



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7
nights

STAR FLYER
Southern Cyclades



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What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our tours are offered with English speaking 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. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating, or similar activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- You can book shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the library.
- In order 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.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes, which will be relayed to passengers during the Cruise Director's onboard information sessions. Last updated tour descriptions are available in a file at the library.

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RHODES, GREECE

With its age-old history and incredible natural beauty, Rhodes has always been a major pole of attraction. The island boasts a mild climate, a unique and varied landscape, dazzling blue sea and a host of historical monuments. It is the site of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World – the Colossus of Rhodes.

The Island was inhabited as far back as the 16th century BC. The golden era was from the 5th to the 3rd century BC when Rhodes was an important religious, commercial and political centre. During this period Rhodes became one of the most important trading centres in the Mediterranean. Thanks to its strategic location, Rhodes was also of vital importance to the Crusaders and the Ottoman Empire. The present day city of Rhodes is a fascinating medieval city completely enclosed by a five mile flower covered wall. The medieval part of the city, once occupied by the Turks, is absolutely fascinating with narrow stone paved streets, 15th century buildings, archways, flying buttresses, minarets and fountains. The Street of the Knights is the finest example of a late Gothic street to be found anywhere in Europe. The Fifteenth century inns of the Knights of Seven Languages were built along this street, and four of them remain standing to this day. At the end of the Street of the Knights is the imposing 14th century Grand Master's palace, a massive citadel that dominates the old town. It was destroyed in 1856 and reconstructed in 1939.

During the winter season (Through May) the Ministry of Tourism reserves the right to open museums on Mondays or not as the case may be. Excursions will be modified accordingly.

Lindos (with visit of the Acropolis)

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 72 €

Min 20 / Max 60 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: strenuous

This tour begins with a beautiful 30-mile drive along the East Coast through charming, picturesque villages. A wonderful scent fills the air as we drive past orange and lemon groves, vineyards and gnarled olive trees.

On this tour you may walk up to the summit of the Acropolis. Once you have reached the site you will visit the 4th century BC Doric temple of Athena Lindia and a double-winged portico, a Byzantine church, the fortifications of the Knights, and the remains of the Governor's quarters. You will enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the Acropolis; at its foot you will see Saint Paul's bay, where the Apostle is said to have landed in the year 51 AD to preach Christianity to the Rhodians.

Below the Acropolis you will see the old, whitewashed houses and the narrow streets of this most delightful town. Its beauty has long been a source of inspiration to artists and writers. There are many small shops selling enchanting ceramic objects and beautiful crocheted linen.

The trip back to the quayside in Rhodes follows the same scenic route.

Please note: This tour requires extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with steep inclines and many steps. The village of Lindos is pedestrian-only. To reach the Lindos Acropolis guests must climb approx. 300 steps.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water. There is no shade at the top of the Acropolis, take extra precautions against the sun.

The drive between Rhodes and Lindos takes approximately 50 minutes (each way), depending on traffic conditions.

Time permitting, guests will have approximately 30 minutes free time for shopping and browsing in Lindos.



Philerimos and the city of knights

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 75 €

Min 20 / Max 60 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Leaving the port of Rhodes your coach will drive along the medieval walls to the summit of Mount Smith- the Acropolis of Ancient Rhodes- for a panoramic view of Rhodes town.

The drive continues through a densely wooded area of cypress trees and evergreen oaks along the west coast heading to the site of Philerimos with its wonderful view of the city of Rhodes. On the top of this hill stood one of the three ancient cities of Rhodes, the city of Ialysos. Here you can admire the Byzantine church of Our Lady, built by the knights of St' John in the 15th century, as well as that of St. George which has wall paintings dating from the 14th and 15th century.

After driving back to Rhodes Town, the excursion continues on foot with a guided tour through the narrow, cobblestone streets.

