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Vista Suite

# SILVERSEA®

## An overview of Value Added Services:

Inclusions & Features	Large Cruise Lines with 1,000's of guests (Deluxe Suite)	Silversea Silver Wind 296 guests in Suites
Gratuities	NO	YES
Complimentary Beverages	NO	YES
Open Seating Dining	Some	YES
Butler Service	Some	YES
Complimentary 24 hour in Suite Dining	Some	YES
Complimentary in-suite beverage cabinet stocked to guests preferences	NO	YES
Complimentary transportation into town in most ports of call	Some	YES
Walk-in Wardrobe	Some	YES
Enrichment programme	Some	YES



**Experience the glories of ancient civilizations and the timeless beauty of the Greek Islands. From exotic Byzantine Istanbul to ancient Roman Ephesus. Cruise to the volcanic island of Santorini, tranquil Patmos to Mykonos, the land of windmills. Onto Athens to the majestic Acropolis and Parthenon.**

This itinerary has been purposely designed to be leisurely, creating stopovers to break the long flights, and giving you ample time to explore the various fascinating cities and ports to suit your interests, while offering you an insight into the key features of each destination. The weather in May is mild and away from the peak season crowds.

**Day 1, Sunday, 17 MAY (meal in flight)**

ADELAIDE - DUBAI. Depart Adelaide on the 9:50 pm flight with Emirates. On time check-in is essential due to Adelaide's curfew on outgoing flights, so please check-in by 7:30 pm. This is a convenient evening departure direct to Dubai, preferred by many people as it gets the long haul flight out of the way in an overnight flight.

Accommodation: In flight

**Day 2, Monday, 18 MAY (B in flight, D)**

DUBAI. Early morning arrival into Dubai. As we have entered your Security Flight Details into your booking we satisfy the entry requirements into the UAE. No Visa is required for Immigration and Customs. We will be greeted by our guide then transfer to our hotel for the next two nights. We suggest you rest this morning, then early afternoon we will embark on an a fascinating historical excursion; our route takes us from Burj Al Arab, Dubai's landmark hotel to Majlis Al Ghorfat, a magnificent structure constructed in 1955 and recently restored. The Majlis was originally the summer residence of the late Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al-Maktoum. Driving past modern palaces, we stop at the Jumeirah Mosque for a photo opportunity. Our route then takes us towards Dubai's Bastakia area to admire the old-wind-towered houses which were built by wealthy merchants, passing the magnificent Zabeel Palace on the way. Further on, we visit the Al Fahidi Fort, a 200-year-old structure that houses the Dubai Museum and records the city's past as an important pearl diving and trading centre. We continue our journey on a traditional abra, across the Creek, offering sights of a modern metropolis, with splendid architecture on its banks, dwarfing the bustling alleys of our next destination – the gold and spice souks.

What could be more enchanting than dinner aboard a dhow as it slips silently along Dubai Creek by moonlight? Your cruise aboard one of these traditional wooden vessels offers an intriguingly different view of this amazing city – a portrait of the true character of Dubai, the intertwining of traditional and modern. You will see old wooden dhows and luxury yachts, while spectacular modern architecture is in contrast to Sheikh Saeed's House, and the Heritage Village are reminiscent of days gone by. Dinner and a fragrant Arabic coffee reflects the taste of true Arabian hospitality.

Accommodation: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dubai

**Day 3, Tuesday, 19 MAY (B, D)**

DUBAI. Breakfast at the hotel. Today is set aside as a leisurely day for you to explore the shopping opportunities. May we suggest the Mall of the Emirates and Dubai Mall. Taxis are inexpensive. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon to freshen up as early evening we experience the Sundowner - Dune Dinner Safari. The mysterious



Hyatt Regency



Gold Souk



Dinner aboard traditional Dhow boat

desert beckons you for a magical evening out - an adventure you'll never forget. Leaving behind the bustle of the city in the afternoon, our safari guides will transport you, by four-wheel drive vehicles, for a thrilling journey over rolling dunes, deep into the heart of the desert. From the crest of a high dune, watch the setting sun cast its orange glow over the vast expanse of rippling sand all round you. Like a shimmering mirage in the distance you will see the flickering lights of your camp where a traditional Arabian welcome awaits you. The encampment conjures up images of the Arabian nights. Quench your thirst while you relax on comfortable low cushions in Bedu tents. Have your hands painted with intricate henna designs, dress in local customary clothing for a once in a lifetime souvenir, experience a short camel ride, or just enjoy the aromatic shisha. A feast of grilled meats, fresh salads, delectable Arab sweets and selected non-alcoholic beverages are served. Under a galaxy of stars, you will be entertained by the bewitching belly dancer swaying in the strains of Arabian music. You won't want this enchanting evening to end.

