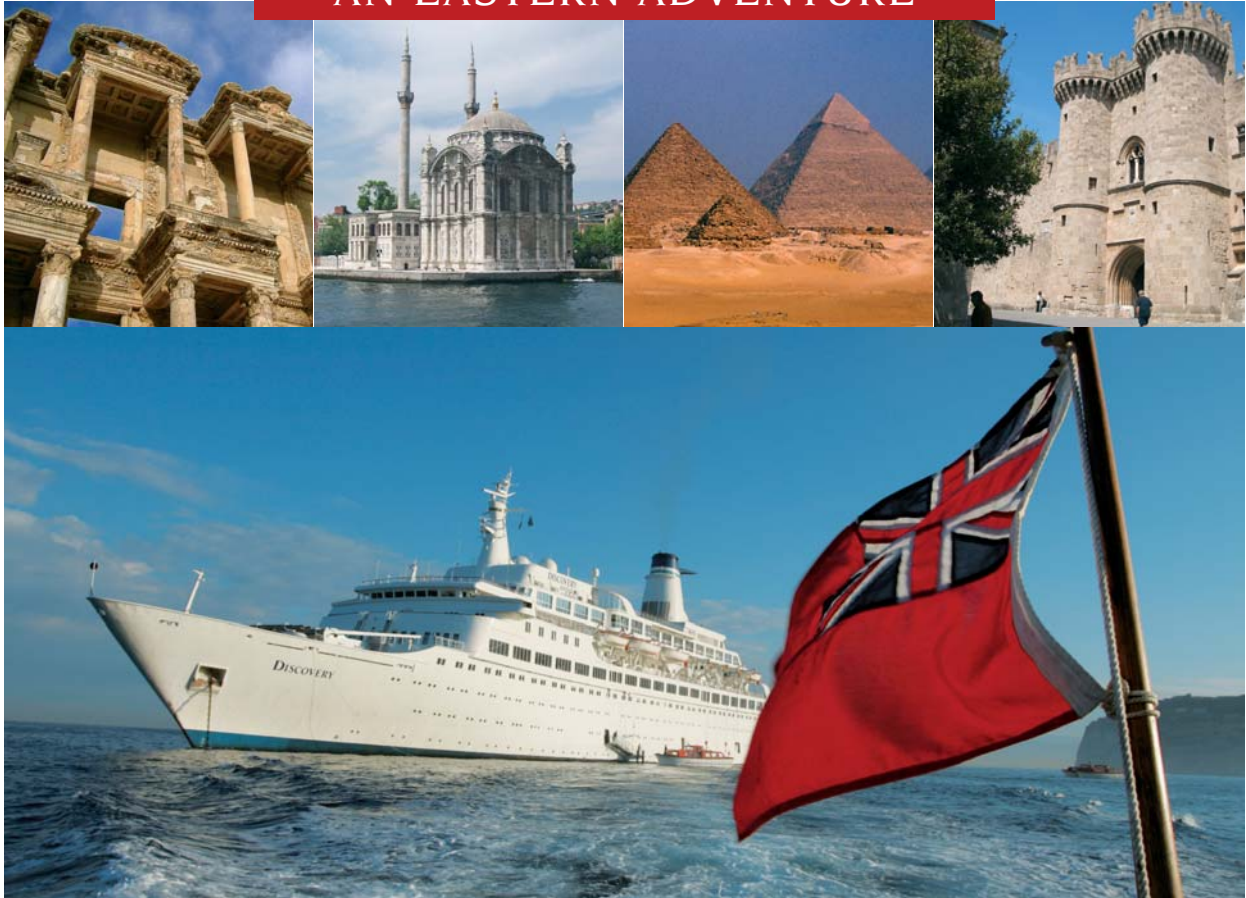


EDUCATIONAL CRUISE 2009

# THE SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY

AN EASTERN ADVENTURE



AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE VISITING  
GREECE, TURKEY & EGYPT

Voyages  
of Discovery

# THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



Dear Parent

*A school cruise has been described as 'the educational experience of a lifetime'! We all look back to that time in our lives and certain things have huge significance for us. Many parents can look back on the cruise they experienced on ss Nevasa, Dunera and Devonia and up to 1982, ss Uganda and the impact it made at the time and the memories they still treasure. Educational school cruising continues today on mv Discovery and aims to provide this experience, which is a combination of travel, exploration, learning, sharing, growing and developing and meeting new people, all within the structures of an organised programme.*

*The combination of learning about other cultures and civilisations from first hand experience ashore, as well as study on board, makes a school cruise a truly unique learning experience. The wealth of impressions gained within this very safe environment cannot be over-estimated. The staff involved have a wealth of experience in organising and running both the ship and the tours ashore to provide the visits to fascinating destinations around the eastern Mediterranean.*

*The ship provides the best range of facilities we have ever been able to offer school parties. Facilities include 350 cabins, all of which have private facilities and TV for showing films and receiving satellite programmes, two pools, one with retractable roof, a well-stocked library and card/games room, a selection of bars and lounges, a cinema and a lecture theatre. Dining is either in the main restaurant or from the Lido buffet on deck. The two captains, covering the summer and winter seasons, are British, the officers European and the friendly international crew predominantly from the Philippines.*

*Voyages of Discovery is a member of ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents), the Passenger Shipping Association, AITO (the Association of Independent Tour Operators) and fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority under Air Travel Organiser's Licence number 3897. This licence ensures that all monies paid to us are fully protected. We look forward to your son or daughter travelling with us on board mv Discovery in 2009.*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Allard".

