



DAY 1, Thursday, October 17, 2024 – Fly to Greece

Board our international flight to Athens, Greece.

DAY 2, Friday, October 18, 2024 – Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens in the early afternoon. After lunch on your own, meet our local tour guide for an informative Athens city tour. Visit Constitution Square, where perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of the colorfully costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style. View the Panathenian Stadium, the President's residence, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. Tonight, perhaps stroll 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 an evening in Athens.

Overnight: Athens Acropolian Spirit Hotel or similar

DAY 3, Saturday, October 19, 2024 – Fly to Mykonos

After breakfast, depart for a memorable visit to the Acropolis, the ancient architectural masterpiece built during the Golden Age of Athens and the renowned Acropolis Museum (admission fees included for both the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum). Then transfer to the airport for your flight to Mykonos, the chic island with its bright whitewashed houses, picturesque windmills and sophisticated world-class restaurants and trendy boutiques. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel.

Overnight: Mikonos View Hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Sunday, October 20, 2024 – Full Day in Mykonos

After breakfast, we embark on a guided walking tour of the Old Town, and Little Venice region where houses and cafes have been built directly at water level. Make a photo stop at the iconic Mykonos windmills. Then you'll have time the rest of the day to explore on your own the island's energetic ambiance. Find a table at a harborside taverna and just savor the bustle of Cycladic island life and the gorgeous views.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Mikonos View Hotel

DAY 5, Monday, October 21, 2024 – Full Day in Mykonos

Today is free to relax at one of the many golden sandy beaches, to wander along the narrow streets, or to further explore the Old Town and Little Venice. Leave time to shop at one of the many unique boutiques, or relax at a terrace bar. *Or join the optional half day tour to the island of Delos.* This small island was once the religious center of the Aegean and Cyclades Islands, and one of the most important archaeological sites. Delos is the birthplace of Apollo, the god of light, and Artemis, the goddess of hunting (both children of Lito and Zeus) and the brightest place on the universe. Depart the port of Mykonos by ship. Upon arrival, join a guided tour that will include such landmarks as the Sacred Harbor, and the regal Sacred Way, flanked by imposing stone lions leading to the temples dedicated to Apollo and Artemis. Continue to explore the ruins on your own, or visit the museum housing the priceless archaeological artifacts found on the island. In 1990 Delos was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ship will return to the port in Mykonos Town where the tour began.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Mikonos View Hotel or similar

DAY 6, Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – Hydrofoil to Naxos

After breakfast, transfer to the port for your high speed hydrofoil to Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades islands in the Aegean Sea. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel, then take a guided walking tour of the village of Chora, the capital town

of Naxos Island and one of the most beautiful villages among the Cyclades Islands. You'll visit several important ancient ruins and medieval structures, from the famous Portara to the ancient temple of Dimitra and the medieval Venetian Castle to be found in the old city section of the capital.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Naxos Aeolis Hotel or similar

DAY 7, Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – Full day in Naxos

Today is free to relax further explore the beautiful island of Naxos on your own. It is such a popular tourist destination with plenty to do. The island is known for its many pristine beaches with various colored crystal-clear waters, ranging from blue to turquoise and green. Most of the beaches are of fine sand and several are very long, allowing for privacy even during high season.

Perhaps the most important pleasure Naxos has to offer is the authentic taste of the Mediterranean cuisine, based on its rich produce of wine, aromatic herbs, vegetables, fish, meat and dairy products coming straight from the Naxian land and sea. *Join the optional half-day Greek Cooking Class* where you will have the opportunity to tour the farm where the fresh produce is grown and prepare traditional Greek cuisine under the guidance of a talented local chef. Then you will enjoy the meal prepared with your own hands in a picturesque and peaceful environment before being transferred back to your hotel in Naxos.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Naxos Aeolis Hotel or similar

DAY 8, Thursday, October 24, 2024 – Hydrofoil to Santorini

After a morning of leisure, transfer to the port for your ferry ride to Santorini. With its sapphire blue water, snow-white architecture and multicolored cliffs, Santorini is considered one of the world's most enchanting getaways. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Then, walk to the village of Fira (sometimes spelled Thira), the capital of Santorini, with its whitewashed buildings and deep blue vistas of the Mediterranean. Tonight is yours to independently discover some of Santorini's delightful restaurants and nightlife.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Santorini Palace Hotel or similar

DAY 9, Friday, October 25, 2024 - Full Day in Santorini

After breakfast, we begin our full day Santorini Island tour with a visit to the lively inland village of Emporio which sits at the foot of Profitis Ilias Mountain, overlooked by the 15th-century Venetian Castle and the ruined Tower of Nimborio. Charming medieval alleys are dotted by Orthodox churches with elaborate bell towers. Then proceed to Perivolos, better known as "the black sandy beach," where you will have free time for lunch, then walk through the traditional village of Megalochori and on to Pyrgos, the first capital of Santorini. Next, we visit the Koutsogianopoulos Wine Cave & Museum, the only natural underground wine museum in all of Greece. You'll learn about Greek wines and wine-making, while sipping on some of their favorite brands. Then conclude the tour exploring the town of Oia with plenty of time to take photos of the blue domes, to do some shopping and watch the magnificent sunset afterwards.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Santorini Palace Hotel or similar

DAY 10, Saturday, October 26 - Santorini - Athens

Today is a free day to explore this Grecian paradise on your own. 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. *Or join the half day optional Santorini Volcano tour.* Take the short walk to Fira where you will embark on the cable car to the Old Port. Here you will board a motorized sail boat and cruise around the beautiful island of Santorini. Sail to the island of Nea Kameni and walk up to the still-active volcano for a view of the Caldera. Admission to the volcano included. Then sail to the island of Palea Kameni, where you will have the opportunity to swim from the boat in the bay's sulfur springs infused water before sailing back to the Old Port. Upon arrival back in Old Port, take the included cable car ride back to Fira and the short walk

to the hotel or instead of the cable car ride, take a donkey ride back up to Fira (donkey ride is an additional charge).

In the late afternoon, transfer to the Santorini airport for our flight back to Athens. Upon arrival, walk across the street to the Sofitel Hotel for our overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Sofitel Athens Airport Hotel or similar

DAY 11, Sunday, October 27 – International Flight to USA

After a delicious full breakfast, check out of the hotel and walk across the street to the Athens International Airport where we will embark on our flight to the USA, bringing back fond memories of our trip to Greece and the Greek Islands.

Meals: Breakfast