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# CYCLADIC, MINOAN, MYCENAEAN & CLASSICAL GREECE

With archaeologist Cynthia Shelmerdine



*"It was a remarkably wonderful trip—the *Callisto* is great, the weather was glorious, and the other travelers were extremely congenial."*

*– past AIA traveler*

***ABOARD THE 17-CABIN PRIVATELY-CHARTERED  
YACHT CALLISTO / OCTOBER 21 – 31, 2022***



Dear Traveler,

We are pleased to invite you on a journey that will explore the long legacy of Greece with **Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Cynthia Shelmerdine**. Perhaps more than any other land, Greece has exerted a profound and lasting influence on the development of the Western world. Democracy, philosophy, historiography, scientific inquiry, and theater, among others, were born here.

Join us to explore storied **Athens** and its celebrated ancient monuments before flying to legendary Crete, Greece's largest island and the place that gave rise to Europe's first advanced civilization. After visiting fascinating sites and museums in and around **Heraklion**, we will **embark the lovely *Callisto*, which is akin to a private yacht rather than a cruise ship and accommodates only 34 guests.**

Cruise to several of the most beautiful and historically-important Greek islands. Some of the islands we will explore, such as **Santorini**, are well known, while others, such as **Amorgos** and **Sifnos**, are less known and yet considered to be the gems of the Greek archipelago. Beyond the bounds of mass tourism, they remain unspoiled, retaining their original character, and their ancient sites are devoid of large groups of visitors. A special feature of the cruise is the inclusion of the small, uninhabited, and seldom-visited islet of **Despotiko**, which was an important sanctuary of Apollo in antiquity. Ongoing excavations under Greek archaeologist Yannis Kourayos have revealed major structures, including the Temple of Apollo, now partially restored.

Your engaging AIA expert, Professor Shelmerdine, will offer a **series of onboard lectures and informal discussions**, and local guides will illuminate the sites on every excursion ashore. Our custom-designed itinerary, the small size of the ship, and the planned activities combine to make for a truly memorable travel-learning experience.

I hope you will join us on this journey to Athens and the fabled Aegean Sea. Since *Callisto* has only 17 cabins and this program is co-sponsored, I encourage you to contact our office today at [aia@studytours.org](mailto:aia@studytours.org) or **(800) 748-6262** to reserve your preferred cabin.

Sincerely,



Lauren Cummings  
Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours  
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*"The small ship atmosphere was relaxing and comfortable." – Marietta, CA*

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA LECTURER & HOST



### Cynthia W. Shelmerdine

is Robert M. Armstrong Centennial Professor of Classics, *emerita*, at The University of Texas at Austin and a Research Associate at Bowdoin College. Her specialty is the Aegean Bronze Age, particularly Mycenaean Greece. An expert on both

archaeological material and the written evidence of the Linear B documents, Professor Shelmerdine has published extensively on the archaeology, history and culture of Mycenaean Greece. Her publications include *The Cambridge Companion to the Aegean Bronze Age* (Cambridge 2008, editor and contributor); articles on Mycenaean women, warfare, and cooking vessels; and the third edition of her ancient Greek textbook, *Introduction to Greek* (Hackett 2020, in collaboration with her sister Susan C. Shelmerdine). Professor Shelmerdine is a ceramic and historical expert for the Iklaia Archaeological Project (University of Missouri-St. Louis and the Greek Archaeological Society). She has also participated in the excavation of Nichoria by the Minnesota Messenia Expedition (1970s), and in the Pylos Regional Archaeological Project (1990s). She was educated at Bryn Mawr College (A.B. 1970), the University of Cambridge (B.A. 1972, M.A. 1980), and Harvard University (Ph.D. in Classical Philology 1977). Professor Shelmerdine is widely traveled in Greece and has lectured on several AIA-sponsored voyages in the region.



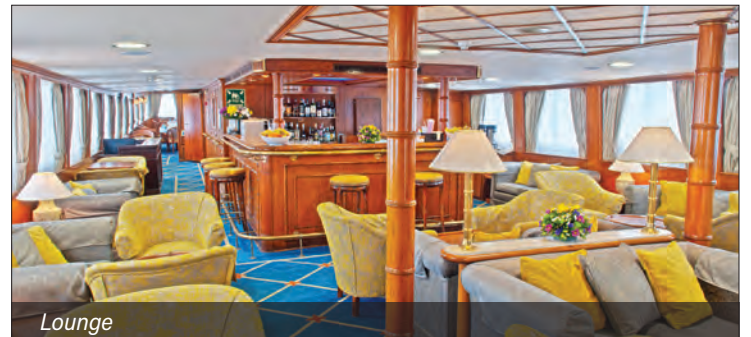
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# ***THE 17-CABIN YACHT CALLISTO***

## ***More Like A Private Yacht Than A Cruise Ship***



In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, *Callisto* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Callisto* accommodates a maximum of just 34 guests in 17 cabins that face outside.