Roger Allard, Chairman

# OF A LIFETIME

Join Voyages of Discovery for an unforgettable journey through thousands of years of history. Discover more about the ancient empires and civilisations, geological wonders and present-day challenges of the countries that surround the eastern Mediterranean, Aegean and Black Seas.

There will be innumerable highlights to remember such as viewing the treasures of gold and precious jewels showcasing the wealth of the Ottomans; discovering the remains of the Temple of Artemis, a Wonder of the Ancient World; soaking up the sounds and sights of Cairo, Africa's largest city, and maybe riding a camel by the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza; exploring the Acropolis in Athens and the Crusader fortifications and shops of Rhodes.

Other highlights will come from time spent on board our superb 'school at sea', where our carefully planned programme of education, fun and relaxation will ensure that your time spent on board, as we sail from one fascinating port of call to the next, is as memorable as your time ashore.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.



## MV DISCOVERY – OUR SCHOOL AT SEA

Our ship *mv Discovery* is our very own 'school at sea' and offers school parties an extensive range of facilities which can be flexibly used for our programme of illustrated lectures, study periods, daytime activities and evening entertainments.

Facilities include two pools – one with retractable roof, a well-stocked library and card/games room, a selection of bars and lounges and a cinema/lecture theatre. Dining is either in the main restaurant or from the Lido buffet on deck. There are 350 cabins, all of which have private facilities and TV for showing films and receiving satellite programmes. The team of friendly, experienced European officers and attentive Filipino crew ensure that your time on *Discovery* is as rewarding and enjoyable as possible.

Of paramount importance to us is the fact that the vessel complies with the many rigorous requirements necessary for a Passenger Safety Certificate without which no ship may sail. The ship is classified with Lloyds of London and other reputable classification societies and meet the appropriate Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requirements.

CRUISE 091026 AN EASTERN ADVENTURE 7 NIGHTS STUDENT FARE: £1,189 ADULT FARE: £1,289

Date	Port/Airport*	Arrive	Depart	Optional Shore Excursions Available
Mon 26 Oct	Gatwick Airport Athens Airport PIRAEUS, Greece	- 1315 -	0800 - 1900	- Athens City & Acropolis en route Direct transfer from Athens Airport
Tues 27 Oct	Day at sea	-	-	-
Wed 28 Oct	ISTANBUL, Turkey	0600	1330	Half day Seraglio Palace & Santa Sophia Half day Seraglio Palace & Byzantine Cisterns
Thurs 29 Oct	KUSADASI, Turkey	1230	2000	Half day Ephesus
Fri 30 Oct	RHODES, Greece	0730	2359	Half day Lindos Rhodes Town walking tour
Sat 31 Oct	Day at sea	-	-	-
Sun 1 Nov	ALEXANDRIA, Egypt	0600	-	Full day Cairo & the Pyramids
Mon 2 Nov	ALEXANDRIA, Egypt Borg el Arab Airport Gatwick Airport	- - -	- 1700 2030	Half day Alexandria city en route Half day el Alamein en route to airport Direct transfer to Borg el Arab Airport

\*PLEASE NOTE:  
Timings are local and approximate. Airports other than Gatwick may be used. Transfers to/from UK airport included.



## SHORE EXCURSIONS 2009



**PIRAEUS, GREECE: Mon 26 October**  
**EXCURSION: Athens City & Acropolis 'en route'**  
**from Athens International Airport £21**

This guided tour will show both ancient and modern facets of this famous capital city. See the Royal Palace, now the Parliament building, before which the Evzones guard the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior; the stadium of the first modern Olympic Games held in 1896 and the Stadium used for the very successful 2004 Olympic Games; the remains of the Roman City – the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Arch; Stadium Street with its neo-classical building – the University, Library and Academy. The tour will be completed with a comprehensive study of the Acropolis, seeing the three temples – Parthenon, Erechtheion and Wingless Victory.

**ISTANBUL, TURKEY: Wed 28 October**  
**EXCURSION: Half day Seraglio Palace**  
**and Santa Sophia £30**

We cross the new Galata Bridge and climb the hillside where Byzas established his colony 2,600 years ago. Often called "Topkapi", this palace was the home of the Sultans who ruled ruthlessly over the vast Ottoman Empire, which once stretched from Egypt to the Austrian frontier. The palace contained hundreds of rooms, vast gardens with pavilions, enormous kitchens - now a showroom

of the massive collection of porcelain presented as gifts to the Sultans by visiting ambassadors - a harem and huge reception rooms. On view today are some of the treasures of gold, precious jewels, gifts, trinkets, full suits of armour, a vast array of the wealth of the Ottomans.

Santa Sophia, one of the world's greatest churches, was built in 532AD by the Roman Emperor Justinian. It was to become Constantinople's cathedral for nine hundred years, it then served as a mosque from the 1453 Turkish conquest until 1935 when Ataturk made it into a museum. Until the construction of St Peter's in Rome, St Sophia had the largest dome in the World.

