



Itinerary

Exploring Greece and Its Islands featuring Classical Greece, Mykonos & Santorini

May 18, 2020 - May 31, 2020

Pre Night: Crowne Plaza Athens City Center



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Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins



Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center
Athens

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 23°
Low 16°

Day 2: Athens



Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, partake in a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis. Greek for "highest point," the Acropolis was used to defend the city from invaders throughout the history of the city. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center
Athens

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 23°
Low 16°

Day 3: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka



Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations.

Hotel

Culinary

Weather

Day 4: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova



This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

Hotel

Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference
Arachova

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 25°
Low 15°

Day 5: Arachova - Olympia



Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets.

Hotel

Amalia Hotel Olympia
Olympia

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 23°
Low 16°

Day 6: Olympia



Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class.

Hotel

Amalia Hotel Olympia
Olympia

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 23°
Low 16°

Day 7: Olympia - Mycenae - Nafplio



Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio.

Hotel

Nafplia Luxury Hotels
Nafplio

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 23°
Low 16°

Day 8: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos



This morning, transfer* to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise.

Hotel

San Marco Hotel
Mykonos

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 23°
Low 17°

Day 9: Mykonos



Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity.

Hotel

San Marco Hotel
Mykonos

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 23°
Low 17°

Day 10: Mykonos - Santorini



Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini.

Hotel

Costa Grand Hotel Santorini

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 22°
Low 16°

Day 11: Santorini - Oia - Santorini



Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini.

Hotel

Costa Grand Hotel Santorini

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 22°
Low 16°

Day 12: Santorini



Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

Hotel

Costa Grand Hotel Santorini

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 22°
Low 16°

Day 13: Santorini - Athens



Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center Athens

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 23°
Low 16°

Day 14: Athens - Tour Ends



Your tour ends today.

Post Night: Crowne Plaza Athens City Center



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