Unlike the formalities found on larger cruise ships, a relaxed and informal atmosphere prevails aboard. A well-trained English-speaking crew of 18 manages the ship and provides friendly and efficient service. The dining room, surrounded by large windows, accommodates all guests at one unassigned seating, while the adjoining lounge, which is also lined with windows, is a good place to meet and socialize with fellow travelers, and attend

lectures. When the weather permits, several meals will be served al fresco. A library faces the spacious Sun Deck.

The 17 cabins range in size from 130 sq. ft. to 145 sq. ft. There are four different categories of cabins arranged on two decks, all of which feature either windows (Categories A & B), or portholes (Categories C & D); twin, double or queen-size beds; individually controlled air-conditioning; flat-screen TV; mini fridge; wardrobe; safety deposit box; and telephone (internal use). Each cabin has a private bathroom with shower, marble sink countertop, hair dryer, and fine toiletries. Basic Wi-Fi is available aboard the ship.

*Callisto* is equipped with stabilizers that provide smoother sailing.



# ITINERARY

## Friday, October 21, 2022

DEPART HOME FOR ATHENS, GREECE

## Saturday, October 22

**ATHENS, Greece:** Arrive in Athens and transfer to the *Hotel Athens Capital*, located in the center of the city, convenient to many attractions. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Meals: D

## Sunday, October 23

**ATHENS:** One of the world's most venerable cities, Athens is the capital of Greece and Europe's oldest city. Its ancient monuments are testimonials to its glorious past that gave birth to democracy and many other ideas and institutions that form an integral part of the Western tradition. Explore this morning the Agora, the civic and commercial center of ancient Athens and the living heart of its democracy. See the remains of the civic buildings and visit the Agora Museum. Continue to the hill of Areopagus, where, in A.D. 51, St. Paul addressed the Athenians. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour the Acropolis and its celebrated monuments, including the sublime Parthenon. Built in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C., the Parthenon and other structures of the same period represent the highest achievement of architecture and art of the Classical period. Visit also the Acropolis Museum and view an outstanding collection of sculpture. **Alternatively**, you may take a full-day excursion out of Athens to visit the Sanctuary of Artemis at Brauron, and the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion. Both sites date from the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Lunch will be served in a country taverna. Everyone returns to the *Hotel Athens Capital*, and dinner is on your own. Meals: B, L

## Monday, October 24

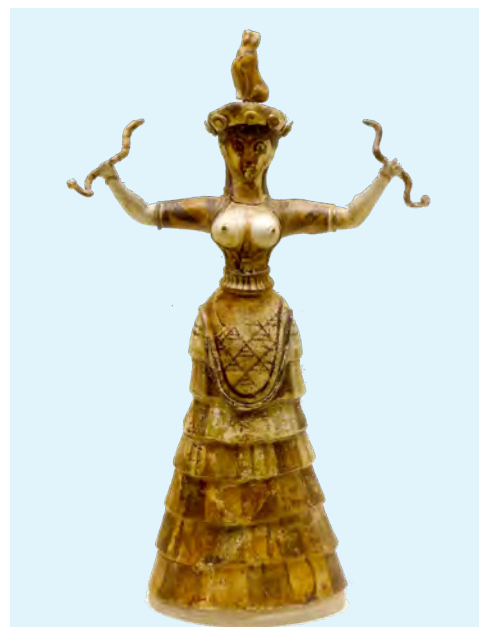
**ATHENS/FLY TO HERAKLION, Crete:** This morning visit the National Archaeological Museum. Housed in a large building that was first erected in the second part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the museum contains the country's finest collection of ancient art, representing Greece's long history from the prehistoric period to the Roman era. After lunch, continue to the airport for our flight to Heraklion, Crete's largest city and commercial center (flight duration: 45 minutes). Upon arrival, transfer to the port to board *Callisto*. Overnight aboard while docked in port. Meals: B, L, D

