



Greece and the Greek Islands

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1, Monday - Depart for Greece

Depart the USA for Athens

DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Athens, Fly to Santorini

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your flight to Santorini. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Santorini Island, with its sapphire blue water, snow-white architecture and multicolored cliffs, 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

DAY 3, Wednesday - Full Day in Santorini

Today is free to explore this Grecian paradise. Be sure to walk the streets of bustling Fira, the island's iconic capital city, a vision of pristine whitewashed buildings. 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. Alternatively, join the *optional* Santorini Wine Tour to explore the world of Therian volcanic wines and enjoy tastings at three family estate wineries

Optional: Full Day Santorini Island & Akrotiri Tour*

Optional: Half Day Santorini Wine Tour (PM)*

**The Full Day Santorini Island & Akrotiri Tour and Half Day Santorini Wine Tour (PM) operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours.*

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Thursday - 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 aboard a motorized sailing boat 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. Alternatively, join the *optional* Santorini Catamaran Cruise to spend a relaxing day sailing in the blue waters of Santorini. Savor a freshly prepared lunch, and enjoy time to swim at the famous Red Beach

Optional: Full Day Santorini Volcano Cruise*

Optional: Half Day Santorini Catamaran Cruise (AM)*

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Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Friday - Ferry to Mykonos

Today, transfer to the port for your ferry (tourist class) to Mykonos. After approximately 3.5 hours arrive to the chic island with its bright whitewashed houses, picturesque windmills and sophisticated world-class restaurants and trendy boutiques. Time on your own to enjoy the energetic ambiance. Find a table at a harborside taverna and just savor the bustle of Cycladic island life and the gorgeous views

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Saturday - 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

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Sunday - 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, Latonna 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 (AM)

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Monday - Ferry to Athens

In the early afternoon, transfer to the port to board the ferry to Athens. The ferry ride from Mykonos to Athens is approximately 6 hours (1pm to 7pm). Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in the classical city of Athens

Note: An upgrade to a flight is available to purchase at least 60 days in advance of your trip, and will not be available for purchase locally

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Tuesday - Full Day in Athens

Today is at leisure to explore Athens independently, widely seen as the cradle of Western Civilization and the birthplace of democracy. At Constitution Square, perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of the colorfully-costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style. Alternatively, join the *optional* Athens city tour* that begins with a panoramic drive through the city center. 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 walk 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 your last night in Greece

Optional: Half Day Athens Sightseeing (AM)

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Wednesday - Depart Greece

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast