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11 Day Greek Islander

Trip Summary

Day 1

Depart for Greece

Day 2

Arrive in Athens

Athens - The City

Athens - Do & See - Acropolis and Its Surroundings, Roman Agora, Acropolis Museum, Plaka Neighbourhood, Panathenaic Stadium, National Archaeological Museum, Benaki Museum of Greek Culture, Glyfada and the Seaside, Mount Lycabettus, Philopappos Hill, Temple of Hephaestus, Erechtheion, Museum of Cycladic Art, Megaron Concert Hall, Temple of Athena Nike, Cine Paris, Monastiraki Neighbourhood, Old Monastery of Daphni, Odeon of Herodes Atticus, Anafiotika, Hellenic Motor Museum, Byzantine & Christian Museum, Athens War Museum, Psyrri Neighbourhood, Dora Stratou Dance Theatre

Athens - Dining - The Old Tavern of Psaras, To Kati Allo, Spondi, Avocado, Gostijo Kosher Restaurant, Oroscopto, Vezené, Piazza Duomo, CTC Urban Gastronomy, Cinque, Lithos, Jaipur Palace

Athens - Cafes - Exarcheia, Fresko Yogurt Bar, O Kostas, Louis Cafe, City Zen, The Dark Side of Chocolate, Six d.o.g.s, Harvest Coffee & Wine, Avdi Square

Athens - Bars & Nightlife - The 7 Jokers, Palenque, 360° Cocktail bar, Gazarte, Brettos Plaka, A for Athens Cocktail Bar, Mosaiko, The Speakeasy, The Clumsies, Baba au Rum, Gazi District

Athens - Shopping - Greek products to buy, Shopping Streets, Athens Heart Mall Emporiko Centro, Athinas Street — The Central Municipal Athens Market, Notos, Shopping with a Sea View, The Loom, Melissinos Art, Aphrodite Jewellery, Pantopolion, Forget Me Not, Olive Tree Natural Cosmetics, Mastiha Shop

Athens - Tourist Information - Passport / Visa, FAQ, Best Time to Visit, Athens International Airport (ATH), Public Transport, Taxi, Post, Pharmacy, Electricity, Telephone

Day 3

Fly to Santorini

Day 4

Full Day in Santorini

Santorini - The Island

Santorini - Do & See - Oia Village, Red Beach (Kokkini Paralia), Fira, Hiking Fira - Imerovigli - Oia, Perissa Beach, Ancient Thera, Wine Tour — Fira, Akrotiri Excavations, Venetian Castles, Pyrgos Kallistis, Nea Kameni — Boat trip, Therasia (Thirasia), Museum of Prehistoric Thera, Archaeological Museum of Thera, Amoudi Bay, T.K. Place Art Gallery Santorini, Mati Art Gallery - Fira

Santorini - Dining - Theoni's Kitchen — Fira, Volcano Blue Sea Food — Fira, Convivium — Fira, Nick The Grill — Fira, Anogi — Imerovigli, Avocado — Imerovigli, Skaros — Imerovigli, Ambrosia — Oia, Pelekanos — Oia, Ammoudi Fish Tavern — Oia, Karma — Oia, Demilmar — Perissa, The Good Heart — Akrotiri

Santorini - Cafes - Melenio Cafe – Oia, Lolita's Gelato – Oia, Skiza Cafe – Oia, Pelican Kipos – Fira

Santorini - Bars & Nightlife - Wine Tour — Fira, Wet Stories — Perivolos Beach, Koo Club — Fira, PK Cocktail Bar — Fira, Mamounia — Fira, Casablanca Soul Bar — Fira, Pelican Kipos Wine Bar — Fira, V Lounge Cafe & Cocktail Bar — Fira, Tango Champagne & Cocktail Bar — Fira, Tropical Bar — Fira

Santorini - Shopping - The Good Heart - Akrotiri, Scalini Shoes - Fira, Aiolos Art - Fira, Souvenirs - Fira, Epilekton - Oia, Eponymo - Oia

Santorini - Tourist Information - Santorini National Airport (JTR), Donkey Ride, Public Transport, Taxi, Post, Pharmacy, Telephone, Electricity

Day 5

Full Day in Santorini

Day 6

Ferry to Mykonos

Day 7

Full Day in Mykonos

Mykonos - The Island

Mykonos - Do & See - Little Venice, Beaches, The Windmills, Archaeological Site of Delos, Panagia Paraportiani, Boat Tours and Cruises, Ano Mera Village, Agia Anna Beach, Lena's House Folk Museum, Mykonos Olive Oil Tasting, Matoyánni Street

Mykonos - Dining - M-eating, Sakis, To Maereio, Captain's, Kazarma, Nikos Taverna, Pepper Souvlaki & More, Funky Kitchen, Blu Blu Cafe

Mykonos - Cafes - Yummy, Trio Bambini, Il forno di Gerasimo, El Burro, Cosi

Mykonos - Bars & Nightlife - Little Venice, Cavo Paradiso, Scarpa Bar, Skandinavian Bar, Cine Manto, Cosi, Galleraki

Mykonos - Shopping - Mytho, Matoyianni Street, LALAOUNIS, Soho Soho, Mayonaisa Darling, Tia Handmade

Mykonos - Tourist Information - Mykonos International Airport (JMK), Passport/Visa, Best Time to Visit, Ferry, Public Transport, Taxi, Postal Service, Pharmacy, Telephone, Electricity

Day 8

Full Day in Mykonos

Day 9

Ferry to Athens

Day 10

Full Day in Athens

Day 11

Depart Greece

Day 1



Depart for Greece

Day 2



Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the classical capital of Greece; transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover the ancient wonders of this city known as the cradle of Western Civilization and the birthplace of democracy



Athens - The City

Athens' heyday was around 400 years BC, that's when most of the classical monuments were built. During the Byzantine and Turkish periods the city decayed into just an insignificant little village, only to become the capital of the newly-liberated Greece in 1833. Ahead of the 2004 Olympics, almost the entire infrastructure was transformed: the Metro, trams, new ring roads and viaducts have eased the pressure of heavy traffic.

Athens is still a rather messy and chaotic place — it wouldn't be Athens otherwise — and despite all the improvements still retains a great deal of its original charm. The whole coastal stretch from Piraeus to the old Hellenikon airport has been improved with new plantings, viaducts and paths for walking. The Plaka district is becoming more and more popular and it is on the way to catching up with Psyri, Gazi and Rouf when it comes to restaurants and cafes. Discover the beauties of the Anafiotika district, at the feet of the Acropolis, and visit the ancient village still housed in the midst of the city. In Exarchia, there is a somewhat in-your-face anarchic atmosphere around the Technical University. Meanwhile, Kolonaki is becoming more and more gentrified.



Athens - Do & See

Athens' unrivalled history and world-famous landmarks are just some of what this city has to offer. The difficult years inflicted by the economic crisis have only deepened the city's artistic soul and not a day goes by that Athens does not amaze its visitors.





Acropolis and Its Surroundings

Acropolis, Athens
+30 210 321 0185

The Parthenon, the temple of Athena, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the major attraction of Athens. The Erechtheion displays the statues of the female Caryatids, though the original statues have been replaced by copies because of air pollution (the originals are in the new Museum).

On the southern slopes of the Acropolis lies the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, a Roman theatre with room for as many as 5,000 spectators. It is used during the annual Athens Festival for world-class ballet and music performances. The Theatre of Dionysus lies beside Herodes Atticus, and almost all the tragedies and comedies of Ancient Greece were written for this theatre.



Roman Agora

Roman Agora, Athens
+30 210 324 5220

In antiquity, the Agora played a major role as both a marketplace and a political centre. The Agora is dominated by the Stoa of Attalos and the Theseion, or Hephaisteion, dedicated to the God of metalworking and also to Theseus, one of the heroes of Greek mythology.



Acropolis Museum

Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, Athens
+30 210 9000 900

Well worth visiting and right at the foot of the Acropolis lies the new Acropolis Museum which provides valuable insights into the Greek mythology and Greek history. The museum restaurant offers panoramic views of the Acropolis and a 700 square metre public terrace commanding a breathtaking view of the historic hills of Athens.



Plaka Neighbourhood

Plaka, Athens

Plaka feels like a small village at the very heart of the vibrant Greek capital. You will most likely walk through the neighbourhood on your way to or from the Acropolis, but it's worth more than a passing glance. Plaka has a soul of its own and its small streets, flowery corners and pretty stairs brim with countless coffee shops.



Panathenaic Stadium

Leofóros Vasileos Konstantinou, Athens
+30 210 7522 9846

The Panathenaic Stadium or Kallimarmaro was built in 330 BC and renovated for the 1896 Olympic Games. It is the world's oldest stadium which is still in use, and the only one in the world entirely built in white marble. It is from here that the Olympic Flame is delivered to all the Olympic games. It is the only stadium in the world built entirely of marble.



National Archaeological Museum

28th of October (Patission) 44, Athens
+30 21 3214 4800

The National Archaeological Museum, in Exarchia, is home to Ancient Greece's most spectacular pieces. One room contains Schliemann's finds from Mycenae, another has the famous frescoes from Santorini on display. There is also a fine collection of idols from the Cyclades and ceramics from all parts of the Mediterranean.

The star of the museum is the Antikythera Mechanism — an ancient hand-powered orrery, described as the oldest example of an analogue computer used to predict astronomical positions and eclipses decades in advance. This scientific marvel is dated somewhere between 205 and 60 BCE.



Benaki Museum of Greek Culture

Koumbari & Leofóros Vasilissis Sofias 1, Athens
+30 210 367 1000

Benaki is a history museum with Greek art and objects from the Stone Age right up to the War of Independence against the Ottoman Empire. It presents its pieces over three floors and apart from seasonal exhibitions, the museum offers events, courses and publications to educate audiences of all ages. The annexed cafe-restaurant welcomes you in a relaxed ambience where to enjoy dinners, lunches or breaks before exploring the museum.



Glyfada and the Seaside

Glyfada, Athens

Breathe in the maritime air around Glyfada, a pretty beach town with many restaurants, shops, bars and cafes, accessible from Athens by bus and tram. In Glyfada and further on the Athens Riviera you will find many beaches, ideal for swimming or sunbathing.



Mount Lycabettus

Mount Lycabettus, Athens

Mount Lycabettus (in Greek: Lykavittos, Λυκαβηττός) sits right in the centre of Athens, rising 277 meters (908 feet) above sea level. Getting yourself up to this altitude gives you an exquisite 360° view over Athens, the Aegean sea and the ships in Piraeus. When the sky is clear, you can see all the way to the mountains in Peloponnese. As well as views, there is also a chic cafe-restaurant, a 19th century Chapel and an amphitheatre.



