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*Empires of the
Mediterranean*

ATHENS TO VENICE

Aboard the Viking Star

APRIL 22 — MAY 1, 2024

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Ancient Ruins & Iconic Cities

Ten days. Nine magnificent destinations. One epic journey. Sail the Adriatic and Aegean, taking in all the riches of this fabled region. On an exploration bookended by iconic Venice and Athens, discover the ancient ruins of Olympia and the Acropolis. Explore the medieval warrens of Zadar and Dubrovnik, and admire the famed whitewashed villages of Santorini. Delight in the beauty of Corfu and be captivated by Koper, the gateway to picturesque Slovenia.

Itinerary

| Day | Date | Tour Stop |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1—Tour Begins | April 22, 2024 | Athens, Greece |
| 2 | April 23, 2024 | Athens, Greece |
| 3 | April 24, 2024 | Santorini, Greece |
| 4 | April 25, 2024 | Olympia (Katakolon), Greece |
| 5 | April 26, 2024 | Corfu, Greece |
| 6 | April 27, 2024 | Kotor, Montenegro |
| 7 | April 28, 2024 | Dubrovnik, Croatia |
| 8 | April 29, 2024 | Zadar, Croatia |
| 9 | April 30, 2024 | Koper, Slovenia |
| 10 | May 1, 2024 | Venice (Chioggia), Italy |

Prices

Based on double occupancy

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| OWNER'S SUITE (OS) | \$14874 |
| EXPLORER SUITE (ES1) | \$10874 |
| EXPLORER SUITE (ES2) | \$9674 |
| EXPLORER SUITE (ES3) | \$8874 |
| PENTHOUSE JUNIOR SUITE (PS1) | \$7774 |
| PENTHOUSE JUNIOR SUITE (PS2) | \$7574 |
| PENTHOUSE JUNIOR SUITE (PS3) | \$7374 |
| PENTHOUSE VERANDA (PV1) | \$6074 |
| PENTHOUSE VERANDA (PV2) | \$5974 |
| PENTHOUSE VERANDA (PV3) | \$5874 |
| DELUXE VERANDA (DV1) | \$5474 |
| DELUXE VERANDA (DV2) | \$5274 |
| DELUXE VERANDA (DV3) | \$5174 |
| DELUXE VERANDA (DV4) | \$5074 |
| DELUXE VERANDA (DV5) | \$4974 |
| DELUXE VERANDA (DV6) | \$4874 |
| VERANDA (V1) | \$4774 |
| VERANDA (V2) | \$4674 |

Prices Include

\$125 discount for Sharon Carr Travel clients

Gov't Taxes & Fees

Not Included in Prices Above

AIRFARE

(please call for help booking airfare)

All personal expenses
i.e. phone, laundry, etc.

Optional excursions

Airline baggage charge

Meals other than specified

MORE FEATURES, SERVICES AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- ✓ One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- ✓ Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- ✓ 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- ✓ Port taxes & fees
- ✓ Ground transfers with Viking Air purchase
- ✓ Visits to UNESCO Sites
- ✓ Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- ✓ Access to The Nordic Spa & state-of-the-art fitness center
- ✓ Self-service laundrettes
- ✓ Alternative restaurant dining at no extra charge
- ✓ 24-hour room service



Cultural Curriculum®



Meals including regional specialties



Most al fresco dining at sea



Walking track & sports deck

ALL STATEROOMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ King-size Viking Explorer Bed with luxury linen
- ✓ 42" flat-screen LCD TV with intuitive remote & complimentary Movies On Demand
- ✓ Large private bathroom with spacious glass-enclosed shower, heated floor, anti-fog mirror & hair dryer
- ✓ Premium Freyja toiletries
- ✓ Direct-dial satellite phone and cell service
- ✓ Security safe
- ✓ 110/220 volt outlets
- ✓ Ample USB ports



24-hour Guest Services



Welcome Cocktails & Farewell Reception



Curated library



Viking Service Guarantee

DAY 1 | APRIL 22, 2024

ATHENS, GREECE

Step on board in Athens, where you will have an entire day to explore this ancient city. As we remain in port overnight, you'll have time to enjoy dinner in town.



DAY 2 | APRIL 23, 2024

ATHENS, GREECE

Today, you will have the opportunity to journey into ancient Athens via a panoramic drive, passing the promenade at Mikrolimano as you enter the city's heart. There, you will see the Hellenic Parliament, Constitution Square, the Panathenaic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus and the iconic Acropolis. Explore the bustling Plaka District at the base of the Acropolis. Or as an option, explore the interior of this UNESCO Site; climb 80 steps to the entrance and glimpse an unforgettable view of the Parthenon at its peak.

DAY 3 | APRIL 24, 2024

SANTORINI, GREECE

Gliding toward a full day in Santorini, prepare for its spectacular caldera and looming

cliffs. Once anchored, embark a local boat for the island's main port of Athinios. On your included excursion, drive with a local guide to the top of Mt. Profitis, where you can take in spectacular views of the island, the Aegean Sea and the summit's monastery. En route to clifftop Oia, take in the beauty and charm of the countryside and traditional villages. Then enjoy free time in the capital of Thira. Alternatively, visit the hot thermal springs of Palea Kameni island and enjoy the most remarkable swim of your life. Or, choose to visit a Greek vineyard for a tour and tasting.



DAY 4 | APRIL 25, 2024

OLYMPIA (KATAKOLON), GREECE

Visit the quaint Greek port of Katakolon, huddled around a pretty little harbor dotted with colorful fishing boats. During your visit, venture into the fertile valleys of the western Peloponnese to the legendary city of Olympia, classical birthplace of the modern-day Olympic Games on the slopes of Mt. Kronos. Walk among the ancient city's ancient ruins with an expert guide and

historian, admiring the remains of temples, the Palaestra, or wrestling school, and the Gymnasium. You will gain insight into the very first Olympic Games at the fascinating museum.



DAY 5 | APRIL 26, 2024

CORFU, GREECE

Corfu has a rich history shaped by conquerors and by royalty seeking tranquility. Corfu's Old Town and Fortress—fashioned by the once powerful Venetian Republic—comprise a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its narrow

warrens lead to one of Europe's largest public squares and a lovely promenade once exclusively reserved for the local aristocracy. Everywhere, magnificent coastal views unfold and scenic byways lead to history-rich enclaves, from the archaeological site of Paleopolis and the stunning Vlacherna Monastery to a former Greek royal villa.



DAY 6 | APRIL 27, 2024

KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Spend the day traversing the medieval streets of this historic Montenegro town with a walking tour. Pass by Venetian walls constructed in 1420 en route to the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, built in 1166. Notice its mismatched towers, the result of an earthquake and a budget too small to rebuild properly. Included on this tour is a visit to the Maritime Museum, which documents Kotor's heritage. As an option, venture to the small towns of Budva and Sveti Stefan, the latter once a hideaway for the rich and famous.



DAY 7 | APRIL 28, 2024

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Dubrovnik is a historic jewel, with its spectacular Adriatic setting, 12th-century medieval streets and incredibly preserved structures. So stunning is its Old Town, the playwright George Bernard Shaw famously called it "paradise on Earth." It is all spectacularly

surrounded by a towering medieval wall. Inside, the ancient city's Stradun is lined with authentic stone houses. The peaceful 14th-century Franciscan

Monastery and Apothecary, housing the world's oldest working pharmacy and fine collection of Renaissance paintings, provide insight into the ages.

DAY 8 | APRIL 29, 2024



ZADAR, CROATIA

Explore remarkable Zadar, once an island separated from the mainland by a deep moat. The capital of independent Dalmatia for a millennium, Zadar's impressive city walls attest to its might. A walking tour leads you along a maze of cobblestone streets through its magnificent Old Town, a remarkable repository of red-roofed, medieval stone houses. During your tour, stop to admire its three stunning churches in bold Romanesque. Perhaps you'll also stroll the Riva, the picturesque seafront promenade where acoustical tubes embedded beneath large marble steps sing the song of the city with every lashing wave.



