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Exploring Greece and Its Islands

featuring Classical Greece, Mykonos & Santorini

15 DAYS **\$6,119 pp*** Save up to **\$350**

About This Tour

Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean. This comprehensive journey explores Greece's most important ancient monuments, including the famed Temple of Zeus, the archaeological site of Olympia and ancient artifacts of Delphi. Explore Athens on a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis. Visit a local farm in the countryside to see how olive oil and wine are produced. Learn how to cook traditional Mediterranean cuisine during a cooking demonstration. Wander the winding streets, vineyards, marketplaces and beaches of Mykonos and Santorini. Explore the excavations of the ancient city at Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. 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.





Your Tour Includes

- 8 Handpicked Accommodations
- 24 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

Included Highlights

- Athens
- The Acropolis
- Parthenon
- Metéora

Your Tour at a Glance

Stay	15 Days
	14 Nights
Meals	24 Meals
	14 Breakfasts
	2 Lunches
	8 Dinners
Activity	3
	What's This?
Travel Style	Classic
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Customize Your Tour

Pre Tour 3 Night **\$1,540.00 pp**
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Post Tour 3 Night **\$840.00 pp**
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Optional Excursions **Starting at \$133.00**
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Itinerary

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring Greek specialities at a local restaurant in Athens.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza
Athens City Center

Culinary

Dinner

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 Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens.

Hotel

Culinary

Crowne Plaza Breakfast
Athens City Center

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

Grand Hotel
Metéora

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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 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.

Hotel

Domotel Anemolia
Resort &
Conference

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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 in rural Peloponnese. Following the tour, enjoy a light lunch including a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class.

Hotel	Culinary
Europa Hotel Olympia	Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner

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.

Hotel	Culinary
Europa Hotel Olympia	Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner

Day 7: Olympia - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains on your way to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece’s signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869.

Hotel	Culinary
Nafplia Hotel Palace and Villas - **	Breakfast

Day 8: Nafplio

Today, it's your choice! Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -OR- linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city.

Hotel

Nafplia Hotel

Palace and Villas - **

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 9: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos - Chora

Early 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. Spend time in Chora (Mykonos Old Town), where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity.

Hotel

San Marco Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Or join an optional excursion to the nearby island of Delos,** the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis.

Hotel

San Marco Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 11: Mykonos - Santorini - Oia

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

Hotel	Culinary
Aegean Plaza	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 12: Santorini - Akrotiri - Wine Tasting

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. End your morning with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini.

Hotel	Culinary
Aegean Plaza	Breakfast

Day 13: 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. Perhaps you'll join an afternoon optional tour of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island, followed by a dinner of flavorful regional cuisine.

Hotel	Culinary
Aegean Plaza	Breakfast

Day 14: 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	Culinary
Crowne Plaza Athens City Center	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today.

Hotel	Culinary
	Breakfast

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