kalabaka, today you’ll head for the sacred site of Delphi on the south-western spur of Mount Parnassus, considered in ancient times to be the centre of the known world. On arrival here, tour the Delphi Archaeological Museum, which exhibits a number of antiquities that relate to the Oracle of Delphi, the most important oracle in the classical Greek world. After lunch at your leisure, you’ll continue on to the nearby town of Arachova, taking in the beautiful mountainous scenery along the journey. On arrival in Arachova, a guided walking tour will take you through this pretty town, and you’ll stop along the way at various shops to sample a unique range of local delicacies including cheese and liqueurs. Later this evening, indulge in a traditional Greek dinner at a charming local restaurant before returning to your resort.
Stay: Arachova, Aegli Resort & Spa.

Signature Experience

You’ll feel a great sense of pride during your time at Anzac Cove

See the replica of the famous Trojan Horse at Troy

EXCLUSIVE APT PRIVATE CHARTER!
Day 1 (Mon. 13 April). Athens. Arrive in Athens, the heart of ancient Greece. Transfer to your hotel in Athens. Please refer to Days 3 to 11 for full itinerary details.

Day 2 (Tue. 14 April). Athens, Nafplio. Explore the historical jewel of Nafplio, once a mighty kingdom of ancient Greece. Then continue to Nafplio, Nafplio Palace Hotel.


Day 5 (Fri. 17 April). Athens. Athens. Step back in time today and discover the enchanting Greek capital on a half-day tour. Begin with a visit to the World Heritage-listed Acropolis of Athens, a sacred site dedicated to the goddess Athena. Here, see the iconic Parthenon up close, before heading to the birthplace of the modern Olympic Games, the Panathenaic Stadium. Later, visit the ruins of the Temple of Zeus then wander through the Central Market and see Parliament House. With the afternoon then yours to enjoy at leisure, you may like to explore the Plaka district, the oldest and arguably the prettiest neighbourhood in the city. Breakfast.

Day 6 (Sat. 18 April to Sat. 2 May). Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise. Board the small and luxurious cruise ship, Le Soléal, to experience a number of grand cities, ancient ruins, significant religious buildings and poignant moments as you cruise the Mediterranean region and mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. Complemented by an extensive list of unique sightseeing options along the way, each day presents new adventures and opportunities that cater to all interests. Please refer to Days 2 to 17 on pages 20-23 for full itinerary details.

Day 7 (Sun. 19 April to Sun. 30 April). Your cruise draws to an end in the famous Italian city of Venice. Please refer to Days 3 to 11 for full itinerary details.

Day 8 (Fri. 2 May). Athens. Athens. Enjoy 14 nights aboard the new Le Soléal. After breakfast, travel to the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games, the site of ancient Olympia. Visit the archaeological site of Olympia, including the Temple of Zeus, the Sanctuary of Hera and the Stadium.

Day 9 (Sat. 3 May). Athens. Athens. After breakfast, travel to your next destination, the ancient city of Nafplio. Visit the town’s dramatic citadel, Palamidi. Afternoon free to perhaps stroll by mountains.


Day 11 (Mon. 5 May). Athens. Athens. After breakfast, enjoy your final morning in Athens. Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.
Join us and experience a one-off Mediterranean cruise; Anzac Day 2015 on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and an award-winning river cruise across Europe.

**31 Day Ancient Mediterranean & Magnificent Europe Cruising**

**Featuring Gallipoli Anzac Day Centenary Dawn Service**

2 Nights Athens | 14 Night Luxury Ocean Cruise | 14 Night Luxury River Cruise

Greece | Turkey | Montenegro | Croatia | Italy | Hungary | Slovakia | Austria | Germany | Netherlands

**Days 1 to 16 (Thurs. 16 April to Fri. 1 May). Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise.**

This grand European adventure begins with two nights in Athens. From here, you’ll experience Mediterranean luxury at its finest during a 14-night ocean cruise aboard the boutique ship, Le Soleal. Covering the coastline of Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy with the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing from a truly unique vantage point. Please refer to Days 1 to 16 on pages 9-11 for full itinerary details.