DAY 9 | APRIL 30, 2024

KOPER, SLOVENIA

Call on the Slovenian port of Koper, gateway to the unspoiled Istrian region. Your tour of this historic city reveals the rich architectural legacy of the Venetian Republic. In Tito Square, admire the Venetian-Gothic Praetorian Palace with its crenellated facade and the elegant Loggia where lively town debates once took place. Take the time to ascend the tower of the Cathedral of the Assumption for splendid views of the city and the Gulf of Trieste.

DAY 10 | MAY 1 2024



VENICE (CHIOGGIA), ITALY

Awake in Chioggia, where you will disembark your ship. From here, you can easily take a few extra days to further explore this historic city with our post-cruise extension. Located about an hour south of Venice, Chioggia is a charming fishing community steeped in its age-old seafaring traditions. It is also the gateway to Venice, famed for its wondrous patchwork of graceful piazzas, tranquil canals, artful footbridges and Gothic splendor.

ARRIVE EARLY | ATHENS 3-DAY PRE STAY

\$549 PER PERSON

Take more time to uncover the legacies of Athens

Enjoy ample time to explore Athens in depth. Ascend **Acropolis Hill** to explore the ancient **Parthenon** and admire the **Temple of Athena Nike**. Stop by an authentic taverna to sample meze, with a taste of ouzo or a glass of wine. Or wander the labyrinthine streets of the historic Plaka District.

You will be met at the airport for a transfer to your hotel, located in the heart of the city. Nearby, you can walk to the **Kolonaki** market district to shop or browse the private collection of the **Museum of Cycladic Art**. Or take the metro to **Syntagma (Constitution) Square** to see the city's government center. Take time to explore the main sites of Athens on your own. On your final day, you will transfer by motor coach to your awaiting ship.

ACCOMMODATIONS—ATHENS MARRIOTT (OR SIMILAR)

INCLUDED

2 hotel nights in Athens | 2 meals: 2 Breakfasts | Services of a Viking Host | All transfers

STAY LONGER | TUSCANY 4-DAY POST STAY

\$1699 PER PERSON

Ultimate Italy - Tuscany

At the conclusion of your cruise, disembark your ship and transfer by motor coach to **Tuscany**. Stop for lunch at a farmhouse, then continue through the Chianti region's scenic countryside. Upon your arrival, check in and enjoy dinner at your historic villa. Your Viking Tour Director is available to help you plan your time in Tuscany so you can make the most of your visit.

On Day 2, drive to **Florence** for a walking tour of the city center, a UNESCO Site. See the **Duomo** as well as **Giotto's Bell Tower** and the **Baptistry**. Then, proceed to a Tuscan winery before sitting down to a typical Tuscan dinner. On Day 3, after breakfast, travel to the walled city of **Siena**, located in the heart of the **Chianti** wine region. On your walking tour, see the exterior of the exquisite marble cathedral, the beautiful **Mangia Tower**, the **Town Hall**, the **Piazza del Campo** and other historic sites. Then you will drive to the charming medieval village of **San Gimignano** and have lunch at a typical farm. On our final morning, enjoy breakfast at your villa before you check out. Then, board your motor coach and transfer to the airport in Florence for your flight home.

ACCOMMODATIONS—TUSCAN VILLA

INCLUDED:

3 nights in a Tuscan villa | 9 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners | All transfers
3 guided tours: Walking tours of Florence, Siena & San Gimignano | Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director

Viking has other pre- and post- options. Go to www.vikingcruises.com for more info and email Sharon@sharoncarrtravel.com to book.

AIR TRAVEL If you need help with air please contact Sharon Carr Travel. If you choose to book on your own, please send your air itinerary to Sharon@sharoncarrtravel.com as soon as possible. As airlines do not pay commissions, SCT charges a \$100 per ticket fee for international (research & issue) tickets.

TRANSFERS If client purchases Viking's air and arrives on embarkation day (04/22/2024) and departs on debarkation day (05/01/2024), transfers are included. If client books independent air (still arriving 4/22 & departing 5/1), transfers can be purchased for \$196 per person roundtrip. It is VERY IMPORTANT to note (as of this writing and always subject to change) that ships can no longer dock in Venice. It is best to book a return flight no earlier than 1PM.