**EXCURSION: Half day Seraglio Palace**  
**and Byzantine Cisterns £30**

The Byzantine Cisterns dating from the 6th century are to be found on the west side of St Sophia. The Yarebatan Sarayi or Underground Palace is a vast reservoir. The fantastic brick vaulting is supported by no less than 336 Corinthian columns – an amazing architectural feat. Details of Seraglio Palace are given in previous excursion details.



**KUSADASI, TURKEY: Thu 29 October**  
**EXCURSION: Half day Ephesus £25**

Ancient Ephesus was home to 250,000 at a time when Ephesus rivalled Alexandria as the most important centre in the eastern Mediterranean. A commercial centre, a place of learning and a centre of pilgrimage. We see the remains of the Temple of Artemis, a Wonder of the Ancient World. Excavated and partly restored we see homes, shops, temples, bath houses, a great library and the theatre with seating for 24,000 where St Paul was said to have preached about the 'new religion', Christianity.

**RHODES, GREECE: Fri 30 October**  
**EXCURSION: Half day Lindos £23**

A tour to the beautiful village of Lindos some 65km south of Rhodes Town. The village is cradled beneath the Acropolis with its religious sanctuary dedicated to Athena Lindia. The meaning of the word 'acropolis' is perfectly clear – a hill city. There are distant views from the top down to the village, today only a quarter of the size it was in the times of Classical Greece, when Lindos was an important trading centre. Trade is still important today, and the passengers will enjoy the walk through the narrow (traffic free) streets and alleys.

The journey between Rhodes and Lindos is interesting and 'educational' as you pass through villages and fertile farming land as well as across barren scrub covered hills, past the only golf course on the island and the ceramic factories. (Rhodes was producing and exporting pottery 500 years before Christ).

**EXCURSION: Rhodes Town walk-tour £23**

We walk into the Old Town centre of Rhodes rounding Acandia Bay, the second harbour, then move onto Mandraki Harbour where stood the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Today this harbour is a haven for expensive yachts overlooked by tavernas, cafes



and the colourful Italian Market. Entering the Old Town we see the remarkable inns and palaces of the Crusader Knights built in the 13th to 15th centuries. We climb the Street of the Knights to visit the Grand Master's Palace. Beyond the busy shopping street known as Plane Tree Walk paths lead us through more quarters of this ancient city. In Socrates Street we see the invasion of 21st century tourists! Rhodes Town is truly an atmospheric wonder, always much enjoyed by our students.

**ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT:**  
**Sun 1 November & Mon 2 November**  
**EXCURSION: Full day "Cairo and the Pyramids" (Sunday) £59**

Depart from the busy port of Alexandria, journey westwards to join the fast Desert Highway south to Giza on the outskirts of Africa's biggest city. We visit the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza. Marvel at these tombs built over 4,500 years ago. Cheops Pyramid – the sole remaining Wonder of the Ancient World – stands equal in height to a forty storey block of flats. It is made of some two-and-a-half million blocks of stone! Out here on the edge of the world's largest desert – the Sahara – ride a ship of the desert (you pay for the privilege too!).

We enter the heart of Old Cairo to visit the magnificent Citadel of Saladin built in 1176 and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali built 1828-1848. Come to understand more of Islam while visiting this mosque that contains the impressive tomb of Mohammed Ali (you may have seen his equestrian statue in the central square in Alexandria). From the battlements of the Citadel there is a truly remarkable view of Cairo. Below you are literally millions of people – the locals called Cairenes. It is an amazing sight – and if you can remember, listen to the sounds of Africa's largest city – "the Cairo Symphony".

We journey through Old Cairo to visit the treasures of Tutankhamun in the world-famous Museum of

Egyptian Antiquities. Founded in 1858, the museum has long outgrown itself, so great are the number of treasures. According to one guide book if you allowed yourself a minute to look at each exhibit, it would take nine months to view the 100,000 pieces on display and then there are the many, many crated objects still stored in the basement. We spend just an hour to an hour-and-a-half and our guides will concentrate on the wonderful Tutankhamun Exhibition. In 1998 the Treasury was completely redesigned and the gold is displayed in an air-conditioned, darkened hall. Look for the two gold coffins, 'crown jewels', golden sandals and, of course, the death mask. If you have time, do go into the Treasury of Tanis in the room next to Tut's Treasures. The Gold of Tanis is brilliant! It isn't easy to keep with the guide, but do try to keep together; this Museum is always busy. A packed lunch is provided from the ship.

**EXCURSION: Alexandria City sightseeing 'en route' to the airport (Monday) £19**

This vibrant city was founded in 332-1 BC by Alexander the Great. On our sightseeing tour we shall see the ancient Necropolis, Pompey's Pillar, the fabulous New Library, Montaza Palace and Qait Bet Fort, site of the Pharos, one of the wonders of the Ancient World. We shall visit the Kom-el Shufaga catacombs, ancient tombs quarried below ground. A packed lunch is provided from the ship as this excursion will end at Borg el Arab Airport, an hour's drive to the west of Alexandria.

