



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Greece: Athens, Mykonos, Santorini & More

*Athens, Mykonos, Santorini plus Heraklion or Naxos*

## 10-Day, 9-Night Journey

A memorable 10-day Greek adventure that takes you from the ancient wonders of Athens to the Aegean's idyllic islands.

Each island offers their own unique beauty, from labyrinthine lanes of island towns, amazing volcano craters, serene coves and historic windmills to ancient harbor fortresses and more. Enjoy delicious local cuisine and local wines throughout the trip. Don't forget olive oil tasting!

In addition to the iconic Mykonos and Santorini islands, you choose one more island (Crete or Naxos) to wrap up your tour of Greece.



Acropolis, Athens



Stroll through delightful, sun-bleached villages and take in Mykonos' iconic windmills



Oia Village, Santorini



Venetian Fort, Heraklion Harbor



The Rock of Spinalonga



Portara, Naxos - The unfinished Temple of Apollo

## Inclusions

- ▶ Athens - Mykonos (Domestic Flight)
- ▶ Mykonos - Santorini (Ferry)
- ▶ Santorini – Crete/Naxos (Ferry)
- ▶ Private Airport & Ferry Terminal Transfers
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals  
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking Local Guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare
- ▶ Island Departure Airfare (Domestic Flight)
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (if applicable)
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airports

Athens – Athens International Airport (ATH)

Heraklion – Heraklion International Airport (HER)

Naxos – Naxos Island National Airport (JNX)

## Itinerary

**DAY 1: ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE, EVENING TOUR WITH GREEK DINNER SHOW**

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



Start your vacation with a group **evening excursion of Athens** (group, 3.5 hours @8pm). Enjoy spectacular views of top Athen's attractions such as the Parthenon, Temple of Zeus and Greek Parliament building, all beautifully floodlit against the night sky. Then walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Plaka to a typical taverna for a traditional Greek dinner with live music and Greek Folk Dance in traditional costumes.

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

[2 nights in Athens. Meals: Dinner]

## **DAY 2: THE ACROPOLIS, ATHENS WALKING CITY TOUR AND ACROPOLIS MUSEUM**

Visit the key famous attractions of ancient and modern Athens on this comprehensive half-day group tour, admission tickets are included (group, 5.5 hours @9:30am).

Experience ancient Greece's greatest monument: the **Acropolis**. Explore the new **Acropolis Museum** with a guide to explain and put everything in context for you. You'll see the Changing of the Guards outside the **Greek Parliament**, stroll the **National Garden**, and admire historic monuments including the **Parthenon**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

## **DAY 3: ATHENS – MYKONOS BY FLIGHT**

Check-out and travel by air to **Mykonos** (included). Upon arrival transfer to the hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free.

[2 nights in **Mykonos**. Meals: Breakfast]

## **DAY 4: MYKONOS - MYKONOS TOUR**

After breakfast, join your guided **Mykonos tour** (group, 3.5 hours @10am).

Discover the best that Mykonos has to offer during this combination walking and driving tour. Drive to several island hotspots like **Kalafatis Beach** and the charming village of **Ano Mera**. Take a walking tour to explore the white-washed buildings of Mykonos town and see beautiful landmarks including the iconic **windmills** and the **Paraportiani church**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

## **DAY 5: MYKONOS - SANTORINI BY FERRY**

Hotel check-out and travel by ferry to **Santorini** which is arguably the best-known and most breathtaking of all of the Greek islands. 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 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.

[2 nights in **Santorini**. Meals: Breakfast]

## **DAY 6: SANTORINI CALDERA CRUISE TOUR**

Combine a visit to Santorini's caldera, volcano and hot springs with this cruise (group, 6 hours @9:30am). Start at **Nea Kameni**, where you'll have time to walk around this volcanic island and swim in its hot springs. Cruise on to **Thirasia island** and its typical Cycladic village, where you'll have enough time to have lunch (on your own) and explore before sailing back to Santorini. Tiny houses of various colors give a special character to these small settlements.

[Meals: Breakfast]

## **INCLUDED OPTIONS: CHOOSE ANY ONE DESTINATION – HERAKLION (CRETE) OR NAXOS ISLAND**

### **OPTION 1: HERAKLION, CRETE**

#### **DAY 7: SANTORINI – HERAKLION, CRETE**

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

Heraklion is Crete's vibrant capital with rich Minoan-Venetian heritage, an iconic harbor fortress, and charming Agios Nikolaos town.

[3 nights in **Heraklion**. Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 8: HERAKLION | AGIOS NIKOLAOS AND SPINGALOGA ISLAND EXCURSION**

A full day group **Spingaloga Island excursion** with a boat trip on the sparkling waters of **Mirabello Bay** in north-eastern coast of Crete island. (group)

Stroll through the streets of the **Venetian castle** and learn about the interesting history of the fortified island of **Spinalonga**.

The boat will moor in **Colokita Bay**, where you will have free time for lunch (at your own cost) and swimming in the crystal clear waters of Mirabello Bay.

Walk through the snow-white town of **Agios Nikolaos** with many souvenir shops, cosmopolitan boutiques and tree-lined avenues around the bottomless Lake Vouliagmeni.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 9: HERAKLION**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free Day.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 10: DEPART GREECE – END OF TOUR**

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to Heraklion airport for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **OPTION 2: NAXOS**

#### **DAY 7: SANTORINI – NAXOS**

Check-out and proceed to the port to board the high-speed ferry for **NAXOS**. Arrive and check-in to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Naxos is the largest of the Cyclades islands in the Aegean sea. It offers Cyclades' largest, beaches, ancient ruins, quaint mountain villages, Venetian architecture, and a historic hilltop castle.

[3 nights in **Naxos**. Meals: Breakfast]

### DAY 8: NAXOS HISTORY AND CULTURE GUIDED TOUR

Today's activity is **Naxos History and Culture Guided tour** (group, 4 hours @8:30am)

We will get a comprehensive overview of Naxos' landmarks. Explore **Demeter's Temple** and the village of **Chalki**. See the famous **Kouros Statue** and **Flerio Valley**. Sample locally-made olive products at an **olive museum**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### DAY 9: NAXOS

Breakfast at the hotel. Free Day.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### DAY 10: DEPART GREECE – END OF TOUR

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to **Naxos airport** for your flight to Athens (not included) and then the flight home.

[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.

\*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

## Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