Philopappos Hill

Philopappos Hill, Thisseio

For a nice walk or picnic a bit outside the busy streets and squares of central Athens you can head to the Philopappos Hill. It offers a great view over the city and maybe the best view of the Acropolis, just far enough to embrace it all while avoiding the tourists crowd and close enough to see the beauty of its architecture.



Temple of Hephaestus

Thisseio, Athens

The Temple of Hephaestus is a well-preserved ancient Greek temple built in 450 BC, dedicated to the God Hephaestus, the protector of blacksmiths, craftsmen, artisans, sculptors, metals, metallurgy, fire and volcanoes. This may be one of the most well-preserved temples, not only in Greece, but in all of Europe.



Erechtheion

Acropolis, Athens

Named after Erechtheus, king of Athens and foster son of Athena, the Erechtheion is an ancient Greek temple on the north side of the Acropolis dedicated to both Athena and Poseidon. This intricate temple was designed to accommodate the radically uneven ground on the site and to avoid disturbing sacred shrines like the altars to Poseidon, the sacred olive tree, a well containing sea water, the tomb of Kekrops, and the Pandrosion sanctuary.



Museum of Cycladic Art

Neophytou Douka 4, Athens
+30 210 7228 3213

The gorgeous and elegant Museum of Cycladic Art contains more than 3,000 artefacts of Cycladic, Ancient Greek and Cypriot art pieces, on display over four floors. This is an interesting museum to visit to get a greater understanding of this colourful culture.



Megaron Concert Hall

Vasilissis Sofias & Kokkali, Athens
+30 210 7282 333

The Megaron, Athens' Concert Hall, was inaugurated in 1991 and it now houses four halls offering a variety of musical performances. It is famous for its top-notch spectacles and an impressive acoustic.



Temple of Athena Nike

Acropolis, Athens

Temple of Athena Nike is located on the south-west corner of the Acropolis. It is one of the earliest pieces of the Ionic order, one of Greece's three classical architectural styles. Celebrating Athena The Victorious, it is anchored in Greek mythology.



Cine Paris

Kidathinaion 22, Plaka
+30 210 322 2071

Located right beneath the Acropolis, this open-air cinema operating on a roof reopened in 1986 after being closed for almost 20 years. Named in honour of its creator — a Greek hairdresser who lived in Paris — it truly is an exceptional spot to catch a movie.



Monastiraki Neighbourhood

Monastiraki, Athens

Monastiraki, right under the Acropolis, is one of the oldest neighbourhoods of Athens and considered the heart of the city. Nowadays, it houses the local "Flea Market" as well as shops, cafes, eateries and touristic stores. It is one of the nicest areas to walk in but also one of the most crowded.



Old Monastery of Daphni

Iera Odos, Athens
+30 21 0581 1558

The Old Daphni Monastery was originally founded and built at the end of the 6th century, to the west of today's Athens. Surrounded by defence mechanisms, the monastery was extended with additional construction over time. The interior holds detailed mosaics and the complex is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is worth the little detour by public transport.



Odeon of Herodes Atticus

Odeon Heroda Attyka, Dionysiou Areopagitou

Part of the Acropolis, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus is a stone Roman theatre. The structure was completed in 161 AD only to become a ruin a hundred years later. The amphitheatre went through a series of renovations throughout the centuries and now host a wide variety of cultural events. The venue is widely known by locals as simply Herodeon.



Anafiotika

Part of Plaka, Anafiotika is a scenic neighbourhood of Athens on the northern slope of the Acropolis. Part of this area was destroyed in 1950s for archaeological research. Today, there are only 45 old houses remaining, on the little unnamed streets from Stratonos to the Acropolis rock. It's a great example of the typical Cycladic architecture that gives visitors the feel of Greek islands in the heart of the city.



Hellenic Motor Museum

Ioulianou 33, Athens
+30 210 881 6187

Who knew that for a brief moment in the 1980s Greece had a flourishing auto industry? The Hellenic Motor Museum is the place to see a collection of historic and iconic cars, divided into antique, veteran, vintage, classic, modern and contemporary. The 1906 cherry red Model N Ford is the star of the show.



Byzantine & Christian Museum

Leoforos Vasilissis Sofias 22, Athens
+30 213 213 9517

The Byzantine and Christian Museum in Athens houses more than 25,000 artefacts of Early Christian, Byzantine and Medieval times. Byzantine culture was almost entirely concerned with religious expression, so in the museum's collection you'll find pictures, scriptures, relief carvings, frescoes, pottery, fabrics, manuscripts.



Athens War Museum

Polemiko Mousio, Rizari 2-4
+30 210 724 4464

The Athens War Museum is run by the Greek Armed Forces. The exhibitions cover the history of war in all ages, from Mycenaean conflicts all the way to the present day. Great displays of battle grounds, weapons, uniforms, heroic figures and personal items.



Psyrris Neighbourhood

Centred around Heroes Square (Plateia Iroon), Athens

Psyrris is a gentrified neighbourhood known for its bohemian cafe-bars, live music taverns, artisanal boutiques, exotic spice bazaars and small number of hotels. It's one of the oldest quarters of Athens and used to be regarded as a dodgy place until the early 90s.

In the late 19th century, Psyrris used to be the 'Bronx' of Athens. 'Koutsavakides' ('hobbler dudes' in Greek) would walk the streets in their jackets worn on one sleeve and bully locals. You'll see this archetypical character show up in street art all over the neighbourhood.



Dora Stratou Dance Theatre

Arakinthou 33, Filopappou Hill
+30 210 921 2866

The Dora Stratou Dance Theatre is situated on the slopes of Philopappou Hill, just opposite the Acropolis Hill. The theatre gives 80-minute performances of dances from many parts of Greece and the islands. For a more immersive experience, take part in dancing classes, lectures and research programs all year round. In the summer, classes are often taught in English. Absolute beginners are welcome!



Athens - Dining

Food is at the centre of all activities in Greece and it is easy to understand why. The Greek cuisine, Mediterranean at heart and influenced by their Turkish neighbours, is fresh, honest, filling and absolutely delicious. Whether you are in for a tour of the best Greek Tavernas in town, looking for the tastiest gyros or want to try the new Greek cuisine, you might adjust to the local rhythm and spend a lot of time around the table.

In Athens and in Greece in general you can eat at any time of the day and late at night. Tavernas and Ouzerias (where you can drink local cocktails and usually hear traditional music) are also a key place for social life.



The Old Tavern of Psaras

Erechtheos & Erotokritou 16, Athens
+30 210 3218 733

The Old Tavern of Psaras (meaning, the old fisherman's Taverna) is Plaka's oldest restaurant. Indeed, the tavern first opened its doors in 1898. They serve delicious Greek food at a price befitting the area, but with the benefit of being seriously beautiful. You can choose to seat in either of the old houses that are now the restaurant, or even in the pleasant courtyard in the shade of the trees.



To Kati Allo

Chatzichristou 12, Athens
+30 21 0922 3071

To Kati Allo is a simple family owned tavern in the area next to the new Acropolis museum. A real tavern, with a friendly staff and which is open so late Plaka's waiters may come and keep you company. It is very popular amongst locals: always a good indication in touristic cities like Athens.



Spondi

Pyrronos 5, Athens
+30 210 756 4021

Visitors describe the upscale Spondi as the best restaurant in Athens — and in Greece. The restaurant's French chef has put together the menu and has successfully cultivated a renowned wine cellar. Simplicity is the motto at this award-winning restaurant.



Avocado

Nikis 30, Athens
+30 21 0323 7878

Finding a vegetarian restaurant in this meat-loving country might not be the easiest, but Avocado is a great option for vegetarian food. The products are with no added preservatives and they try to use as much organic food as possible. The food here is healthy, fresh and tasty and Avocado is well worth a visit even if you prefer meat dishes.



Gostijo Kosher Restaurant

Esopou 10, Athens
+30 210 323 3825

Gostijo is Athens' first kosher restaurant. Their specialities are Sephardic Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Kosher cuisine served in a lovely atmosphere. You can also hear some live music on some evenings and on location, you will find a Kosher mini-market in case you need.



Oroscopto

Antinoros 42-44 (Caravel hotel square), Athens
+30 210 723 8567

Oroscopto is centrally located just opposite of the Divani Caravel Hotel on the square. Enjoy their uncomplicated and modern Greek, Italian and Mediterranean menu for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The food tastes great and all at a great price. Take a seat at their terrace to make the best of the place.



Vezené

Vrasida 11, Athens
+30 210 723 2002

Vezené is a contemporary restaurant offering wood-fired Greek regional dishes and seafood. Try such exquisitely prepared delicacies as Wagyu carpaccio starter, lamb chops, pluma ibérica and Wagyu sirloin for mains. Great exclusive experience for a special occasion.



Piazza Duomo

Mitropoleos 52, Athens
+30 210 323 1290

Even in Athens you can feel the call of Italy. At Piazza Duomo you can enjoy Italian classics while savouring great drinks and cocktails. A great place to drop those shopping bags and take a break.



CTC Urban Gastronomy

Plateon 15, Athens
+30 210 722 8812

Do not let the prices put you off from trying CTC! It is a unique and peculiar experience you can only live there. The food is prepared with care and obvious passion, and presented in a way that is borderline art. And despite it being a fine dining place, CTC managed to keep its simplicity and it is a very relaxed place where the staff and chef are more than willing to spend some time with you.



Cinque

Agatharchou 15, Athens
+30 215 501 7853

Cinque is the perfect spot for a tasting of Greek dips, olives, cheese and varieties of artisanal olive oils. Order a platter of cheese, panini, bruschetta or other seasonal dishes if you are already certain of what you like. Moreover, have a glass of the great red, rose or white wines this place has in stock.



Lithos

Aesopou 17, Athens
+30 210 324 7797

Lithos serves meze, salads and grilled dishes in a rustic venue with a gorgeous terrace. Great relaxed atmosphere for dinner with reasonable prices.



Jaipur Palace

Leofóros Andrea Siggrou 121, Athens
+30 21 0981 2009

Jaipur Palace sits close to the Grand Hayatt Hotel. The restaurant serves tasty and authentic Indian tandoori dishes, fluffy rice and fragrant naan bread. There is also a substantial menu selection for vegetarians, as well as those who prefer their meals with a spicy touch.

Athens - Cafes

Drinking coffee in Greece is an institution, and Athens is no exception. You will find the cafes and their terraces full of people, laughter, cigarette smoke and animation everyday and all year long. Cafes here are the place to meet up with friends, relax, have long conversations about life and politics, or to play backgammon (when in Greece, call it "Tavli").