Accommodation: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dubai

#### **Day 4, Wednesday, 20 MAY (B, D)**

DUBAI - ISTANBUL. Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure until our late morning checkout and our transfer to the airport for our early afternoon flight to Istanbul. We will have acquired your Turkish E-Visa prior to departing Australia. After Immigration & Customs we will be greeted and transferred to our five star hotel in the Old City. Check in, freshen up then we transfer to the character filled Kumpapi district for a leisurely dinner. Kumkapi, once the site of the ancient Kontocalion, the principal Byzantine port, is still the largest and busiest fishing port of the city. While the fishmongers shout out at this colourful market place during the day, right across the market Kumkapi becomes even more cheerful in the evenings. The pedestrian area located in this quarter of the fishermen's market is very popular among the tourists and locals with its collection of more than 50 small fish restaurants, charming narrow streets and taverns. In the evenings, gipsy musicians will wander around the restaurants and streets playing their traditional music and typical Turkish songs. Meze culture has a great impact on Turkish Cuisine. Kumkapi Village is a unique place to experience Turkish Meze Culture.

Accommodation: Hagia Sofia Old City Hotel, Istanbul

#### **Day 5, Thursday, 21 MAY (B, L)**

ISTANBUL. Breakfast at the hotel. We embark on a full day tour of the historic Old City visiting the Hippodrome Square to see the Obelisk of Theodosius, Serpent Column and the Egypt Serpentine Column. Then onto the Blue Mosque or Sultan Ahmet Mosque, which was constructed by the 14th Ottoman Sultan Ahmet I, who ruled between 1603 1617, is the greatest and the most splendid mosque in Istanbul. It is also famous for its blue tiles and six minarets. Nearby is St. Sophia Museum. This massive church in the old city quarter of Istanbul is one of the greatest architectural feats of its day famed as the largest church in the world for 1000 years, it dates from the 6th century.

Lunch is at Matbah Restaurant which is located in the heart of Sultanahmet, is a fantastic restaurant with magnificent views and authentic atmosphere. This stylish restaurant serves Ottoman Palace cuisine in the Ottoman Hotel Imperial.



*Sunset Dune Dinner*



*Kumkapi Restaurants*



*Blue Mosque*



*We enjoy lunch at the Matbah Restaurant*

Soon after the city was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1453, Sultan Mehmet II the Conqueror, began to build Topkapi Palace including the Harem. It was to be the main residence of the Ottoman Sultans till the 19th century, and today exhibits an outstanding treasury and Islamic relics collection.

We continue to the Grand Bazaar a shopping experience of a lifetime. The construction started in the 15th century, right after the conquest of Istanbul by Sultan Mehmet, and galleries were added during the years to form today's labyrinth of shops, grouped in streets according to the trade. Silver, jewellery, leather goods, carpets, antiques, copper, even furniture make the Bazaar even today a major shopping centre for natives and tourists.

This evening dinner at your leisure.

Accommodation: Hagia Sofia Old City Hotel, Istanbul



Grand Bazaar

**Day 6, Friday, 22 MAY (B, L, D)**

ISTANBUL – SILVERSEA CRUISE. Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure until our late morning check-out and our transfer to the dock for embarkation on our luxury cruise aboard Silver Wind for the next seven nights. We set sail at 6:00 pm. Our intimate ship with only 296 guests is an ideal size to get into the ports of the Greek Islands we visit, allowing extended time in port.

**Day 7, Saturday, 23 MAY (all inclusive)**

DIKILI – EAGEAN COAST TURKEY. Your time is your own to enjoy the facilities on board. Your Butler will make any special requests for you, ensuring your Dining arrangements are confirmed. Silversea provides a coach shuttle service in most ports, and any extensive optional shore excursions can be booked onboard.