DEPOSITS The deposit amount is **\$350 per person**. Please call Sharon Carr Travel at 1-800-648-4856 to reserve space and pay your deposit. Payments may be made by check or credit card. All major credit cards accepted.

FINAL PAYMENT Final Payment is due **June 30, 2023**. Why? Viking requires final payment (earlier than most cruiselines) because "their ships fill up very quickly and they have to confirm each reservation with payment". If a client books after 06/30/2023, the final payment is typically due approximately 30 days after deposit is made.

INSURANCE Cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Insurance information will be provided to you once all components of your trip are booked. Please read the quote carefully and email sharon@sharoncarrtravel.com with permission to purchase.

CANCELLATION POLICY Regardless of reason, cancellations result in costly charges from our travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by canceling confirmed bookings. These fees vary from tour to tour.

Up to 121 days before your trip:

\$100 per person cancellation fee

From 91—120 days before your trip:

Penalty of 20% of trip total will be incurred

From 61—90 days before your trip:

Penalty of 35% of trip total will be incurred

From 46—60 days before your trip:

Penalty of 50% of trip total will be incurred

From 45 or fewer days before your trip:

Trip is nonrefundable

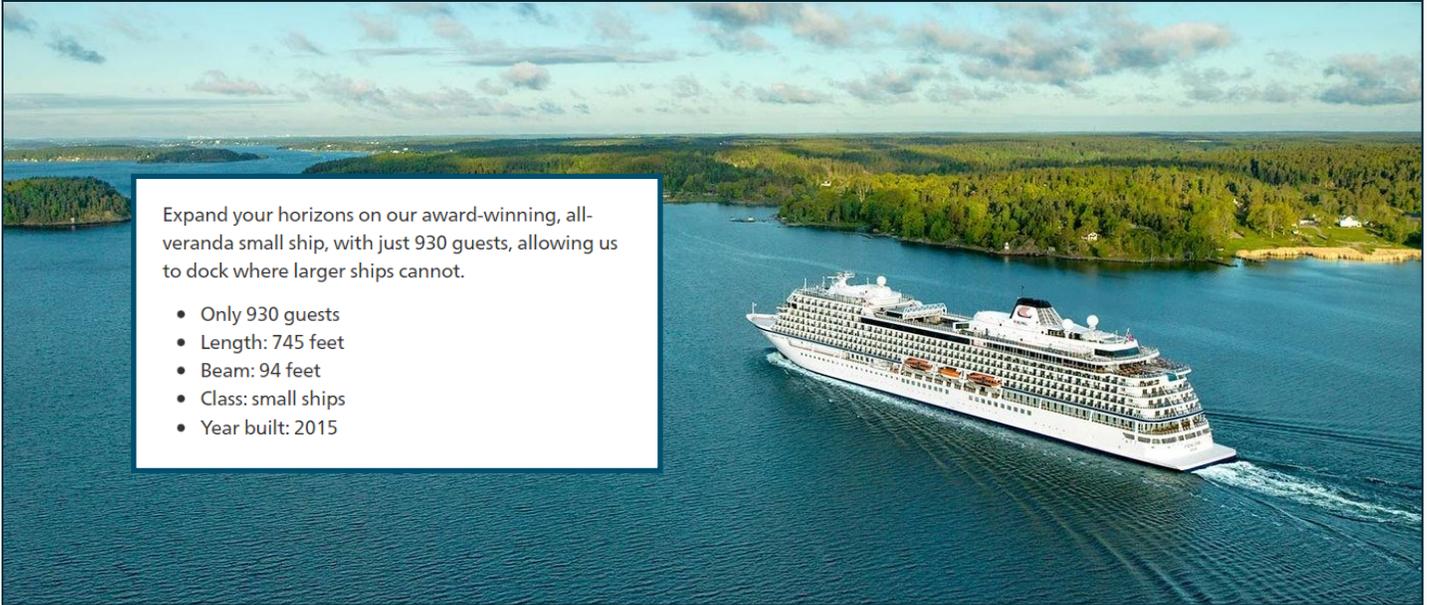
Sharon Carr Travel will charge a fee of \$200 per person if cruise is cancelled 120 days or less, before departure

