

Ensemble Experience

KUSADASI, TURKEY

Ship/Sailing:	Prinsendam	October 2, 2008
Tour Date:	October 10, 2008	
Ship Time in Port:	8:00 am -	11:00 pm
Tour Name:	<i>The Ancient City of Ephesus, with Lunch</i>	
Full Day Tour:	Depart: 9:00 am	Return: 3:30 pm

Travel back in time as you explore magnificent ancient ruins and sites dating back to the early days of Christianity. Begin the adventure at Mt. Pagus - where a small stone chapel from the first century marks the place where Mary is said to have spent her last days.

Then enjoy the panoramic view of the valley and the magnificent city of Ephesus. Four thousand years ago Ephesus was an architectural masterpiece. This gateway to Asia Minor featured in the scriptures and your expert guide will bring the city back to life. Stroll the marble streets, enter the Magnesia Gate and pass the Odeon and upper Agora. Nearby are the ornate Hadrian Temple, the restored façade of the Celsus Library, the baths and an incredible amphitheater that could accommodate 15,000 spectators. And as you leave the city through the lower gate you will see the remains of the Artemis Temple and be able to see the Basilica of St John and the Isabey Mosque.

After exploring this spectacular site, enjoy a delicious lunch at either Le Wagon or Kalehan before visiting the museum of Ephesus. Savor the many amazing and fascinating artifacts discovered in the city's excavations like statues of the Goddess Artemis, beautiful frescoes from the houses and a wide variety of other pieces.

Conclude this fantastic visit by browsing for interesting souvenirs in Kusadasi's many interesting shops.