The most Greek coffee drink is without a doubt the frappé. It was invented at the 1957 Thessaloniki International Fair by Giannis Dritsas — a representative of the Nestlé company. It's basically instant coffee whipped with cold water until frothy, served on ice. If you're not an instant coffee lover, ask for the server to add some sugar and milk to your drink. It's quite a marvelous invention for hot summer days.

Of course, third wave coffee has made its way to Athens as well. You can choose to sit at a trendy or alternative cafe, at a traditional kafeneio, or even at one of Greece's own coffee chains.



Exarcheia

Exarchia, Athens

Exarcheia, Athens' anarchist neighbourhood, has seen the youth of the city rise up against the power and injustice many times, and it has also unfortunately been the theatre of political drama.

Even though Exarcheia has kept intact its rebellious soul and keeps on its walls traces and street art as testimony of its agitated past — the area has softened a bit and has become somewhat hipster. It is a cool place to hang out, go for a walk, meet locals, and have a coffee or a drink around the main square.



Fresko Yogurt Bar

Dionysiou Areopagitou 3, Athens
+30 210 923 3760

Greece and yogurt are a combination made in heaven. Try this staple Greek delicacy with honey, nuts, fruit or make your own personal mix. This yogurt bar is located just a few steps from the Acropolis and it serves the best products: locally and fresh original Greek yogurt, the purest honey, artisanal jams and other toppings. You should also try their smoothies for your snack break to be complete.



O Kostas

Σουβλάκι Κώστας, Pentelis 5
+30 210 322 8502

If you were looking for the best souvlakia (skewers, but the Athenian word for it is also the word for straw) and bifteki (local meatballs made with three different meats), you might just find them in this tiny restaurant. O Kostas is a very local place, genuine and delicious since 1946.



Louis Cafe

Leonidou 87 & Mykalis, Athens
+30 210 347 6926

This traditional Greek cafeteria offers the best coffee experience in Greece. The atmosphere and decoration are very classic and you will see a few typical old Greek men in here, playing Backgammon (Tavli in Greek) and proudly wearing their Komboloi, strings of beads used to relieve stress. You can also hear some local musicians performing during the many concerts organized.



City Zen

Mitropoleos 80, Athens
+30 210 325 4942

City Zen in Monastiraki is one of the three coffee-bar-restaurants you can find around the area having a roof terrace granting a breathtaking view over the neighbourhood and the Acropolis. Open from morning until late in the night, City Zen is perfect for a coffee stop during the day, some drinks at night or food at any time.



The Dark Side of Chocolate

Solonos 49, Athens
+30 210 339 2348

Take your significant other or your inner chocolate monster to this place to drink chocolate drinks and deserts you have always dreamed of. Choose the type of chocolate, what to add to it (including surprising toppings such as basil or even alcohol), and enjoy. The Dark Side of Chocolate is great and the people working there are just as sweet as their drinks.



Six d.o.g.s

Avramiotou 6/8, Athens
+30 210 321 0510

Six d.o.g.s is an all day and night space devoted to culture and entertainment. It works as a cafe as well as a bar, and it's home to a Gig Space, a Project Space, a Bar, a Foyer and a Garden. It has created a resolutely pop yet avant-garde spirit and hosts an average of 500 events per year.



Harvest Coffee & Wine

Aiolou 64, Athens
+30 213 025 2284

Hearty breakfast or brunch with tacos, burgers, sandwiches, fajitas or poached egg? Or do you prefer pasta, tapas or a salad for lunch or dinner? This restaurant and cafe packs an extensive menu of food and beverages for any time of day.



Avdi Square

Avdi Square is one of the restaurant and cafe hotspots of Keramikos and Metaxourgio. This recently revitalized square captures the vibe of Athens with street parties and avant-garde art to social activism and skate bowls. Check out the Municipal Art Gallery while you're there.



Athens - Bars & Nightlife

Athens' bar scene brings a neverending surprises. The nightlife extends way beyond the first morning lights. The Greeks know how to drink and to party, and Athens is the living and breathing image of this happy and joyful spirit.

From alternative bars to fancy clubs, pubs and traditional "ouzerias", follow the flow and experience one of the best nights of your life. Don't miss out on these fun spots in Athens:





The 7 Jokers

Voulis 7, Athens
+30 210 321 9225

The 7 Jokers is a fantastic and quirky bar with top notch cocktails, Rolling Stones posters, art pieces and all sorts of eccentric objects. For those who like it old-school there is also a jukebox inside.



Palenque

Oulof Palme 23, Athens
+30 21 0747 2472

Palenque is a lively nightclub in Zografou district. Live Latin music, Cuban vibes and Salsa dance classes — awesome summer night guaranteed.



360° Cocktail bar

Ifaistou 2, Athens
+30 210 321 0006

360° Cocktail bar serves great signature cocktails in a clean-cut industrial interior and a lush rooftop terrace with — you guessed it — panoramic views. You get the best view onto Monastiraki square and the Acropolis.



Gazarte

Voutadon 34, Athens
+30 210 346 0347

Gazarte is an incredible venue where you can watch a film, grab a bite, drink awesome cocktails, attend conferences or business parties, enjoy live music and browse books or — keeping the best for the end — have a drink on their rooftop terrace with a view over the techno-pole beyond Gazi while listening to their DJ.



Brettos Plaka

Kydathinaion 41, Athens
+30 210 323 2110

Brettos is easily recognisable by the colourful bottles that decorate the wall behind the bar and the original decor with wooden shelves, stone walls and barrels full of Ouzo and tsipouro. Brettos is also the oldest distillery in Athens.



A for Athens Cocktail Bar

Miaouli 2-4, Athens
+30 210 324 4244

A for Athens is one of the most famous bars in Athens for their rooftop terraces and offering a great view over Monastiraki square and the Acropolis. It is difficult to say which is the best, because they are equally excellent. Do not hesitate then to visit these two places to drink a delicious cocktail while enjoying the view of the city.



Mosaiko

Laodikis 30, Glyfada
+30 210 898 3208

Mosaiko brings you good vibes and indie music. Grab a cup of coffee or one of the bar's signature drinks. Note that Mosaiko is in Glyfada, Athens' nearby seaside town, but that only makes this cafe-bar more pleasant.



The Speakeasy

Lekka 12, Athens

The Speakeasy is a cocktail bar the prohibition era of the 1920s USA. Jazz and excellently executed cocktails — definitely one of the best bars in the centre of Athens.



The Clumsies

Praxitelous 30, Athens
+30 210 323 2682

The Clumsies is one of Athens' most trendy bars. With its classy and peculiar decor, complemented by a friendly and relaxed atmosphere with top-notch service, this place is a real must. You will find amazing cocktails prepared by true artists.



Baba au Rum

Klitiou 6, Athens
+30 211 710 9140

Baba au Rum — whose initials form the word "BAR" — stands out among all the bars in Athens. It has also been named one of the best bars in the world and received several awards for its amazing rums and original cocktails. Located right between Monastiraki and Syntagma, it is the perfect place to start a crazy night in town.



Gazi District

Kerameikos park, Athens

The Gazi is the new cool place to be in Athens. The area is centred around the old city gas works, now serving as a cultural centre — Technopolis. The construction of the Kerameikos subway station took a long while, but now it delivers passengers to the epicentre of the district, where the nightlife is vibrant and seemingly never stops.



Athens - Shopping

It is almost unbelievable that Athens is not yet consecrated as one of the best fashion and shopping destination of Europe. It has everything the other capitals are so proud of: international brands, luxury products and major names, designer shops, smaller and more original boutiques — all showcased in pleasant walkable streets and neighbourhoods, usually with lower prices than cities such as Paris, Milan or London. Even though years ago the city was hit hard by the crisis and many small shops had to close, it still offers plenty of shopping opportunities, in and around the centre.



Greek products to buy

If you want to bring your loved ones, or yourself, a typically Greek souvenir here are a few suggestions:

Alcohol: look for Ouzo, Tsipouro and Raki, local alcohols that come in small bottles so you can even bring them in your carry-on.

Food: Greek pastries and loukoums are always a must. And of course, the olive oil here tastes nothing like what you can find back home. For something less known, grab a box of mastiha — natural resin obtained from the mastic trees of Chios island and used as the world's first chewing gum.

Knick-knacks: typical Greek objects include the "Evil eye" meant to drive away the "bad eye" and its negative effect, worry beads (or Kompoloi), an ornate set of backgammon.



Shopping Streets

Ermou, Athens

The ultimate shopping street in Athens is Ermou Street, departing from Syntagma square. There, you can find all the classic brands such as H&M and similar department stores. If you are not familiar with shopping in Greece, check out the Hondos Center — a local cosmetic chain with good prices compared to other European countries.

Voukourestiou, Patriarchou Ioakim, Skoufa, Tsakalof, Kanari and the side streets around Kolonaki are other options for shopping. There are many designer clothes, more expensive boutiques and jewellers.



Athens Heart Mall Emporiko Centro

Piraeus 180, Taurus Hamosterna junction
+30 210 341 4105

Athens Heart Mall Emporiko Centro is an exclusive galleria of several floors with designer brands, fashion, beauty, technology, home equipment and jewellery. It is the biggest mall in central Athens, hosting in winter an ice rink. Don't forget to take a look at the ceiling during your visit.



Athinas Street — The Central Municipal Athens Market

Athinas Street, Athens

In the middle of Athinas street, which runs between Monastiraki and Omonia square, there is a covered market hall. The market occupies a whole block, with a fish market in the middle. All around are butchers and spice shops, and around the market you'll find several simple but good places to eat.



Notos

Stadiou & Aiolou 105, Athens
+30 210 324 5811

Notos is a Greek department store chain offering a vast array of products, from fashion and accessories to cosmetics, house objects and more. It is a bit upmarket but you can still find various styles and prices. You can find the bigger one close to the Omonia square.



Shopping with a Sea View

Glyfada, Athens

If you like to combine shopping with other pleasures, you might want to go for a stroll in the small city of Glyfada, where you can also find many shops only a few steps away from the beaches and the sea. Glyfada is perfect for a sunny day, and is also one of Athen's most prosperous suburbs. While there, check out their beautiful Orthodox Church of Saint Constantine.



The Loom

Adrianou 94, Athens
+30 210 323 8540

If you want to give your house a new appeal, The Loom is the right shop to go to in Athens. Here you will find a huge selection of stylish carpets, blankets and pillows with unique patterns and original styles. And if you are thirsty, you should know that there is always a bottle of red wine waiting for the customers.



