

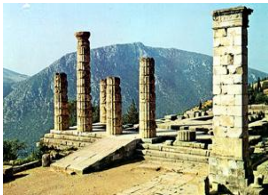
Schilling Travel's Christos 2008 Mediterranean Odyssey – September 8 - 22

Day 1, Monday Sep 8 Mid-afternoon Departure from Minneapolis/St. Paul on Northwest /KLM Airlines.

Day 2, Tuesday, Sep 9 Arrive Amsterdam, connect to Athens. Begin a two-night stay at The Titania, a stunning hotel in the heart of Athens. Explore the bustling neighborhood, and wind up the day with dinner at the Titania rooftop restaurant/bar as you overlook the Acropolis.

Day 3, Wednesday, Sep 10 Half Day tour of Athens. Included are the Acropolis and the National Archaeological Museum. In the evening, enjoy a dinner of Athenian favorites, hosted by Christos, at an authentic Ouzeri frequented almost exclusively by locals.

Day 4, Thursday, Sep 11 Free to shop the Plaka, people-watch at Kolonaki or enjoy a *day trip to Delphi*.



Located about one hundred miles northwest of Athens, Delphi is the ancient site of the Panhellenic sanctuary. The Temple of Apollo, the seat of the famous oracle, is nestled in the forested slopes and rocky crags on the sacred mountain called Parnassus. In antiquity, Delphi was regarded as the center of the world. Visitors from around the Mediterranean, some traveling for months, would bring gifts and seek counsel from the oracle. But the oracles cryptic advise, often not interpreted for years, would send many a pilgrim away befuddled.

Day 5, Friday, Sep 12 Sunset departure from the port of Piraeus on board The Cristal, a ship in its second season, for an enchanting seven-day cruise to some of the choicest destinations around the Aegean:



Istanbul (Topkapi Palace, Ayia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar, The Spice Market), Mykonos (a myriad gold shops), Patmos (St. John's Monastery), Kusadasi (Ephesos, the most important ancient site in the Mediterranean), Rhodes (the walled-in Old City), Crete (Knossos Palace), and Santorini (breathtaking sunset from the top of the caldera).



Day 12, Friday, Sep 19 Fly to Cyprus for a three-night stay at Sandy Beach Hotel.

The island of Cyprus, the birthplace of one of your hosts, Gus Parpas, is the jewel of the Mediterranean. An island of stark contrasts, it offers a blend of magnificent mountain ranges, picturesque villages and unforgettable sandy beaches. At the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, Cyprus offers an experience in a unique culture that reflects elements from all of those who have passed, or even ruled it over the centuries. Traditional and warm, the Sandy Beach Hotel overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. Sandy Beach has all the modern facilities of a four star hotel with professional and friendly service typical of Cyprus.



Day 13, Saturday, Sep 20 Excursion to Pafos The charming west coast town of Pafos is built around an idyllic harbor where open air fish restaurants crowd a promenade lined with bright-colored fishing boats. Pafos is the legendary birthplace of the goddess **Aphrodite**.

Day 14, Sunday, Sep 21 Save your appetite for a farewell dinner, hosted by Schilling Travel, under Pieros' trellised grapevines. This taverna serves some of the most delicious food on the island. If the stars are properly aligned, you will meet some of Gus' family.

Day 15, Monday, Sep 22 Depart Larnaca at 9:50 am, connecting in Amsterdam to arrive in Minneapolis at 5:35 pm.