# LIFE ON BOARD



## CABINS

The majority of cabins are two-bedded. There are some with three or four beds or bunk-beds. All have private facilities consisting of shower, w.c. and wash-hand basin. All cabins are air-conditioned, have wardrobes, a dressing table and drawer space and most have either a window or port-hole. Steward service is provided, though we do expect the students to keep their own cabins tidy. The stewards will ensure the bathrooms are cleaned daily. Accompanying party leaders and teachers are usually berthed in cabins close to their students. Cabin voltage is 220 volts ac. It is recommended that a continental adaptor is brought.

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

We have our own fully qualified doctor and nurse who hold surgeries twice daily at sea and travel as escorts on excursions. At sea, a service is available round the clock for emergencies. We carry a wide range of medicines and our policy is to keep the youngsters on their feet to enjoy and get full value from their cruise. We do not encourage the 'confined to sick-bay' policy, but of course we do provide the fullest nursing care in bed for any child who is ill.

## THE FOOD ON BOARD

Well balanced meals are served during the cruise. There is a choice of cooked or continental breakfast, a three course lunch and a three course dinner. A range of vegetarian dishes is also provided and we can usually make provision for special diets provided that sufficient notice is given, although we are unable to guarantee nut-free food preparations.

## PASSENGER SAFETY

On the first day, before the vessel departs, all passengers are instructed on how to wear a life jacket correctly, and attend a full Muster Stations Drill. This is followed by a talk by a senior member of staff. This talk includes practical matters of ship safety.

## VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY STAFF

Our staff on board, responsible for all aspects of the daily routine, is headed by our School Cruise Manager and Headmaster, both with extensive experience of running a 'school at sea' and responsible for all the timetabling and programming arrangements necessary for the smooth operation of the educational cruise. They deliver illustrated lectures to the students and Bridge commentaries as the ship arrives in port, prepare the arrangements for the shore excursions and organise the evening entertainment. They are



assisted by our other staff who, in addition to their normal duties, have a disciplinary and administrative role.

### SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

The students' day is well supervised. On excursions, we have staff on hand to help the party leaders. On board, party leaders attend lectures with their students and take the classroom periods. They work with our staff in supervising leisure hours, and at bedtime, see their students settled in for the night. Party leaders can be assured of the total support of our staff in looking after their students, and parents can feel confident that their sons and daughters are well cared for throughout.

### THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

A Voyage of Discovery is designed to give every student maximum educational benefit from his or her experience. Our itineraries are carefully planned to give students enough time ashore to absorb something of the history, culture and way of life of the places and people they visit. Students are prepared for these visits by a stimulating programme of on-board illustrated lectures given by our expert ship staff. Classroom facilities are available for use at sea by party leaders and their students for discussion, pooling of impressions and writing of diaries etc.



### WORK AND STUDY BOOKS

All students and staff members will receive a copy of our unique Port-Naut Guide. The Port section tells about the countries and the ports that we visit, while the Nautical section deals with navigation, ships and the sea.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Our entertainment and leisure activities on board are excellent. There is a disco most evenings, sometimes with a theme. 'X-factor at Sea' has proved very popular in recent years. For those keen on cinema, we have a wide choice of films. The inter-party quizzes and other entertainments are always popular and there is a wide selection of board games available.

## A TYPICAL DAY AT SEA

Wednesday 28 October 2009

Istanbul to Kusadasi – 327 nautical miles (On board, students are divided into 6 'houses')

- 0715 Students' breakfast (in bus-order for tours)
- 0815 Commence disembarkation for tours  
Half day Seraglio Palace & St Sophia  
Half day Seraglio Palace & Cisterns
- 1230 Return on board *Discovery*  
Lunch served
- 1330 *mv Discovery* departs for Kusadasi
- 1430 Afternoon lessons commence (see timetable below)
- 1715 Film
- 1800 Dinner for students in Restaurant and Lido
- 2000 Adults' dinner

### Evening Entertainment for Students

- 1900 Paper quizzes at reception
- 1930 Cabin TV movies (6 channels)
- 2000 Feature film in the cinema
- 2000 "X-factor at Sea" – The search for a star  
First meeting and rehearsals with ship staff
- 2100 Disco – on the Lido Deck, under the stars
- 2215 Turn in for students
- 2300 Turn in for senior students

### Evening Entertainment for Adults

- 2145 Syndicate Quiz
- 2200 Cabin TV movies (6 channels)
- 2215 Feature film in the cinema

Timetable	Lecture	Class	Study/Pool
1430-1530	1 2 3	4 5	6
1600-1700	4 5 6	1 2	3

### Lecture Programme

pm The Turkish Delights of Ephesus

# WHAT'S INCLUDED



## SUPERB VALUE FOR MONEY

At first sight, a Voyage of Discovery cruise may seem expensive and certainly cruises can never be the cheapest form of educational travel abroad – but they are probably the best value. In terms of the distance travelled, together with the sheer wealth of impressions, knowledge and experience gained by the students, we believe that a Voyage of Discovery represents outstanding value for money.

