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GRAND MEDITERRANEAN VOYAGE: MALTA TO TÜRKİYE

April 11-24, 2027 (14 days)

aboard the 92-stateroom *Le Dumont d'Urville*
with archaeologist Michael Hoff



This program is co-sponsored.

*"All the AIA lecturers [on all my AIA Tours] were excellent.
Dr. Hoff's lectures were the highlights of this cruise."*

- Min, California

Dear traveler,

I invite you to **join archaeologist Michael Hoff** on an enriching, ten-night voyage through the central Mediterranean and into the Aegean. Experience an extraordinary variety of sites throughout **Malta, Sicily, Italy's "heel," the island of Corfu** and **mainland Greece**, and **Türkiye** as we explore some of the most remarkable landscapes and archaeological treasures of the ancient world.

Embark in Valletta, Malta, our elegant, home-away-from-home: the **92-stateroom *Le Dumont d'Urville***, which makes for an ideal base as we wend our way toward Türkiye. The vessel's intimate size, inviting public spaces, and attentive service create an ideal setting for both discovery and relaxation.

Highlights include:

- Exploration of Malta's remarkable prehistoric heritage, including the **Tarxien Temples** and the even older sanctuary of **Ħaġar Qim**, along with Valletta's magnificent Baroque **St. John's Co-Cathedral**, home to Caravaggio masterpieces.
- A visit to **Syracuse, Sicily**, once one of the greatest cities of the ancient Mediterranean, where the vast archaeological park, the monumental Greek theater, and the historic island of Ortygia reveal the city's Greek and Roman legacies.
- A day in **Puglia**, discovering Lecce's exuberant Baroque architecture before exploring the historic port town of **Gallipoli**, with its winding streets and long history of Mediterranean trade.
- Greece's lush island landscapes of **Corfu**, sacred sanctuary of **Delphi**, dramatic **Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion**, and breathtaking monasteries of **Meteora**, one of Europe's most extraordinary cultural landscapes.
- Stepping into the ancient world at **Ephesus**, one of the best-preserved classical cities in existence; and visits to the impressive remains of **Perge** and **Aspendos**, including Aspendos' magnificent Roman theater.

Drawing on decades of excavations and research in Greece and Türkiye, Professor Hoff will offer **engaging lectures and insightful interpretations** that deepen our understanding of the sites we visit. His talks and conversations will illuminate the historical connections, archaeological discoveries, and cultural traditions that helped shape the Mediterranean world.

I hope you will join us for this remarkable journey across the ancient Mediterranean. This program is co-sponsored, so we encourage you to contact us today at aia@studytours.org or **(800) 748-6262** to reserve your preferred stateroom.

Sincerely,



Lauren Cummings
Education and Program Manager, AIA Tours
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Ephesus, Türkiye

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host

Dr. Michael Hoff, Professor of Art History at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and a former member of the AIA's Board of Trustees, is a classical archaeologist who specializes in the Roman period in Greece and Asia Minor. He has wide excavation experience in Türkiye and Greece, including Athens, Corinth, Nemea, and Crete; and for more than 25 years he has been engaged in archaeological research in the region of Rough Cilicia in southern Türkiye. Since 2005, Professor Hoff has directed the excavations at the Roman-era city of Antiochia ad Cragum in Rough Cilicia. In addition to many publications, Professor Hoff has participated for many years in the AIA's national lecture program and has directed many university-sponsored study tours to Greece. Professor Hoff is a veteran in hosting AIA travelers on voyages in southern France, Greece, and Türkiye.





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Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Dinner=(D)

Sunday, April 11, 2027: Depart home

Monday, April 12: VALLETTA, Malta | ST. JULIAN'S

Arrive at Malta International Airport (MLA), where you will be met and transferred to the elegant *Hilton Malta* (or similar), located in St. Julian's, on a peninsula to the north of Valletta. A local representative will be at our hospitality desk to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. Relax and unwind at the hotel, or explore some of the nearby sites. The evening is at your leisure and dinner is independent. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hilton Malta](#) (or similar).*