The Palace of the Grand Masters is the most imposing building of medieval Rhodes, dominating the end of the Street of the Knights. Built in the 14th century the Palace with its unique architecture and patina of antiquity is a sight well worth seeing. Walk down the Street of Knights, lined with colorful shops and admire the 15th century Knight's Hospital, which now houses the Archeological Museum.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone, uneven surfaces.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water.

BODRUM, TURKEY

Bodrum was founded on the site of the ancient city of Halikarnassos, and the many treasures to be found in the Bodrum museum bear witness to the fact that 5000 years ago it was home to a wealthy and sophisticated people. The magnificently decorated tomb of King Mausolos, "the Mausoleum", was known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient world, and the word "mausoleum" has now passed into current usage. Nowadays the twin bay town is one of the most important centres of tourism in Turkey with a wealth of cultural and historical attractions and an easy bohemian lifestyle. There are many lively cafés near the port as well as a colourful local bazaar. Arts and crafts include carpet and kilim manufacturing.

Gulet tour

Duration: 05:30 approx.

Price: 125 €

Min 12 / Max 60 participants

Transportation: boat (gulet)

Activity level: easy

Lunch included (drinks not included)

After leaving the ship at Bodrum, you will proceed to your gulet.

A gulet is a handcrafted wooden motor sailing yacht equipped with one or two masts, built for cruising the Mediterranean. Coastal gullets were originally used by fishermen and sponge divers to transport their catch, but they have now been redesigned to cater for yachting holidays. The classic gullet has a rounded aft, low-to-the-water profile and roomy hull. ever these days various designs have emerged, all of which are collectively known as gullets.

After a warm welcome from your captain, you will start your tour through the crystal-clear Aegean waters. There will be swimming stops at Tavsan Bay and Green Bay followed by a delicious onboard lunch consisting of grilled fish, salad and mezzes (Turkish cold starters). After lunch, relax on deck while the gulet continues sailing before stopping off at the bays of Karada and Goktasi for swimming, before returning to the pier.

Please note: Itinerary may be reversed or changed. The captain decides where and when to stop as it depends on the conditions of the day and the timing available. Guests must know how to swim.

Please wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, snorkeling equipment and extra money on this tour. Menu is given as an indication and may vary. Drinks are not included and must be purchased.



Bodrum Peninsula

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 55 €

Min 12 participants

Transportation: minibuses

Activity level: moderate

Upon arrival in Bodrum, the guests will get on minibuses to drive 15 minutes to the Bodrum Underwater Archaeological Museum which is situated in Bodrum castle. The Knights of St John in Rhodes built the castle in honour of St. Peter (1415-1437), using some of the marble from the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus which was destroyed by an earthquake in the 14th century. There are five main towers in the castle, reflecting the architectural styles of the nations by whom they were constructed: the English Tower, the French Tower, the Spanish Tower, the Italian Tower and the German Tower. The museum collections are housed in the towers.

After the castle visit you will go on a beautiful scenic drive around the peninsula, and you will see the Myndos Gate of ancient Halicarnassus (Bodrum Peninsula) which dates back to 364 B.C. and the 7-km long city wall which surrounded the town from the west side of the harbour to Göktepe. You will then continue to the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. The Mausoleum was built between 353 and 350 BC for Mausolus, a satrap in the Persian Empire and Artemisia II of Caria, who was both his wife and his sister. The Mausoleum was considered as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

The last visit before you go back to the pier will be the Theatre of Halicarnassus, which is located on the slope of a hill offering panoramic views of the marina and castle. After visiting the theatre, the guides will give some information about the town of Bodrum and the ways to return to the ship and you will be free to explore by yourselves, have lunch in town and do some souvenir shopping.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on cobblestone and uneven surfaces with inclines and steps to negotiate. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

Discover Etrim village

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 65 €

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach / minibuses

Activity level: moderate

Lunch included

This excursion offers a unique insight into life in a traditional Turkish village.

Minivans and guides will be waiting at the cruise terminal to take you to Etrim village, a thirty-minute drive away.

