



Highlights of Greece: The Land of Gods and Goddesses

9 Days

This captivating 9-day journey through Greece begins with an arrival in Athens, where travelers dive into ancient history and vibrant culture. After settling in, guests can explore iconic sites like the **Acropolis**, **Plaka**, and **Syntagma Square**. The following day features an immersive walking tour of Athens' historic neighborhoods, capped with a hands-on **cooking class** featuring traditional Greek cuisine.

Next, the adventure continues on the glamorous island of **Mykonos**, famous for its lively atmosphere, sun-soaked beaches, and charming **Old Town**. Guests will enjoy an afternoon **hike** followed by a refreshing **swim** at a secluded beach, then spend the next day **sailing** along the crystal-clear waters, making stops at hidden gems and indulging in a locally-inspired onboard lunch.

Santorini, renowned for its stunning **sunsets** and dramatic **caldera views**, is the next stop. Upon arrival, travelers will set off on a sunset **wine tour**, tasting volcanic wines at traditional wineries. The following day, they'll explore Santorini's charming villages, including a visit to the ancient site of **Akrotiri** and a picturesque afternoon in **Oia**.

The trip concludes back in Athens, with a final evening spent enjoying a private meal at a local Athenian residence to truly immerse themselves in Greek dining and culture. Guests return home with unforgettable memories of Greece's history, islands, and cuisine.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private Best of Athens Walking Tour and Cooking Experience
- ★ Private Afternoon Hiking and Swim in Mykonos Tour

- ★ Private Mykonos Sailing Tour
- ★ Private Half Day Wineries of Santorini Tour
- ★ Private Full Day Santorini Villages, Akrotiri, and Village of Oia Tour
- ★ Private Meal at a Local Residence in Athens

Itinerary Details

DAY 1 - 3

-  International Arrival
-  Private Transfer from Airport to Hotel

2 NIGHTS

Athens

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INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

Day 1: Arrive in Greece!

Today marks the start of travelers' Greece adventure with an exciting arrival in ancient Athens! Once guests have settled into their hotel, they'll have the opportunity to explore iconic sites like the Acropolis, Plaka neighborhood, and Syntagma Square, soaking in the rich history and culture of Athens. Tomorrow they'll enjoy a private 'best of Athens' walking tour followed by a cooking class and lunch.

Recommended Hotel: Electra Metropolis Athens

A 5-star landmark in the heart of Athens, Electra Metropolis combines modern luxury with rich history. Guests enjoy elegant rooms and suites, many with views of the Acropolis, along with a rooftop pool, spa, and fitness

center. The hotel's crown jewel is the Metropolis Roof Garden and M Bar, offering refined dining with panoramic city views, while the Atrium Lounge Bistro provides a relaxed setting. With Syntagma Square, Ermou shopping street, and Plaka all just steps away, the hotel serves as the perfect base for exploring Athens while delivering world-class amenities and warm Greek hospitality.

Day 2: The Best of Athens

Today travelers get a deep dive into the ancient monuments and iconic neighborhoods of Athens, topped off with a delicious and memorable cooking experience and lunch. Tomorrow they'll depart this ancient city for the island of Mykonos!

Private Best of Athens Walking Tour and Cooking Experience

The tour begins at the base of Acropolis Hill, where a local expert warmly welcomes guests to Athens. They will embark on a fascinating walking tour through the old quarter, sharing the city's rich history and hidden gems. Strolling through Plaka, with its stunning Neo-Classical architecture and narrow lanes, guests will immerse themselves in authentic Athens. The two-hour walk concludes at the venue for a hands-on cooking class, where guests will prepare traditional Greek dishes under the guidance of local chefs before enjoying the meal they've crafted.



DAY 3 - 6

 Private Transfer from Hotel to Airport

 Domestic Flight to Mykonos



3 NIGHTS

Mykonos

One of the most famous Greek islands, sun-soaked Mykonos offers you a glamorous getaway in the Mediterranean. It's famous for its lively bars and restaurants, nightlife and culture, with a party atmosphere all summer long. The island boasts a charming Old Town with whitewashed homes, blue-domed churches and trendy boutiques and waterfront cafes. Explore the stylish bars of Little Venice on the promenade, walk Chora's maze-like alleys lined by colorful buildings, and watch boats go in and out of the Old Port. Mykonos stunning beaches are a sun-worshipper's dream with long stretches of soft white sand, crystal clear waters and plenty of watersports. While not sunbathing or swimming, you can hop on a boat and jet off to nearby islands, or travel inwards into the island to discover historic sites and traditional Cycladic villages like Ano Mera. An absolute highlight of the Mykonos experience is watching a sunset from the secluded Armenistis lighthouse.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

Day 3: Arrive in Mykonos!

Today travelers arrive in the enchanting island of Mykonos! After arriving at their hotel from their private transfer from the airport they should take the time to get acquainted with this lively island and explore the local neighborhoods. Tomorrow they'll enjoy a afternoon hike and swim.

Day 4: A Hike and A Swim

After a leisurely morning, guests will embark on an afternoon hike followed by a refreshing swim. Upon return to their hotel, a refreshing shower and change of clothes will enliven them for a night out on the town. Tomorrow they'll see more of the crystal blue waters on a full day sailing tour.

Private Afternoon Hiking and Swim in Mykonos Tour

Mykonos, famous for its cosmopolitan flair and luxurious hotels, also offers a hidden gem for nature lovers—a scenic hike from the village of Ano Mera. During this one-hour trek, a guide will share the village's significance in Mykonos' life. Along the way, guests will pass the Fokos Dam, often visited by migratory birds in season, before reaching a secluded beach untouched by crowds. This tranquil spot, without umbrellas or sun beds, offers the perfect setting for a swim. Afterward, guests will be transferred back to their hotel by car.