**Day 17 (Sat. 2 May). Venice, Disembark Ocean Cruise, Budapest, Embark River Cruise.**

Today your Ancient Mediterranean Luxury Cruise ends in Venice as you disembark Le Soleal and head to the airport for your included flight to Budapest in Hungary. On arrival, board your river ship, the MS AmBella, moored on the Danube River. After dinner, experience the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing from a truly unique vantage point.

**Day 18 (Sun. 3 May). Budapest.**

On a tour of Budapest today, visit the Fisherman’s Bastion, the Royal Palace and Buda Castle, among many other attractions. Afterwards, head for the Hungarian State Opera House. Absorb the grandeur of the building then venture inside for a tour, a glass of sparkling wine and a private opera recital of two or three arias. BLD

**Day 19 (Mon. 4 May). Vienna, A Royal Invitation.**

Disembark in Vienna today and enjoy a tour of the city. Delight in its striking architecture, classical music culture and vibrant cafes. After dinner on board, visit the newly renovated City Palace, a magnificent aristocratic residence in the heart of Vienna. Back in the masterpieces of one of the world’s leading private art collections. Be welcomed at a Cocktail Reception, then enjoy a private concert including an orchestral performance of Strauss and other classical music recitals. BLD

**Day 20 (Tues. 5 May). Vienna, Freedom of Choice.**

Enjoy a tour of Vienna’s imperial family and one of Europe’s most impressive Baroque palace complexes. Alternatively, visit Vienna’s Spanish Riding School, headquartered in Hofburg Palace, or join an excursion to Bratislava, the capital of nearby Slovakia. Freedom of Choice.

**Day 21 (Wed. 6 May). Dürnstein, Freedom of Choice, Melk.**

Tour ship will stop in Dürnstein today, a small Austrian town located night on the banks of the Danube. Here lie the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, the King of England, was imprisoned in 1192. Perhaps set off on a guided bicycle ride along the banks of the Danube River; or cruise through the landscapes of the Wachau Valley from Durnstein to Melk. On arrival in Melk, both groups will enjoy a tour of Melk Abbey, one of the world’s most famous monastic sites, and take in an organ recital. BLD

**Day 22 (Thurs. 7 May). Linz, Salzburg, Passau, Vilshofen.**

This morning your ship will arrive in the town of Linz. Here, disembark and travel to Salzburg. Take a tour of the sights from Rodgers and Hammerstein’s famous musical The Sound of Music, including Mirabell Gardens and Great Salzburg Festival Hall. Later, re-board your ship in Passau and enjoy a lovely afternoon cruising. This evening, enjoy ‘Oktoberfest’ in Vilshofen, a charming 1,200-year-old Bavarian town. Indulge in local beer and snacks accompanied by folk music, song and dance as you embrace Bavarian heritage for a traditional and authentic experience. BLD

**Day 23 (Fri. 8 May). Regensburg, Freedom of Choice.**

Arrive in Regensburg today, one of Germany’s best-preserved medieval cities. Take a tour of the city’s architectural highlights and visit the 13th-century Old Town Hall, the World Heritage-listed city centre and the remains of the ancient Romanesque fortress walls, including Germany’s most ancient stone building, the Pots Peter. Alternatively, take a guided bicycle tour to the 13th-century hillside temple of Waldviertl, which honours distinguished Germans. BLD
**EXCLUSIVE LUXURY CRUISING**

**YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES**

- Airport transfers, port charges and all tipping
- Services of a dedicated APT Cruise Director as well as expert local guides in most locations
- Travel exclusively with APT guests
- Complimentary beverages – Champagne, wine, beer and top-shelf spirits, served at your discretion during your ocean cruise
- Complimentary beverages served at your discretion on board your river cruise

**FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS**

- Choose your activity in a total of 13 unique destinations:
  - Santorini – visit the small village of Oia and enjoy a cable car ride, or take a Volcano Hiking tour
  - Mykonos – take a city tour and visit Ava Maria for lunch; or cruise to Delos for a tour of its ancient ruins
  - Corfu – visit the ancient city of Corfu; or the olive groves of Avia
  - Athens – enjoy a city tour, including the Acropolis and Pnyx; or tour Delphi then book your own tour of the ancient site
  - Volos – visit the ancient city of Volos; or tour Nauplia then cruise to the ancient city of Mycenae
  - Dubrovnik – enjoy a city tour; cruise to the island of Lokrum; or enjoy a culinary bike tour; or take in the sights in a kayak tour
  - Istanbul – enjoy a city tour, including the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace; or tour Dolmabahce Palace then cruise the Bosphorus Strait
  - Kotor – visit coastal villages; tour Perast then cruise to an island; take a kayak tour; or travel by speedboat to the Blue Caves
  - Dubrovnik – enjoy a city tour; cruise to the island of Lokrum; or enjoy a culinary bike tour; or take in the sights in a kayak tour
  - Jerusalem – enjoy a city tour; or cruise to the Golan Heights; or walk the ancient city of Jerusalem
  - Florence – enjoy a city tour; cruise to Lake Garda; or visit the Sistine Chapel
  - Vienna – enjoy a city tour; cruise to the Danube Bend; or visit Bratislava
  - Bamberg – take a guided bicycle ride along the Danube; or enjoy a scenic cruise to Melk
  - Regensburg – take a city tour or cycle to the temple of Wachau
  - Würzburg – tour the Residential Palace; or visit the beautiful medieval city of Bamberg
  - Rostock – visit a musical instrument museum; or take in the lovely views of the Rhine Valley during a guided bike ride
  - Cologne – enjoy a choice of private city tours
- Amsterdam – take a guided canal boat tour; cruise the Van Gogh Museum; or visit the Zaanse Schans windmill village

**INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy 30 Breakfasts (B), 26 Lunches (L) and 28 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy a choice of included walking tours
- Choose your activity in a total of 13 unique destinations:
  - Visit the ancient city of Athens; or cruise to Delos for a tour of its ancient ruins
  - Take in a range of entertaining World War I, Gallipoli and ANZAC presentations run by an expert war history team
  - Enjoy a tour of Gallipoli National Park on April 21, visiting Anzac Cove, the war memorials and more
  - Enjoy a choice of included walking tours
- Extend your holiday with a three-night stay in Paris, starting with a Champagne Breakfast each morning
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**OUTSTANDING ACCOMMODATION**

- Stay two nights in Athens at the superlative Hotel Grande Bretagne
- Stay 14 nights aboard the new and luxurious MS Amistad
- Guests in suites on Le Soleal will enjoy a full Butler service
- Basil in luxury during 14 nights on one of APT’s superb Concerto River Ships, the MS Amistad

**FINEST DINING – INCLUDES 84 MEALS**

- Enjoy 30 Breakfasts (B), 26 Lunches (L) and 28 Dinners (D)
- All meals included on board both of your cruises, starting with a Champagne Breakfast each morning

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Day 24 (Sat. 9 May), Nuremberg. Today your ship will enter the Main-Danube Canal and arrive at the highest point of the cruise, 435 metres above sea level. Having taken 32 years to construct, the canal is recognised as a feat of modern engineering. After crossing Europe’s Continental Divide, you’ll arrive in Nuremberg, which played a pivotal role for the Nazi Party and was thus systematically bombed during World War II. Here, enjoy a historic tour of the city. Visit the Reich Party Rally Grounds, where six Nazi Party rallies were held between 1933 and 1938, and see several other significant World War II sites. You’ll also discover the city’s spectacular medieval architecture, including the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city and the Imperial Castle.

