

The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International invite you
to join us on board **MS Nieuw Statendam** for the 2024

MEDIEVAL CITIES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

Rome, Olympia, Chania, Alexandria, Port Said,
Limassol, Rhodes, Ephesus, Istanbul,
Mykonos & Athens

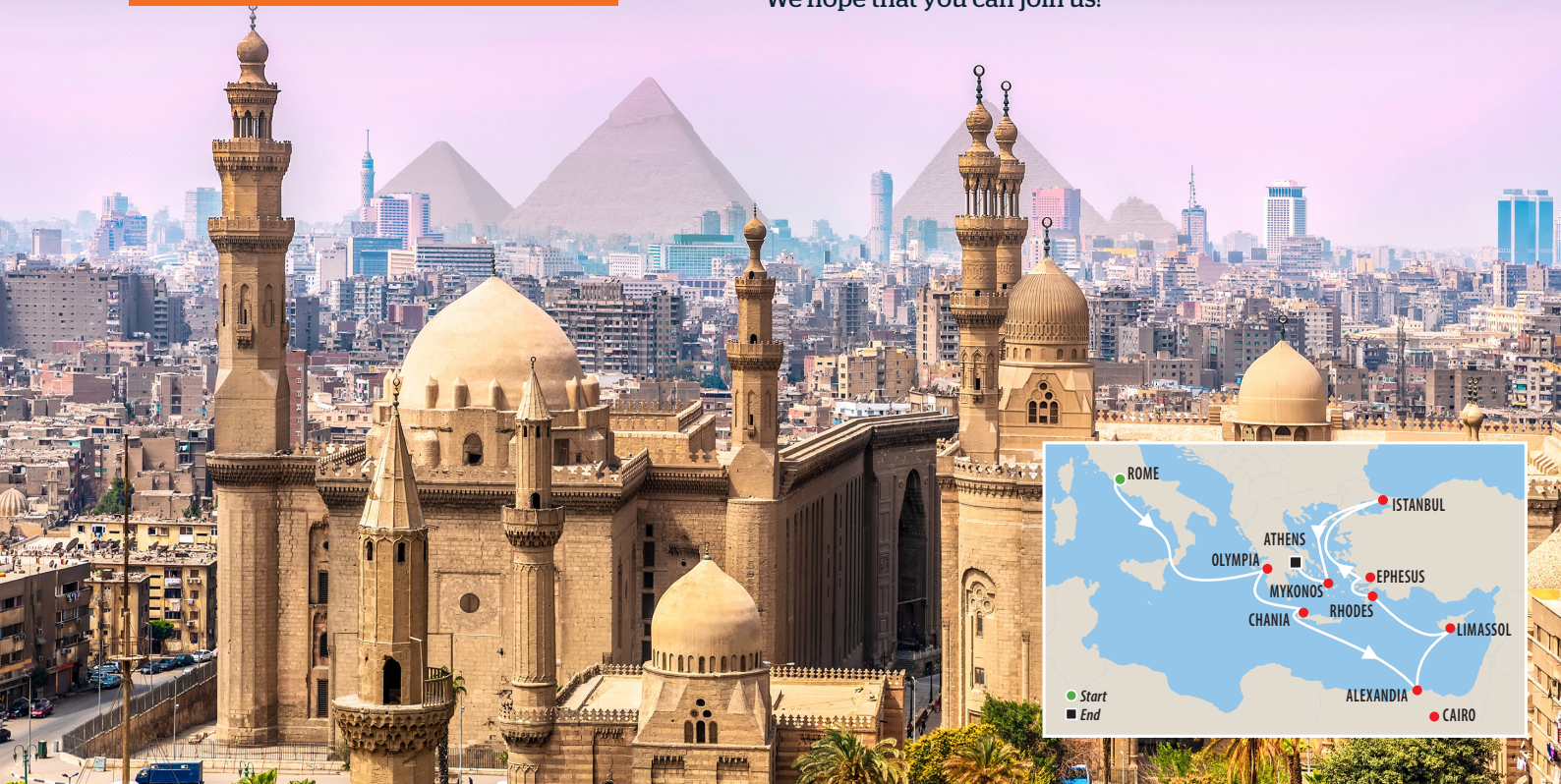
18 September to 8 October 2024

Includes
over **\$2000**
per person value
in sightseeing tours,
entrances, transfers
and gratuities.

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The Medieval Cities of the Mediterranean holiday will be a wonderful opportunity to cruise from Rome to Athens through the Mediterranean Sea to Egypt, Turkey and Greece. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours in the ports of call. Also included are special activities for members of the group. We hope that you can join us!



Itinerary

DAY 1 Wednesday 18 September 2024

Today we board our flights to Rome.

Depart Australia

DAY 2 Thursday 19 September 2024

This afternoon we arrive into Rome. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and transferred to our hotel.

Rome, Italy

DAY 3 Friday 20 September 2024

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the 'Eternal City' and see the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, where group members can throw a coin and make a wish. In the afternoon we will visit the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. This evening we have an included welcome dinner to meet the group members.