You will arrive at the village center where you will take a break at a Turkish tea and coffee house and enjoy a drink with the locals before setting off to explore the village. The first stop will be at a traditional Turkish village house where you will get an opportunity to meet the inhabitants and talk to them about their way of life and traditions. This will be followed by a visit to the mosque, where your guide will tell you a bit about Islam.

Next you will see some traditional stone houses, three centuries old, which are still inhabited.

An authentic Turkish lunch will be served under the trees in the garden of a village house. After the meal there will be time for a Turkish coffee and then the village ladies will read your fortune in the coffee grounds.

After 45 minutes at leisure to explore the village on your own, you will head back to Bodrum city center. If you wish, the bus will drop you off in town so you can stroll around and return to the ship by yourself, otherwise you will be taken back to the terminal.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on cobblestone and uneven surfaces. Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

A proper attire is required when visiting religious sites.

Driving time between Bodrum and Etrim is approx. 45 minutes (each way).



DALYAN RIVER, TURKEY

The delta of the Dalyan River and Istuzu Beach (4km long) are among the last remaining natural habitats for sea turtles and many species of water bird such as the cormorant, sea eagle, pelican and stork. A boat trip through this reed covered delta is an ideal way to enjoy the scenery. On the banks of the canal, between the sea and lake Köyce, lies the archaeological site of Caunos and many rock hewn tombs adorn the cliffs. The excursion will take you to the village of Dalyan which is known for its fine seafood restaurants serving bass and mullet fresh from the river. Fish have always been plentiful in these waters and the name "Dalyan" literally means "fish-trap".

Ancient Caunos and Carian tombs

Duration: 03:30 approx.

Transportation: boat

Price: 59 €

Activity level: moderate/strenuous

Min 12 participants

Local boats with guides will be waiting at the port to take you on the 30-minute trip to the Ancient city of Caunos. Enjoy the scenery while your guide tells you about the history of the site.

Caunos village is situated on one side of the canal, accessible by road and the ancient ruins are situated on the other. Motorboats moored on the jetty at Dalyan will take you on a romantic canal cruise through the reed delta so you can admire the mysterious Lycian tombs cut into the rock face. The façades of the tombs are sculpted to look like temples, and inside there are stone benches for laying out the dead. Remains from the tombs show that they date from the fourth century B.C. Since Caunos is situated on the border between Caria and Lycia, tombs from both cultures can be seen side by side. You will then proceed to Caunos where you will visit the well-preserved theatre with 34 rows of tiered seating, the watch tower and the Roman baths. After spending 90 minutes on site, you will take a boat back to the ship.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility concerns, it involves extended walking on cobblestone and uneven surfaces with inclines and many steps.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.

Carian tombs and mud baths

Duration: 03:45 approx.

Transportation: boat

Price: 59 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 12 participants

After leaving the ship, guests will board local boats with guides for the one-hour trip to the Mud Baths. On the way there, motorboats moored at Dalyan will take us on a romantic canal cruise to admire the Carian tombs sculpted in the rock face. The tombs have fine architectural facades, inspired by the Greco-Roman Temples and inside there are several benches for laying out the dead. The Tombs belonged to wealthy families and date back to the 4th century B.C. Since Caunos is situated on the border between Caria and Lycia, tombs from both cultures can be seen side-by-side. After a photo stop and some explanations from your guide, the boats will go directly to the Mud baths.

The Mud Baths not only cleanse and tone the skin but are said to have anti-aging properties and to relieve rheumatism. After applying the mud, it should be left to dry and then washed off in a natural sulphur pool of clear water with temperatures at around 40 Celsius. This leaves you feeling refreshed and relaxed. The total visit will be 1 hour 30 minutes. Then everybody will board the boat for the return trip back to the ship.

Just before arriving the boat will stop by the beach to allow guests to have a swim. Those who do not wish to swim will be taken directly to the ship.

Please note: Please wear aqua shoes and your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunglasses, a hat and a bottle of water. Guests can be dropped off at the beach at the end of the excursion.