Melissinos Art

Tzireon & Athanasiou Diakou 16, Athens
+30 694 459 7307

Located near Monastiraki Square, this store is a must in Athens, especially if you want to know more about the story of ancient Greek craftsmen. Sandals and jewellery are created by combining art and craft in a way that each product is unique — and all at very reasonable prices.



Aphrodite Jewellery

Ifestou 13, Monastiraki
+30 210 321 9900

This elegant store displays beautiful jewellery pieces, across a broad price range. The owner, Nikolopoulos George, is also available to tell you the story behind of each item, including the production process.



Pantopolion

Dimitrakopoulou 34, Athens
+30 210 325 4890

Pantopolion is a traditional grocery store with authentic Greek food specialities. And if that's not enough, the store also offers a huge variety of typical beverages, such as tsipouro, tsikoudia or Greek beers and liquors, and also a wide range of honey and jams to sweeten your breakfasts or your afternoon breaks.



Forget Me Not

Adrianou 100, Athens
+30 210 325 3740

This store consists of two rooms, the stone and the white room, where you can choose among a variety of items showing the best Greek design. The products include clothes, bags, shoes, stationery items and also home decor items, all of them being high quality products. The store assortment is updated with new brand-name items every day, so don't hesitate to come twice if you're in Athens for many days.



Olive Tree Natural Cosmetics

Adrianou 65, Athens
+30 210 323 3002

Olive Tree Natural Cosmetics' assortment holds a wide variety of natural Greek cosmetics based on olive oil. Products for facial, body and hair care as well as bathing accessories and perfumes of good quality are on offer for people of all skin and hair types. It's a cool little place for souvenir shopping.



Mastiha Shop

Panepistimiou 6 & Kriezotou, Athens
+30 210 363 2750

Mastiha shop offers natural cosmetic products with produced from the mastic trees of Chios. Try their eco-friendly soaps and creams, essential oils, liqueurs, delicacies. This shop is centrally located close to Syntagma Square, but there are other locations including at the Athens airport.

Athens - Tourist Information





Passport / Visa

Greece can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.



FAQ

– Is it safe to go Athens?

Athens is visited by millions of people every year and is considered to be a safe destination, even for solo female travellers. Most visits are trouble-free, but be wary of pickpockets on the metro and close to crowded tourist sights.

– Is Athens expensive for tourists?

As most other European capitals, Athens is certainly not cheap, but it is not very expensive either. How much you should budget strongly depends on your preferences and needs. One way to save money is by buying combo tickets to museums and planning ahead.

– Is Athens walkable?

The historical centre of Athens is very walkable. A pedestrian grand promenade snakes around the Acropolis and links key archaeological sites. The city also offers affordable public transportation.

– Best Areas to Stay in Athens?

The best neighbourhoods in Athens are Plaka, Monastiraki, Koukaki, Syntagma, Kolonaki, and Psyri. They are very walkable, offer great hotels and short-term rentals, plenty of restaurants, cafes and nightlife.



Best Time to Visit

Greece is a tourist destination beloved worldwide, and summer is the most crowded season of all, especially in July and August. Spring is, perhaps, the best season to travel to Greece, as the main cities such as Athens are not so crowded and the prices are quite a bit lower.

June and September are the best months to visit Athens when the beaches around the capital are full of entertainment. If you love hiking, don't miss Athens in autumn.



Athens International Airport (ATH)

Athens International Airport, Athens

+30 210 353 0000

Athens International Airport (ATH) is located at Spata, 33 kilometres (20 miles) southeast of Athens. A taxi ride to the city-centre will cost a flat rate of €40 between 5 am and midnight and €55 between midnight and 5 am. The fixed fares include the basic fare, VAT, extra luggage charges and road tolls.

The Metro's Line 3 (Blue Line) Nikaia–Airport is another option to go to the centre. The journey to Syntagma takes around half an hour.

Airport buses are made available to Syntagma (X95), Pireaus port (X96), Kifissou Avenue (X93) and Elliniko (X97). The travel time to Syntagma and the other areas in town takes around 1 hour and around 1.5 hours to Pireaus port.



Public Transport

The Metro stations are well worth seeing as they are kept spotlessly clean. At the Syntagma and Acropolis stations you will find a large collection of antiquities on display.

There is a tram from the centre (Syntagma) running along the coast to Glyfada (50 minutes) and Voula (60 minutes).

Buses, trolley buses and the Metro run until around midnight. The tram runs between 5:30am and 1am (until 2:30am on Friday and Saturday). Airport buses all run 24/7. The airport bus tickets are not valid for other public transport services but only for a single journey.

Ferries out to the island leave from the harbour in Piraeus or from Rafina.



Taxi

There are lots of taxis, but it is normal to share one with other tourists in order not to be surprised if the driver picks up additional passengers along the road who are going in the same direction. The drivers have taximeters and fixed prices.

Uber has been banned in Athens and you only have access to Uber Taxi.



Post

Greek Post (ELTA), Mitropoleos 2
+30 210 324 5970

Stamps can be bought in most tobacconists and kiosks selling postcards. Syntagma Square has a full service post office right across from the Parliament building.



Pharmacy

Φαρμακείο Μπακάκος, Αγίου Konstantinou 3
+30 210 523 2631

In case of a medical emergency you should phone 166 for an ambulance. Greek pharmacies aren't usually open in the afternoon or at weekends.

Bacacos (or Μπακακος) pharmacy is centrally located close to Omonia Square.



Electricity

Greece uses the Type F electrical plug with two round pins, same as in many countries in Continental Europe. The standard voltage is 230 volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110 or 120-volt shavers.



Telephone

Country code: +30

Area code: 210

Day 3



Fly to Santorini

Today, transfer to your domestic flight to Santorini. Upon arrival, continue to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the island. Be sure to walk the streets of bustling Fira, the island's iconic capital city, a vision of pristine whitewashed buildings. This evening, discover the delightful restaurants and nightlife

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4



Full Day in Santorini

Today is free to explore this Greek paradise. Take time to visit the Archaeological Museum containing Minoan artifacts that offer a glimpse into the historical and religious make up of this beautiful village. Explore the shops and cafes along the narrow footpaths, and be sure to grab a seat at an outdoor cafe as you wait for the colorful sunset. Perhaps join the *optional* Santorini Island & Akrotiri tour* and enjoy the archaeological excavation of ancient Akrotiri, stop at Perivolos known as 'the black sandy beach' and visit Santo Wine, the largest winery on Santorini. You may also decide to join the *optional* Santorini Private Island Tour*, where you will visit the famous cliff-top village of Oia, stop by the lighthouse of Akrotiri and the famous Red Beach before experiencing a local wine tasting

**The Full Day Santorini Island & Akrotiri Tour, and Half Day Santorini Private Island Tour (PM) operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours*

Optional: Full Day Santorini Island & Akrotiri Tour*

Optional: Half Day Santorini Private Island Tour (PM)*

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast



Santorini - The Island

The island's beauty has been waxed lyrical over the years, fully earning the epithet "kalliste" (the most beautiful). Along with "Strogili", this was one of the former names lent to the island over its troubled history—one full of battles and conquests, of a tragic eruption, and a blossoming renaissance, events that haven't altered Santorini's charm but that undoubtedly scarred it.

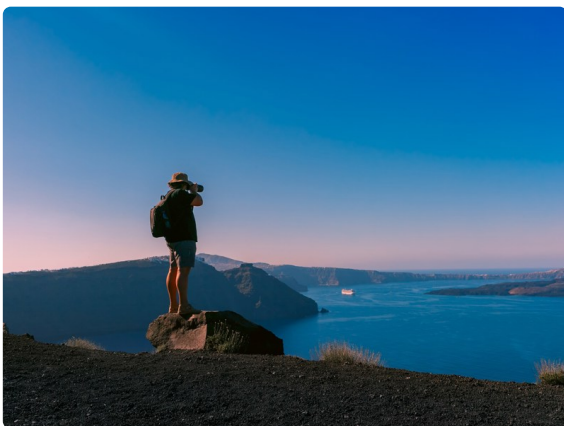
Together with the inhabited Therasia and five other smaller islands, Thera (Santorini's Greek name) belongs to the namesake archipelago, which is the vestige of a volcanic caldera. Places of unspoiled nature and postcard-like views, the islands are reachable by boat and bear the original appeal of the old-fashioned Santorini.

The main island is split further into picturesque villages masterly painted in dazzling blue and white hues, outlining the holiday resort's multi-faceted personality and its extraordinary variety of landscapes.



Santorini - Do & See

Santorini is a colourful place which sets the senses alight. The scent of wine grapes and vineyards, the unique taste of tomatoes grown solely on volcanic soil, the smoothness of the white pebbles and turquoise waters, the buzz of nightlife, and the visual art that is the sun setting behind the village of Oia and the caldera. This is a place of colour, flavour, and adventure.



Oia Village

Oia Village, Santorini

The village of Oia is the island's most iconic destination. 150 metres above sea level and situated on the downward slope of a volcanic caldera, this postcard-perfect village is dotted with white and blue cave houses. Enjoy sweeping views of the volcano, the surrounding vineyards, and majestic sunsets every day.



Red Beach (Kokkini Paralia)

Red Beach, Akrotiri

The unique colour of the sand and the breathtaking volcanic landscape make this beach a must-see destination. Its particular rock formations treat travellers to stunning views, and the smooth, mirror-like sea creates a contrast with the bold red of the shore. The beach is pebbly and not ideal for lying, though its rock formations make it perfect for snorkelling.



Fira

Fira, Santorini

Fira is the cultural and commercial centre of Santorini, with an ample assortment of galleries, shops, and restaurants. The most iconic museums of the island, such as the Archaeological Museum and the Museum of Prehistoric Thera are located in the city, displaying stunning and well-preserved artefacts that date back to Ancient Greece. Fira is also the heart of Santorini's network of buses, which connects the capital with Oia, Kamari, Akrotiri, and many other important sights of the island.



Hiking Fira - Imerovigli - Oia

Fira - Imerovigli - Oia, Santorini

This 9 km hiking trail that leads from Fira to Oia runs alongside the calderas cliff. The trip takes approximately 4 hours, beginning in Fira, and passing by numerous churches and stunning architecture before concluding in the iconic Oia Village. Here, you can choose to treat yourself to a seafood dinner and a glass of wine at one of the restaurants with a unique view over the caldera.



Perissa Beach

Perissa, Santorini

Perissa Beach stretches for 7 km along Santorini's southeastern coast, charming the traveller with its peculiar shades of black. Perfect for snorkelling, the beach also features a volleyball court and numerous options for water-sport activities. The picturesque Perissa village offers an assortment of restaurants and bars and its close proximity to the ruins of Ancient Thira makes it a magnet for tourists.