Day 5: A Full Day of Sun and Sails

Today travelers get to soak in the sun aboard a boat, exploring the coast of Mykonos and its crystal blue waters! This final day on, and around, this island will be a day to remember. Tomorrow travelers depart for Santorini!

Private Mykonos Sailing Tour

Mykonos is renowned for its crystal-clear waters and stunning beaches, and this sailing excursion offers the perfect way to experience them. Guests will be picked up from their hotel and greeted by the captain at the marina. After a safety briefing, the boat sets sail for handpicked beaches, with plenty of time for swimming at

each stop. A delicious onboard lunch, featuring local delicacies, will be prepared by the captain and crew. The day ends with a late afternoon return to the marina, followed by transfer back to the hotel.



DAY 6 - 8

-  Private Transfer from Hotel to Airport
-  Domestic Flight to Santorini
-  Private Transfer from Airport to Hotel

2 NIGHTS

Santorini

The most popular of the Greek islands, crescent-shaped Santorini in the Cyclades charms visitors with its stunning landscapes and white-washed houses, framed by the sparkling blue waters of the Aegean Sea. At the heart of the island lies a partly-submerged caldera—the result of a volcanic eruption many centuries ago, flanked by dramatic cliffs with picturesque villages and vineyards perched on the cliffsides. Scenic villages such as Fira and Oia offer iconic blue-domed churches and narrow, winding streets with panoramic views around every corner. Framed against this backdrop are beaches such as Perissa and Kamari, in myriad shades of red, black, and white. Sunsets in Santorini, and especially Oia, are mesmerizing, with the evening sky blanketed in cotton candy pink and orange. The island also boasts one of the best food and nightlife scenes in the Cyclades, though less illustrious than its neighbor Mykonos, thanks to a plethora of restaurants spread across its cliffside villages and waterfronts.

Day 6: Arrive in Santorini!

Today guests arrive in the sunny island of Santorini. Once they settle into their hotel, they'll depart for an afternoon sunset and wine tour. Tomorrow they'll enjoy a full day private tour of Santorini's villages.

Recommended Hotel: CostaGrand Resort & Spa

A 5-star beachfront retreat on Kamari's famous black sand beach, CostaGrand blends barefoot luxury with refined comfort. Guests relax in stylish rooms and suites, many with sea views, and enjoy multiple pools or the private beach with sunbeds and umbrellas. Onsite dining features an elegant restaurant for breakfast and dinner, complemented by the Swell Lounge Bar for poolside cocktails. The resort also offers the Serenity Spa and a well-equipped fitness center. Just steps from Kamari's promenade, cafés, and shops, CostaGrand delivers world-class amenities alongside the charm of Santorini's island life.

Private Half Day Wineries of Santorini Tour

On this engaging tour, guests will journey through the island of Santorini and visit two wineries to sample locally produced wines. The experience ranges from estates with sweeping views to smaller, hidden wineries off the beaten track. Santorini is known for its unique varieties, shaped by the island's volcanic soil and distinct microclimate, resulting in wines found nowhere else in the world. Combined with the island's natural beauty, the tastings create a memorable day out. During the drive, guests will also stop in the charming village of Pyrgos—one of Santorini's most picturesque spots. More than just a wine tasting, this tour offers a deeper look at the island's authentic character, blending cultural exploration with light snacks and exceptional wines.

Day 7: The Villages of Santorini

On this final day in Santorini travelers get to explore the iconic villages of the island with their whitewashed walls and blue roofs. Tomorrow they depart for Athens and a return flight home.

Private Full Day Santorini Villages, Akrotiri, and Village of Oia Tour

Guests will start their day with a scenic drive to Profitis Ilias, the highest point on the island, offering breathtaking views and a perfect photo opportunity. Next, they will explore the traditional village of Megalochori, known for its Cycladic architecture and neoclassical buildings. A visit to the prehistoric site of Akrotiri, often called the "Greek Pompeii," follows. Afterward, guests will head to Perivolos Beach for a swim and lunch break, before continuing to Oia, a stunning village renowned for its caldera views, charming cafés, and restaurants. The tour concludes with a return to the hotel.



DAY 8 - 9

-  Private Transfer from Hotel to the Airport
-  Domestic Flight to Athens
-  Private Transfer from Airport to Hotel
-  Private Transfer from Hotel to Airport
-  International Departure

1 NIGHT

Athens

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INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

Day 8: Final Day in Greece

On this final day in Greece guests can enjoy a final walk through the neighborhoods of this nation's capital city before a final evening shared tour of Athens. Tomorrow, they'll depart for home!

Private Meal at a Local Residence in Athens

This private dining experience offers guests an intimate introduction to the region's culinary traditions. Participants are picked up from their hotel and welcomed into a local host's residence for a home-cooked meal. Surrounded by warm hospitality, they are invited to savor an exquisite menu crafted to highlight the rich flavors of traditional Greek and Mediterranean cuisine. Each dish is thoughtfully presented and paired with insights from the host, who shares stories that reflect modern Greek life and the cultural vibrancy of Athens. More than a meal, this immersive encounter provides guests with the opportunity to connect deeply with the traditions and spirit of the city. Following the experience, they are returned to their hotel.

Day 9: Depart for Home

Today guests depart Greece for home with a collection of sun-soaked memories!



Inclusions

Includes

- Activities and excursions as specified in the itinerary

- Accommodation: Athens (2 nights) - Mykonos (3 nights) - Santorini (2 nights) - Athens (1 night)
- Meals where noted in the itinerary
- Train rides where noted in the itinerary
- Admission tickets as specified in the itinerary

Not Included

- Tips and personal expenses
- Visa and tourism charges
- Travel insurance
- Arrival and departure flights