



Set sail with Collins Tours on our exclusive land and cruise vacation sailing aboard Norwegian's newest ship, the Viva! Experience the wonders of Egypt, the magic of the Greek Isles, and the beauty of the Mediterranean coast — all in one unforgettable journey! We begin with a 3-night pre-cruise stay in Cairo, the capital of Egypt, known as the gateway to the Nile and home of the Giza Pyramids followed by a 2-night pre-cruise stay in Istanbul, before embarking on our incredible 9-day cruise. This cruise embarks from Istanbul and sails through Turkey, Greece, Malta and ends in Italy! Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and providing a smooth and well-executed professional tour!

*-Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

### **Day 1 – Tuesday, Sept 1 – Overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt**

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, you will depart from your local airport and meet the Tour Manager and your fellow travellers at Toronto airport for direct group flight to Cairo, Egypt. All passengers are flying on Air Canada flights. **PLEASE NOTE: Each passenger has 1 piece of luggage included up to 50 lbs each bag, included in the Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare Package. Additional pieces of luggage may require fees paid directly to the airline. Fees will be charged on both the outbound and return flights if applicable.** Be sure to have your **\*valid passport** for Customs & Immigration which you will clear in your final destination, Athens, and **not** in Canada.


### **Day 2 - Wednesday, Sept 2 – Cairo, Egypt at 5-Star Marriott Mena House (Welcome Reception)**

- Arrive in Cairo airport and after clearing Immigration, proceed to the baggage carousel to collect luggage meet your tour manager and our private deluxe motorcoach for transfer to our hotel. Please collect your luggage and **do not leave the baggage carousel without your tour manager**. Once we meet our coach, your luggage (1 piece per person) is looked after and will be delivered to your hotel room upon check-in, later this afternoon.
- We check into the 5-star Marriott Mena House hotel located less than a half a mile from the Giza Pyramids. Nestled near the Grand Egyptian Museum and overlooking the Great Pyramids of Giza, Marriott Mena House, Cairo is surrounded by 40 acres of lush gardens. The hotel features a spa, fitness center, a pool and the rooms are adorned with handcrafted furniture. Please note: We will be arriving in the late afternoon. Your tour manager will handle check-in, pass out room keys, and have luggage delivered to your rooms.
- Take time to freshen up before our “Welcome Reception” at the hotel including a glass of wine or beer and light appetizers - a chance to meet your fellow traveling companions (**included**) and have a brief introduction from your tour manager.
- Dinner this evening is on your own with plenty of options just steps away from our hotel.



### **Day 3 - Thursday, Sept 3 – Cairo, Egypt (B, Welcome Dinner) Pyramids of Giza**

## and Sphinx Collins Tours Optional Excursion – \$200 CAD Per Person

- Enjoy a full breakfast this morning at the hotel **(included)**.
  - Today, join Collins Tours and local guide for an optional half-day journey. Join an exclusive full day optional guided tour to the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, a must-see for those fascinated by ancient civilizations. Today you will enjoy a lunch included in your optional tour package. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the largest Egyptian Pyramid It served as the tomb of Pharaoh Khufu who ruled during the Fourth Dynasty of the Old Kingdom Built c. 2600 BC, over a period of about 26 years, the pyramid is the oldest of the ‘Seven Wonders of the Ancient World’, and is the most famous wonder that has remained largely intact. The Sphinx is known to be a portrait statue of the king and known as the “Father of Terror”. With a lion’s body and a human head, it is an important image in Egyptian and Greek Art and Legend. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to step into history and create memories that will last forever! **(Price of \$200 CAD per person including tax. Please contact Collins Tours staff by email [getaway@collinstours.ca](mailto:getaway@collinstours.ca) or call 1-888-636-8080)**
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- Enjoy lunch today for those on the excursion or on your own if not choosing optional excursion.
  - This evening, please meet your tour manager and join your fellow Collins Tours passengers for a welcome group dinner in the hotel served with wine or beer **(included)**. We will share stories together and discuss further details of what is to come on this wonderful adventure together.

### Day 4 -Friday, Sept 4 – Cairo, Egypt (B)

- Wake up and enjoy a delicious full breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- Today is a free day to enjoy the sights on your own. Perhaps you may want to visit one of the many mosques of Cairo, visit the Egyptian Museum or Cairo University. Perhaps you may choose to fill your day with rich history by visiting museums, take a tour on the Nile River, or visit the many historic monuments; with Cairo’s rich history and cultural heritage it will be an exciting adventure.