View from our Istanbul Hotel

**Day 8, Sunday, 24 MAY (all inclusive)**

KUSADASI – EAGEAN COAST TURKEY. Our stop in this port is extended from 8:00 am through to 10:00 pm. We have included the shore excursion to the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, it is a must see. The best preserved ancient site in the world, which extends back into the third millennium B.C., Ephesus was one the most important centres of antiquity. The harbor city Ephesus was the point of departure for the famous royal highway that led through Sardis into Lydia. Because of its location, Ephesus developed into an important political and economic centre, and became the capital city of the Roman province of Asia. The remains of this important Ionian city are standing miraculously today, vivid witnesses of a glorious past. Among the well preserved ruins, the Theater, the Hadrian Gate, the Celsius Library, the Street of the Curetes, the Fountain of Trajan, the Odeon are the most remarkable.



Breakfast on board

The house on top of Bülbüldagi is believed to be the last home of Virgin Mary. It was proclaimed a place of pilgrimage by Pope Paul VI in 1967 and Pope John Paul II in 1979. The resolutions of the ecumenical council of 431 held that Virgin Mary came to Ephesus with Saint John, four to six years after the death of Christ. Today's structure is a church that dates to the seventh century.

Lunch at Aziziye Restaurant, the homeland of Anatolian wines, and a journey between past and present. Honey, jams, egg, tomato, fresh milk from the villages in the near vicinity. Restaurant is located inside a Train Museum. Return to Kusadasi mid afternoon for a stroll through the streets, or back to the ship.



Shore excursion to Ancient Roman city of Ephesus

**Day 9, Monday, 25 MAY**

**(all inclusive)**

RHODES - GREECE. Our stop in this port is extended from 8:30 am through to 7:00 pm.

**Day 10, Tuesday, 26 MAY**

**(all inclusive)**

SANTORINI – GREEK ISLANDS. Our stop in this port is extended from 8:00 am through to 11:00 pm as the shore excursion or individual exploration is worth spending the time and effort.

**Day 11, Wednesday, 27 MAY**

**(all inclusive)**

PATMOS – GREEK ISLANDS. Our stop in this port is extended from 8:00 am through to 11:00 pm. A more tranquil island with plenty to investigate by foot.

**Day 12, Thursday, 28 MAY**

**(all inclusive)**

MYKONOS – GREEK ISLANDS. Our stop in this port is extended from 8:00 am through to 10:00 pm. An island known for its Windmills.

**Day 13, Friday, 29 MAY**

**(B on board, D)**

PIRAEUS, ATHENS - GREECE. We arrive at 7:00 am with disembarkation taking place early morning. After Immigration & Customs we will be greeted and transferred to our five star hotel in a deluxe Mercedes 29 seater air conditioned coach in the city centre. Your day is at leisure until early evening when we head off for dinner at the Elaia Restaurant. Housed in a three-storey mansion, Elaia offers you a wonderful dining experience in carefully appointed space in which attention has been paid to aesthetic detail for it to be in harmony with the heritage and culture of the area.

Accommodation: Athens Ledra Hotel

**Day 14, Saturday, 30 MAY**

**(B, L)**

ATHENS. Breakfast at the hotel. We embark on a tour of the historic highlights of Ancient Athens. Drive past the neo-classical buildings of the Academy, the University, and the National Library, and on to Omonia Square before moving on to Syntagma or Constitution Square. Opposite is, the Parliament building, thus the square's name, where the National Guards (Evzones) in their colourful uniform skirts and pompom shoes, guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

See the Pan-Athenian Stadium, the all white marble stadium where history was made as the site of the first modern Olympic Games. Nearby, the Temple of Zeus is separated from modern Athens by the tall stone structure Hadrian's Arch. Also view the Pnyx, the Theseum and the Agora with the reconstructed Stoa of Attalos. Then, on to the Acropolis, at the base of which stand the ancient theatres of Dionysos, and the still used Odeon of Herodes Atticus. Opposite is Philopapos Hill offering a magnificent panoramic view of Athens. The highlight is the visit to the Acropolis.

