

# 14 DAY EXPLORING GREECE & IT'S ISLANDS

## DESTINATIONS

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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

|                |        |
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| Destination    | Athens |
| Meals included | Dinner |
| Accommodation  | N/A    |

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 whilst enjoying Greek entertainment.

## DAY 2

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|----------------|-----------|
| Destination    | Athens    |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation  | N/A       |

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.

## DAY 3

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| Destination    | Athens 🚗 Thermopylae 🚗 Metéora 🚗 Kalambaka |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner                          |
| Accommodation  | N/A  |

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.

## DAY 4

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| Destination    | Kalambaka 🚗 Delphi 🚗 Arachova |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner             |
| Accommodation  | N/A                           |

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 centers 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.

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### DAY 5

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| Destination    | Arachova 🚗 Olympia |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner  |
| Accommodation  | N/A                |

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.

### DAY 6

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Destination    | Olympia                  |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Accommodation  | N/A                      |

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.

### DAY 7

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Destination    | Olympia 🚗 Mycenae 🚗 Nafplio |
| Meals included | Breakfast                   |
| Accommodation  | N/A                         |

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

### DAY 8

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| Destination    | Nafplio 🚗 Athens 🚗 Mykonos |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner          |
| Accommodation  | N/A                        |

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.

### DAY 9

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|----------------|-----------|
| Destination    | Mykonos   |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation  | N/A       |

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

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### DAY 10

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| Destination    | Mykonos [ship] Santorini |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner        |
| Accommodation  | N/A                      |

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

### DAY 11

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| Destination    | Santorini |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation  | N/A       |


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.

### DAY 12

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| Destination    | Santorini |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation  | N/A       |

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.

### DAY 13

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| Destination    | Santorini  Athens |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner  |
| Accommodation  | N/A  |

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.

### DAY 14

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| Destination    | Athens    |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation  | N/A       |

Your tour ends today.

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

This comprehensive journey explores Greece's most important ancient monuments

Learn the history of this fascinating country from local experts on guided tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi, and Olympia.

Throughout your journey, experience the iconic sights of Greece's Classical age with ample time to explore on your own

22 Meals - 13 Breakfasts - 1 Lunch - 8 Dinners

Superior twin share accommodation

Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

### Fine Print

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of \$767 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

##### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

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Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your

deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of

completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

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| OPTIONAL TOURS        | Greece & its Islands Tour Gratuities \$295 pp<br>Athens Local Food Tour \$151 pp<br>Hammam Turkish Bath Experience \$117 pp<br>Delos Private Boat Excursion \$172 pp<br>Walking Tour in Megalochori and Santorini Dinner \$131 pp  |
| EXCLUSIONS            | Airfares<br>Personal Expenses<br>Travel Insurance<br>Optional activities<br>Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional  |
| HOTEL LIST            | Athens - Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre<br>Kalambaka - Grand Hotel Meteora<br>Arachova - Domotel Anemolia Resort<br>Olympia - Europa Hotel Olympia<br>Nafplio - Nafplia Luxury Hotels<br>Mykonos - San Marco Hotel<br>Santorini - El Greco Hotel Resort   |
| IMPORTANT INFORMATION | <p>Accommodation<br/>The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement<br/>A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1200 subject to availability.</p> <p>Triple Share<br/>Not available.</p> <p>Children<br/>Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation<br/>Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p> |

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