## Tuesday, October 25

**HERAKLION:** The largest of the Greek islands, Crete was home to Europe's earliest advanced civilization, the Minoan, which flourished during the Bronze Age, starting around 2000 B.C. This morning we drive to the south of the island to visit Phaestos, one of the main Minoan palaces that have been excavated. Situated on a plain overlooking Crete's highest mountain, Mount Ida, the first palace was built around 1900 B.C. Continue on to nearby Gortyn which, occupied since the Neolithic and Bronze Ages, became the capital of the province of Crete and Cyrenaica (North Africa) during the Roman period. The substantial remains of the city include the 5<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. Law Code, the city laws inscribed in stone blocks. Return to Heraklion and enjoy lunch at the Peskesi restaurant, known for its excellent Cretan cuisine. In the afternoon, tour the partially-reconstructed Minoan palace of Knossos. Clustered around a spacious courtyard, the palace contains a maze of rooms, passages, and stairways that reveal the brilliance and refinement of the Minoan civilization. Visit also the superlative Heraklion Museum to admire the exquisite art of the Minoans. For those who have visited previously these ancient sites, the following **alternative** excursions will be offered. In the morning, drive to Archanes, the site of a Minoan palace, where we will visit the informative Archaeological Museum; the necropolis of Fourni, which was used from c. 2400 B.C. to 1000 B.C.; and the Minoan settlement at Vathypetro. After lunch at the Peskesi restaurant, visit the Minoan palace of Malia and the 13<sup>th</sup>-century church of Panaghia Kera, whose walls are covered with frescoes. *Callisto* will cruise in the evening. Meals: B, L, D



Epidauros Theater



Heraklion Museum - Snake Goddess

## Wednesday, October 26

**SANTORINI:** Be on deck this morning as the ship approaches Santorini to admire one of the most iconic sights of the Mediterranean: the white-washed town of Phira, the island's main town, perched on the 1,000-foot-high palisade of the volcanic caldera. Known in classical antiquity as Thera, the island was a flourishing trading center inhabited by a sophisticated society during the Bronze Age. In the late 17<sup>th</sup> century B.C., a massive volcanic eruption collapsed half of the island and buried its town, now called Akrotiri, in a thick layer of ash and pumice, preserving its houses, squares, and streets as they existed 3,700 years ago. Visit Akrotiri and the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, which exhibits the artifacts excavated at Akrotiri. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant that offers spectacular views of the caldera and serves local specialties. Spend the afternoon at leisure for independent activities, or join an excursion that will explore the remains of Thera, the island's historic city, which was founded in the 9<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Located on the ridge of a mountain, the site, which requires walking over uneven terrain to reach, includes an agora, theater, sanctuaries, and houses.

Meals: B, L, D

## Thursday, October 27

**AMORGOS:** Known for its dramatic scenery, lovely Amorgos has been settled since the 5<sup>th</sup> millennium B.C. Call at the island's main port, which hugs a curving cove, and explore its ancient remains, including the settlement at Markiani, which dates from the Early Cycladic period (2800 B.C. – 2000 B.C.); Minoa and Aegiale, both founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century B.C.; and the monastery of Chozoviotissa. Built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century under a charter from the Byzantine emperor, the monastery is precipitously situated high above the sea. Also visit the Archaeological Museum, which is housed in a 17<sup>th</sup>-century mansion and exhibits finds from excavations carried out on the island. The museum is in Chora, Amorgos' enchanting main town, which sits on a plateau and is crowned by a 13<sup>th</sup>-century citadel. Time will be provided to explore Chora.

Meals: B, L, D

## Friday, October 28

**DESPOTIKO & PAROS:** Arrive in the morning at the uninhabited and seldom-visited islet of Despotiko. The small island was active during the Bronze Age, but later, starting in the Archaic era (early 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. – early 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.), it became one of the most important sanctuaries of Apollo in the Aegean Sea. Recent excavations under archaeologist Yannis Kourayos have brought to light many artifacts and revealed the remains of several buildings, including the large Temple of Apollo, which was partially restored last year. After exploring the remarkable excavations of Despotiko, sail to the nearby island of Paros, one of the quintessential Cycladic islands. Home of Archilochus, the great 7<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. lyric poet who was considered by the ancients as great as Homer, Paros was also the source of some of the world's finest marble that was preferred by master sculptors from antiquity to more recent times. Call at Parikia, the island's main town that features the white-washed architecture of the central Greek islands, and from there explore the island, including the remains of the 6<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. sanctuary of Athena, the Hellenistic houses and ancient cemeteries, and the ancient marble quarries. In Parikia, we will also visit the impressive church of Ekatonapyliani (Our Lady of a Hundred Doors), whose foundation dates from the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and the Archaeological Museum, which exhibits fine sculptures of Parian marble and artifacts excavated on Despotiko.

Meals: B, L, D

## Saturday, October 29

**SIFNOS:** This small island was famed in antiquity for its wealth that was produced by its gold and silver mines. Archaeological evidence suggests that the gold and silver deposits were exploited as early as the Bronze Age. Unaffected by tourist development and having preserved its character, Sifnos is one of the most delightful of Greece's islands. Scattered around the island are several stone towers that were built starting in the late 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. to protect the mines. One of the most impressive to have survived is the Aspros



*Akrotiri, Santorini*



*Monastery of Chozoviotissa, Amorgos*



*Treasury of Atreus at Mycenae © R Todd Nielsen*



Pyrgos (White Tower), which we will explore. On the summit of the hill of Aghios Andreas, we will explore the fortified citadel that dates from the Mycenaean period. The complex construction of the defense walls is considered to be unique in the Aegean. The museum on the site exhibits artifacts dating from the early Bronze Age to later periods. Crowning a promontory above the sea is Kastro, the medieval citadel, which occupies the site of ancient Sifnos. Still visible are sections of the city's impressive walls that were constructed late in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The island's Archaeological Museum is also found here and it exhibits Cycladic marble objects and other artifacts. In addition to exploring the island's ancient sites, we will also spend time in the very attractive towns of Apollonia and Artemonas.