Tuesday, April 13: VALLETTA | TARXIEN | HAĞAR QIM | EMBARK

Following breakfast, gather with your fellow travelers for an orientation meeting with your tour guide and lecturer before setting off to discover some of Malta's most important monuments and landmarks. At St. John's Co-Cathedral, one of the most elegant Baroque churches in Europe, see Caravaggio's *St. Jerome* and *The Beheading of St. John the Baptist*. Explore the remarkable Tarxien Temples, which date to 2800 B.C., and then visit Hağar Qim, an even older temple that stands atop a hill on the southern edge of the island. Lunch at a local restaurant is followed by an afternoon transfer to the pier to embark *Le Dumont d'Urville*. Enjoy dinner aboard while we cruise toward Sicily. *Ten nights aboard Le Dumont d'Urville.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 14: SYRACUSE, Sicily, Italy | CAPTAIN'S WELCOME GALA

Colonized by Greeks in the 8th century B.C., Syracuse became one of the most powerful cities of the ancient world, rivaling even Athens and Carthage, until it was defeated during the Second Punic War. Begin your discovery of the city on the mainland, at Syracuse's extensive archaeological park, where we visit the Roman amphitheater of Augustus, the Ear of Dionysius, and other Roman monuments, ending at Syracuse's 15,000-seat Greek theater, one of the largest in the Hellenic world. Continue to the tiny island of Ortygia, the original center of the ancient city, where a walking tour reveals the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the oldest Doric temple in Sicily; the Fountain of Arethusa; and the Cathedral, which incorporates a 5th-century B.C. Temple to Athena. This evening, join your fellow passengers for the Captain's welcome gala. (B,L,D)



Hağar Qim, Malta



Ortygia, Syracuse, Italy

*“Dr. Hoff was a fountain of knowledge about the sites we visited.
He was always available during the tours for individual questions.”*

- Donald, Indiana

Thursday, April 15: GALLIPOLI | LECCE | GALLIPOLI

This morning we travel to Lecce, the “Florence of the South” and one of the towns in Puglia that rightfully boast of their dazzling Baroque architecture. Visit the Piazza del Duomo and Cathedral, the richly adorned Basilica of Santa Croce, and the Roman amphitheater in Piazza Sant’Oronzo. Return to Gallipoli for lunch aboard ship followed by a tour of this charming town, reminiscent of Aegean fishing villages with labyrinthine streets and colorful houses. Visit the Baroque cathedral and step into one of the many ancient underground olive oil factories that evoke the period when Gallipoli exported huge amounts of olive oil used to light street lamps across Europe. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 16: CORFU, Greece | PALEOKASTRITSA | CORFU TOWN

Begin the day with a scenic drive across the island of Corfu to Paleokastritsa and the hilltop Monastery of the Holy Virgin. Visit the monastery and its museum and enjoy marvelous views of the coastline and sea from its terraces. Legend has it that this is the spot where Odysseus was shipwrecked, washed ashore, and ultimately supplied with the ship that took him home to Ithaca. Leaving the monastery, stop at the famous viewpoint of Bella Vista in the village of Lakones for breathtaking panoramas of the Ionian coastline and the coves of Paleokastritsa. The day’s journey comes to an end back in Corfu Town with a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Corfu and a short stroll through lively Spianada Square before returning to the pier. (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 17: ITEA | DELPHI | CORINTH CANAL

Begin this morning’s excursion with a drive through spectacular scenery to the hillside site of Delphi. Famous in antiquity as the home of the oracle of Apollo, even in ruins Delphi casts its spell as you follow in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims along the Sacred Way, past ancient treasures and monuments, to the Temple of Apollo, theater, and stadium. See the Tholos of Athena Pronaia, with its three iconic columns, and the Kastalian Spring, where seekers of wisdom purified themselves before consulting the oracle. Tour the excellent on-site museum with superbly done exhibits explaining the history of this sacred place, followed by some time at leisure in Delphi before returning to the ship in time for lunch. We will make our way towards the Corinth Canal, travelling through around 7:40 this evening. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 18: LAVRION | BRAURON | CAPE SOUNION | LAVRION

From the port of Lavrion, travel north along the Attic coast to the archaeological site at Brauron, an important religious center dedicated to Artemis, protector of wildlife and young girls. Explore the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, the stoa where pilgrims once gathered, and the sacred spring that fed the sanctuary. Then head south to Cape Sounion and the stunning 5th-century B.C. temple where ancient Greeks came to worship Poseidon. Fifteen of the original 34 columns of the temple are still standing and create one of the most deeply moving sights in all of Greece. Return to Lavrion for a visit to its Archaeological Museum before reboarding our ship. (B,L,D)