Rome

DAY 4 Saturday 21 September 2024

This morning is free for individual exploration. In the early afternoon we are transferred to the cruise terminal. Make sure that you are up on deck as the Nieuw Statendam sails out of Civitavecchia and we commence our 'Medieval Cities of the Mediterranean' cruise.

Embarkation

DAY 5 Sunday 22 September 2024

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon test your knowledge with fellow group members at Trivia.

At Sea

DAY 6 Monday 23 September 2024

Olympia, Greece

This morning we visit Olympia, the site of the ancient Olympic Games. The Ancient Greeks flocked here every four years for more than a millennium to celebrate the sacred games dedicated to Zeus. We visit the ruins of the Sanctuary, with its athletic quadrangles, stadium, temples and treasures; then visit the modern Archaeological Museum, a treasure house of Archaic, Classical and Roman sculptures, including the famous Nike "Winged Goddess of Victory".

DAY 7 Tuesday 24 September 2024

Chania, Greece

Today we arrive in Chania, Crete. On our sightseeing tour today we will travel inland through the Old Town to visit and explore the Minoan Palace of Knossos, legendary home of the Minotaur. We will walk through the ruins and excavations of the island's vast ancient palace and learn about the Greek mythological tales that are linked to it.

DAY 8 Wednesday 25 September 2024

At Sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon enjoy a game of bingo with fellow group members with prizes for the winners.

DAY 9 Thursday 26 September 2024

Alexandria/Cairo, Egypt

We arrive in Alexandria early morning and travel to Cairo for a guided sightseeing tour. We visit the Egyptian Museum, one of the best museums in the world, containing over 5000 years of Egyptian history. We see the spectacular golden mask and tomb artefacts recovered from Pharaoh Tutankhamen's tomb by Howard Carter in 1922. We will stay overnight in Cairo.

DAY 10 Friday 27 September 2024

Cairo/Port Said, Egypt

We continue our sightseeing of Cairo today. We travel to Giza, where we visit the famed pyramids. Built by the Pharaohs around 2500BC, they are the only one of the original 'Seven Wonders of the World' still standing. We have a guided tour of this ancient necropolis and the enigmatic Great Sphinx before meeting the ship back in Port Said.

DAY 11 Saturday 28 September 2024

Limassol, Cyprus

The ancient port of Limassol is the second largest city in Cyprus. During its long history it has come under the rule of the Anglo-Normans, the Venetians, Ottoman Empire and the British. Our tour today will encompass the Byzantine castle where Richard the Lionheart was supposedly married during the Crusades. We will also see the fascinating Archaeological Museum and the beautifully restored house which is the Folk Museum.





DAY 12 Sunday 29 September 2024 **Rhodes, Greece**

The ship docks at the island of Rhodes today. We will have a walking tour of the Old Town, once the fortified headquarters of the Crusaders. We will visit the Grand Masters residence of the Knights of St John who ruled the island during the middle ages. The afternoon will be free.

DAY 13 Monday 30 September 2024 **Ephesus, Turkey**

This morning we arrive in Kusadasi, on Turkey's Aegean coast. We travel to the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, one of the most extensive archaeological sites in the world. We walk along the marble streets, complete with chariot wheel ruts made nearly two thousand years ago. We see the imposing two storey façade of the Library of Celsus, the best-preserved structure of its kind in the world.

DAY 14 Tuesday 1 October 2024 **At Sea**

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon enjoy a game of Scattogories with fellow group members.

DAY 15 Wednesday 2 October 2024 **Istanbul, Turkey**

The morning we arrive in Istanbul, the capital of Turkey and a city steeped in history. We have a wonderful sightseeing tour of Istanbul, once the capital of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires for nearly 1,000 years. Covering the hills on both sides of the Bosphorus, it was the halfway point between the cultures of Europe and the Orient. We will visit the Aya Sofya, a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture. At one time it was a cathedral, a mosque and now a magnificent museum. As we enter we see the 9th-century bronze covered doors, you can feel the vibrant atmosphere of the city, alive with movement and bustle. We visit the Blue Mosque, known for its beautiful blue tiles and the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held. We return to the ship and overnight in port.

DAY 16 Thursday 3 October 2024 **Istanbul, Turkey**

This morning enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Bosphorus and then visit the famed Grand Bazaar. The afternoon is free as we sail out of Istanbul.

DAY 17 Friday 4 October 2024 **Mykonos, Greece**

Today we arrive in the scenic Greek island of Mykonos. Mykonos is one of the smallest islands of the Cyclades complex, but is definitely the most famous, thanks to its treasure of natural beauty, rich history, cosmopolitan character combined with plenty of local colour. Chora, the islands capital is spectacular with its narrow, whitewashed streets and white cubicle houses with their tiny



balconies, coloured windows lined by bougainvillea. Numerous little churches and chapels, hidden minuscule piazza's and water wells, as well as the multitude of colourful shops makes this a fabulous place to explore at leisure. We will have a free day to explore the quaint streets of this beautiful island.