Ancient Thera

Ancient Thera, Santorini

Perched on the high rock formation Mesa Vouna, the ruins of Ancient Thera dominate Kamari and Perissa beach, dating back to the Hellenistic Era. The vantage location offers spectacular views of the island, and the cliff-top can be reached from Perissa on foot in approximately 4 hours. The historical site is characterized by the main street running through two agoras and the ruins of temples, houses, and Roman baths.



Wine Tour — Fira

Marinatou Road, Fira

+30 2286 034123

A trip to Santorini wouldn't be complete without a wine-tasting tour. The island's volcanic wine is particularly renowned for its crispy flavour. Santorini Wine Adventure is based in Fira and offers tours to explore local wine, food and culture, as well as the picturesque countryside.



Akrotiri Excavations

Akrotiri, Santorini

Akrotiri is the island's most important archaeological site, home to Minoan ruins dating to the 4th century BC. When the volcano erupted, the entire population was forced to flee from Akrotiri, which was swept away by the lava flow. However, preserved buildings and utensils remain—a freeze-frame on the lifestyle of these Ancient people.



Venetian Castles

Imerovigli, Santorini

Venetian rule in Santorini extended from 1207 to 1580 and the last vestiges of this historical period live in the castles that dot the entire island. Five fortresses can be found in Santorini in Oia, Pyrgos, Emporio, Akrotiri, and Skaros, which have been partly demolished by the earthquakes that shook the island in the 15th and 16th centuries. Skaros is probably the most important and well-preserved among the five castles, built on the peak of the namesake rock to protect the village from pirate attacks. The ruins of the once magnificent fortress can be reached on foot from Agios Georgios church in Imerovigli, connected to Skaros by a 0,5km walking trail and a long stairway.



Pyrgos Kallistis

Pyrgos Kallistis, Santorini

Pyrgos Kallistis is a medieval fortress surrounded by cobbled streets that twist and turn down the hill towards the village. With its 600 residents, Pyrgos keeps hold of the allure of an old Greek village that is starting to open up to the increasing flow of tourism. Tavernas, restaurants and traditional Greek cafes find their home along the village streets, blessed by the scent of grapes released by the vineyards that surround Pyrgos.



Nea Kameni — Boat trip

Nea Kameni, Santorini

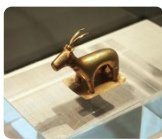
Take a boat trip to Nea Kameni, an inhabited island that is part of the volcano's caldera. Given the frequent eruptions in the last centuries, the island is defined by scenery created by the lava flow and sulfuric waters which are said to have therapeutic benefits. Cruises leave daily from any village, making Nea Kameni a perfect day/half-day trip.



Therasia (Thirasia)

Therasia, Santorini

Therasia is one of Santorini's volcanic islands. With its 300 residents, Therasia is a living fragment of the old, unspoiled Santorini village life.



Museum of Prehistoric Thera

Mitropoleos Street, Fira
+30 2286 023217

The Museum of Prehistoric Thera is located in Fira and showcases a great number of artefacts discovered on Santorini. The excavations started in the second half of the 17th century, and the museum today is home to a wide array of objects from the late Neolithic to the late Cycladic periods.



Archaeological Museum of Thera

Erithrou Stavrou, Fira
+30 2286 022217

The Archaeological Museum of Thera features exhibitions of ancient vases, amphorae and pottery from a wide span of eras.



Amoudi Bay

Amoudi Bay, Santorini

A picturesque bay tucked among precipitous cliffs, Amoudi Bay is an old fishing port that can be reached from Oia. Wonderfully decorated taverns are squeezed on the seafront, and there is a great number of traditional eateries to choose from. Amoudi Bay is also blessed with a peaceful beach, far from the hustle and bustle of the holiday resorts.



T.K. Place Art Gallery Santorini

Marinatou, Fira
+30 2286 021226

T.K. Place Art Gallery, formerly known as Tzamia - Krystalla, is a well-established, picturesque hillside art gallery on Santorini, showcasing and selling jewels, ceramics, paintings and sculptures. Artworks are created by local artists and are unique and attentively selected, varying considerably in price and shape.



Mati Art Gallery - Fira

Orthodox Cathedral Plateau, Ipapantis
+30 2286 023814

Displaying the work of artist Yorgos Kypris, Mati Art Gallery is a dynamic collection of artworks inspired by Santorini's beautiful nature: glass, metal, vivid colours and sea themes are the hallmarks of the art showcased here.



Santorini - Dining

Without mentioning dazzling panoramas, the mesmerising sea or vibrant villages, Santorini's culinary tradition would be something worth experiencing on its own.

Borrowing a pronounced Mediterranean diet from the mainland, Santorini shares a tendency to use vegetables, high-quality olive oil, meat and fresh seafood generously, creating its own cuisine by adding products that are cultivated solely on its fertile soil.

Try the island's peculiar white eggplant with mozzarella, or sample the unique "Tomatokeftedes", tomato fritters made of Santorini's own produce, and accompany it beautifully with a glass of Vinsanto. The experience will be matched by an unrivalled view from one of the picturesque taverns the island is studded with.



Theoni's Kitchen — Fira

Dekigala Street, Fira
+30 2286 025680

The best of Greek cuisine blends harmoniously at Theoni's Kitchen, composing a well-established restaurant that thrives on fresh seafood and meat along with locally-grown vegetables. Add also outstanding cooking skills and friendly service to the winning formula and the mix is complete.



Volcano Blue Sea Food — Fira

Agiu Mina, Caldera Fira
+30 2286 022850

Treat yourself nicely with a dinner at Volcano Blue, which boasts one of the best views of Santorini's capital. There isn't a better way to top off a day at one of the island's beautiful beaches than enjoying seafood prepared to perfection on the terrace that overlooks the caldera, watching the sun disappear below the horizon.



Convivium — Fira

Danezi M, Fira
+30 2286 028111

Boasting an Italian-inspired menu, Convivium offers both seasonal, locally sourced ingredients and a suggestive location. The restaurant rises up in the lively heart of Fira, between the Central Square and the caldera, and has developed into a must-try in town.



Nick The Grill — Fira

Central Square Fira, Fira
+30 2286 023492

Among fancy restaurants and seafood bars, Nick The Grill is what to look for to grab a quick yet tasty bite. A down-to-earth fast-food place, Nick The Grill serves local staples including gyros, kebabs, and souvlaki, plus burgers and falafel.



Anogi — Imerovigli

Imerovigli, Santorini
+30 2286 021285

Fresh ingredients, friendly service and dishes that reflect Greece's multi-coloured personality: the main drag between Fira and Oia hides a gem that serves traditional Greek food, such as moussaka, seafood and meat dishes, plus wine. Make sure you reserve your table in advance, as the restaurant tends to get crowded.



Avocado — Imerovigli

Imerovigli, Santorini
+30 2286 036183

Avocado maintains the delicious flavours of Mediterranean cuisine, combining them with a gluten-free and comprehensive menu that is filled with healthy choices. Presenting dishes that suit everybody's preference, the restaurant serves a varied selection of salads as well as meat and seafood.



Skaros — Imerovigli

Imerovigli, Santorini

+30 2286 021258

One of the most suggestive views in Imerovigli is, without a doubt, at Skaros restaurant. The menu is mostly seafood oriented with a pronounced Greek accent, but one reason it stands out from the numerous restaurants in town is its ideal location, overlooking Skaros Rock.



Ambrosia — Oia

Cliffside Terrace at Village Center, Oia

+30 2286 071413

A dreamlike terrace that dominates Santorini's caldera: Ambrosia is an experience that you would not want to miss. Located in the picturesque Oia, the restaurant is shrouded by a romantic atmosphere and presents a Mediterranean menu that comes with an extensive wine list.



Pelekanos — Oia

Nik. Nomikou, Oia

+30 2286 071553

The breathtaking view of the caldera, a diverse menu that offers vegetarian options along with seafood and meat, and Greek specialities cooked to perfection—no wonder Pelikanos restaurant is one of the most-loved in Oia village.



Ammoudi Fish Tavern — Oia

Ammoudi Bay, Santorini

+30 2286 072298

Ammoudi Bay, a natural beauty located just below Oia village, is gifted with soaring red cliffs and several seaside taverns. Ammoudi Fish Tavern, with its picturesque terrace and ideal location, is one of Ammoudi Bay's favourites, serving classic local fare, fresh seafood and desserts, plus wine.



Karma — Oia

Nikolaou Nomikou 11, Oia

+30 2286 017404

Karma offers fusion cuisine that blends traditional flavours with elements from around the world, creating an ever-changing menu. This romantic restaurant, located off the beaten path, features picturesque interiors and a stunning courtyard, perfect for enjoying their wines and craft cocktails.



Demilmar — Perissa

Perissa Beach, Santorini

+30 2286 085070

Located at the wonderful Perissa Beach, renowned for the black hues of its sand, Demilmar offers refreshments, fruity cocktails, and an ideal place to enjoy a seafood dinner after a day spent under the scorching Greek sun.



The Good Heart — Akrotiri

Akrotiri, Santorini

+30 698 131 4338

The Good Heart, located in Akrotiri, serves Greek specialities made from the freshest, locally grown ingredients, but what's truly peculiar about this eatery is the welcoming ambience that the family who runs the restaurant creates by delivering outstanding service.



Santorini - Cafes

A laid-back attitude accompanies the whole Greek lifestyle, and it is little wonder that it is emphasised even more in Santorini and the Greek Islands. Coffee breaks are a serious matter and a remarkable part of the day, making "kafeterias" appealing hangouts in suggestive towns.

The most popular version of the traditional coffee is an espresso-like brew that tends to share similarities with Turkish coffee, infused with a sharp flavour, escorting the hearty Greeks throughout the day.

Santorini's scorching sun has led locals and tourists to opt for a more chilled, yet equally efficient option, creating a break ideal for an iced coffee, a frappe, or an ice cream.



Melenio Cafe – Oia

Nikolaou Nomikou, Oia
+30 2286 071149

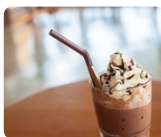
Melenio is among the most-loved and atmospheric cafés within the whole of Santorini. Its increased popularity is due to its exceptional pastries and dessert-making skills, abilities that have transformed the cafeteria into a favoured and upmarket destination among sweet lovers.



Lolita's Gelato – Oia

Oia, Santorini
+30 2286 071279

An ice cream parlour located just off Oia's main drag, Lolita makes the most-loved Italian gelato from carefully sourced seasonal ingredients. The offering changes daily, and might feature unusual flavours such as the Cuban-inspired and rum-tainted "Cuban Lover" or the delicate "Rosewater Pink Pepper".