Monday, April 19: VOLOS | METEORA

Our full-day excursion begins early in the morning and involves a two-hour drive. It may seem like a lot to ask, but a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora—“monasteries in the air”—a complex of monasteries built atop natural pillars of stone, is well worth the effort. It is, in fact, one of the most extraordinary sights in all of Europe. On arrival, we will tour two of the site’s original 24 monasteries. Admire the meticulously crafted icons, mosaics, and frescoes that adorn the walls, and enjoy views of the domed roofs of the surrounding monasteries as your guide explains the reasons the monks chose this region for their retreats. After our visit, sit down to a traditional Greek lunch in the nearby town of Kalambaka before the return drive to Volos and our ship. (B,L,D)



Delphi, Greece



Cape Sounion, Greece



Meteora, Greece

Tuesday, April 20: KUŞADASI, Türkiye | EPHEBUS

Kuşadası, on Türkiye's Aegean coast, is our gateway to the World Heritage Site of Ephesus, one of the world's best preserved ancient cities, spanning centuries—from the Hellenistic through the early Christian eras. The immense excavation here includes temples dedicated to several Roman emperors, the iconic Library of Celsus, a working theater known for its excellent acoustics, and terraced hill houses decorated with splendid mosaics and frescoes and equipped with running water and heating systems. You will also visit the Ephesus Museum in nearby Selçuk, exhibiting artifacts spanning prehistory to the 3rd century A.D. and ranging from colossal statues of Artemis to household objects from the terrace houses. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 21: AT SEA

Enjoy a day at sea, attending lectures, relaxing on deck, and making use of *Le Dumont d'Urville's* many amenities. (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 22: ALANYA | SIDE | ALANYA

From the resort town of Alanya, travel to one of Türkiye's most famous ancient sites—Side. Situated on a narrow peninsula, Side was a leading eastern Mediterranean port until the 7th century A.D., when it came under Arab control. Walk along colonnaded streets to its iconic Temple of Apollo and visit the extensive and well-preserved Roman baths, which today house the marvelous collections of the Side Museum. Return to Alanya for a traditional Turkish lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the city's 13th-century hilltop castle with panoramic views over the harbor and city below as well as the emblematic Red Tower, an octagonal defense tower built by the Seljuk Turks that once guarded a busy shipyard and remains a symbol of Alanya's grand maritime heritage. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 23: ANTALYA | DISEMBARK | PERGE | ASPENDOS | ANTALYA | FAREWELL LUNCH | PM AT LEISURE

After breakfast, disembark and proceed with your guide from Antalya, the largest seaside resort on the Turkish Riviera, to travel inland to visit two of the most significant Greco-Roman cities in Asia Minor—Perge and Aspendos. The splendid remains at Perge, which was once among the most prosperous cities of the Hellenistic world, include its great stadium; a colonnaded, marble main street; a theater; and baths. At Aspendos, we will see the grand 20,000-seat theater commissioned by Marcus Aurelius in the 2nd century A.D. It is the best-preserved ancient theater in the world, and serves as the site of an international opera and ballet festival every year. Returning to Antalya, enjoy a festive farewell lunch at a local restaurant before checking in to the *Akra V Hotel* (or similar). The balance of the day is at your leisure and dinner is independent. *Overnight at the 4-star [Akra V Hotel](#) (or similar).* (B,L)

Saturday, April 24: FLY HOME

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the Antalya Airport (AYT) for flights homeward. (B)



Library of Celsus, Ephesus, Türkiye



Antalya, Türkiye



Perge, Türkiye

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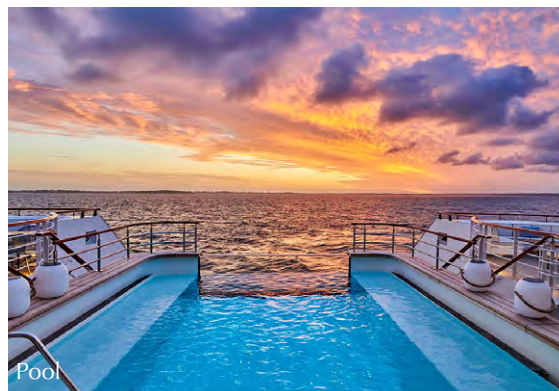
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Prestige Stateroom



