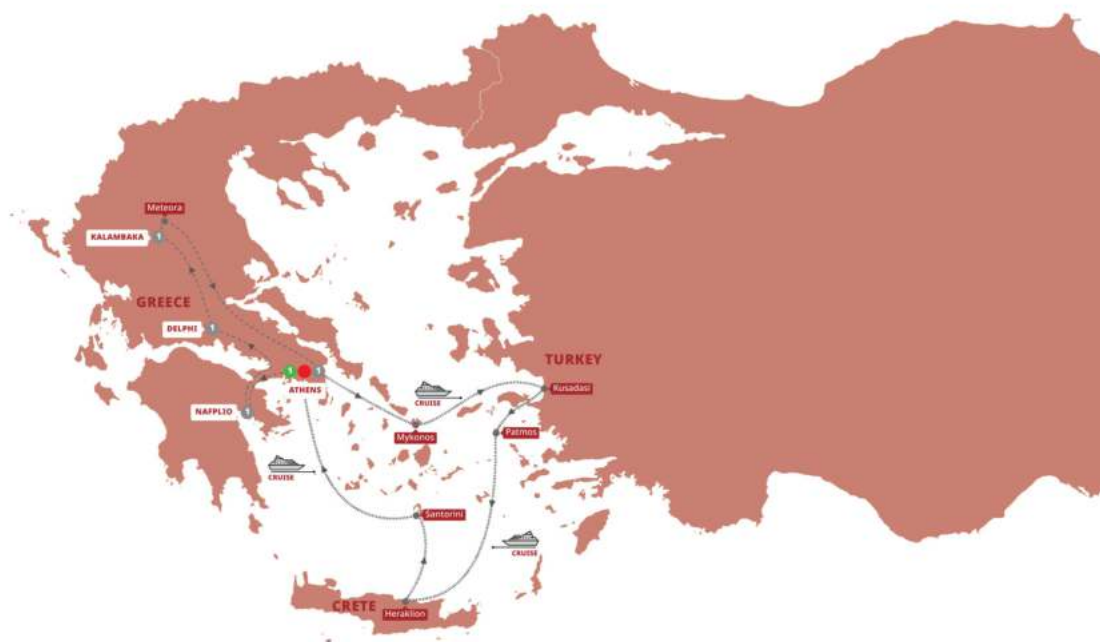


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 Visited Location

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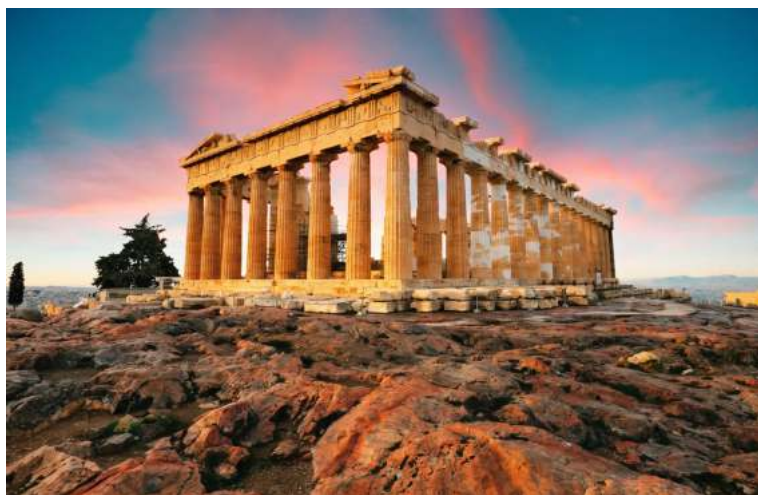
Day 1 | Begin Your Greek Journey in Athens



You'll arrive in Athens and find antiquity threaded through the city: marble columns beyond cafe tables, temple ruins beside narrow streets and the Acropolis high above the rooftops. After checking in, you can explore the streets at your own pace, perhaps turning into Plaka where pedestrian lanes curl past neoclassical façades and bougainvillea tumbles from balconies. You might catch the roasted scent of Greek coffee from a kafenion or pick up a sesame-crusted koulouri from a bakery. Later, meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers, ready to begin twelve days together in Greece.

Hotel: Dorian Inn

Day 2 | Classical Greece: Athens to Nafplio



With your Local Specialist beside you, you'll make the climb to the Acropolis, the Parthenon waiting at the summit in pale marble as Athens stretches far below. From there, you'll move through the city's great classical landmarks, following the long curve of the Panathenaic Stadium, passing the surviving columns of the Temple of Olympian Zeus and slipping beneath the clean stone lines of Hadrian's Arch. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, pause as the Evzones perform their ceremonial change, the hard strike of nail-studded tsarouchia sounding across the paving while white pleats sway and red caps flash against the stone. At Vryssaki Art Cafe, settle into the terrace for something sweet, with the Acropolis framed above the rooftops. Then leave Athens behind and peer down into the Corinth Canal, its narrow ribbon of water cut deep between sheer rock walls. In Nafplio, the evening is yours. Perhaps choose an Optional Experience to look up towards Palamidi Castle, out across the harbor to Bourtzi Fortress and towards the Sleeping Lion carved into the rock before sharing dinner at a family-run local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Rex