SANTORINI, GREECE

Upon arriving at Santorini, you are greeted by dramatic views of vertical cliffs of gray lava and white pumice rising nearly 1,000 feet above the sea. The island is part of the remains of an ancient island destroyed in a catastrophic volcano eruption which took place around 1350 BCE. The explosion is said to have altered the course of history in the ancient world. What remains has become one of the most famous of the Greek Isles simply because of its dramatic beauty. The town of Thira situated on the rim of the volcano is stunningly attractive with whitewashed and pastel-colored buildings. The cafes and hotels built on the hill overlooking the harbor offer one of the most spectacular views in the world. Santorini will start to weave its magic as soon as you take the cable car from the harbor to the town, and gaze upon the awesome spectacle of Nature in all its dramatic beauty. The more adventurous among you can take a donkey ride to the top of the mountain - a special treat in itself. The striking beauty of Santorini is something every visitor long remembers.

Akrotiri, Oia, Fira

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Price: 79 €

Min 15 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Your tour starts at Athinios pier where local guides and buses are waiting there to take you to the site of Akrotiri, one of the most important prehistoric settlements in the Aegean.

In the last quarter of the 17th century B.C. few earthquakes followed by an eruption forced all the inhabitants to abandon it. The volcanic materials covered the entire island and the town itself. These materials, however, have protected up to date the buildings and their contents, just like in Pompei.

Marvelous frescoes were found in some of the houses as well as many vessels and utensils of everyday use.

After your guided tour of the site, you continue on and after a short drive you arrive in Oia. Together with your guide take a short walk through the village of Oia or spend some time on your own. Also, you will have the opportunity to enter the artists' workshops, to meet them and talk with them. See the architecture and typical Santorinian style of houses and churches. After that will start your return journey to Fira, the attractive capital town. Enjoy some free time in the town and then take the cable car down to the small harbor of Scala from where the tenders will take you back to the ship.

Please note: this tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, steps, cobblestones.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. There is a bit of uphill walking at Akrotiri and Oia and 28 steps at Fira (on the way to cable car) involved during the visits in the tour.

The use of cameras is free of charge in the site but flash and video cameras are prohibited. The order of the places visited may change.

Oia village and winery

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 69 €

Min 15 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

You will enjoy a unique journey by tenders in the "caldera" towards Athinios harbour.

Board the awaiting buses and enjoy a scenic ascent via the colourful rocky sides of the caldera, affording a spectacular panorama of the island.

Your first stop will be Profitis Ilias, the highest peak on the island on altitude of almost 2.000 feet, where you will glimpse the monastery of Profitis Ilias and the breathtaking view of the entire island. After short photo-stop, we continue to the Santo winery where you will have the opportunity to taste wines from the island.

Wine producers prune vines into the shape of a basket or a wreath, called "koulouri", weaving canes around one another to create a ring. This technique allows the fruit to grow inside the basket, protecting it from intense summer heat and wind-blown sand.

Afterwards, you will enjoy in a pleasant drive through the lovely traditional villages of the stunning island towards Oia located on the northern side. Upon arrival in Oia, your guide will give you explanations on the main square, after which you will be



able to explore the village on your own and have the opportunity to enter artists' workshops, meet them and talk with them. See the architecture and typical Santorinian style of houses and churches. Revive over a cup of coffee or juice at a place overlooking the volcano (optional).

After a short journey you will reach Fira, the attractive capital town.

Enjoy a leisurely stroll to the town centre where you have time to browse through the shops and boutiques and to sip coffee in one of the cafes affording a spectacular view of the volcano. Take the cable car down to the small harbour of Scala from where the tenders will take you back to the ship.

Please note: this tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, steps, cobblestones.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. There is a bit of uphill walking in Oia and 28 steps at Fira (on the way to cable car) involved during the visits in the tour. The order of the places visited may change.

On the Road to Paradise: hike from Imerovigli to Oia village

Duration: 05:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 82 €

Activity level: strenuous

Min 10 / Max 20 participants

The tender boat will take you to the port of Athinios where a local guide will be waiting to greet you. Together you will board the motor coach for a panoramic drive along the steep winding road to the highest point of the island.