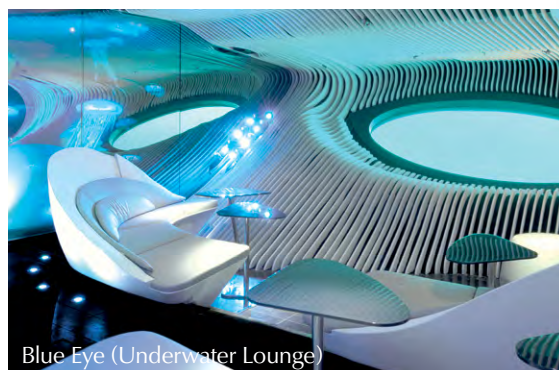
Panoramic Lounge



Pool



Sauna



Blue Eye (Underwater Lounge)



The deluxe, five-star *Le Dumont d'Urville* is one of a series of six new luxury expedition ships launched in 2020. These state-of-the-art vessels combine understated elegance with a spirit of adventure and feature "Blue Eye," the world's first underwater passenger lounge. *Le Dumont d'Urville* is a small-capacity ship with just 92 staterooms and a crew of 110. Guests will enjoy attentive service, gourmet French-inspired cuisine, and a relaxed, congenial ambiance. This ship is a certified Clean Ship and meets the highest environmental standards for energy conservation and resource management.

Program Rates (per person)

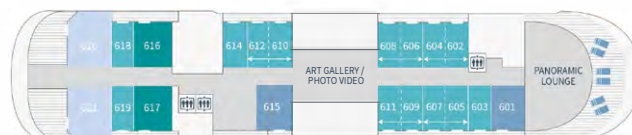
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Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	\$15,775	\$29,128
Deluxe Suite - Decks 3,4,5 or 6	\$20,450	\$37,880
Prestige Suite - Deck 5 <—>	\$21,800	\$40,407
Prestige Suite - Deck 6 <—>	\$22,138	\$41,039
Privilege Suite - Decks 5 or 6	\$22,825	\$42,012
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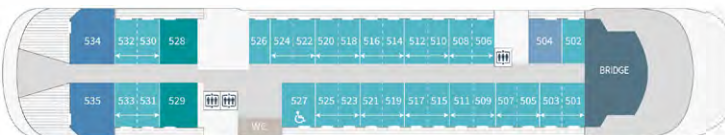
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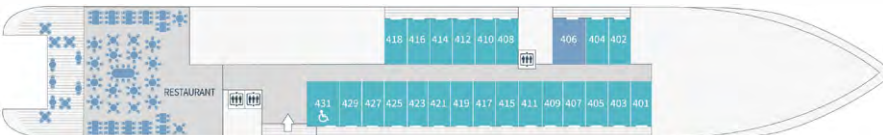
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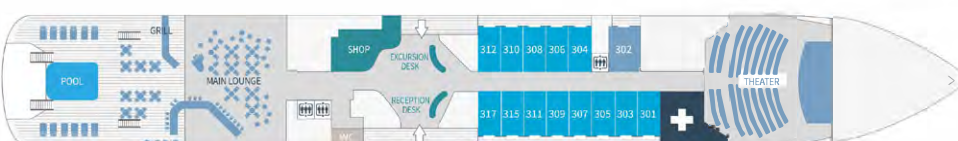
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Ortygia, Syracuse, Italy

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Program Rates Include:

- Two nights in 4- and 5-star hotels: one night in Valletta, Malta, and one night in Antalya, Türkiye
- Comprehensive, 10-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Le Dumont d'Urville*. All accommodations are outside staterooms and suites, and all feature a private balcony
- Complete program of shore excursions, led by expert guides, and an onboard program of lectures and presentations
- All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee and pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- Complimentary open bar aboard ship, including select wines served with lunch and dinner
- One exclusive AIA hosted cocktail reception on board, Captain's gala dinners and cocktail receptions aboard ship
- 24-hour room service and unlimited access to WiFi (as available via satellite)
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage on program arrival/departure dates
- Gratuities to all shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
- Port taxes and charges
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, included suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to Malta International Airport (MLA) and from Antalya Airport (AYT) is not included. Complimentary transfers on program arrival and departure dates are included. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact AIA Tours first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to AIA Tours prior to departure. *We are not liable for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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Aspendos, Türkiye



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☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other _____

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DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

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