### Day 5 - Saturday, Sept 5 - Cairo – 5-Star JW Marriott Istanbul Bosphorus, Istanbul, Turkey (B)

- Enjoy breakfast once again this morning at the hotel before checking out. Be sure to have your luggage outside your room for baggage handling by the hotel porters **(included)**. Your Tour Manager will provide time for the luggage and check out process. This morning, we will make our way to Cairo airport by motor coach to reach our next exciting destination.
- Today we travel by air to Istanbul, Turkey! **(For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, your flights + airport transfers are included)**. Your flight lands this afternoon, and you will then be transferred to the 5-star JW Marriott Istanbul Bosphorus for the next 2 nights! The hotel is in a district on the European side of the city overlooking the busy Bosphorus Strait. Welcome to your hub for instant access to the upbeat city atmosphere, unique attractions, and breathtaking landmarks. This vibrant, historic city offers a treasure trove of museums, shopping destinations, and historical attractions.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening are on your own (at your expense)

### Day 6 - Sunday, Sept 6 - Istanbul, Turkey (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy breakfast this morning at the hotel **(included)** before exploring Istanbul to the fullest!
- We will welcome our local guide and enjoy a guided tour in Istanbul historic city **(included)** this morning including a cruise tour on Bosphorus Strait! This tour will provide some highlights of the city with time for a Turkish lunch on board **(included)**. **Kindly note: some walking will be required during city tours as buses are not permitted or capable of travelling through some inner-city streets.**
- This evening, join your tour manager and join your fellow Collins Tours passengers for another group dinner in the hotel served with wine or beer **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of your evening is at your leisure.

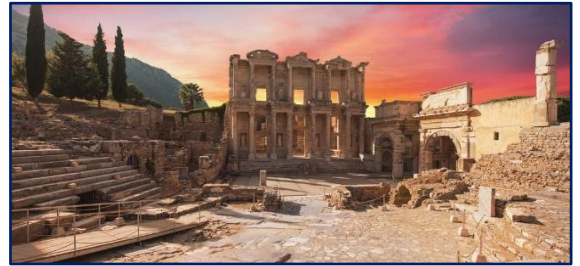
## Day 7 – Monday, Sept 7 – Istanbul – Embarkation to NCL Viva (B, L, D)

- Enjoy another full hot buffet breakfast this morning **(included)** before our relaxed morning departure to make our way to the pier to board the Norwegian Viva. Expect to be on board the cruise ship by early afternoon allowing time for lunch on board.
- Make yourself at home on this beautiful all-new Norwegian Cruise Line vessel, the Viva, one of the newest stunning ships in the brand-new Prima Class. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the ship or enjoy some food while you wait for luggage to be delivered to your stateroom. Get ready for what will surely be the trip of a lifetime with Collins Tours!
- Please note your cabins may not be ready until 3:00pm. As the staff work hard to prepare the new guests you may use the facilities open at this time as part of your cruise package. For those who wish to store carry-on luggage there will be an opportunity once on board.
- The Viva sets sail this evening at 5:00pm. Choose from one of the many complimentary dining options on board.



## Day 8 – Tuesday, Sept 8 – Kusadasi, Turkey (B, L, Group D)

- The ship will be in port today from 1:00pm – 9:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- Take a journey into the past in richly historic Ephesus. Once an ancient Greek city, Kusadasi was known for the famed Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Built, destroyed, and rebuilt again through several notably historical periods, Ephesus boasts abounding ruins and archaeological excavation sites. View what remains of the Roman Library of Celsus, the Gate of Augustus, the Tomb of John the Apostle, and the Basilica of St. John, among several other ancient remnants.
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a Collins Tours Group Dinner in one of the ship's main dining rooms.
- Tonight, our ship sets sail for Santorini, Greece.