Skiza Cafe – Oia

Nikolaou Nomikou, Oia
+30 2286 071569

Blending sweet and savoury flavours, Skiza Cafe has mastered its skills in desserts and pastry-making as well as pizza baking. Its pronounced Italian accent and a spectacular terrace that overlooks the caldera are some of Skiza's main ingredients, accompanying its delicacies with an iced coffee or a frappe.



Pelican Kipos – Fira

Fira, Santorini
+30 2286 023433

Pelican Kipos's shaded outdoor patio boasts grapevines, palm trees, and blooming flowers, creating a tropical garden atmosphere. Enjoy a refreshing drink, a cup of coffee, or a meal any time of the day while relaxing in this idyllic setting.



Santorini - Bars & Nightlife

Santorini's nightlife revolves around its bustling capital, a buzzing hub that houses most of the island's foreign-patronized clubs and happening hangouts. The hectic town centre livens up at night, rocking until dawn in a uniform mixture of tourists and locals.

Despite the other villages' less renowned bar scene, Santorini's holiday resorts, having developed substantially around tourism, are certainly not to be underrated. Picturesque bars dot the main drags, often gifting the travellers with breathtaking panoramas.



Wine Tour — Fira

Marinatou Road, Fira
+30 22860 34123

A trip to Santorini wouldn't be complete without a wine-tasting tour through the best local wines and produce. The island's volcanic wine is particularly renowned for its crispy flavor, that is the product of vineyards that find their homes on the rich volcanic soil. Santorini Wine Adventures is based in Fira and offers tours to explore local wine, food and culture, as well as the rustic countryside.



Wet Stories — Perivolos Beach

Perivolos Beach, Santorini
+30 2286 082990

Wet Stories is a beach-side cafe/bar that has direct access to Perivolos Beach. Its wooden terrace offers a shaded option in between a tanning session under the scorching sun and a swim, providing cocktails, beers, soft drinks, or coffee.



Koo Club — Fira

25is Martiou 404, Fira
+30 2286 022025

In the heart of Santorini's club scene, Koo Club never fails to disappoint the night owls hosting different events and exceptional DJs every day over the summer season. A young crowd of locals and holidaymakers mix and mingle from the early evening at the outside bars till late at night.



PK Cocktail Bar — Fira

Ipapantis, Fira
+30 2286 022430

Celebrating over 40 years of successful business, PK Cocktail Bar is an upscale hotspot in Santorini's suggestive capital. Its three terraces dominate the caldera, attracting an enormous crowd when the sun starts setting, an event that can be only more enjoyable with a glass of champagne or a signature cocktail.



Mamounia — Fira

25is Martiou 303, Fira
+30 698 775 3077

The atmosphere is created by exotic palms and a spacious outdoor patio lit up by strobe lights and bright colours. Top-notch cocktails and drinks are made to perfection by mixology experts, and the crowd is young and diverse. Mamounia Club is another gem in Fira's club scene.



Casablanca Soul Bar — Fira

Downtown, Ipapantis 12
+30 476 46 81 61

Provided with a contemporary look and a relaxed atmosphere, Casablanca Soul Bar is filled with people of all ages. The bar and club mash up funk, soul, house, and alternative vibes, hosting live bands and different events.



Pelican Kipos Wine Bar — Fira

Danezi M Street, Fira

+30 2286 023433

The shaded outdoor patio is adorned by grapevines, palm trees and blooming flowers, creating an exotic garden setting that rises up in the heart of Fira. A wonderfully varied selection of wines boasts 480 labels from Santorini, Greece, and worldwide.



V Lounge Cafe & Cocktail Bar — Fira

Ipapantis Walkway, Fira

+30 2286 021760

With such a view and elegant terrace, it would be easy for cocktails to take second place, but that's not the case. At V Lounge, cocktails and drinks are proudly made by using quality ingredients, blended professionally by mixology experts. Their wines are attentively selected, embracing all Santorini's flavours. Prices, on the other hand, are of course up to the standards.



Tango Champagne & Cocktail Bar — Fira

Marinatou Street, Fira

+30 694 541 7875

Chill-out tunes, white couches and dim lights – Tango Champagne & Cocktail Bar is an atmospheric solution for an upmarket evening. Pamper yourself with bubbly champagne or signature cocktails, this lounge bar turns into a dance floor when the night starts heating up.



Tropical Bar — Fira

Fira, Santorini

+30 2286 023089

Although equipped with the well-known, yet suggestive, view over the caldera, Tropical Bar is slightly different from Santorini's usual offering, attracting its guests more for its laid-back attitude than for its appearance. Here you can watch rugby or football and cheer along with the other supporters.



Santorini - Shopping

Santorini is in all aspects a work of art, and its souvenirs and local produce doubtlessly reflect the island's beautiful facets. Oia and above all Fira are the island's major shopping destinations, places of unrivalled charm where traditional shops line up neatly down narrow streets.

On Santorini, a visit to one of the local art galleries is a must: evocative handicrafts, folk art and jewellery can be bought at accessible prices, guaranteeing a souvenir that mirrors the authenticity of the villages.

Another worthy shopping experience is all about local produce. The diversity of products makes it hard to choose from the numerous delicacies grown on the island's volcanic soil. Fava, the Greek version of split peas, is particularly unique on Santorini and it is used to make a down-to-earth, yet scrumptious, puree. The island's grapes make a heavenly wine that is exported worldwide and can be bought in any of the local wineries. Last but not least comes Santorini's trademark tomato, the locals' pride and a must-try for food aficionados—wonderfully appetizing and juicy.

On Santorini, go for local produce, handicrafts or jewellery—either way, it will be an unmatched experience.



The Good Heart - Akrotiri

Akrotiri, Santorini
+30 698 131 4338

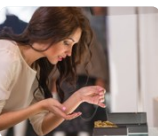
The Good Heart, located in Akrotiri, serves Greek specialities made of the freshest, locally grown ingredients, but what's truly peculiar about this dining place/shop is the welcoming ambience that the family who runs the restaurant creates by delivering outstanding service. Here, you will also find local produce such as jam, cheese, preserves, and other homemade delicacies.



Scalini Shoes - Fira

Fira, Santorini
+30 2286 022731

Located in Fira, Scalini Shoes sells both men's and women's footwear, offering casual and easily wearable fits for all seasons. At Scalini Shoes, you will also find accessories, purses, and bags of every sort.



Aiolos Art - Fira

Fira, Santorini
+30 2286 023540

Aiolos Art lies in the heart of Fira, located in an area that is known as the Golden Street because of its major concentration of jewellery and handmade leather products shops. At Aiolos Art, you will find handmade jewels of all sorts.



Souvenirs - Fira

Fira, Santorini

An ample selection of souvenir shops lines up along Fira's main drag, catering for all sorts of gift ideas and little reminders of your trip to Santorini. In most souvenir shops, you'll find knickknacks bearing the island's name, ranging from magnets to pottery or postcards.



Epilekton - Oia

Platsani church, Oia
+30 2286 071686

Among the thousands of different souvenir shops you'll encounter during your Greek holidays, Epilekton is certainly something worth a visit. As soon as you step in, you will feel its authenticity given by a vast collection of amber jewels, antiques, and traditional souvenirs.



Eponymo - Oia

Nikolaou Nomikou, Oia
+30 2286 071534

Get a delightful insight into Santorini's handcrafted jewellery at Eponymo, a shop that combines beautiful designs with the island's traditions. Located in the picturesque Oia, Eponymo is a must-visit in town, offering numerous gift options, artworks and impeccable service.



Santorini - Tourist Information



Santorini National Airport (JTR)

Santorini Airport, Santorini
+30 2286 028400

Situated North of Kamari village, Santorini's Airport (JTR) is only 6 km away from downtown Fira. The airport is connected to the capital by a bus service, and the journey takes approximately 20 minutes. Buses are not frequent and may not run throughout the whole day: you will find a schedule outside the airport, before the exit. If you wish to get a private or shared transfer, you can either book it in advance or find one of the companies located at the arrivals terminal. As the bus service is not particularly efficient, renting a car is also a valid option, especially if you are planning on going on a tour of the island. You will find 3 car rental desks located at the arrivals terminal.



Donkey Ride

Santorini

Santorini's "mule taxi" is a tradition that is, unfortunately, renowned worldwide, as donkeys are used to walking up the steep climbs of the island and are one of the main attractions for tourists. Travellers are urged not to use donkeys as means of transportation because of the poor condition in which the animals are kept.



Public Transport

A network of buses connects the capital, Fira, to all the major holiday resorts, running to Oia, Perissa, and Kamari every 20 minutes. Buses run also from Fira to Vourvoulus, Exo Gonia, Akrotiri, Monolithos, Vlihada, Baxedes, and to the airport, but they are less frequent. Please note that there are no direct buses from one side of the island to the other, and changeovers must be done at the Fira bus terminal.



Taxi

Several taxi companies operate in Santorini, and, though there are fixed fares, you should always negotiate the price before booking. You can book a taxi for a ride or for the entire day and visit the different seaside resorts and sights, or you can opt for a shared transfer by booking a shuttle service.



Post

Fira, Santorini

The main post offices are situated in Fira, Emporio, and Oia. Here, you will be able to mail letters and buy stamps and postcards. Mailboxes are located in all major holiday resorts and they are always yellow with a blue sign. The service is run by a company called ELTA, which is the name you will find outside every post office in blue and yellow colours.



Pharmacy

Pharmacies in Greece tend to be small, sometimes family-run, private businesses. You will find pharmacies in all major holiday resorts, with a great concentration in Fira.

Pharmacies are closed on Saturdays and Sundays: this implies that you will have to buy your supplies before the weekend starts and, if you need some urgent medication you will have to contact a doctor.

The Central Clinic of Fira provides health services 24/7.