This comprehensive visit will reveal to you the splendour and timeless beauty of the Parthenon as well as its other monuments including the Propylaea, the Temple of Wingless victory, and the Erectheum. This tour ends with a visit to the New Acropolis Museum The Acropolis Museum holds more than 4,000 ancient works, including some of the best surviving classical sculptures that once adorned the Acropolis. The new facility, 21,000 square meters of glass and concrete, was designed by the New York



Views of Greek Islands



Elaia Restaurant



Rooftop pool of Athens Hotel

based architect Bernard Tschumi. The new Acropolis Museum is one of the largest in Europe and houses the archaeological findings related to the Acropolis hill and the Parthenon. Lunch in Diogenes Restaurant on Lysikratous Square, Diogenes is distinguished for its discreet luxury and traditional Greek cuisine. In a finely appointed, well lit space, Diogenes' exceptional menu offers meat and fish dishes as well as a broad range of starters. On a warm day, Diogenes offers an outdoor venue at the foot of the Acropolis, thus combining fine traditional dining with a magical view. Return to the hotel mid afternoon then your time is your own with dinner at your leisure.

Accommodation: Athens Ledra Hotel

**Day 15, Sunday, 31 MAY (B)**

ATHENS. Breakfast at the hotel. Today has been set aside as a free day, wander at your leisure, or for anyone wanting to do an extensive optional ten hour tour to Delphi including lunch for Euro 80. Dinner at your leisure.

Accommodation: Athens Ledra Hotel

**Day 16, Monday, 01 JUNE (B, D in flight )**

ATHENS – DUBAI – ABU DHABI. Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure until our late morning check-out and our transfer to the airport for our mid afternoon flight to Dubai arriving later in the evening. After Immigration & Customs we will be greeted and transferred to our hotel in the nearby city of Abu Dhabi.

Accommodation: Fairmont Bab Al Bahr Hotel, Abu Dhabi

**Day 17, Tuesday, 02 JUNE (B, L, D)**

ABU DHABI. Breakfast at the hotel. Today we embark on a tour of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. Be aware of the dress code in Mosques. Here you will see modern interpretations of Arabian architecture in the many skyscrapers, villas and palaces that line our route along the Riviera-style Corniche. A new addition is the majestic Sheikh Zayed Mosque, the third largest in the world, named after Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the first President of the United Arab Emirates. We stop here for a photo opportunity of this Islamic architectural masterpiece. We then visit the Heritage Village where souks, an old fishing village and Bedouin tents have been replicated to give you a feel of traditional life in Abu Dhabi. After lunch, we drive by the iconic Emirates Palace Hotel. Then we will visit the Manarat al Saadiyat, a purpose built visitor centre showcasing upcoming developments in Abu Dhabi. We then cross onto Yas Island and stop at the Yas Hotel, which houses the Yas Marina Formula 1 Race circuit for short break and a photo opportunity. Lunch will be at Al Areesh Restaurant. At leisure late afternoon until we head off for dinner in the Ciperiani Italian Restaurant.

Accommodation: Fairmont Bab Al Bahr Hotel, Abu Dhabi

**Day 18, Wednesday, 03 JUNE (B)**

ABU DHABI. Leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Today is completely at your leisure, relax by the beach side or pool, maybe even some last minute shopping, keeping in mind tonight will be a long night. You have access to your room and hotel facilities for the entire day and evening. Later in the evening we head off by coach to Dubai to check in before midnight for our flight departing in the early hours of Thursday morning. Again an overnight flight for the long haul back home.

Accommodation: Fairmont Bab Al Bahr and In Flight.



Diogenes Restaurant



Views from Abu Dhabi Hotel

Day 19, Thursday, 04 JUNE

(meals in flight)

DUBAI - ADELAIDE. Our twelve and half hour flight, taking into consideration the time differences, arrives into Adelaide at 8:50 pm.

**\$8,720 per person / twin share / inclusions as per itinerary**

Single room/suite upon application  
Includes Departure Taxes, Fees and Fuel Surcharge,  
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Silversea Vista Suites are based on availability at time of booking. Early reservation is highly recommended. Suite upgrades to Veranda Category are available upon request.

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Meals not included in itinerary. Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, mini bar, photo / video fees.

### Hotel Websites

#### DUBAI:

[www.dubai.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html](http://www.dubai.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html)

#### ISTANBUL:

[www.hsoldcity.com/en/](http://www.hsoldcity.com/en/)

#### SILVER WIND:

[www.silversea.com/ships/silver-wind/](http://www.silversea.com/ships/silver-wind/)

#### ATHENS:

[www.athensledrahotel.com/](http://www.athensledrahotel.com/)

#### ABU DHABI:

[www.fairmont.com/abu-dhabi/media/photos/](http://www.fairmont.com/abu-dhabi/media/photos/)



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