## WHAT OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- UK transfers to and from the airport.
- Travel to and from the ship.
- Return flights from the UK airport to the advertised overseas airport.
- The services of our representatives at the UK and overseas airports.
- A main meal on outward & homeward journeys.
- All passenger airport taxes.
- Return transfer overseas between airport & ship.

## ON BOARD

- Accommodation in 2, 3 & 4 bedded/berthed cabins with private facilities.
- Full board with three meals a day.
- Educational programme.
- The use of classroom and leisure facilities.
- Full evening entertainment programme.
- The services of our staff on board.
- The use of tenders for disembarking at any port of call where this service is needed.
- The services of our on board medical staff.
- All passenger port taxes.

## GENERAL

- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- One copy of the "Port-Naut Guide" and associated worksheets.
- Visa stamps that may be required by UK passport-holders to enter any country included in the cruise itinerary.
- Full security for your money. Voyages of Discovery is fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority under Air Travel Organiser's Licence number (ATOL) 3897 and is also a member of ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents), the PSA (Passenger Shipping Association) and AITO (the Association of Independent Tour Operators).

## AND WHAT'S EXTRA

- Personal spending money.
- The shore excursions which are selected for your party.
- Drinks on board (e.g. in the bars and lounges).
- Passport and visa charges (for non-UK passport-holders).

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## ADULT PLACES

More and more adult passengers are discovering the benefits of our educational cruises. Friends, parents, grandparents or other family members may travel at student fare plus a supplementary cost of £100 per person, providing there is cabin availability onboard.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

At the time of going to press (June 2008), no visas are required for this cruise if you hold a United Kingdom passport showing you as a 'British Citizen'. Should this change we will let you know immediately. **All passengers must travel on their own passports.** The passport should be valid for six months after the end of the cruise. Passengers holding Commonwealth or other passports must check with the various consulates to find out about visa requirements. Please allow plenty of time as there are often delays in issuing visas.

## HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

At the time of going to press there were no mandatory vaccination requirements for the destinations featured in the Voyages of Discovery programme. However, many health authorities advise travellers to countries such as Egypt to obtain vaccinations against typhoid, tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and cholera. We advise you to check with your doctor, local clinic or one of the British Airways Immunisation centres for the latest requirements and recommendations. In addition, an information leaflet is published by the DSS ('The Traveller's Guide to Health').

If any member of your party does not normally enjoy good health, the person's doctor should be consulted regarding the advisability of him/her taking the cruise and being away from the usual medical and hospital facilities. For insurance purposes, the insurance company must be advised of any pre-existing condition at the time of booking and of any condition arising subsequently prior to departure.

## DISABLED PASSENGERS

We do what we can to cater for as many people as possible. However, we should point out that we are not specialists in catering for the disabled, those with special needs or with serious medical conditions. If any person proposing to travel suffers from a disability or serious illness, we suggest that you contact our office for advice before you make your booking.

## SPECIAL DIETS

A range of vegetarian food is provided and we can usually cater for special diets provided that sufficient notice is given, although we are unable to guarantee nut-free food preparation. Please consult our office if this presents any problems.

## TRANSPORT TO/FROM UK AIRPORT

Transfers from/to your school or chosen departure point to/from the UK airport are included in the cruise fare for all groups, regardless of size. These will normally be by coach. For groups with fewer than 40 paying passengers your journey to and from the airport may be shared with another school party, which could involve a detour en route. For smaller parties we may sometimes use public transport, such as national coach, bus or train services. In such cases, the transfer will start from your local station; these arrangements may also involve arriving at the airport before the normal check-in time.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Our flights to and from the ship are planned to leave on the first day of the cruise returning during the last day of the cruise. A main meal will be served in each direction. The baggage allowance is 20 kilos (44lbs.) per person but it is advisable to check with the airline once this is confirmed. The airlines which are likely to be used are Monarch, First Choice, Thomas Cook, Excel and Thomsonfly using Boeing 737, 757, 767, A300, A320 and A321 aircraft. The arrangements are not definite at the time of printing and we reserve the right to use other similar airlines and aircraft. Changes will not give the customer the right to cancel. As is usual, bookings for the cruises advertised in the brochure are accepted subject to the renewal of licences by the Civil Aviation Authority to whom application will be made.

## CHECKING IN AT AIRPORTS

The party must check in at the airport at least 2 hours before their flight is due to take off and our included transfers have been scheduled to accommodate this.

## FLIGHT DELAYS

It is unfortunately impossible to guarantee that all flights will take off exactly on time, as travel delays can occur for any number of reasons. In the event of a delay in your departure from an airport, for reasons other than those which are the responsibility of an airline, the policy of this company is to arrange for our passengers to be provided, whenever practical, with the following welfare arrangements: 3-5 hours delay – light refreshments; over 5 hours delay – a main meal.

## OVERSEAS STANDARDS

It is a fact of life that when we travel to different countries, we often find that the customs, traditions and general pace at which things are done can often be very different from what we are used to in the UK. So as far as standards of safety are concerned, the suppliers of services must comply with the rules and regulations of their own country and these are not always as strict as they are in the UK. Our risk assessment is available on request.