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- Class: small ships
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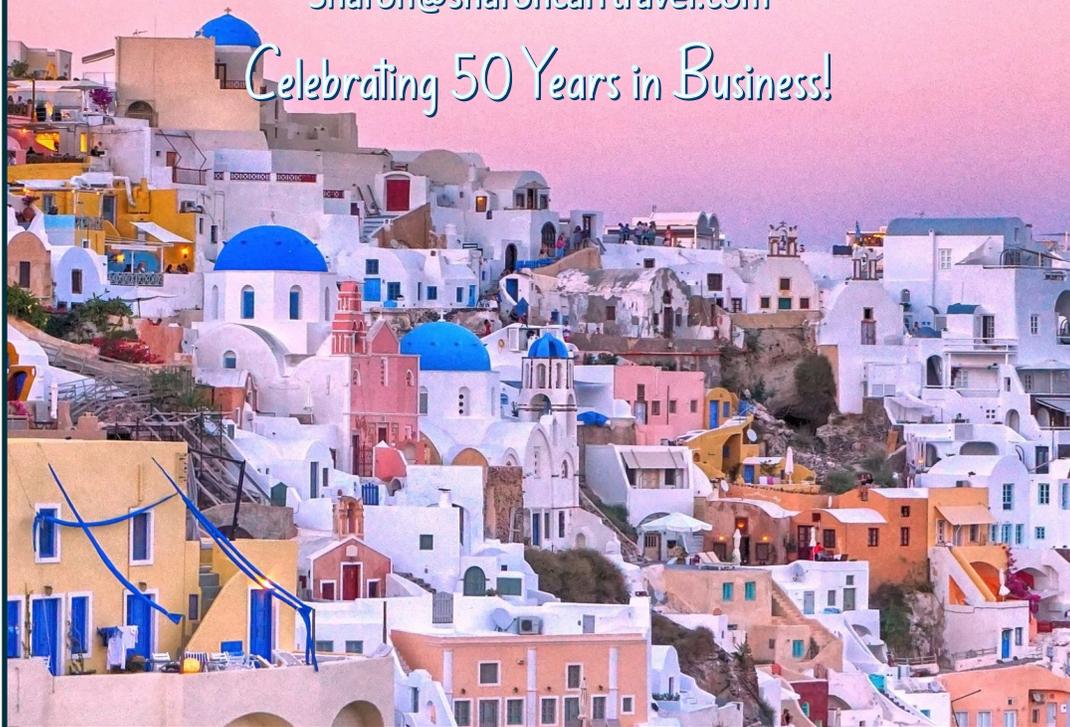
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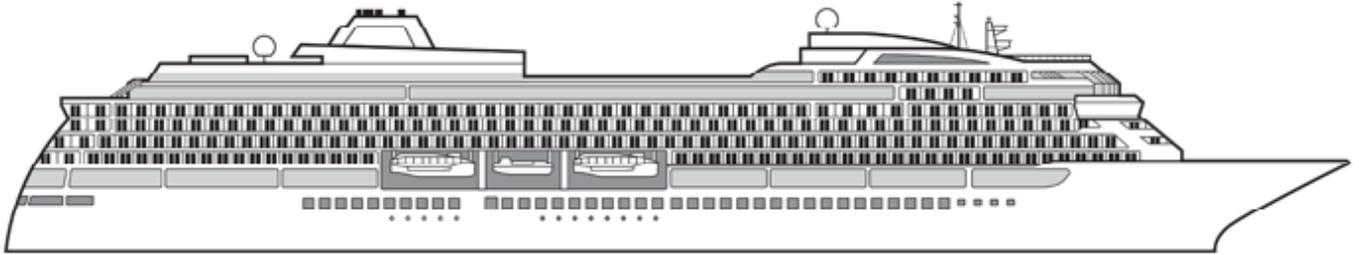
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Viking Star Deck Plan