DAY 18 Saturday 5 October 2024 **Athens, Greece**

Today we arrive in to the ancient city of Athens, capital of Greece. Athens is home of the Acropolis and, the ultimate in ancient Greek architectural perfection, the Parthenon. Our sightseeing tour today delves into the glorious history of Athens. A highlight of the tour is a visit to the Acropolis, still dominating the frantic bustle of modern Athens. We visit the amazing Parthenon, built to honour the goddess Athena, and one of the wonders of the ancient world. We check into our hotel late afternoon.

DAY 19 Sunday 6 October 2024 **Athens, Greece**

We continue our sightseeing tour of Athens including a visit to the first modern Olympic stadium. We will have time in the Plaka district, a maze of winding streets with shops, cafés and restaurants. There will be free time this afternoon for last minute shopping or sightseeing. This evening we have an included farewell dinner to celebrate a wonderful tour.

DAY 20 Monday 7 October 2024 **Depart**

This morning we depart the hotel and are transferred to the airport for our flight to Australia.

Day 21 Tuesday 8 October 2024 **Arrive Australia**

Tour members arrive back in Australia. The tour concludes.



*Great fun and luxury aboard
Nieuw Statendam*



Fluid lines and dramatic spaces make the Holland America Nieuw Statendam a modern beauty. The second in the line of our Pinnacle Class ships, her design draws inspiration from the elegant curves of musical instruments. When not relaxing in well-appointed suites or staterooms, guests will have many innovative dining and entertainment options – from Rudi's Sel de Mer to Nami Sushi to the Rolling Stone Lounge, B.B. King's Blues Club, and the visually stunning two-level World Stage.

**Clothing on board
Nieuw Statendam**

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the restaurants. During the evening on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is required in the main restaurants. Casual nights require a collared shirt for gentlemen. The self-service restaurants are casual.

**Don't worry about
coming alone**

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people up in twin-share cabins when available – saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day.

The advantages of the Nieuw Statendam cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening dine with the group on our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time.

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Included in Medieval Cities of the Mediterranean Cruise

- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/ Brisbane/Perth to Europe
- Travel on Nieuw Statendam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Nieuw Statendam
- Private group activities on board
- 2 nights' centrally located 4-star accommodation in Rome including breakfasts
- 2 nights' centrally located 4-star accommodation in Athens including breakfasts
- 1 night centrally located 4-star accommodation in Cairo including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours in Rome, Olympia, Chania, Cairo, Limassol, Rhodes, Ephesus, Istanbul and Athens
- Cruise management by Travelrite International
- Port and handling charges on Nieuw Statendam
- Cruise taxes
- Air taxes as of 1 June 2023
- Onboard gratuities

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Gratuities when not on the ship

Fantastic Value
- nothing more to pay

The Travelrite escorted MS Nieuw Statendam cruise represents amazing value.

There are no hidden extras; everything is included in the one great price!

Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin Share	Single
L	Interior	4,5,6,7,8	\$ 9990	\$ 13490
K	Interior	4,5,6,7,8,11	\$ 10190	\$ 13790
J	Interior	1,4,5,6,7,8	\$ 10590	\$ 14590
F	Oceanview	1	\$ 11290	\$ 15590
E	Oceanview	1,4	\$ 11790	\$ 16490
D	Oceanview	7	\$ 11890	\$ 16690
FB	Oceanview	1	\$ 11990	\$ 16990
VF	Verandah Balcony	4,8	\$ 12290	\$ 17190
VE	Verandah Balcony	7,8	\$ 12390	\$ 17390
VD	Verandah Balcony	5,6,7	\$ 12890	\$ 18290
VC	Verandah Balcony	5,6	\$ 12990	\$ 18490
VB	Verandah Balcony	4,11	\$ 13090	\$ 18690
VA	Verandah Balcony	6,7,8	\$ 13190	\$ 18890
B	Suite	8	\$ 14190	\$ 20990
A	Suite	4,5,6,7	\$ 14290	\$ 21190
SS	Suite	7	\$ 17990	\$ 28690
SC	Suite	11	\$ 19390	\$ 31290
Included port and handling charges			\$ 368	\$ 1546
Included ship gratuities			\$ 288	\$ 288
Included air taxes as at 1/6/2023			\$ 290	\$ 290

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. *Please call for details on 1800 630 343.*

Extending: You can stay longer in Europe for minimal additional cost. *Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.*

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Nieuw Statendam is operated by Holland America Line and the fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America Line brochure 2024. All passengers must complete and sign the Travelrite International booking form and complete the Holland America Line on line check in.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on airfare, shipping, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rates at 1 June 2023. Travelrite International reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$1200 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the Holland America Line on line check in. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the Oosterdam fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before departure.

Days prior to Departure Cancellation Fee

Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 day	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare.

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport with six month validity. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS A10538) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these fly/cruises, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/ cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/ cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruises as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the Nieuw Statendam cruise passage contract with Holland America, detailed on their web site <https://www.hollandamerica.com/> If you do not have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$1200 per person to:

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