Day 25 (Sun. 10 May), Bamberg. This morning you’ll travel to Bamberg to visit World Heritage-listed Bamberg, one of the few German cities to avoid destruction by the devastating bombings of World War II. Explore Bamberg on a walking tour and see the Bamberg Cathedral. Later, visit a traditional beer house and enjoy a local brew, compliments of APT. Rejoin your ship and cruise through the Rhine Gorge on what is known as the Rhine’s most beautiful stretch. On arrival in the 2,000-year-old town of Miltenberg, disembark the MS Amistad and head to Burg Namedy. Once a moated castle, Burg Namedy was built by the Haunenschmidts of Andechs in the 14th century. Today, Princess Heide of Hohnheusern has opened the doors of her home exclusively for APT guests. Enjoy free time to wander about the castle and its gardens then savour a lavish banquet at the Burg Namedy’s ballroom.

Day 26 (Mon. 11 May), Würzburg. Freedom of Choice. In Würzburg, you may like to embark on a tour that will take you to the Residential Palace and past a number of impressive churches, ranging in style from Baroque, Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance to modern. Alternatively, travel to Rothenburg on the Romantic Road for a tour of this medieval walled town.

Day 27 (Tues. 12 May), Miltenberg. After an onboard glass-blowing demonstration, disembark in Miltenberg, a pretty Franconian town spared from the destruction of the World War II. Today, you’ll discover the local way of life on a unique village experience. Explore quaint shops and mingle with the locals during a day to remember.

Day 28 (Wed. 13 May), Rudesheim, Freedom of Choice. Arrive in Rudesheim, and ride the Winewagen mini-train to your selected activity. Perhaps tour Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of Germany’s most beautiful collections of automated musical instruments. Or ride a gondola for views over the Rheine Valley. Later, re-join your ship and cruise through the Rhine Gorge on what is known as the Rhine’s most beautiful stretch.

Day 29 (Thurs. 14 May), Cologne. Enjoy a full butler service aboard the MS Soléal will enjoy a full butler service

Day 30 (Fri. 15 May), Amsterdam, Freedom of Choice. In Amsterdam today, perhaps take a canal cruise and admire the stunning 17th-century homes, churches and 14th-century merchant houses. Then wander through Amsterdam’s famed flower market along the banks of the canal. Alternatively, visit the Van Gogh Museum, home to the world’s largest collection of Van Gogh paintings. Another option is an excursion to the picturesque village of Zaanse Schans, famous for its traditional Dutch buildings and windmills.

Day 31 (Sat. 16 May), Disembark River Cruise, Depart Amsterdam. After breakfast, disembark the MS Amistad and transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

EXTEND YOUR STAY – PARIS

Extend your holiday with a three-night stay in Paris. Includes transfers from Amsterdam, three nights at Hotel de Collectionneur Arc de Triomphe, breakfast daily, dinner and a show at Moulin Rouge, Freedom of Choice Inclusions, and a half-day city tour. Please refer to fare box for pricing and enquire for further details.

Tour code: EUGCCM34.
Hotel rooms in Europe are often smaller than those in Australia.

Cancellation of Airline Flights
Airline companies may alter their routes and/or the aircrafts they use and/or change their stopovers. APT will confirm all changes and you should be aware of these changes before you travel. The above regulations do not apply to business booked with APT. If your flights are booked with a travel agent, APT recommends you check the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking APT cannot alter your flights or be responsible for any changes resulting from a change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type. APT will advise you of any changes which may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers.

The provisions in the Booking Conditions which the Public are entitled to receive are not in operation.

Each passenger is entitled to take one package of luggage which does not exceed (160 x 100 x 200) cm, or weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs). Any luggage in excess of this, or any other luggage which is not pre-arranged, will be charged to the passenger.

Shore Excursions
The timing of the shore excursions on all river cruise ships is subject to change due to weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond APT’s control. APT will advise you of any changes which may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers.

Travel Insurance
APT encourages the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking that fully compiles all medical and travel expenses. APT will also pass on any dietary requests to your local travel agent. All travel insurance policies have restrictions and exclusions. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are covered for all eventualities.

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