## Day 9 – Wednesday, Sept 9 – Santorini Island, Greece (B, L, D)

- In port 7:00am - 10:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- Note Gondola ride to get to the top of the hillside is additional expense for all cruise passengers and all waiting times should be expected.
- Welcome to Santorini where whitewashed villages clinging to the sides of sea cliffs have made this volcanic island one of the most photographed places in the world.
- Walk the tangled lanes amongst white-washed dwellings overlooking the Aegean Sea, barter with the local vendors, or dine at a cozy cafe, it's up to you. Please note you have a Gondola that takes you from the pier to the top of cliff (extra charge paid locally in Euros) for convenience. Some people can walk down the mountains steep roadway, but it is recommended to take the Gondola going and returning planning for wait times on the return due to all passengers boarding near the same time.
- Tonight, dinner is free to explore your way in Santorini, or perhaps one of the specialty restaurants onboard the Viva is on the agenda.
- This evening, our ship sails onward to Mykonos, Greece.



## Day 10 – Thursday, Sept 10 – Mykonos, Greece (B, L, D) – Collins Tours Optional Excursion – Price \$150 CAD Per Person

- In port 7:00am-10:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- Welcome to the Cyclades, a group of Greek islands, southeast of the mainland in the Aegean Sea.

Today, join your Tour Manager and fellow group members as we experience the charm and beauty of Mykonos on this 4.5-hour guided tour. Begin with a one-hour walking tour of Mykonos Town, exploring iconic spots such as the Paraportiani Church, Little Venice, the famous windmills, and the lively Matogianni shopping area. If open, we will also visit the local vegetable and fish market for a true taste of island life. Continue by bus to discover the island's stunning beaches and picturesque landscapes, before arriving at the traditional village of Ano Mera. Here, enjoy free time strolling around the village square and, if desired, visit the 16th-century Panagia Tourliani Monastery (small fee applies – your expense). The tour then stops at Kalafatis Beach for a short break to relax or enjoy a coffee or refreshment (your expense). We conclude with a breathtaking viewpoint overlooking Mykonos Town and the surrounding islands, a perfect way to capture the essence of this beautiful Greek island. **(Price of \$ CAD \$150 CAD per person including tax and return transportation. Please contact Collins Tours staff by email [getaway@collinstours.ca](mailto:getaway@collinstours.ca) or call 1-888-636-8080)**



- This evening enjoy dinner at leisure in one of the ship's restaurants for dinner.

## Day 11 – Friday, Sept 11 – Athens (Piraeus), Greece (B, L, Cocktail Reception, D) – Collins Tours Optional Excursion – Price \$150 CAD Per Person

- In port 5:30am - 4:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- This morning, join Collins Tours as we explore the heart of Athens on our optional excursion today. We will ascend to the summit of the Acropolis and stand in the shadow of the mighty Parthenon, the best example of classic architecture of the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. Other stops include Dionysus Theater, Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Panathenaic Stadium (where the first modern Olympic games were held 1896) and the Memorial of the Unknown Soldier for the changing of the guards. We will see the Trilogy of Athens and ascend Mount Lycabettus Hill (the highest point in Athens) for unparalleled views and excellent photo opportunities. We drive through Plaka, the oldest neighborhood in Athens, where you can wander and peruse local shops with handmade crafts and gifts. **(Price of \$150 CAD per person. Please book by contacting Collins Tours staff by email [getaway@collinstours.ca](mailto:getaway@collinstours.ca) or call 1-888-636-8080).**



- This evening meet your Tour Manager and fellow Collins Tours travel companions in one of the ships' lounges for a Collins Tours exclusive cocktail party with open bar and cheese and crackers **(included)**.
- Enjoy your dinner included in the main dining room or perhaps treat yourself to a specialty dinner in one of the specialty restaurants.
- Tonight, our ship sets sail for Olympia (Katakolon), Greece

## Day 12 – Saturday, Sept 12 – Olympia (Katakolon), Greece (B, L, Group D)

- In port 7:00am - 4:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- This quaint little seaside town on the Ionian Sea is the gateway to Ancient Olympia, where Greek mythology was born and the first Olympiad was held. You may still be able to hear the distant echoes of the ancient Greeks cheering as you tour the ruins of one of the most important and exciting sanctuaries of antiquity.
- Enjoy the day exploring on your own.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers this evening for another Collins Tours Group Dinner in one of the ship's main dining rooms.

- Tonight, our ship sets sail to Valletta, Malta.

