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-  Start Location
-  Visited Location
-  Plane
-  End Location
-  Cruise
-  Train
-  Ferry
-  Over night

Day 1 | Start Your Greek Adventure in Athens

Arriving in Athens, you can follow your curiosity through the city of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, where ancient columns are scattered throughout the streets of the modern capital. With free time to choose your own route, you might follow pedestrian streets past archaeological sites, pause over chipped inscriptions, carved faces and fluted columns worn smooth in places by centuries. Later, meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers.

Hotel: Dorian Inn

Day 2 | Explore Classical Athens From Above and Below



At the Acropolis, you'll climb with your Local Specialist through temples and ancient theater terraces towards the Parthenon, with Athens spreading far below. Continue past the Panathinaiko Olympic Stadium, Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch before reaching Syntagma Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Here, you may catch the Evzones changing guard, their pleated foustanela fanning with each sweeping movement as their metal-studded tsarouchia click against the ground. The afternoon is yours to choose: travel to Sounion on an Optional Experience and stand beside the 5th-century BC Temple of Poseidon on its rocky headland above the Aegean, visit a turtle sanctuary on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Optional Experience. Back in Athens, the sizzle of street food follows you through Psiri, where you can join your fellow travelers for an Optional Experience and a traditional dinner.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Dorian Inn

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner Meze Style & Athens Illuminations - Enjoy a lovely dining experience at a wonderful restaurant located in the lively area of Psiri. Dining is "meze style", giving you the opportunity to taste many Greek cuisine dishes, which are served in the center of the table. Also enjoy the local free-flowing wine! Afterwards, see Athens illuminated as you return to your hotel.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Cape Sounion - Take a relaxing trip down to the southernmost tip of Mainland Greece to see the fifth century BC Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. See if you can spot where Byron carved his initials on one of the temple's sixteen columns. Marvel at the sheer rugged beauty of the coastline and the ancient temple perched above a 197-foot drop down to the Aegean Sea below. Stand above the site of the world's first lighthouse, overlooking an area steeped in classical Greek history, ever since the tragic King Aegeas threw himself from the rocky precipice into the sea below, thereby giving his name to the Aegean Sea.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, Visit Turtle Sanctuary - Visit the first Turtle sanctuary created in the Mediterranean, the Glyfada Turtle Rehabilitation and rescue center (Achelon). Meet the care team and learn about the work being done to help injured turtles, protect the species and create awareness on the importance of protecting these majestic animals, addressing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water. Subject to participation numbers.

Adult: 46.00 EUR

Day 3 | Sail From Athens to Mykonos



The high-speed ferry leaves Athens behind and carries you across the Aegean to Mykonos. After transferring to your hotel, join a short walking orientation before choosing your own route through the island. In Chora, cobalt shutters cut through the white of the houses, wooden balconies lean above narrow stone-paved lanes and small chapels sit between them. Follow whichever turn tempts you, perhaps towards the waterfront, perhaps further into the tangle of streets. Or choose an Optional Experience with a Local Specialist and explore Chora through its food, tasting local favorites from stop to stop as you hear the stories behind what's on your plate. The rest of Mykonos is yours, with time for another turning, another sip and as much of the Aegean as you care to seek out.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alkistis

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Foodie Walking Tour with Local Specialist - Snack your way through Mykonos Chora with a Local Specialist, tasting local favorites as the island's food stories unfold. Expect bold bites like kopanisti, Mykonos' punchy local cheese, and louza, a traditional Cycladic cured meat that brings the flavor. Tiny lanes, tasty stops and proper local know-how? Deliciously done.

Adult: 95.00 EUR

Day 4 | Discover Mykonos From Hills to Beaches



Leave Chora behind and cross Mykonos's dry interior on an Optional Island Tour, where low stone walls and pale hills lead you towards Ano Mera. You'll step inside the 16th-century monastery of Panagia Tourliani and take in its richly carved wooden icon screen, crowded with gilded detail and painted saints. From the village, you'll continue towards the coast and some of Mykonos's Blue Flag beaches. Walk down to the sand, wade into the Aegean and swim with the white curve of the beach behind you. Afterwards, the island is yours again, whether you stay by the water or head back towards town.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alkistis

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Mykonos Island Tour - Explore the vibrant Island of Mykonos, driving through amazing Cycladic landscapes, admiring some of its splendid beaches and scenic locations. It is the perfect opportunity to experience the everyday Mykonian life and connect with the legends and stories linked to this island. Our exploration begins with Ano Mera, home to the famous monastery dedicated to the protector of the island. Continue to one of the Blue Flag-awarded beaches of the island and perhaps enjoy a swim in the beautiful Aegean sea.