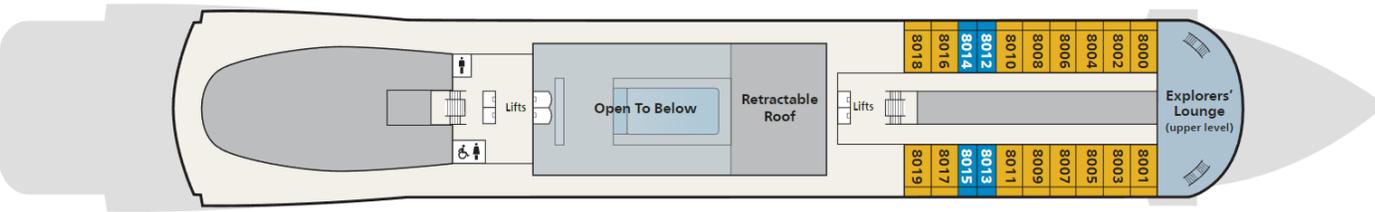


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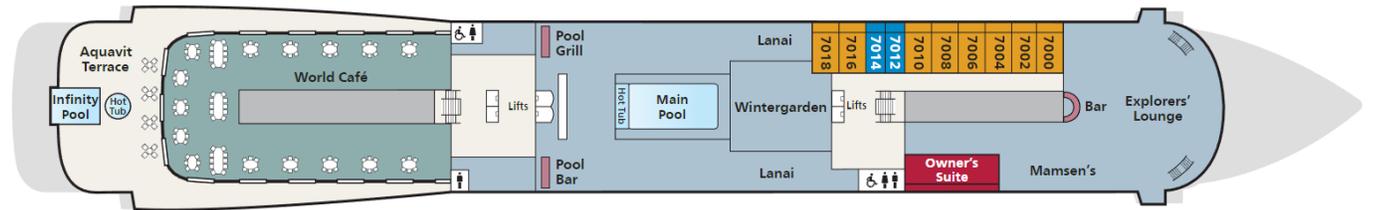
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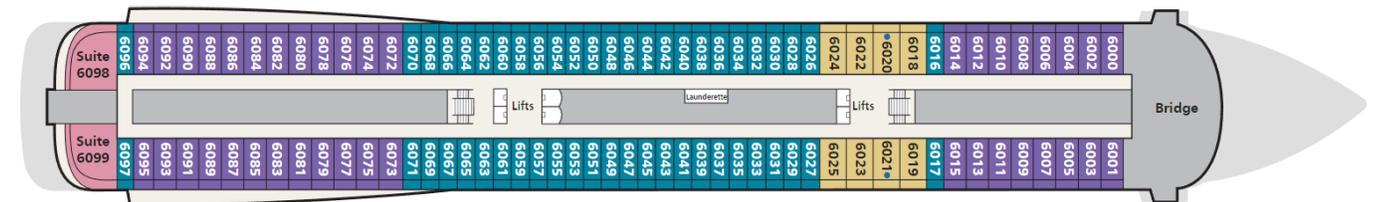
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■ DV1: Deluxe Veranda ■ OS: Owner's Suite ■ PS2: Penthouse Junior Suite ■ Aquavit Terrace® ■ Explorers' Lounge ■ Infinity Pool ■ Main Pool ■ Mamsen's® ■ Pool Grill
■ The Wintergarden ■ World Café

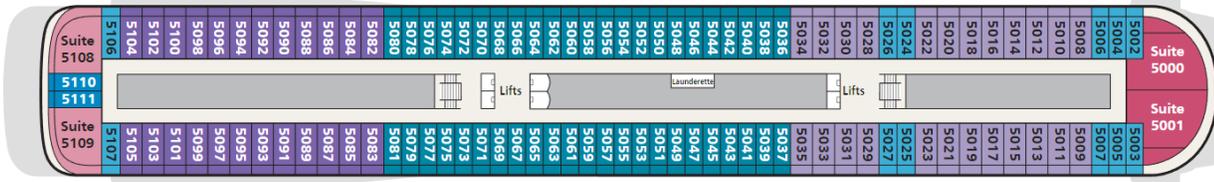
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♿ Staterooms 6020 and 6021 are ADA staterooms. Room configuration varies; ask for details.

