



## "WHEN CAN THEIR GLORY FADE? O' THE WILD CHARGE THEY MADE"

### ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL

The Crimean War forms a central part of many people's knowledge of the Black Sea, but there is much more to the story of the region and this two-week cruise brings to life its fascinating and intriguing history. Your journey begins in Istanbul - a city which played a major role in the fortunes of the Black Sea. Aegean Odyssey then sails through the Bosphorus calling at Trabzon, founded in the 9th century BC and mentioned in the writings of Herodotus. We then leave Turkey for Batumi in Georgia, a city that has played host to the Greeks, Byzantines, Persians, Turks and Mongols. On to the Russian spa town of Sochi, site of the 2014 Winter Olympics, and then we cross to the Crimean Peninsula in Ukraine. Visit Feodosiya and the splendid Genoese fortress at Sudak, the Russian imperial palaces of Yalta and Sevastopol. The ship will also call at the Ukrainian resort of Odessa – Catherine the Great's St Petersburg of the South – and Nessebur in Bulgaria.



Includes a 2-night hotel stay in Istanbul.

**Detailed Itinerary  
Istanbul to Istanbul  
2014**

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
16 Jul WED	DEPARTURE Depart North America		
17 Jul THU	ISTANBUL, Turkey Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to hotel		overnight
18 Jul FRI	ISTANBUL, Turkey Morning city sightseeing including BLUE MOSQUE, HAGIA SOPHIA, Topkapi Palace. Afternoon at leisure or optional Bosphorus tour overnight hotel		
19 Jul SAT	ISTANBUL, Turkey Morning tour: Süleymaniye mosque & the Church of St Saviour in Chora. Embark ship in the afternoon	embark	6.00pm
20 Jul SUN	AT SEA Cruising the Southern Coast of the Black Sea		
21 Jul MON	TRABZON, Turkey Morning tour to the SUMELA MONASTERY, Afternoon at leisure	8.00am	8.00pm
22 Jul TUE	BATUMI, Georgia Tour of the BATUMI Botanic Gardens with over 1000 varieties of roses	7.00am	8.00pm
23 Jul WED	SOCHI, Russia Sightseeing in Sochi: Stalin's Dacha & Dendrarium	8.00am	1.00pm
24 Jul THU	FEODOSIYA, Ukraine Sightseeing tour: Genoese fortress at SUDAK	7.00am	10.00pm
25 Jul FRI	YALTA, Ukraine Morning tour: Chekhov's house-museum, LIVADIA Palace	7.00am	midnight
26 Jul SAT	SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine Day tour: Panorama Museum, drive to BALAKLAVA, Naval museum	7.00am	overnight
27 Jul SUN	SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine Morning drive to CHERSONESOS, free afternoon in Sevastopol.		6.00pm

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28 Jul MON	ODESSA, Ukraine City tour: Opera house, Potemkin Steps, Archaeological Museum	7.00am	1.00pm
29 Jul TUE	NESSEBUR, Bulgaria Afternoon Old Town walk: Church Christ Pantokrator, 5th century Old Metropolitan church, Archaeological Museum	noon	7.00pm
30 Jul WED	ISTANBUL, Turkey Disembark and transfer to Istanbul airport for flight home	6.00am	