### Day 13 – Sunday, Sept 13 – Valletta, Malta (B, L, D) – Collins Tours Optional Excursion – Price TBA

- In port 11:00am - 9:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- Although somewhat scared by World War II, Valletta prides itself on its magnificent Baroque palaces, piazzas, gardens and churches. The Magisterial Palace, built between 1571 and 1574, now houses the Maltese Parliament and offices of the President of Malta.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for another Optional Excursion of Valletta today. Founded in 1566, Valletta is Malta's capital city and is one of Europe's smallest (and southern-most) capital cities, with many buildings having a strong Baroque character. Built on a peninsula between two large natural harbours (Grand Harbour on the eastern side and Marsamxett Harbour to the West, the city sits perched on higher ground. Its streets were aligned in a grid-like layout, being wide and straight, which is said to have been chosen to allow the sea breeze to provide respite from Malta's hot summer weather. Despite its small size, Valletta is packed with sites of historical significance, with buildings dating back to the 16th century. So much so that it's been an officially listed UNESCO World Heritage site since 1980. During this excursion you will get the chance to explore all that this small city has to offer. **(Price of \$TBA CAD per person. Please book by contacting Collins Tours staff by email [getaway@collinstours.ca](mailto:getaway@collinstours.ca) or call 1-888-636-8080).**
- Tonight, our ship sets sail for Catania, Italy.



### Day 14 – Monday, Sept 14 – Catania, Italy (B, L, D)

- In port 7:00am - 5:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- The ancient port city of Catania is situated in the shadow of the famous active volcano, Mount Etna, which dominates the landscape and is intertwined with the town's history. Steeped in a storied past, Catania's squares, cathedrals and other historic sites are a must-visit on a guided tour, as are its open-air markets and friendly cafes that offer a taste of modern life in the region. You can also journey outside Catania to explore the surrounding lava fields and unique rock formations or hike, bike or go off-roading on one of the trails crossing the volcano for an unforgettable outdoor adventure.
- This evening, we set sail for Salerno, Italy.



### Day 15 – Thursday, Sept 15 – Salerno, Italy (B, L, Group D) Collins Tours Optional Excursion – Price TBA

- In port 7:00am – 6:00pm - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- Join Collins Tours on another private excursion to learn the history of Salerno and its rich and vibrant landscapes. The site of ancient settlements (Neolithic mummy remains discovered here), Salerno has been home to vast empires and was the site of Medieval Europe's first medical school. A trip to Salerno makes it easy to understand why countless people have been drawn to its location along the Gulf of Salerno. Nestled between the mountains and the sea at the southeastern point of the famed



Amalfi Coast, Salerno boasts sun-drenched beaches, nature reserves and parks, historic sites and delicious local cuisine. **(Price of \$TBA CAD per person. Please book by contacting Collins Tours staff by email [getaway@collinstours.ca](mailto:getaway@collinstours.ca) or call 1-888-636-8080).**

- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers this evening for our last Collins Tours Group Dinner aboard the Viva in one of the ship's main dining rooms. Tonight we will discuss disembarkation tomorrow.
- Tonight, we set sail for Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy.

## Day 16 – Friday, Sept 16 – Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy – Disembarkation from Norwegian Viva – Return Flight Home (B)

- Arrive in Port at 6:00am - subject to change based on scheduling by Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- Enjoy an early breakfast before disembarking the ship. Convene with your fellow travelers for a private transfer to the airport terminal for your flights home.
- Your tour manager will have you pre-checked in to the flight home with Air Canada.
- Arrive at your local Canadian airport on the same day as departing the ship.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are only a guideline and may be modified by your tour manager or Collins Tours operations department. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, flight delays, ferry schedules, transportation delays, emergencies, and “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds/reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS AFTER** your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag).
- Currency varies among the countries visited during this tour.
  - Malta, Greece and Italy's currency: Euro (EUR)
  - Egypt's currency: Egyptian Pound (EGP)
  - Turkey's currency: Turkish Lira (TRY)
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person.
- Airline fees for any checked baggage overages or additional bags (both outbound and inbound flights) are **NOT** included in your tour package and any additional costs are your responsibility paid directly to Air Canada.
- All liquids/gels you plan to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag. Once at the security checkpoint, this bag must be removed from your carryon & placed in bin for TSA screening.
- Prescription medication should be kept in original container or carried with you during travel.
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- Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$8.00 - \$10.00 per person, per day
- Bus driver - \$4.00-\$6.00 per person, per day.
- Private city tour guides - \$3.00 per person, per day

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