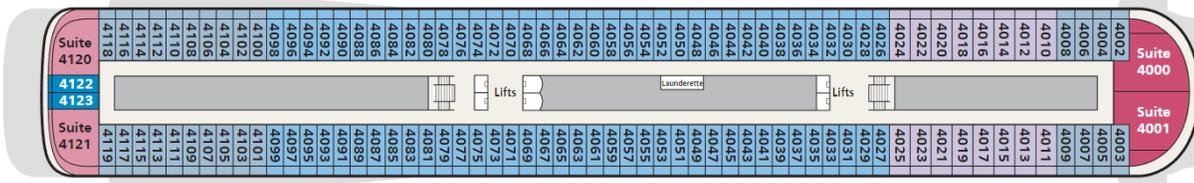
■ DV2: Deluxe Veranda ■ ES2: Explorer Suite ■ PS3: Penthouse Junior Suite ■ PV1: Penthouse Veranda

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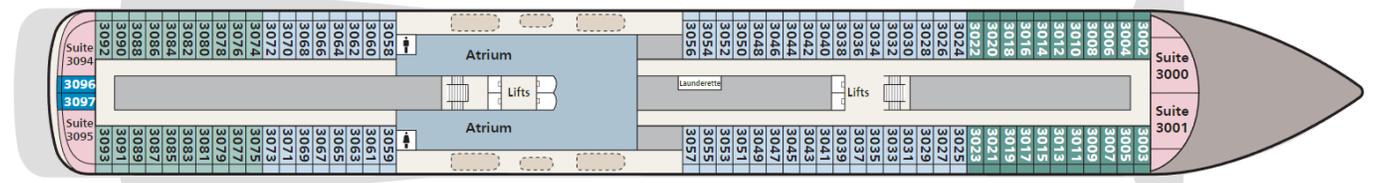
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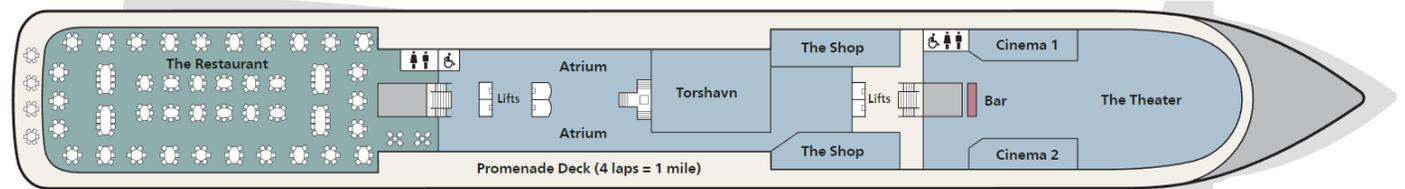
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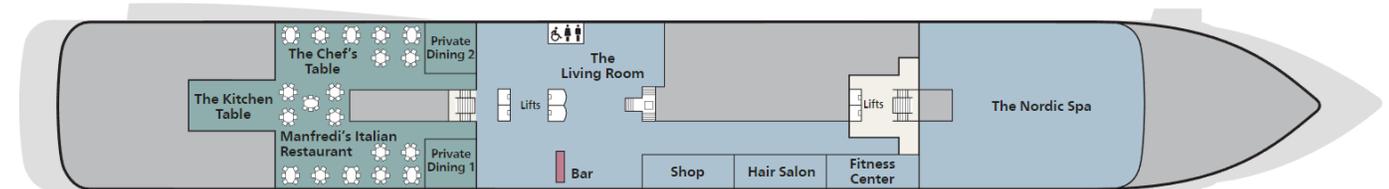
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■ Shops ■ The Atrium ■ The Restaurant ■ The Theater ■ Torshavn®

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■ Fitness Center ■ Hair Salon ■ Manfredi's® Italian Restaurant ■ Shops ■ The Bar ■ The Chef's Table ■ The Kitchen Table ■ The Living Room ■ The Nordic Spa