Adult: 65.00 EUR

Day 5 | Mykonos to Naxos: Cycladic Island Crossing



A final morning in Mykonos is yours before you board the ferry for Naxos, with the Aegean stretching between one island and the next. Once ashore, you'll join an orientation through Naxos Town, moving from the harbor into the old quarter where Venetian stonework, arched passages and the Kastro sit above the waterfront. With the rest of the day free, you might stay near the harbor, listening to the water lap against the quay as you follow the waterfront, or turn inland towards the old quarter and follow the arched stone passages beneath the Kastro. This evening, perhaps choose an Optional Experience and join a Naxian cooking lesson. Roll up your sleeves and cook alongside your hosts.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Aeolis Boutique

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Naxian Cooking Experience - Roll up your sleeves and get stuck into Naxos the tasty way. Learn a few local kitchen tricks, cook up island favorites and enjoy the best bit: sitting down to eat what you've made. Big flavor, zero fuss and a proper Naxian feast to show for it.

Adult: 145.00 EUR

Day 6 | Explore Naxos From Town to Shore



Today, Naxos is yours to explore at your own pace, from the streets of town to the Aegean beyond the shore. Perhaps begin in town, browsing the small shops before heading for the shore and wading into the Aegean, where the beach falls quiet behind you as you swim beyond the shallows. Maybe you'll choose a seaside taverna and share lunch as boats drift across the bay. Or choose an Optional Experience and travel deeper into Naxos, leaving the seafront for mountain country where olive trees, vines and fruit groves fill fertile valleys between traditional villages. Watch the landscape change around you as the road climbs inland, then return with the rest of the day still yours.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Aeolis Boutique

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Island Tour of Naxos - See Naxos from seafront to mountain village as you head beyond the usual beach-day bubble. Think harbor views, hillside roads and local life with plenty of island character along the way.

Adult: 82.00 EUR

Day 7 | Arrive in Santorini Across the Aegean



Across the Aegean, you'll hear the low thrum of the ferry as Santorini's dark volcanic cliffs fill the horizon, crowned by white villages high above the water. After checking in, follow the edge of the caldera and look down into its immense blue basin, with cave houses cut into the rock and church domes punctuating the cliffs. This evening, perhaps choose an Optional Experience and taste Santorini wines grown in volcanic soil, crisp and mineral on the palate. Then continue to Oia, where narrow passages weave between cave houses and old Captains' mansions, blue domes sit above the caldera and the last light softens the white façades around you.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kamari Beach

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Wine Tasting and Oia village - Sip your way into Santorini with a wine tasting that shows off the island's volcanic-grown flavors, then head to Oia for the views everyone came for. Whitewashed streets, blue domes and cliffside drama bring the wow, while a glass of local wine makes the evening feel nicely sorted.

Adult: 87.00 EUR

Day 8 | Discover Santorini at Leisure

Today, you can trace Santorini's Bronze Age past beyond the caldera. Choose the Santorini Island Tour Optional Experience and walk into Akrotiri, following Bronze Age streets between houses, stairways and enormous storage jars preserved beneath volcanic ash for thousands of years. Continue to Megalochori, where cobbled paths slip between old houses, elaborate church towers and vineyards beyond the village. Or spend the day on the water aboard a catamaran, sailing through the caldera before diving in for a swim and slipping on a snorkel while shafts of light break across the water above you. This evening, return to Oia and make your way through its marble-paved streets as the sun descends behind the Aegean.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kamari Beach

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Santorini Island Tour with Visit to Megalochori - Discover Santorini's iconic charm, from whitewashed buildings and blue-domed churches to volcanic history. Visit the Bronze Age site of Megalochori, often called the "Prehistoric Pompeii", then travel past hilltop villages to the black sand beach of Perivolos. Enjoy free time to swim, relax or have lunch by the sea. Special Note: This optional can also be offered with extension to visit Oia village. Rate for full-day experience including Oia visit is €118.00.

Adult: 100.00 EUR

Santorini Caldera Catamaran Cruise - Hop on a catamaran and sail across the Santorini caldera. Take in the views, feel the sea breeze and stop to swim or snorkel in the clear Aegean waters. A relaxed and fun way to experience the island from the water.

Adult: 195.00 EUR

Day 9 | Say Farewell to Santorini and Greece



Your Greek journey ends in Santorini today as you say goodbye to your Travel Director and fellow travelers. After nine days of ancient sites, island crossings and shared experiences, it's time to head home with plenty of memories to take with you.

Meals: Breakfast

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