



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Athens, Santorini and Crete

7-Day, 6-Night Journey

Athens, Santorini, Heraklion

Ancient History, Aegean Sun, Seven Days of Bliss.

This 7-day Greek adventure blends ancient history with idyllic island relaxation. It kicks off in Athens, then explores the glittering Aegean gems of Santorini and Crete. Discover Bronze Age sites, wander labyrinthine island lanes, and witness the iconic sunset at Oia village. Deep in the Cretan countryside, ignite your senses with a rustic village tour featuring world-class olive oils, potent local Raki, and heritage wines. Enjoy charming seaside cafés and savor delicious local cuisine throughout your journey. A perfect mix of rich culture and picturesque coastal life awaits you.



Athens Acropolis



Parthenon at sunset



Iconic Oia village with its blue domed houses



Santorini's towering volcanic caldera walls showcase Red and Black Lava Cliffs.



Venetian Fort, Heraklion Harbor



Olive groves on Crete island

Highlights

- ▶ Traditional Greek Show in Plaka with Dinner
- ▶ Acropolis, Parthenon & Acropolis Museum Guided Tour

- ▶ Santorini City Tour with Oia Sunset, and Akrotiri Excavations
- ▶ Cretan Wines, Olive Oil, Raki and Food Tour

Inclusions

- ▶ High-Speed Ferries (subject to availability)
- ▶ Private Airport & Ferry Terminal Transfers
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner
- ▶ English-speaking Local Guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International Airfare
- ▶ Heraklion/Crete departure airfare
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (if applicable)
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Athens – Athens International Airport (ATH)

Heraklion – Heraklion International Airport (HER)

Itinerary

2 NIGHTS IN ATHENS

DAY 1: ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE | DINNER WITH GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCE

At **Athens airport** you'll be met and transferred to your hotel.

Start your vacation with a **Traditional Greek Show in Plaka with Dinner** (group, in the evening).

Experience a vibrant Athenian evening in the heart of Plaka.

Indulge in a delicious traditional Greek dinner at a taverna, complete with captivating live music and folk dances by performers in colorful costumes.

Note: Your flight must arrive by 3 pm to enjoy this evening excursion on Day 1, otherwise partake this dinner with dance performance on Day 2.

[Meals: Dinner]



DAY 2: ACROPOLIS, PARTHENON & ACROPOLIS MUSEUM GUIDED TOUR

Acropolis, Parthenon & Acropolis Museum Guided Tour (group, half day in the morning).

Explore the iconic Acropolis and Acropolis Museum. Visit Theatre of Dionysus, Asklepieion of Athens, Odeon of Herodes Atticus, Propylaea, Temple of Athena Nike and Erechtheion. Conclude the tour at the Parthenon and admire its breathtaking structure. Discover the iconic monuments of the Acropolis.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN SANTORINI

DAY 3: ATHENS - SANTORINI BY FERRY

Check-out and travel by high-speed ferry (morning) to arguably the best-known and most breathtaking of all of the Greek islands - **Santorini** - on this Greek Island tour. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free.

Believed by some to be the lost continent of Atlantis, this historic and unimaginably picturesque island is situated on the edge of a submerged volcano. Stand high on the cliffs to admire the incredible views of the white Cycladic houses with blue painted windows that have inspired artists over the ages. During your free time, sample the distinguished local wines and sunbathe on one of its many beautiful beaches which are home to transparent azure waters, with black, red or white sand depending on which beach you visit.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: SANTORINI CITY TOUR WITH OIA SUNSET, AND AKROTIRI EXCAVATIONS

Today, join **Santorini City** Tour with Oia Sunset and Akrotiri Excavations entry (full day in the morning).

Explore **Akrotiri's** Minoan Bronze Age settlement, **Emporio village** with windmills and castles, and **Perissa Black Sand Beach** for lunch (at your own cost) and a swim. Enjoy a tasting of local **Santorinian wines**. Visit the **Monastery of Prophet Elias** (Profitis Ilias) which is a historic 18th century fortress-style monastery located at the island's highest point and offers panoramic views. Witness the iconic Oia sunset.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN HERAKLION

DAY 5: SANTORINI – HERAKLION, CRETE

Check-out and board the high-speed ferry for **Heraklion, Crete** in the afternoon. Arrive and check-in to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: CRETAN WINES, OLIVE OIL, RAKI AND FOOD TOUR

Explore Crete's food culture and tradition, visit **Skalani** and **Thrapsano** (small group, full day). Skalani is a picturesque hill village renowned for its exquisite vineyards and world-class wineries, while Thrapsano is celebrated as the "metropolitan center of pottery," where artisans continue a 4,000-year-old Minoan tradition of crafting massive clay storage jars. Taste fresh olive oil at an olive mill. Tour an organic winery

with wine tasting, enjoy raki at a distillery, and discover pottery-making in a charming traditional village. Along the way, enjoy local snacks, lunch and scenic views.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 7: DEPART HERAKLION – END OF TOUR

After breakfast, transfer to **Heraklion Airport (HER)** for your flight home. Most flights arrive back in North America the same day.

[Meals: Breakfast]

- ▶ Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.
- ▶ Excursion duration and start time are subjected to change without prior notice.

Optional Add-ons:

- ▶ Excursion Transfers.
- ▶ Additional hotel nights are available at each city.
- ▶ Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrades available in the same hotel. Classic 3-star and deluxe 5-star hotels are available, please advise the budget.