## CHANGES TO YOUR CRUISE

The information in this brochure outlines details of our carefully planned programme. Should any subsequent event or events cause us to change our plans or affect the published itinerary in any way, we shall endeavour to let passengers know immediately. However, in the event of war or threat of war, political unrest, terrorist activity, nuclear disaster or other similar events, we maintain the unreserved right to cancel, postpone or alter without prior consultation any itinerary in whole or in part, in order to safeguard passengers, ship and employees. See Booking Conditions.

## BROCHURE ACCURACY

The information contained in this brochure is checked for accuracy by our UK staff, our overseas staff and agents. Nevertheless, we would ask you to bear in mind that things can change and often these changes can happen without our prior knowledge. However, should we become aware of any long term or permanent change which it is considered would have a permanent effect upon the party's enjoyment of the cruise, we will do our utmost to advise the party leader in advance.

# AN INSURANCE SUMMARY



All bookings are automatically covered by our travel insurance scheme which is included in the cost of the cruise. The insurance takes effect from the moment your deposits are paid. Shown below is a synopsis of the cover. Individual policies will be sent to the Party Leader of each school. Cancellation cover applies as soon as the booking form and first deposits are received, together with name and date of birth for all passengers. Other cover applies from the moment you leave the departure point, until your return.

## PERSONAL ACCIDENT

Death – £25,000 adults; £1,000 students under 16 and adults over 70. Loss of one or more limbs, or one or both eyes, or permanent total disability from following any occupation – £25,000.

## MEDICAL AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

Sum insured up to £5,000,000.

## BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Sum insured – up to £2,000. A limit of £400 on any item, pair or set; a limit of £400 on valuables. This section includes emergency purchases of essential items if your baggage is delayed for more than 12 hours – up to £150. Please note that mobile phones are not covered.

## PERSONAL MONEY

Sum insured – up to £500, cash limit of £300.

## PERSONAL LIABILITY

Limit of liability – £2,000,000.

Loss of deposit, cancellation and curtailment. Cover up to the cost of the holiday.

## TRAVEL DELAY

Either (a) in the event of a full 12 hours delay – £50 per passenger and £25 for each subsequent 12 hours period up to maximum payment of £300, for all legs of the journey.

Or (b) if the delay on the outward journey exceeds 24 hours and you wish to cancel the cruise – up to the holiday cost.

## MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICE

24 hours service supplied.

## LEGAL EXPENSES

Sum insured up to £50,000.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE - EXCESSES

All sections exclude up to the first £50 of each and every loss or claim for each insured person except Personal Accident, Hospital Benefit, Delayed Baggage and Travel Delay (which have no excess) and cancellation and curtailment (up to £100 excess).

If you have any queries or requests for amended coverage, please contact Voyages of Discovery.

# FAIR TRADING CONDITIONS

## THE CONTRACT

1. The contract is between All Leisure Holidays Limited trading as "Voyages of Discovery" (the Company) and each person booking with the Company (including the parents or guardian of any person under 18 years of age). The Party Leader signing the Booking Form warrants as a fundamental term of the Contract both that he or she is authorised to do so by each passenger (and, where such passenger is under 18, by his or her parent(s) or guardian) and that all passengers (and, when a passenger is under 18, his or her parent(s) or guardian) agree to be bound by these conditions and the general information given in this brochure.

2. No contract exists until the Company has received a signed Booking Form and a first deposit of £80 per paying passenger (or full payment for bookings taken within 11 weeks of departure), and has sent confirmation of the booking in writing to the Party Leader who signed the Booking Form.

3. It is expressly agreed that all passengers and their luggage are carried subject to the Conditions of Carriage of the airlines and shipping company used, some of which limit or exclude liability.

Any compensation payable for non-performance or improper performance of land, sea and air carriage services shall be limited in accordance with the international conventions that govern such services.

4. Any monies paid to the Party Leader or school in respect of a Voyage of Discovery are held by the Party Leader or school on the passenger's behalf until such time as the Company has despatched written confirmation of the booking; thereafter such monies are held on the Company's behalf.

## PAYMENT TERMS

5. An initial deposit of £80 per paying passenger must accompany the Booking Form.

6. No later than 10 weeks after the Company's receipt of the first deposits, the Company must receive a second deposit of £100 per paying passenger.

7. The Company must receive a third deposit of £600 per paying passenger by 2 February 2009.

8. Approximately 18 weeks before departure, the Company will send the Party Leader a Final Details Form which must be completed and returned by 20 July 2009.

9. The Company must receive the balance payment of £409 per paying passenger by 20 July 2009. Full payment must be received by the Company no later than 20 July 2009 or by return post for new bookings taken after this date.

10. The Company must receive payment for the Shore Excursions by 14 September 2009.

11. Tickets are usually sent out 2 weeks before departure.

12. The company reserves the right to cancel bookings and levy cancellation charges on the scale of section 15 below, if payments are not received on time.

## PRICES

13. The Company reserves the right to alter the prices shown in the 2009 brochure at any time. The prices confirmed to the Party Leader signing the Booking Form by the Company at the time of booking will only be changed in the following circumstances:

We have the right to increase or decrease prices in line with any change in VAT, other dues or fees chargeable for the services included in the cost of your holiday, such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees, visa charges, transportation (all forms) costs, including the cost of fuel.

