

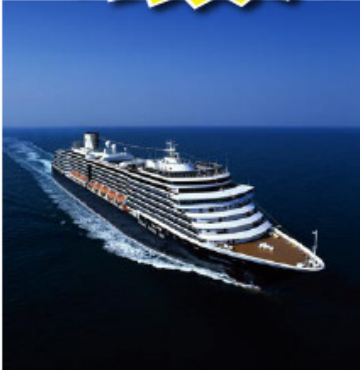
# BLACK SEA & EGYPTIAN EXPLORER

**EARLY BIRD EUROPE**

**20 day Fly Cruise & Stay from Athens**

Fly from Australia and cruise 14 nights aboard the Premium 5-Star *ms Rotterdam* Cruising the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt and Black Sea from Athens - **PLUS 4 night Bangkok/Athens Stay**

from Only **\$6379\***



## 14 Night Cruise sailing from Athens roundtrip aboard Rotterdam.

The *ms Rotterdam* reflects a graceful combination of classic and state-of-the-art features. She exhibits woods and deep, vibrant colors for a traditional ship feel, while breaking new ground with unique elements, such as a Concierge Deck for suite guests and a children's play lounge. A \$2 million collection of art and artifacts is showcased throughout the ship. The *Rotterdam* offers an entire deck of suites with verandahs. In addition to four penthouse suites, the ship has 36 full verandah suites. The Neptune Lounge, offering personalized concierge services, is available to suite guests.

### Highlights of this cruise include:

**Athens** - The port of Piraeus is your gateway to the wonders of Athens, including the Acropolis, Constitution Square, Hadrian's Arch, the Olympic Stadium and more.

**Istanbul** - Known in the course of history as Byzantium and Constantinople. This city's rich past is evident in such sights as the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, home of Ottoman sultans.

**Constanta** - The city of Tomis, founded by the Greeks more than 2500 years ago, became Constanta in the 6th century—renamed by Roman Emperor Constantine in honor of his sister. Along with Roman civilization came a period of Byzantine art and architecture. Later, the Turks were to dominate this lovely maritime hub, but the last three centuries have seen exclusively Romanian rule and an era of flourishing trade and commerce. The poet Ovid was banished to this city by Caesar Augustus. Nearby is Bucharest.

**Alexandria** - Founded in 331 BC by Alexander the Great, Alexandria offers museums filled with mummies, as well as access to the Pyramids and Sphinx.

### Fly/Cruise & Stay Package Includes:

- ▶ Return International Economy Class Airfare from Syd/Bne/Mel/Per to Athens
- ▶ 14 Night Cruise aboard Premium 5-Star *ms Rotterdam*
- ▶ 2 Night First-Class Hotel Stay in Bangkok incl. Daily B'fast
- ▶ 2 Night First-Class Hotel Stay in Athens
- ▶ Return Airport/Hotel Transfers in Bangkok
- ▶ All Shipboard Meals & Entertainment
- ▶ Port Charges

Departs 08 October, 2008	
Cabin Type	Rate (AUD)
Inside	\$6379
Outside	\$7074
Balcony	\$9715

Itinerary				
Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	08/10	Depart Australia, arrive Bangkok, Transfer to Hotel		
2	09/10	Bangkok at leisure		
3	10/10	Transfer to Airport, Fly Bangkok - Athens		
4	11/10	Make own way to Ship. Embark	5.00pm	
5	12/10	Istanbul, Turkey	3.00pm	overnight
6	13/10	Istanbul, Turkey		5.00pm
7	14/10	At Sea		
8	15/10	Sochi, Russia	8.00am	5.00pm
9	16/10	Sevastopol, Ukraine	9.00am	7.00pm
10	17/10	Constanta, Romania	8.00am	5.00pm
11	18/10	Varna, Bulgaria	8.00am	5.00pm
12	19/10	At Sea		
13	20/10	At Sea		
14	21/10	Haifa, Israel	8.00am	8.00pm
15	22/10	Limassol, Cyprus	6.00am	3.00pm
16	23/10	Alexandria	6.00am	11.00pm
17	24/10	At Sea		
18	25/10	Athens (Piraeus)		7.00am Disembark
18	25/10	Make own way to Athens Hotel (overnight)		
19	26/10	Make own way to Airport for return flight		
20	27/10	Arrive Syd/Bne/Mel/Per		

\* Itinerary may vary by sailing date



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AIR TAXES are additional from \$440\* (ex.SYD) and subject to change at time of booking. Airfare is ex. Syd/Bne/Mel/Per. Air add-ons from all other Australian gateway cities are available on request. Offer subject to availability at time of booking. Prices are per person share twin based on best available cruise fare, inclusive of all discounts unless otherwise stated. Prices are subject to currency fluctuations and are based on cash or cheque. Cruise deposit, amendment and cancellation conditions apply. Travel agent service fees may apply. Special conditions apply - please ask for full details at time of enquiry. Package cost does not include Domestic Airtaxes or stopover accommodation made necessary by airline flight schedules. Conditions Apply.

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