Telephone

Country code: +30

Area code: 22860



Electricity

220-250 volts, 50 Hz

Day 5



Full Day in Santorini

Spend a second full day at leisure in Santorini. Thousands of years ago, one of the most devastating volcanic eruptions in history occurred here. This event is believed to have led to the demise of the ancient Minoan culture and inspired several Greek myths. To learn more, join the *optional* Santorini Volcano Cruise* aboard a motorized sailing boat that circles around the island. Sail to the nearby volcanic islands of Palia Kameni and Nea Kameni for leisure time before returning to the port of Athinios. Perhaps decide to join the *optional* Santorini Catamaran Cruise* to spend a relaxing day sailing in the blue waters of Santorini. Savor a freshly prepared lunch, and enjoy time to swim at the famous Red Beach. Alternatively, join the *optional* Santorini Wine Tour* to explore the world of Therian volcanic wines and enjoy tastings at three family estate wineries

**The Half Day Santorini Volcano Cruise (AM) and Half Day Santorini Catamaran Cruise (AM) operate simultaneously.*

Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours

Optional: Half Day Santorini Volcano Cruise (AM)*

Optional: Half Day Santorini Catamaran Cruise (AM)*

Optional: Half Day Santorini Wine Tour (PM)*

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6



Ferry to Mykonos

Today, transfer to the port for your ferry to Mykonos with its bright whitewashed houses, picturesque windmills, world-class restaurants and trendy boutiques. Time on your own to enjoy the energetic ambiance. Find a table at a harborside taverna and savor the bustle of Cycladic island life and the gorgeous views

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7



Full Day in Mykonos

Today is free to relax at one of the many golden sandy beaches, or wander along the narrow streets of the Old Town and Little Venice where houses and cafes have been built directly at water level. Perhaps, join the *optional* Half Day Mykonos Delos Tour. Depart Mykonos and travel by boat to the island of Delos. This small island was once the religious center of the Aegean and Cyclades Islands, and according to myth, the location of the birth of Apollo and Artemis. Upon arrival, join a guided tour that will include such landmarks as the Sacred Harbor, and the regal Sacred Way. Continue to explore the ruins on your own, or visit the museum housing the priceless archaeological artifacts found on the island. Later, return to the port in Mykonos Town

Optional: Half Day Mykonos Delos Tour

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast



Mykonos - The Island

The tiny Cycladic island of Mykonos sprung to blossom as a tourist destination in the 1960s and 1970s when it was first discovered by the global glitterati and became featured in magazines as the new hot place to be for the "it" crowd.

The island today has kept little of its past exclusivity—although celebrities do make appearances at some of its fashion boutiques every now and then—and welcomes diverse crowds every summer season. July and August are the busiest, with late spring and early fall allowing visitors to discover a quieter, more tranquil side to the island.

During high season, avoid the narrow streets of Mykonos Town (also referred to as "Hora", or "Chora") during the daytime to escape cruise ship crowds and venture out to one of the island's many beaches, or try scuba diving under the careful supervision of professionals from the island's many dive centres.

The island, along with its tiny neighbour of Delos, featured prominently in Greek mythology and was first settled in the 11th century BC. Excursions into the past may be made via the island's several tiny museums and the well-maintained Archaeological Site of Delos.



Mykonos - Do & See

The entire island of Mykonos is only 15km at its widest point—a small but intimate place, where it's possible to see everything in a relatively short period of time.

Start off by strolling through Little Venice, the waterfront bar and restaurant strip of Mykonos Town, and make your way up into the maze of narrow streets dotted with shops and eateries. Take a photo against the backdrop of the island's iconic windmills, and of course, make the most of its many splendid beaches.



Little Venice

Mitropoleos Georgouli, Mykonos Town

This scenic neighbourhood is a delight both day and night. Stroll along the waterfront and get a feel for the town while taking in the distinct local architecture. Sit down for a seafood lunch, have dinner with a view (over the blue waters and iconic hilltop windmills), or explore the bar scene after sundown.



Beaches

If beach parties are what you're after, Mykonos will not disappoint. Check out the famous Paradise Beach and/or Super Paradise Beach for some of the hottest waterfront bars and clubs that never sleep (dancing is often in full swing in broad daylight). For a more relaxed, quieter experience, head to Elia, Platis Gialos, Ornos, Panormos, Paranga, or Agios Sostis Beaches—the latter is a true hidden gem tucked away far from the frenzied crowd in the island's north.



The Windmills

Alefkadras, Mykonos Town

The island's iconic landmark is its collection of whitewashed round windmills (or Kato Milli), which make for some incredible postcard-ready photographs.



Archaeological Site of Delos

Kyklades, Delos
+30 2289 022259

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the island of Delos is an important sacred site for the ancient Greeks, and therefore, a must-visit for history and archaeology enthusiasts. It holds some curious remains of ancient civilisations: a former amphitheatre, historic houses with mosaics, temples, and the famous Terrace of the Lions. Don't skip the museum—it contains some artefacts dating as far back as the 25th century BC.



Panagia Paraportiani

Kastro-Paralia, Mykonos Town

The name of this Greek orthodox church translates to "Our Lady of the Side Gate" since its entrance is located at the side gate of the entrance to the Kastro neighbourhood. The church is made up of five whitewashed chapels across two floors that once guarded the entrance to the town's castle. Construction began in the 14th century and was completed in the 17th century. Now it's considered one of the island's icons and a must-visit spot.



Boat Tours and Cruises

Ornos Bay, south of Mykonos Town
+30 6945 123044

Soak up the sun, swim, and snorkel in the turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea. Tours normally last either a half or full day, and include visits to nearby islands, stops for snorkelling and swimming, and even lunch or dinner on board.



Ano Mera Village

Ano Mera, Mykonos

Escape the crowds and discover another side of Mykonos by heading to the tranquil little village of Ano Mera, 8 km away from the capital. Its main attraction is the 16th-century Panagia Tourliani Monastery, which houses holy icons and paintings as well as a beautiful marble fountain and a bell tower. Here, you'll also find numerous hotels, cafés, and tavernas.



Agia Anna Beach

Agia Anna Beach, Mykonos

With its golden sand and aquamarine waters, Agia Anna Beach is a unique spot to soak up the sun, swim, or snorkel. From this exotic beach, you can admire the modest church of St. Anna and the small chapel of St. Nicholas.



Lena's House Folk Museum

Enoplou Dinameon, Mykonos
+30 2289 022390

Lena's House Folk Museum is an authentic middle-class residence that showcases the Mykonian lifestyle in the 19th century through furnishings and objects. The museum takes its name from its last owner, Lena Skrivanou.



Mykonos Olive Oil Tasting

Lakka, Mykonos
+30 697 922 6475

Learn more about the Greek 'liquid gold' by joining a fun, interactive, and educational workshop on the art of tasting and appreciating the Greek Extra Virgin Olive Oil. By the end of it, you will have sampled a wide selection and learned about the flavour complexities that differentiate "regular" oil from the more exclusive, higher-quality varieties.



Matoyánni Street

Matoyánni Street, Mykonos Town

Stroll through Matoyánni Street and venture out onto one of its many narrow side lanes to explore just how much beauty is hidden in Mykonos Town's labyrinth of brilliant white-coloured houses. The street is lined with designer boutiques, souvenir shops, and enticing restaurants in tiny squares that seem to spring out at wanderers at every turn.



Mykonos - Dining

The sheer number of eateries for an island as small as Mykonos is dazzling, with the majority of restaurants and tavernas concentrated in Mykonos Town and along the waterfront of Little Venice.

Mykonian cuisine is defined by pork and fried fish dishes (red mullet and skate are most common), octopus meze (small tapas-style plates), and goat milk and onions in cooking. The Greek classics, such as moussaka, are readily available on most menus.



M-eating

Kalogera 10, Mykonos
+30 2289 078550

Tucked away in the windy maze of the town's streets is M-eating, an upscale dining establishment that serves top-notch Mediterranean cuisine. It's hard to go wrong with your order at this award-winning restaurant, but opt for sea bass or veal, and you will surely not be disappointed.



Sakis

Kalogera 7, Mykonos
+30 2289 024848

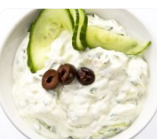
On an island where food tends to get a bit pricey, Sakis is a true hidden gem for travellers on a budget. The place serves Greek fast food (pittas, gyros, salads, fries and, of course, souvlaki) and is recommended by locals who are frequent customers.



To Maereio

Kalogera 16, Mykonos
+30 2289 028825

This Mykonian restaurant isn't much for vegetarians: the majority of dishes served are hearty and meat-based, guaranteed to satiate the wildest of fits of hunger. Expect a short wait to be seated – a small price to pay for the cosy atmosphere of this restaurant with a homey feel.



Captain's

Mykonos Waterfront
+30 2289 023283

A unique find in the busy Mykonos harbour area, Captain's skimps on neither food quality nor attentive service. Enjoy a selection of 'meze' (small Greek tapas-style dishes) to share, or go for one of the many menu items. Seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes, plus beer and wine are served here.



Kazarma

Old Port, Akti Kampani
+30 2289 028256

Kazarma features authentic Greek cuisine made with fresh, local ingredients. Whether you go for breakfast, a hearty lunch, or dinner at this completely renovated restaurant, you will enjoy not only the high quality of food but also the outstanding waterfront view. Meat and fish courses are some of the most sought-after in this magnificent eatery.



Nikos Taverna

Ag. Moni Sq. near Parapotianis, Mykonos
+30 2289 024320

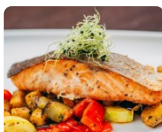
Niko's Taverna is a traditional and casual restaurant with a charming outdoor patio in a lovely square near the seafront. It serves simple but delightful Greek cuisine as well as seafood, meat dishes, and salads. Dolma (grape leaves filled with rice), grilled calamari, or moussaka (eggplant or potato-based dish), paired with a good glass of wine are all but guaranteed to hit the spot on a warm summer's day.



Pepper Souvlaki & More

18 Kouzi Georgouli, Mykonos
+30 2289 027019

Laid-back eatery in the heart of Mykonos serving traditional Greek food made from fresh, high-quality ingredients. As the name suggests, it is particularly known for the souvlaki—grilled meat wrapped in a fresh pita with vegetables—but on the menu, you'll also find burgers, meat skewers, and salads. What is widely known as uncomplicated Greek fast food is taken a level higher here.



Funky Kitchen

Ignatiou Basoula, Mykonos
+30 22890 27272

Funky Kitchen, run by a British ex-pat, harmoniously combines Greek cuisine with the Mediterranean, giving traditional dishes a new identity. Braised salmon with honey soy and chicken breast with mushrooms and sun-dried tomatoes are just some of the mains you will find on the menu. As for desserts, highly recommended are the 'Chocolate Nirvana' and the Mexican key lime tart, a true delight for the palate.



Blu Blu Cafe

Old Port, Mykonos
+30 2289 028711

Whether you are craving a strong cup of coffee, an energizing breakfast, a hearty lunch, or late-night drinks, Blu blu Cafe has you got covered—with the bonus of offering postcard-worthy sea views.

Come here any time of the day to enjoy tasty food made from locally sourced ingredients, watch international sports events, and sip a unique cocktail as the sun disappears into the Aegean Sea.