Should it be necessary to make any surcharges, you will be notified of the relevant adjustments on your final invoice which you will receive approximately 12 weeks before your departure. In any event we will absorb all such increases where they form less than 2% of the total cost of your cruise (excluding any cancellation or amendment charges). Only amounts in excess of this 2% will be surcharged. If any surcharge means you paying more than 10% on the cost of your cruise, you will be entitled to cancel your cruise with a full refund of all monies paid (except cancellation and amendment charges). Should you wish to cancel in these circumstances, you must exercise the right to do so within 14 days from the date of the invoice we issue.

## ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS AND NAME CHANGES

14. Extra passengers may be added at any time provided both that space still exists and that a further deposit(s) or full payment, as relevant, per passenger is received by the Company. Name changes may be made free of charge up to receipt by the Company of the Final Details Form; after this time an administration charge of £20 per change is payable for each name change. In addition, passengers will be liable for any charges made by the airline. In some circumstances a change of name cannot involve changing a male passenger to a female passenger or vice versa.

## CANCELLATION BY A PASSENGER

15. Any passenger's booking may be cancelled at any time. Cancellation will take effect when the Company has received written notice of cancellation signed by the Party Leader who signed the Booking Form. Cancellation charges payable to the Company are:

Period before departure within which the Company receives notice	Cancellation charge per paying passenger
After payment of first deposit	Loss of deposit
After due date of second deposit	Loss of first and second deposit
After due date of third deposit	Loss of first, second and third deposit
99 days to 8 days before departure	90% of the invoiced charge
7 days before departure to departure date or later	100% of invoiced charge

Supervisory places are guaranteed after second deposits have been received by the Company provided that cancellations do not exceed 20% of paying passengers.

Some reasons for cancellation are covered by the travel insurance which is included in the price. In such cases the insurance company will refund the cancellation charge less the insurance premium and any policy excess.

## CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION BY THE COMPANY

16. The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion at any time to cancel, postpone or alter without prior notice or consultation any Voyage of Discovery in whole or in part in order to safeguard its passengers, its employees or the vessel in the event of war or the threat of war, political unrest, terrorist activity or the threat of terrorist activity, nuclear disaster, riots, civil strife, adverse weather conditions or other similar events, or for any other valid reason. If in such circumstances the Company cancels a Voyage of Discovery before the scheduled departure date it will offer a full refund of all monies paid, less insurance premiums. If in such circumstances the Company cancels a Voyage of Discovery after the start, it will return passengers as soon as practicable to the UK and make a proportionate refund for any unused services, less any insurance premiums and any non-recoverable expenses incurred. If in such circumstances the Company alters the planned itinerary, only any shore excursion differentials will be refunded. If the majority of ports that we aim to visit during the cruise have to be changed on Foreign Office advice before the cruise commences, then we undertake to offer passengers an equivalent alternative itinerary or a refund of the cost of their cruise in full. The Company also reserves the right to cancel any Voyage of Discovery by giving notice at least ten weeks before departure if sales of that departure have not reached 70% of capacity: in such a circumstance the Company will refund all monies outstanding in full. In all such circumstances above the Company shall not be liable to pay compensation, nor shall passengers have any further claim against the Company.

17. The Company is unable to guarantee that the ship will call at every advertised port or follow every part of the advertised route. The Company will at all times endeavour to maintain the advertised programme but reserves the right at its sole discretion to make any alterations it deems necessary. If for any reason the details of a cruise have to be altered before departure (and subject to Clause 14 above) the Company will notify the Party Leader who signed the Booking Form as soon as possible.

18. Aircraft and Ships' Captains always have the right at their absolute discretion to vary any planned routing without prior notice or consultation if they deem it necessary to do so in the interests of safety.

19. The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion to use a substitute ship of similar standard to the original ship should it prove necessary to do so.

## CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

20. In signing the Booking Form the Party Leader accepts responsibility for the good conduct of all participants so booked. Furthermore it is the Party Leader's responsibility specifically to ensure that:

a) No participant under the age of 18 consumes alcohol on shore or on board. Smoking is not permitted inside the ship. An area outside may be designated for smoking subject to agreement with senior staff and the Party Leader giving written consent on the basis of information received from parents.

b) No participant causes a fire hazard.

c) Participants act in a responsible way throughout and do not behave in a way likely to cause damage to property or offence to others.

If the behaviour of any passenger is considered likely to cause offence, damage, danger or distress to others, the Company reserves the right at any time to cancel or terminate that passenger's Voyage of Discovery without compensation or refund but with full liability of the passenger for any extra costs or expenses incurred, including the cost of repatriation.

## COMPLAINTS

21. Any passenger who encounters a problem during a Voyage of Discovery must in the first instance report it to the Voyages of Discovery School Cruise Manager on the ship and ensure that the issue is entered in the Company's Comment Book on board. If the matter cannot be put right on the spot, the Party Leader should write to the Company within 28 days of the end of the trip. The Company will answer any letter of complaint within 28 days of receipt. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with, this Contract which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration, if the customer so wishes, under a special Scheme which, although devised by arrangement with the Association of British Travel Agents, is administered quite independently by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be supplied on request. The Scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £1,500 per person. There is also a limit of £7,500 per booking form. Neither does it apply to claims, which are solely or mainly in respect of physical injury or illness or the consequences of such injury or illness. The rules of the Scheme provide that the application for arbitration must be made within nine months of the date of return from the holiday but in special circumstances it may still be offered outside the period.

