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# The Islands and Wonders of the Mediterranean Cruise

**with 2GB and 4BC's Chris Smith**

Rome, Pompei, Sorrento & Venice, Italy; Santorini,  
Rhodes, Athens, Nafplion, Cephalonia & Corfu, Greece;  
Ephesus, Turkey; Kotor, Montenegro

June 26 to July 13, 2018





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**Chris Smith** has worked in news and current affairs on radio and TV nationally and international for more than 35 years. He has won several awards for reporting and broadcasting excellence. Currently his Afternoon Show outrates all stations in Sydney at this time of day, while he juggles TV appearances on Channel 7's *Sunrise*. He is an active host of charity events. His focus on-air is breaking news, but after 17 years hosting his program, he also knows how to entertain and have fun. He looks forward to meeting you and sharing an incredible journey.

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Tuesday June 26, 2018

#### Depart Australia

Today we board our overnight flight to Rome.

### Day 2 Wednesday June 27, 2018

#### Rome, Italy

This morning we arrive at Rome airport. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and travel to central Rome. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the 'Eternal City' and see the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, where group members can throw a coin and make a wish to return to Rome one day. In the afternoon we will check in to our hotel.

### Day 3 Thursday June 28, 2018

#### Rome

This morning we will visit the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. The afternoon will be at leisure. Tonight we will enjoy a welcome dinner to celebrate the start of our wonderful cruise.

### Day 4 Friday June 29, 2018

#### Embarkation

This morning we will be transferred to Civitavecchia to board the MV Oosterdam. Be up on deck as the ship slips her moorings at 5pm for the start of our fabulous cruise.

### Day 5 Saturday June 30, 2018

#### Pompeii and Sorrento, Italy

This morning we arrive into the Bay of Naples. We first visit the ancient, perfectly preserved ruins of Pompeii, a wealthy settlement of the Roman Empire, destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD. We will have a tour of the ruins with a local guide to see the Forum, the House of the Vetti, a well-preserved aristocratic villa and much more. We then visit the beautiful resort town of Sorrento, with its spectacular views of the Bay of Naples. This evening join Chris Smith for a drinks party to welcome the group to the ship.

### Day 6 Sunday July 1, 2018

#### At sea

A day to enjoy the on-board facilities. Explore the library, shops, gym and pools. This afternoon, join Chris Smith for a talk about his exciting life in the media.

### Day 7 Monday July 2, 2018

#### Santorini, Greece

Arriving early in the morning, we have a day to explore Santorini, known as the Black Pearl of the Aegean; one of the most spectacular landscapes in Greece and in the world. The traditional villages of the island, built on tall cliffs, offer breathtaking views over the sea below. Enjoy free time to explore this magnificent port.

### Day 8 Tuesday July 3, 2018

#### Rhodes, Greece

This morning we arrive at Rhodes, the largest island of the archipelago called Dodecanese and the capital of this group of Greek Islands. It is world known for one of the Seven Wonders of the World: The Colossus of Rhodes, now destroyed. The capital lies within the walls of a very well-preserved Venetian castle, built by the Knights of Saint John. We will have a tour of the Old Town including the castle.

### Day 9 Wednesday July 4, 2018

#### Ephesus, Turkey

This morning we arrive in Kusadasi, on Turkey's Aegean coast. We travel to the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, one of the most extensive archaeological sites in the world. We walk along the marble streets, complete with chariot wheel ruts made nearly two thousand years ago. We see the imposing two-storey façade of the Library of Celsus, the best-preserved structure of its kind in the world.







## MS Oosterdam

The Oosterdam is the second in Holland America Line's series of Vista-class ships. Launched in 2003 with a capacity of 1900 passengers she embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies and is the perfect, spacious, mid-sized ship. The centerpiece of Oosterdam is a magnificent Waterford crystal globe, prominently displayed in the three-story atrium. She features an extensive use of crystal, marble, inlaid woods and brass, lovely flower arrangements, priceless artwork and antiques and a full wraparound teak promenade deck with padded deck chairs. Throughout the ship there are restaurants to suit every mood, from authentic Italian cuisine to a legendary experience at Le Cirque to a perfectly grilled porterhouse steak. Savor the many diverse restaurants and delicious menus inspired by the latest trends. Evenings on board brim with choices. Take in a thrilling show in the lounge, try your luck in the Casino, or sing along in the piano bar. Explore the varied gathering places to suit every taste. A highlight is the BB King Blues Club. Direct from Beale Street, the B.B. King All-Star band brings the best of Memphis music to sea.

