



# Greece & the Greek Islands

## Detailed Itinerary

### **DAY 1, Friday, April 17 - Depart for Greece**

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### **DAY 2, Saturday, April 18 - Full Day in Athens**

Arrive in Athens in the morning. Meet our tour guide for an informative Athens city tour. Enjoy a welcome luncheon at one of Athens's authentic Greek restaurants. 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. Continue on to visit the Acropolis, the ancient architectural masterpiece built during the Golden Age of Athens and the new Acropolis Museum. 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

**Meals:** Lunch

### **DAY 3, Sunday, April 19 - Ferry to Mykonos**

Today, transfer to the port for your ferry to Mykonos, the chic island with its bright whitewashed houses, picturesque windmills and sophisticated world-class restaurants and trendy boutiques. Upon arrival at the hotel, take a walking tour of the region, then you'll have time 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

**Overnight:** Mykonos Vienoulas Garden Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 4, Monday, April 20 - 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. From there, admire the views of the famous windmills, where the grain used to be milled for bread flour. Leave time to shop at one of the many unique boutiques, or relax at a terrace bar.

**Overnight:** Mykonos Vienoulas Garden Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 5, Tuesday, April 21 - Full Day in Mykonos**

On your leisure day, perhaps set out to explore the island with its history dating back to early Ionian civilization or join the *optional* tour to the splendid archaeological site of the nearby island of Delos, once the religious center of the Aegean and Cyclades. According to myth, Latona gave birth here to Apollo, the Greek sun god, and to Artemis, the huntress and goddess of marriage and fertility. In Delos, view the Sacred Harbor and the regal Sacred Way, flanked by stone lions leading to the temples dedicated to Apollo and Artemis and visit the museum housing some of the impressive archaeological artifacts found on the island.

**Optional:** Mykonos Delos Tour

**Overnight:** Mykonos Vienoulas Garden Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 6, Wednesday, April 22 - Hydrofoil from Mykonos to Santorini**

After breakfast, transfer to the port for your high-speed hydrofoil to Santorini. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel, then take a walking tour of the village of Fira, just 10 minutes away. With its sapphire blue water, snow-white architecture and multicolored cliffs, Santorini is considered one of the world's most enchanting getaways. Tonight is yours to independently discover some of Santorini's delightful restaurants and nightlife.

**Overnight:** Santorini Palace Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 7, Thursday, April 23 - Full Day in Santorini**

Today is free to explore this Grecian 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.

**Optional:** Santorini Island & Akrotiri Tour

**Overnight:** Santorini Palace Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 8, Friday, April 24 - Full Day in Santorini**

Enjoy 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 that circles around the island. Sail to the nearby volcanic island of Nea Kameni and Therasia for leisure time before returning to the port of Athinios.

**Optional:** Santorini Volcano Cruise

**Overnight:** Santorini Palace Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 9, Saturday, April 25 – Hydrofoil from Santorini to Athens**

Enjoy a morning of leisure in Santorini. In the afternoon, take the Hydrofoil to Athens. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for your overnight stay.

**Overnight:** Athens Sofitel Hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 10, Sunday, April 26 –Depart Greece**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet before our departure flight to the USA. Since this Athen's hotel is at the airport, walk over to the check-in counter for your international flight home.

**Meals:** Breakfast