Meals: B, L, D

Sunday, October 30

**NAFPLION, EPIDAUROS & MYCENAE:** Set on a spacious bay and crowned by two citadels, Nafplion is one of Greece's most attractive old towns. Drive to Epidaurus, the sanctuary dedicated to Asclepius, the god of healing. Epidaurus was in antiquity a religious shrine, health center, and popular spa. Its incredible 4<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. theater is famed for its perfect acoustics and harmonious proportions. Continue to Mycenae, the most important center of the Mycenaean civilization that flourished in the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium B.C. Called by Homer "rich in gold" and "well-built," Mycenae was the home of Agamemnon, who led the Greeks in the war against Troy. The nearby fertile area of Nemea has been producing fine wine from antiquity to the present time. We will enjoy lunch at the Skouras Winery, accompanied by its wines. **Alternatively**, spend the day touring Mycenaean Tiryns; Argos, one of the most storied cities of ancient Greece; and prehistoric Lerna, which dates back to 6500 B.C.

Meals: B, L, D

Monday, October 31

**PIRAEUS/FLY HOME:** Disembark in the morning in Zea Marina, a yacht harbor near Piraeus, the port of Athens, and transfer to Athens airport for return flights home.

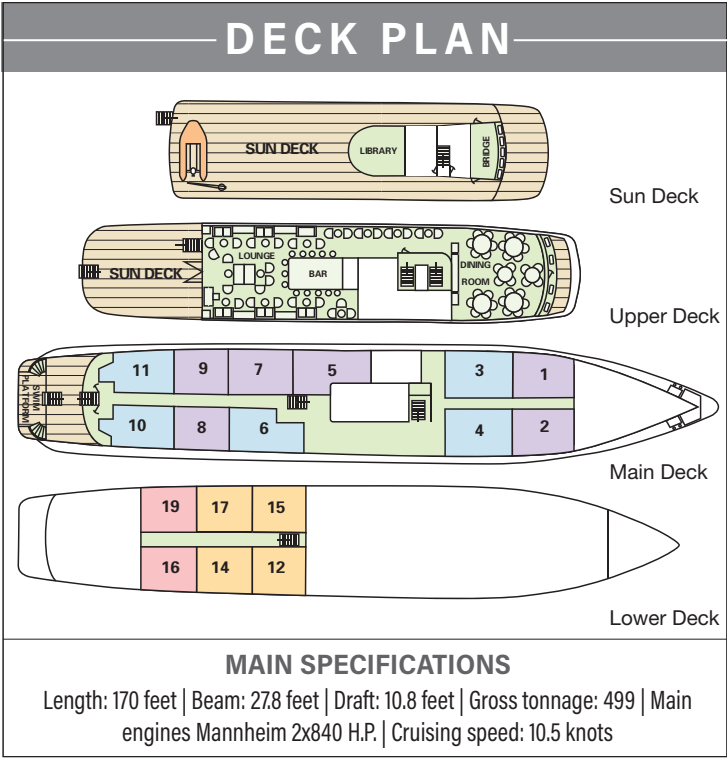
Meals: B



Santorini



Parikia, Paros



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CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATE
D	Outside cabins on Lower Deck with twin beds and portholes. Cabins 16, 19. 130 sq. feet	\$7,490
C	Outside cabins on Lower Deck with twin beds and portholes. Cabins 12, 14, 15, 17. 130 sq. feet	\$8,390
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A	Outside cabins on Main Deck with twin beds and window. Cabins 3*, 4*, 6, 10, 11. 135 - 145 sq. feet *Cabins 3 and 4 have a queen-size bed.	\$9,990
Single occupancy: A few cabins in Categories C and B are available for single occupancy at a supplement of 150% of the per person double occupancy rate.		

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I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of July 22, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Rates Include:

- AIA lecturer/host Cynthia W. Shelmerdine plus services of a professional cruise director, tour manager and local guides.
- 7 nights' accommodations aboard the 17-cabin *Callisto* and two nights at the new *Hotel Athens Capital*, centrally located in Athens.
- Welcome dinner in Athens at a local taverna plus full breakfast at the hotel.
- All meals aboard ship, including wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the voyage.
- Group flight from Athens to Heraklion, Crete.

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Sifnos

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