



### **Elixir Cruises Announcement**

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#### **New Cruise Passenger fee coming to effect on July 21, 2025 .**

*Dear guests,*

As some of you might have read in the press, a new cruise passenger fee will come into effect for cruise ships calling Greek ports on July 21, 2025, following a Joint Ministerial Decision signed by the Greek Ministers of Finance, Shipping, and Tourism.

The levy, approved under Law 5162/2024, aims to ease pressure on heavily trafficked destinations, while boosting public revenue to support tourism-related infrastructure projects both locally and nationally. The goal is to upgrade hospitality conditions in the most popular areas, but also to strengthen smaller communities so that they can join the cruise network.

The fee applies only to passengers disembarking from cruise ships at Greek ports and varies by season to encourage off-peak travel.

#### **Peak season (June 1 – September 30):**

Santorini & Mykonos: 20 Euros

All other ports: 5 Euros

#### **Shoulder season (April 1 – May 31 & October 1 – 31):**

Santorini & Mykonos: 12 Euros

All other ports: 3 Euros

#### **Low season (November 1 – March 31):**

Santorini & Mykonos: 4 Euros

All other ports: 1 Euro



The fee is collected at the point of disembarkation and is not subject to VAT. The fee is applied per passenger and per port. Cruise companies or their agents are responsible for payment, declared via a dedicated digital platform.

According to a Greek Government's official announcement, revenues generated from this fee will be allocated to enhance port infrastructure, support sustainable tourism initiatives, and fund local development.

*Bud Darr, CLIA's (Cruise Lines International Association) executive president and CEO, said: "The cruise industry is committed to supporting the long-term success of Greece as one of the world's most popular countries to visit. While the introduction of the new fee in the middle of the peak tourist season presents operational challenges that could have been avoided with more timely notification, we are committed to contributing to the Joint Working Group with the government on its implementation, with a focus on ensuring that revenues are reinvested in port infrastructure and local communities for the benefit of the country's cruise tourism economy."*

We do appreciate your understanding in this matter.

For 2025 Summer season, the new port charges will be charged on passengers' onboard accounts, who will join a cruise with Elixir Cruises from July 18, 2025 onwards.

Best regards,

**John Terdimos,**  
Co-Founder and CEO