### Day 10 Thursday July 5, 2018

#### Athens, Greece

Today we call in to the ancient city of Athens, capital of Greece. Athens is home of the Acropolis and, the ultimate in ancient Greek architectural perfection, the Parthenon. Our sightseeing tour today delves into the glorious history of Athens. A highlight of the tour is a visit to the Acropolis, still dominating the frantic bustle of modern Athens. Built to honour the goddess Athena, it is one of the wonders of the ancient world. We also see the historical Plaka district at the foot of the Acropolis.

### Day 11 Friday July 6, 2018

#### Nafplion, Greece

One of the most beautiful towns in the area of Argolis (in eastern Peloponnese) Nafplion was the first capital of the newly-born Greek state between 1823 and 1834. According to mythology, the town was founded by Náplios, the son of god Poseidon and the daughter of Danaus. We travel to the nearby ancient ruins of Mycenae which is one of the most important archaeological sites of Greece. The fortified citadel is nestled high over the fertile plain of Argolis. Mycenaean is the culture that dominated mainland Greece, the Aegean islands, and the shores of Asia Minor during the late Bronze Age era (circa 1600-1100 BCE). It is the civilization of ancient Greece that participated in the famous Trojan War and the Argonautic expedition. Also site of the famous Lion gate and where the Mask of Agamemnon was found in 1876.

### Day 12 Saturday July 7, 2018

#### Cephalonia, Greece

Cephalonia is the largest island in the Ionian Sea, famous for its gorgeous beaches, crumbling castles, secluded monasteries and warm Greek hospitality. Throughout the course of history, Cephalonia has exchanged hands many times—from the Normans to the Venetians to the Ottoman Turks, and it has survived occupations by German and Italian soldiers during WWII. It is famous as the location of the book *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*. We will have a boat tour of this amazing island where we will be able to see the fantastic cliffs and beaches other natural features.

### Day 13 Sunday July 8, 2018

#### Corfu, Greece

This morning we arrive in Corfu, the most northern island of the Ionian Group, lying at the entrance of the Adriatic Sea. On our tour today, we will visit Corfu Town with its unique architecture influenced by Venetian, French and British occupation. The most notable examples are the Old and New Fortresses (Venetian) as well as the Palace of Saint Michael & Saint George (British) which now houses an impressive Museum of Asiatic Art. The Liston is Corfu Town's most traditional meeting place, where people gather to read newspapers and drink coffee or ouzo at the old-established cafés. Its terrace, with a series of arches fronting the road, was designed by the French in the early 19th century and is based on the Rue de Rivoli in Paris. It forms

## Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people up in twin-share cabins when available, if requested – saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be there to guide and look after you. There will be group activities almost every day.

## Clothing on board MS Oosterdam

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the main restaurants. The more formal Gala nights attire is for men a jacket and tie and dresses, skirts or slacks for women. There will be two Gala nights on the cruise. Other nights are classified as smart casual, which suggests a collared shirt and slacks for men and casual dresses or trousers and a blouse for women. Passengers not in the mood to get fancy on gala nights can opt for the buffet or room service.



the western side of the Esplanade, which is the largest square in southern Europe. The afternoon is free for shopping or sight-seeing.

### Day 14 Monday July 9, 2018

#### Kotor, Montenegro

Today we sail up the picturesque Bay of Kotor, a submerged river canyon. A fantastic landscape is created by the overhanging limestone cliffs of Orjen and Lovcen. The town was founded by the ancient Romans in 168 BC and conquered by the Venetians in the 15th century. The port of Kotor was built by the Republic of Venice and is surrounded by impressive city walls. There are many attractive Venetian buildings in the town.