From this vantage point, the beauty of the island can be seen in all its glory. First you will pass by the picturesque village of Pyrgos set amidst vineyards; once the capital of the island, Pyrgos is known as "the balcony of the Aegean". The next village you pass is Fira the actual capital of the island with its dazzling white buildings with their blue windows and doors and blue domed churches. The coach continues its ascent until you reach the village of Imerovigli, at the highest, most central point of the island (500M). Its strategic location offers commanding views of the whole island and made it an ideal look out post to watch for marauding pirates, indeed the name derives from the latin vigilare which means to stand guard or keep watch. These days it is just the perfect spot to enjoy the tranquil beauty of the island. Here, at the highest point of the caldera, you will start your hike.

The hike from Imerovigli to the village of Oia take about 2 hours, depending on the group's pace. The dazzling white village can be seen from quite a distance; it is said that during the Ottoman rule of Greece which lasted over 400 years the population was not allowed to fly the country's white flag, so the proud inhabitants painted the whole village white in defiance.

As the hike progresses you will be amazed at the beauty of the dramatic landscape unfolding before your eyes and when you reach the village you will agree that it was well worth the effort to get there. Oia is quite simply one of the most romantic and interesting places in the whole world. Once home to a community of seafarers, the village is known for its traditional architecture. You can admire the Captain's houses belonging to the affluent ship owners and cave dwellings hewn from the rock face, to accommodate the crew. You will have time at leisure to discover the beauties of Oia by yourselves especially the iconic blue double domed church which features on so many postcards.

Afterwards the coach will take you back to Fira where you can decide whether to spend more time on site or whether you prefer to make your way back to the ship via cable car and tender from the pier of the Old port.

Please note: This tour must be considered strenuous and is recommended only for guest who are in very good physical conditions.

Guests are advised to wear hiking shoes and weather appropriate clothes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

This tour is not available in July and August due to the heat.



ATHENS, GREECE

Athens and Acropolis Museum (ending at the airport)

Drop off at airport: Price: 89 € Duration: 05:00 approx.
 Drop off in city center: Price 75 € Duration: 04:00 approx.
 Activity level: strenuous Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach
 Min 10 participants

From the port of Piraeus you pass the charming yacht harbor of Zea, where the foundations of the dock dating from the 5th century BC are clearly visible. Next is the attractive Mikrolimanon waterfront lined with inviting al fresco fish restaurants. It is but a short drive into cosmopolitan Athens, a mixture of modern buildings and great monuments. You will pass by the Temple of Zeus, the Panathenaic Stadium, the Parliament at Syntagma (Constitution) Square, the National Academy, the University, Library and Hadrian's Arch, before you finally arrive at the New Acropolis Museum. This building, located only 300 meters southeast of the Rock of the Acropolis, was designed by Bernard Tschumi.

The museum was opened to the public in 2009 and nearly 4000 objects are exhibited on three levels with an area of 14.000 square meters. Exhibits include findings from the Acropolis archaeological site as well as artefacts from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece.

For those returning to the ship, the tour ends in the center of Athens; the rest of the passengers will be transferred to the airport.

Please note: This tour ends at Athens International Airport (ATH) and is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 15:30. This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves considerable amount of walking over cobblestone, uneven surfaces and inclines.

We advise guests to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water. The use of cameras and video-cameras is forbidden in the museum. Museum has toilets, small souvenir shop, cafeteria and restaurant.

The order of the visits may vary. Traffic in Athens may affect the duration of the driving between the places.

The tour guide will leave the group when the coach leaves Athens in direction of the airport.

Star Clippers offers also the following transfer services (optional, upon reservation):**✓ Shared transfer to Athens Airport (ATH)**

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time. There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 10:30 am.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 12:30 pm.

✓ Private transfers to Athens Airport (ATH) / to hotels in Athens.

Latest pick-up time from the pier will be at 10:00 am.