Mykonos - Cafes

Cafes dot the island of Mykonos, their numbers peaking in the Old Town area and along the beachfront. Greek souvlaki enjoys special popularity among visitors looking to grab a quick bite with an authentic flair, and so do the sweet and savoury pancakes. For dessert, do not miss a local almond-based treat called 'amygdalota'—a bell-shaped cookie with a soft core that is crunchy on the outside.





Yummy

Lakka Square, Mykonos
+30 2289 028823

Located in Lakka Square, Yummy is the perfect place to go if a quick bite is what you're after, no matter what time of the day as they're open 24 hours. It offers a fresh and wide range of street food both sweet and savoury, including crepes, waffles, burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and ice cream. Free Wi-Fi for guests comes as a pleasant bonus.



Trio Bambini

Manto Square P.C 11, Mykonos
+30 2289 077919

Trio Bambini is a popular ice cream shop known for its three (hence the "trio" in the name) main products: ice cream, waffles, and frozen yoghurt—all made from scratch using only natural Greek ingredients and with recipes passed down from generations.

When you crave something sweet on the island, stop by one of Trio Bambini's many Mykonos locations to try their handmade ice cream—produced daily on-site in a variety of flavours, their 100% natural Greek frozen yoghurt, or their tasty selection of crepes and waffles.



Il forno di Gerasimo

13 Agiou Gerasimou, Mykonos
+30 2289 025727

Known for its two very hospitable owners, the Il forno di Gerasimo is a great spot to unwind and enjoy the café's one-of-a-kind decor, carefully crafted by the hosts. Desserts, sweet crepes, and ice creams are probably the most popular (but far not the only) items on the menu.



El Burro

Vougli, Mykonos
+30 2289 077677

El Burro is a fairly recently opened café/bar/restaurant in the heart of Mykonos. With a convenient location on the main peripheral road that leads to the main beaches as well as Mykonos Town, this is a great place to stop by for a cup of coffee—one of the best on the island—or to grab a refreshing juice, or an energising smoothie before hitting the beach. Feeling hungry? El Burro got you covered! Enjoy a great selection of pancakes and omelettes, as well as juicy burgers and fresh salads.



Cosi

Enoplon Dynameon, Mykonos
+30 2289 027727

By day, Cosi is a laid-back café serving coffee and juices, along with delightful breakfasts and lunches. By night, it turns into a lively bar serving exotic cocktails and with DJ sets that keep people partying until late hours.



Mykonos - Bars & Nightlife

The party never dies in Mykonos, where day-time beach entertainment often precedes the "classic" nightclubbing experience. Some of the loudest, rowdiest beach venues are to be found at Psarrou Beach (popular with Greeks) and the Paradise/Super Paradise Beaches. In Mykonos Town, pre-sunset pastimes are much tamer, with relaxing waterfront bars of Little Venice getting packed with patrons savouring slightly overpriced cocktails in the evenings. At night, the island's many clubs open their doors to those still ready to paint the town red.



Little Venice Mykonos Town

This scenic neighbourhood is a delight both day and night. Stroll along the waterfront and get a feel for the town while taking in the distinct local architecture, sit down for a seafood lunch or dinner with a view (over the blue waters and iconic hilltop windmills), or explore the bar scene after sundown.



Cavo Paradiso Paradise Beach, Mykonos +30 2289 027205

Arguably the best and, certainly, the most grandiose club on the island, Cavo Paradiso regularly hosts top-notch international DJs and is nightly packed to capacity with party-goers. Those who make it to sunrise will be duly rewarded with stunning views down below.



Scarpa Bar Little Venice, Mykonos Town +30 2289 023294

Cocktails at Scarpa might tend to get a bit pricey, but the unbeatable combination of quality and setting make this compact bar in the heart of Mykonos' Little Venice an offer worth every cent. Sit outside by the water and enjoy the sunset from what is possibly the best cocktail bar on the strip.



Skandinavian Bar Georgouli, Mykonos +30 2289 022669

A celebrated late-night spot featuring 3 bars, an open-air courtyard, and a spacious dance floor playing top summer hits.



Cine Manto Mykonos Town +30 2289 026165

Cine Manto is, perhaps, Mykonos' best-kept secret when it comes to nightlife. Essentially an open-air movie theatre, Cine Manto is practically hidden in plain sight in the heart of Mykonos Town. Movie schedules vary by week—from June 1st until September 30th—and an on-site, all-day cafe-restaurant offers mouthwatering food and drinks.



Cosi Enoplou Dymameon, Mykonos +30 2289 027727

By day, Cosi is a laid-back cafe serving coffee and juices, along with delightful breakfasts and lunches. By night, it turns into a lively bar serving exotic cocktails and with DJ sets that keep people partying until late hours.



Galleraki

Skarpa, Mykonos
+30 2289 027188

The presence of a balcony makes Galleraki a unique spot for a romantic night. Their fresh fruit cocktails and organic juices contribute to establishing their reputation as one of the best cocktail bars on the island—the Katerinaki cocktail is emblematic of this waterfront spot. Besides cocktails, you can also come here for some coffee and breakfast in the morning.



Mykonos - Shopping

Shopping in Mykonos is—perhaps, a bit surprisingly—a high-end affair, with multiple upscale boutiques selling all manner of items from brand-name clothing to jewellery to Swarovsky-encrusted shoes dotting the historic town.

Art lovers will surely enjoy the galleries and design stores displaying—and often selling—works by Greek artists. Local crafts to shop for include hand-woven items such as rugs, scarves, and tablecloths. Not to be missed are Mykonian treats (almond cookies), organic produce, and natural cosmetics.



Mytho

Windmills of Mykonos
+30 2289 025184

Apart from its one-of-a-kind location (which is already an attraction in itself), Mytho, which occupies what once was a storage shed for the adjacent windmill, offers customers authentic and uncommon souvenirs all locally made.



Matoyianni Street

Matoyianni Street, Mykonos Town

Stroll through Matoyianni Street and venture out onto one of its many narrow side lanes to explore just how much beauty is hidden in Mykonos Town's labyrinth of brilliant white-coloured houses. The street is lined with designer boutiques, souvenir shops, and enticing restaurants in tiny squares that seem to spring out at wanderers at every turn.



LALAOUNIS

14 Polikandrioti Street, Mykonos
+30 2289 022444

The Mykonos instalment of this nationwide chain sells high-class, superb-quality jewellery inspired by Byzantine motifs. Its luxurious gold creations ring back to ancient times, and some are actual replicas of originals discovered during the archaeological exploration of the area.



Soho Soho

51 Matogianni, Mykonos
+30 2289 027670

This boutique's fame has long extended far beyond the tiny Greek island thanks to the many celebrities who have been spotted making an appearance here at different points in time. Consultants are readily available to guide customers through the shopping process. Expect upper-range pricing.



Mayonaisa Darling

Drakopoulou Petrou 6, Mykonos
+30 697 559 2478

This lovely tiny shop is the place to find handmade and original jewellery pieces like bracelets, rings, or necklaces and unique crafts for him and her, all created with passion by local jewellers.



Tia Handmade

Petrou Drakopoulou 11, Mykonos
+30 2289 300527

Tia Handmade is a gem located in the heart of Mykonos Town known for its handmade products ranging from bracelets to necklaces. But the real star of Tia is its famous sandals.



Mykonos - Tourist Information



Mykonos International Airport (JMK)

Mykonos-Manto Mavrogenous Airport, Greece

Mykonos has its own airport, direct flights are available from multiple European destinations. To travel the 4 km to town, use one of the taxis right outside the airport terminal or a pre-arranged transfer—some hotels pick up guests directly at the airport. Bus service to the city (southern bus station) is also available, but it is not frequent and runs on no definitive schedule.



Passport/Visa

Greece can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.



Best Time to Visit

The best time to visit Mykonos is in September and October. During these two months, the weather is still warm and the water temperature is still perfect for swimming. July and August are known as the peak season when every corner of the island is permeated with vacationers, so if you are looking for a tranquil vacation it's best to avoid these two months.



Ferry

Most ferries run between April and October. Direct connections to Mykonos via high-speed ferries and boats are available from Piraeus and Rafina (check in advance whether your ferry arrives at the old or new port, this may vary by company). Ferries also run to and from other nearby islands in the Cyclades.



Public Transport

There are two bus stations at the opposite ends of Mykonos Town—these are a 20-minute walk away from one another. Use the main station (Fabrica) to catch a bus to Paraga, Platys Gialos, Paradise, Agios Ioannis, and Ornos. The northern station serves Elia, Ano Mera, Panormos, and Kalafatis. Bus frequencies may vary depending on the time of year (more buses run during the high season); intervals are usually somewhere between 30 minutes and an hour. Tickets may be purchased from the driver directly or in advance at ticket machines and tourist shops.

Small fishing boats are an alternative means of transport—these circulate between the main beaches of the island.



Taxi

Taxis in Mykonos are in high demand, and getting one in the high season might require some patience. Taxis can be hired in Manto Square (also referred to as the Taxi Square). There are usually fixed prices displayed inside the cabs for main destinations around the island, meters are normally not used. Ordering a taxi often comes at an extra charge.

Book your ride in Mykonos through the Aegean taxi app.



Postal Service

Kaminaki, Mykonos
+30 2289 022238



Pharmacy

Pharma Mykonos, Drafaki
+30 2289 023900



Telephone

Country code +30

City code 289



Electricity

Greece uses the Type F electrical plug with two round pins, same as in many countries in Continental Europe. The standard voltage is 230 volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110 or 120-volt shavers.

Day 8



Full Day in Mykonos

Spend another day at leisure in Mykonos. Perhaps set out to further explore the island with its history dating back to early Ionian civilization, or just relax and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of the island

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9



Ferry to Athens

In the early afternoon, transfer to the port to board the ferry to Athens. The ferry ride from Mykonos to Athens is approximately 6 hours (1PM to 7PM). Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in the classical city of Athens

Note: An upgrade to a flight is available to purchase at least 60 days in advance of your trip, and will not be available for purchase locally

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10



Full Day in Athens

Today is at leisure to explore Athens independently. At Constitution Square, perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of the colorfully-costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style. Alternatively, join the *optional* Athens city tour that begins with a panoramic drive through the city center. View the Panathenian Stadium and the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. Continue on to visit the Acropolis, the ancient architectural masterpiece built during the Golden Age of Athens and the new Acropolis Museum. Tonight, perhaps walk through the lively Plaka area, the oldest section of Athens. This neighborhood of charming restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes is surely the best place to spend your last night in Greece

Optional: Half Day Athens Sightseeing (AM)

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11



Depart Greece

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast