

# Things to Know Before You Go

# **Travel Documents**

All passengers must have a valid passport, and for certain nationalities a Schengen Multiply Entry Visa, prior to embarkation, expiring at least one month after the 1st day of the cruise. It is the passenger's responsibility to be in possession of all necessary documentation prior to boarding the vessel.

# **Embarkation Procedures**

Embarkation takes place from 9am until 10.30am at the Passenger Terminal situated in Akti Xaveriou in the Port of Piraeus. Passengers arriving independently should allow one hour from downtown Athens and two hours from Athens Airport. Upon arrival at the Passenger Terminal, all luggage, including hand/carry-on luggage, will pass through a security check. Your luggage, will then be transferred by porters to the ship where it will be placed in your cabin. All luggage should be labelled with GSC luggage tags indicating name and cabin number. If you do not know your cabin number, your luggage will remain in the ship's reception area until a cabin has been assigned or after it has been identified, by yourself. Upon entering the vessel, you will be required to present your cruise ticket and passport. Do not pack these items in your luggage. Guests are not allowed onboard.

# Shipboard Dining and Special Dietary Requirements

Please contact the Maitre d'Hotel after embarkation to make your table reservation or to confirm reservations made at time of booking. For Special Dietary Requirements, please contact GSC Passenger Services Department or the Maitre d'Hotel onboard.

# **Smoking Onboard**

The Restaurant and Cinema are non-smoking. Other public rooms are divided into smoking and non-smoking sections. Please refrain from smoking pipes and cigars except outside the ship.

# **Personal Funds and Expenses**

All onboard purchases, with the exception of the Casino and Beauty Salon are by means of the "Smart Card", a cashless system. Most major currencies are accepted/exchanged onboard at the official exchange rate as well as major Credit Cards, Traveller's Checks and Eurocheques. Unfortunately, personal cheques are not accepted.

#### Gratuities

Passengers wishing to express the appreciation by tipping the stewards at the end of the cruise will find an envelope in their cabin for that purpose. The suggested amount is Euro 8-10 per person per day. In accordance with the Greek Seamen's Union, gratuities are distributed among all stewards, not just those in direct contact with passengers but also those "behind the scenes".

# Honeymooners/Bon Voyage Gifts

Honeymooners are welcomed onboard with a bottle of sparkling wine. Bon Voyage Gifts may be arranged through our Passengers Services Department or through your Travel Agent.

#### Laundry, Beauty Salon, Boutique, Passenger Gifts

All of these services are available onboard for a moderate charge.

# Gymnasium and Sauna

Available onboard free of charge. Use is at passenger's own risk.

# Photography

The ship's photographers will be present at social events and shore excursions during your cruise. Photographs may be viewed without obligation. Purchasing of photographs are by way of the Smart Card.

#### Air-Conditioning

Vessel is fully air-conditioned and all cabins have individual air-conditioning controls.

#### **Electric Current**

The electric current onboard is 220v AC and is for the use of low voltage appliances like electric shavers. Devices for larger power demands (hairdryers, irons etc.) should not be used without first consulting the Reception.

## Pets Onboard

We regret that pets are not allowed onboard.

## **Communicating Ship/Shore**

Passengers may call ashore using the Satellite telephones located onboard the vessel.

## Valuables

Complimentary Safe Boxes are available for jewelry, money, documents etc. with a small refundable deposit. The Company and their personnel are not liable for any valuables kept by passengers.

## **Shore Excursions**

Shore Excursions are available in all ports of call, with the exception of Mykonos. Shore Excursion Bookings can be booked in advance or onboard the vessel at the Pursers' Office. Onboard Shore Excursion purchases are by way of the Smart Card.

# **Mykonos Shuttle Bus**

In the port of Mykonos, the Aegean I arrives at Tourlos Harbour. GSC offers to all passengers onboard a Shuttle Bus Service from Tourlos Harbour to Mykonos Town and return at the cost of Euro 7 per person. Payment by Smart Card.

#### What to Pack

You should most probably expect warm to hot weather during the day with it slightly cooler in the evening. For onshore, comfortable walking shoes are suggested and well as loss fitted clothing. In some religious sites, shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Our Daily Program delivered to your cabin each evening will inform you of the dress attire for each night as follows:

#### Formal:

Gentlemen: Dark suits. Ladies: Cocktail dresses or pant suits Informal:

Gentlemen: Suit or jacket. Ladies: Dress, skirt or pant suits.

# Greek Night:

just in case.

## Blue & White (National colours of Greece)

**Casual:** Slacks and sport shirts for gentlemen, similar attire for ladies. Do not forget to pack sunhat, sunglasses, bathing suite, suntan lotion, your camera and sundry items. If you are bringing your video camera, please be advised that at certain archaeological sites, a fee will be incurred for usage. If you wear prescription glasses, an extra pair should be packed,