### Day 15 Tuesday July 10, 2018

#### Venice, Italy

This morning join Chris Smith for a fun group activity. Make sure that you are up on deck as the MS Oosterdam sails past Venice Island, one of the most beautiful sights in the world as we conclude our 'Ancient Wonders of the Mediterranean' cruise. We arrive into Venice at midday. After lunch we will have a sightseeing tour of this beautiful city. We visit St Mark's Square, see the Grand Canal, St Mark's Cathedral, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. We will wind our way through the narrow alleyways to the market square of the Rialto. Later we return to the ship for our last night aboard MV Oosterdam.

### Day 16 Wednesday July 11, 2018

#### Venice

This morning we disembark the ship. We travel down the Grand Canal via Vaporetto and then visit the Doge's Palace for a comprehensive tour of this architecturally significant building in the heart of Venice. We are then transferred to our hotel to check in. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the many wonders of this medieval city.

### Day 17 Thursday July 12, 2018

#### Departure

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights back to Australia

### Day 18 Friday July 13, 2018

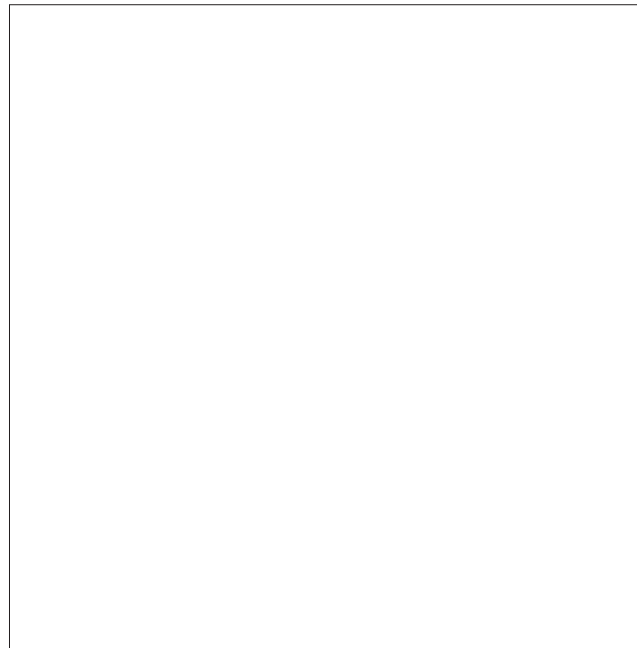
#### Arrival Australia

Today the group arrives back in Australia, and the tour concludes.

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**Availability:** All cabins are subject to availability. Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.

### Included in the Ancient Wonders of the Mediterranean Cruise:

- Economy-class return air travel from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Adelaide/Perth to Rome
- Travel on the MS Oosterdam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on MV Oosterdam
- Tour leadership by Chris Smith
- Two nights in Rome in 4-star central located accommodation including breakfasts
- One night in Venice in 4-star central located accommodation including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours in Rome, Naples & Venice, Italy; Santorini, Rhodes, Athens, Nafplion, Cephalonia & Corfu, Greece; Ephesus, Turkey; Kotor, Montenegro
- Tour managed by a professional Travelrite tour manager
- Port and handling charges & Cruise taxes
- Onboard gratuities

### Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship

**Port & Handling and Gratuities:** Please note that the port & handling charges and gratuities have been included in your fare.

**Extending:** You can stay longer in Europe for minimal additional cost. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

## General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. The MV Oosterdam is operated by Holland America Cruises and the Oosterdam fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America website. All passengers must complete an on-line Holland America online cruise personaliser and sign a Travelrite International booking form.

**DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the cruise package. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa or Mastercard and 3 % for payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 120 days	loss of deposit
120 - 91 days	25% of full fare
90 - 61 day	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non-appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

**REFUNDS:** The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All passengers will require a valid passport. No visa are required for Australian, NZ or UK passport holders. If not an Australian, NZ or UK passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**BAGGAGE:** Passengers qualify for a 20kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS:** The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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passage contract with Holland America, detailed on their website. [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com) If you not have access to this site please contact Travelrite International and we will send details to you.

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