

Best of Greece

10 Days | Athens to Santorini



SEMI-INDEPENDENT TOUR:

Travel from Athens to Santorini enjoying the historic temples and monuments which make Greece such a wonderful destination. Discover the ancient sanctuary of Delphi, admire the hidden monasteries in Meteora, and take in the majestic beauty of Santorini.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Athens - discover one of the world's oldest cities, from the ancient Acropolis to the modern Panathenaic Stadium
- Delphi - follow the Sacred Way in the footsteps of pilgrims who sought the oracle's advice at this holy sanctuary
- Meteora - admire the stunning, UNESCO-listed rock formations and cliff-top monasteries
- Thermopylae - relive the Spartans' famous last stand against the Persians on this narrow pass
- Mykonos - lounge on sandy beaches and enjoy the nightlife in this Aegean hotspot for the rich and famous
- Santorini - relax on one of Greece's most beautiful islands, where whitewashed villages perch on volcanic cliffs and

breathtaking sunsets can be witnessed at Oia.

What's Included

- 9 nights 3-4 star hotels
- 9 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- One arrival transfer on Day 1 (Athens) and One departure transfer on Day 10 (Santorini) included per booking
- Two ferry tickets - Piraeus – Mykonos (regular ferry) and Mykonos – Santorini (high-speed ferry), economy class
- Guided sightseeing in Athens, Delphi, and Meteora
- Entrance fees for all included sites
- Services of an English-speaking tour guide for scheduled sightseeing on days 2 - 4.
- All transfers and transportation in modern air conditioned vehicles.
- Note: You will join travellers who booked through other operators for sightseeing on days 2-4, some staying in different hotels. The group size on these days can vary in size from 20 - 45 persons and guiding may be in an additional language to English. Travel unescorted from days 5 - 10.

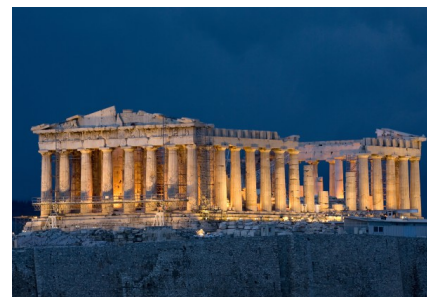
What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

- A hotel tax of €3.00 per room per night to be paid directly to the hotel at time of check in. Please budget Euro 27, for the duration of the tour. See Trip Notes for details.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to Greece



Arrive in the ancient Greek capital of Athens. After being met at the airport and transferred to our hotel, the rest of the day at leisure to settle in and explore what this magnificent city has to offer. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the city, or maybe take in the acoustics of the Odeon. **Overnight - Athens**

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Day 2 : Athens City Tour



Today we take a coach tour of Athens to see highlights including the Panathenaic Stadium, the Zappeion and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Enjoy a guided visit to the Acropolis, an ancient citadel located above the city. Explore one of the best museums in the world as we leave no stone unturned to take in all of the historic monuments this beautiful city has to offer.

This afternoon is free to explore Plaka, sample some of the city's delicacies or treat ourselves to some shopping on Ermou street. **Overnight - Athens (B)**

Day 3 : Delphi



Athens - Delphi - Kalabaka. After breakfast we leave the busy city behind us and head north towards Delphi, a town on Mount Parnassus which was home to a famous sanctuary in antiquity. We take a walk along the Sacred Way and admire the remains of the Temple of Apollo, home of the legendary Pythian Oracle.

This afternoon, we take in the stunning views of the mountains of central Greece as we drive to Kalabaka. Arriving at our hotel, we enjoy a group dinner before settling down for the evening. **Overnight - Kalabaka (B, D)**

Day 4 : Meteora & Thermopylae



Kalambaka - Athens. This morning we visit Meteora, a stunning World Heritage site where a series of towering rock formations shelter a number of sacred Eastern Orthodox monasteries. We return to Athens for the night, briefly stopping at Thermopylae, where King Leonidas and 300 Spartans made a famous last stand against the Persians in 480 BC. **Overnight - Athens (B)**

Day 5 : Towards the Cyclades



Athens - Mykonos. This morning we transfer to the port of Piraeus where you'll catch a ferry to Mykonos, a beautiful island famous for its windmills and jet set lifestyle. The ferry takes about 5 hours and once on the island you will be met and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Mykonos (B)**

Day 6 : Mykonos

Spend today at leisure on Mykonos. Lounge on the sandy beach all day working on your tan, before relaxing with a drink or two in the bars. Maybe pop in to the numerous cafes and galleries dotted around the main town. If you'd prefer a cultural activity, try catching the ferry to the nearby island of Delos, once home to one of ancient Greece's holiest sanctuaries. **Overnight - Mykonos (B)**

Day 7 : Santorini



Mykonos - Santorini. After breakfast, transfer to Mykonos port and catch a local high-speed ferry to the magical island of Santorini. The journey takes about 3 hours and you'll be transferred to our hotel upon arrival. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. **Overnight - Santorini (B)**

Days 8-9 : Santorini



The next two days are at leisure in Santorini, an Aegean paradise widely considered to be one of the most beautiful islands in the world. Explore the whitewashed towns of Fira and Oia with their views of the volcano which birthed the island, watch the spectacular sunset from the black-sanded beaches, or cruise the caldera on a boat tour. **Overnight - Santorini (B:2)**

Day 10 :

Your tour of Greece ends today. Spend the morning at leisure before an included transfer to Santorini airport for your onward flight.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

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Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Polis Grand

In the heart of Athens, the Polis Grand is a contemporary hotel with excellent facilities. Guest rooms are well appointed with elegant furniture and all modern conveniences. Some rooms are equipped with a balcony with fantastic views over to the Acropolis. The hotel benefits from a number of eateries which serve up an array of Greek and international cuisine as well as tasty coffee and delicious pies. Definitely head for a cocktail in the evening at the roof garden bar for amazing views across the city.



Titania Hotel

Nestled in the historic centre of Athens, the Titiana offers beautiful accommodation all classically designed. The ensuite guest rooms are furnished to a high standard with neutral tones and wooden flooring. Breakfast is served in the impressive rooftop Olive Garden restaurant which affords amazing views across the city including the Acropolis. The hotel also benefits from complimentary Wi-Fi and a fitness centre.



El Greco Resort & Spa

Conveniently located just minutes from the centre of Fira, El Greco is a beautiful white washed complex in the classic Santorini style. All guest rooms are air conditioned and reflect the Cycladic style whilst including all mod-cons and exception ensuite facilities. The resort benefits from an outdoor pool, on

site restaurant and adult-only Spa Centre for guests.



Orizontes Hotel & Villas Santorini

Located in the village of Pyrgos, the Orizontes Hotel was recently renovated and is surrounded by vineyards. Guest rooms have private balconies looking out to the sea or the garden and are equipped with lots of modern conveniences. The hotel also has a couple of restaurants serving local and international cuisine. Plus there is a lovely outdoor pool to cool down in and lots of sunbeds.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons.

PRICES / DATES 2019

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27 Aug	AUD 3,645	AUD 5,745
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23 Sep	AUD 3,145	AUD 4,925
24 Sep	AUD 3,145	AUD 4,925
28 Sep	AUD 3,145	AUD 4,925
30 Sep	AUD 3,145	AUD 4,925
01 Oct	AUD 3,145	AUD 4,925
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