



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Athens, Santorini and Crete

7-Day, 6-Night Journey

Athens, Santorini, Heraklion

This delightful Greek adventure kicks off in Athens and then explores Crete, Santorini and other glittering island gems in the Aegean Sea. Discover the treasures of the ancient world before spending glorious days getting lost in the labyrinthine lanes of old island towns. You'll combine your love for history with laid-back island life. Visit volcano craters, idyllic coves, seaside cafés and ancient forts. Enjoy delicious local cuisine and wines throughout your journey.



Athens Acropolis



Parthenon at sunset



Iconic Oia village with its blue domed houses



Santorini Caldera Boat Excursion



Venetian Fort, Heraklion Harbor



The Rock of Spinalonga

Inclusions

- ▶ High-Speed Ferries (subject to availability)
- ▶ 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 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 **Mediterranean dinner** and **Greek dance performance** in Plaka (group, 3.5 hours @7:45pm).

Enjoy a fun night out with traditional Greek dancing and music.

Sample delicious Mediterranean cuisine with an assortment of

hot and cold appetizers, a Greek salad, and a main course with different types of meats to choose from (vegetarian options are also available). The live music program will be followed by a traditional dance show that will last until about midnight.

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

[Meals: Dinner]

DAY 2: ACROPOLIS, PARTHENON & ACROPOLIS MUSEUM GUIDED TOUR



Visit the key famous attractions of ancient and modern Athens on this half-day group tour, including admission tickets for the Acropolis and Acropolis Museum (group, 4 hours @ 9am).

Go deeper into ancient Greece at the iconic Acropolis and its museum. A certified guide shares an in-depth perspective on the ancient sites. See the Acropolis, preserved original statues, and friezes.

[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**. 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 CALDERA CRUISE EXCURSION

Today we sail on a traditional boat to small islands that are home to volcanos, hot springs and traditional villages (group, 6 hours @9:45am). Start at **Nea Kameni** ("new burnt" in Greek), **a volcanic island**, where you'll have time to walk around the island and swim in its hot springs.

The next destination is **Therasia Island** and its typical Cycladic village. Tiny houses of various colors give a special character to these small settlements. You have time to explore on your own. For example, discover Manolios village by walking up winding stairs (250 steps) or by a donkey ride; taste some of the traditional Santorini cuisine on your own; or enjoy a swim. Then sail back to Santorini.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN HERAKLION

DAY 5: SANTORINI – HERAKLION, CRETE

Check-out and proceed to the port to 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: SPINGALOGA ISLAND EXCURSION

A full day group **Spingaloga Island excursion** on the sparkling waters of **Mirabello Bay** in east Crete. (group, 8 hours @7:30am)

Transfer to **Elounda** village on the shores of Mirabello Bay for a short cruise across the clear blue waters to reach the tiny island of **Spinalonga**. A guided tour explores the island and its 16th century **Spinalonga**

Fort “The Rock” (tentative UNESCO Heritage Site) which was used by the Venetians and the Turkish Ottoman Empire, and later as a Leper colony.

Stop at the picturesque town of **Agios Nikolaos (Saint Nicholas)** where you may take a stroll around the 'bottomless" lake, the pretty harbor, cosmopolitan shops and tree-lined avenues.

[Meals: Breakfast]

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

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