



# NATURE & CIVILIZATION

## Exploring Cappadocia, Coastal Turkey & the Greek Islands

### Aboard the 34-Guest Yacht *Callisto*

October 12 - 24, 2022



Uchisar village, Cappadocia



## SCHEDULE OUTLINE

October 12	Depart the US
October 13	Arrive in Kayseri, Turkey. Transfer to the <i>Hotel Anatolian Houses</i> , in the heart of Cappadocia
October 14 & 15	Explore the rock dwellings, churches and monasteries of Cappadocia.
October 16	Drive to Konya. Tour of the city. Overnight at the <i>Hotel Hilton Garden</i> .
October 17	Drive from Konya to Aspendos, Perge and Antalya. Board the <i>Callisto</i> . Overnight aboard docked in Antalya.
October 18	Relax aboard in the morning as the yacht cruises to Finike, for the visit to ancient Myra.
October 19	Rhodes. Excursion to Lindos and tour Rhodes's Old Town.
October 20	Kos and Kalimnos. Explore the islands.
October 21	Amorgos. Tour the island, including the 11th-century Monastery of Chozoviotissa.
October 22	Santorini. Tour prehistoric Akrotiri and the iconic town of Phira.
October 23	Heraklion, Crete. Tour the Minoan Palace of Knossos and the Heraklion Museum. Overnight aboard the yacht, docked in Heraklion.
October 24	Disembark and transfer to the airport.

**Note: A 2-day pre-trip optional stay in Istanbul will be offered.**

## PROGRAM NARRATIVE

For ancient civilizations, as for modern, location in real estate is everything. The ancients perhaps knew this better than anyone else. In their temples and palaces, their stadiums, churches and fortified towns, they relied on the natural characteristics of the landscape to augment and illuminate their creations. In the golden days of autumn we will explore the fascinating links between nature and civilization.

Our adventure will start in Turkey's **Cappadocia**, a region that features one of the most unusual landscapes on Earth, having been covered by volcanic ash that hardened into stone that eroded into otherworldly shapes, forming a forest of cones. In this striking moonscape, caves have been turned into dwellings and churches, some them painted centuries ago. During our stay in this amazing place, where we will spend three nights at the wonderful *Anatolian Houses*, a luxury hotel built out of the living rock, we will explore the rock dwellings, monasteries, churches and other sites. We then travel to the coast, stopping first in **Konya**, the ancient Iconium, which occupied a strategic location, prospering when the Seljuks made it their capital in the 11th century. Konya was the center of Mevlana, the Sufic mystic who founded the Whirling Dervishes sect, and during our stay we will visit, among other sites, the Mevlana Museum. From Konya, we will continue to the port city of **Antalya**, stopping on the way at two superb ancient sites **Aspendos** and **Perge**.

In Antalya, we will commence our cruise aboard the yacht *Callisto*. Our first stop will be **Finike**, our gateway to **Myra**, an ancient Lydian city with impressive remains and the Church of St. Nicholas. Entering the Aegean Sea, we reach **Rhodes**, the island dedicated to Helios, the sun god, and site of the Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, followed by **Kos**, the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of medicine; **Kalimnos**, known for its beautiful marine landscapes; unspoiled **Amorgos**, one of the most attractive of the Cycladic islands and site of a spectacular 11th-century monastery that hangs from the side of a cliff; and **Santorini**, perhaps the most unique island in the entire Mediterranean, that was home to a sophisticated society during the Bronze Age. We will conclude the cruise in **Heraklion**, on the great island of **Crete**, which was home to the brilliant Minoan civilization, the earliest civilization in Europe.

This program will provide travelers with an understanding of the intimate connection between nature and civilization.

# THE 34-GUEST YACHT *CALLISTO*



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Lounge

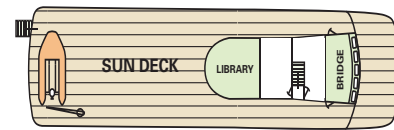


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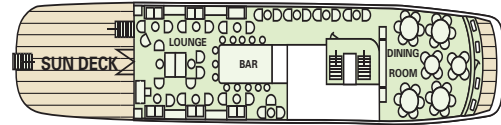


Sun Deck

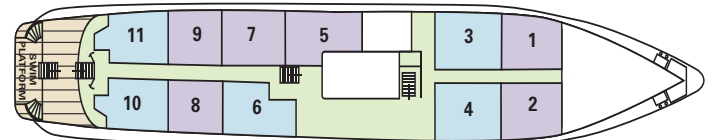
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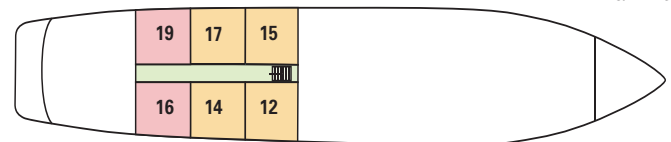
Sun Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck

## MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 170 feet | Beam: 27.8 feet | Draft: 10.8 feet | Gross tonnage: 499  
Main engines Mannheim 2x840 H.P. | Cruising speed: 10,5 knots

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.

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

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Three nights at the *Hotel Anatolian Houses*, in Cappadocia.
- Welcome dinner in Kayseri at a local restaurant.
- One night at the *Hotel Hilton Garden*, Konya.
- Full breakfast each morning at the hotels.
- Cruise aboard the *Callisto*, as described in the itinerary.
- Complete program of tours and excursions and other activities ashore, with professional English-speaking guides.
- Program of lectures by accompanying professor or expert.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage abroad.
- All meals aboard ship, including wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch

- and dinner.
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the voyage.
- Port, embarkation, and all other local taxes.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and porters.
- Experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; gratuities to shipboard personnel; any items not mentioned in the Program Inclusions.

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