## APPLICABLE LAW

22. English law shall govern the Contract and all other proceedings arising out of or in connection with it. The Courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise in connection with the Contract, but if and in so far as a claim against the Company is governed by the Athens Convention it may be brought in any Court specified in Article 17 thereof.

## CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE BY SEA

23. Travel on board the ship is subject to the shipping company's Conditions of Carriage, some of which limit or exclude liability in accordance with international conventions. Copies of these conditions will be sent with tickets and are available earlier upon request.

24. If for any reason despite the above paragraph, the Company would be otherwise liable in connection with carriage by sea the provisions of the Athens Convention relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea 1974 ('the Athens Convention') and any modification thereof which may be in force at the time, may be applicable to the contract. The Company draws each passenger's attention to the fact that the Athens Convention in most cases limits the carrier's liability for death or personal injury or loss of or damage to luggage and makes special provision for valuables. The Athens Convention presumes that luggage has been delivered undamaged unless written notice is given to the carrier before or at the time of disembarkation or re-delivery in the case of apparent damage, and in the case of damage which is not apparent or of loss, within 15 days from the date of disembarkation or re-delivery or from the time when such re-delivery should have taken place. If and in so far as the Athens Convention is applicable to the contract the Company shall be entitled to the benefit of all limitations, rights and immunities conferred by the Athens Convention. Without Prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this condition any damages payable by the Company up to the Athens Convention Limits shall be reduced in proportion to any contributory negligence by the passenger and by the maximum deductible specified in Article 8 (4) of the Athens Convention.

## CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE BY AIR

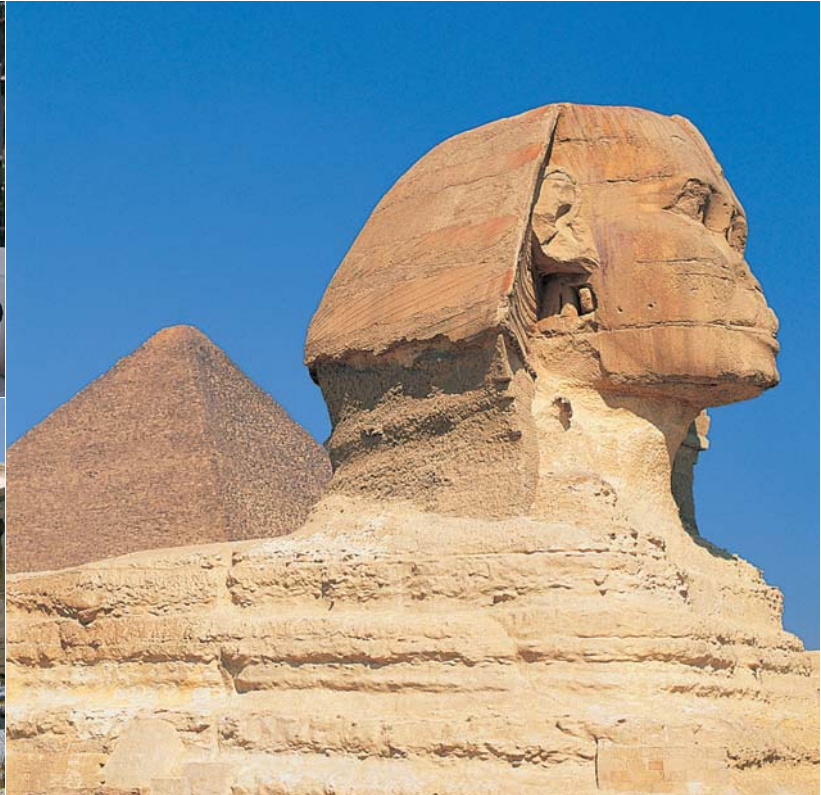
25. Travel on board aircraft used in travelling to and from the ship is subject to the airline's standard ticket conditions, some of which limit or exclude liability in accordance with international conventions.

26. If your air journey involves a destination or stop in a country other than the one from which you depart, the Warsaw Convention may govern the liability of all airlines involved in your journey, including any portion thereof in a single country. This Convention limits the liability of airlines for death or bodily injury and for baggage loss, delays or damage. For many air carriers, including all European Community air carriers, the Warsaw Convention limits for bodily injury or death and the defence that they have taken all necessary measures to avoid the damage for the first 100,000 Special Drawing Rights of any such claim do not apply. In addition, in cases of death or bodily injury, many air carriers will make advance payments to the person entitled to compensation, if required to meet immediate economic needs, in proportion to the hardship suffered. European Community carriers provide a minimum advance equal to not less than 15,000 Special Drawing Rights in the event of death. Other air carriers may apply alternate provisions.

## OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

27. Should any passenger have the misfortune to suffer illness, injury or death during the period of the cruise arising out of an activity that does not form part of the arrangements made by the Company, the Company will, where appropriate, provide every assistance that it can up to a maximum value of £5,000 per Booking Form.

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