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Nafplion Venetian Inspirations - Step into Nafplio, the first capital of modern Greece, where seaside charm meets grand history. See the Venetian Palamidi Castle and its 999 Steps, then take in views across the Argolic Gulf to the Bourtzi Fortress offshore. Round off the day with dinner at a traditional local taverna loved by locals and visitors.
Adult: 54.00 EUR

Day 3 | Explore Mycenae Then Travel to Delphi



Start with ancient Mycenae, where your Local Specialist unpacks a world of royal tombs, mighty ruins and Bronze Age drama that did not come to play. Then swap warrior kings for winged workers at Axion Esti, a family-run organic beekeeping facility in Stemnitsa. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience is sweet, hands-on and properly local. Meet Sophia and Anthony, zip into beekeeper gear, get close to the hives, nose around the museum and taste honey straight from the source while learning why these tiny pollinators are big-time ecosystem heroes. After all that buzz, grab lunch in Mycenae your way before the road calls again. This afternoon, continue to Delphi and settle in for a free evening in this storied mountain town.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Pythia Art

Day 4 | Journey From Delphi Through Thermopylae to Kalambaka



OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Lunch with the Locals in Delphi - Oracle stories work up an appetite. Pull up a chair at a local Delphi restaurant for a hosted lunch packed with good food, easy conversation and proper Greek flavor. No prophecies needed, just come hungry.
Adult: 59.00 EUR

Along Delphi's Sacred Way, you'll climb with your Local Specialist towards the Temple of Apollo, the path winding higher across the hillside with the vast olive groves of Amfissa spread out below. This was the road to the Oracle, once trod by Alexander the Great before setting out to conquer the known world. As you continue through the sanctuary with your Local Specialist, you'll hear how athletes once competed here alongside musicians and poets in the Pythian Games, all in honor of Apollo. Perhaps choose an Optional Experience and take your seat for a hosted lunch at a local restaurant, passing plates across the table before continuing north. At Thermopylae, beneath the slopes of Mount Kallidromos, you'll look across the broad plain that today covers what was once a narrow passage between mountain and sea, held by King Leonidas and his Spartans. Then continue through central Greece to Kalambaka for dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Edelweiss

Day 5 | Visit Meteora's Monasteries Above Kalambaka



OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Traditional Greek Taverna Meal With Entertainment - This is an evening excursion to a taverna in the center of Athens. Enjoy excellent traditional Greek food in a lively atmosphere while being entertained by dances and music from all parts of the country. Wine, beer and soft drinks are also included. Although the venue does have an official ending time, guests are more than welcome to stay on in the taverna, to join in with the local residents! (Casual dress)
Adult: 60.00 EUR

At Meteora, you'll travel with your Local Specialist into a landscape of sheer sandstone pillars, with monasteries set so high above Kalambaka that stone and sky seem stitched together. Visit one of these 14th-century retreats and move through its stone-built spaces, then look back towards Kalambaka from a height monks once reached only by rope and ladder. Hear how people and provisions were hauled up the rock face, suspended between the ground below and the monastery above. Later, return to Athens with the rest of the day free to spend your way. This evening, perhaps choose an Optional Experience and gather at a taverna with your new friends, where traditional Greek dishes and drinks pass around the table and you might find yourself on the dance floor before the night is over.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Dorian Inn

Day 6 | Sail From Athens to Mykonos



You'll board your cruise and settle into Greek island life with Mykonos waiting as your first port of call. In Chora, you'll wind through narrow lanes between whitewashed buildings, perhaps pausing when a tucked-away courtyard tempts you in with lazy cats stretched beside the tables and locals nearby. On the Island of the Winds, you pass blue-painted doors, tiny chapels and bougainvillea spilling over courtyard walls as the breeze catches the awnings above you.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MV Celestyal Discovery

Day 7 | Discover Ancient Ephesus and Sacred Patmos

Kusadasi is your first port of call, where your complimentary Shore Experience takes you to ancient Ephesus to follow marble streets between soaring ruins and ingenious traces of Roman life. Back on board, you sail to Patmos, an island bound to the story of St John and the Book of Revelation. Choose today's Optional Experience where you'll enter the Cave of the Apocalypse, its rough rock enclosing you in cool shadow, before visiting St John's Monastery high above the island. From Roman grandeur to a cave associated with one of Christianity's most powerful visions, you experience two ancient worlds within a single sweep of the Aegean.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MV Celestyal Discovery

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Patmos Countryside Tour with Hora and the Grotto of the Apocalypse - We'll visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Patmos to enjoy a panoramic guided tour of the island, including a magical visit to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, where it is said St John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation. We'll then reach the medieval town of Hora to enjoy a leisurely walk, marvel at the views of the Monastery of St John the Evangelist, and finish our tour at Scala, the port of Patmos, where we'll enjoy a welcoming coffee, tea or refreshment.

Adult: 82.00 EUR

Day 8 | Patmos, Crete and Santorini: Aegean Highlights



In Crete, you'll choose how to experience the island. Perhaps wander through the Palace of Knossos, taking in its vivid wall paintings and monumental Minoan ruins, or travel inland through the countryside and taste Cretan food. Back on board, you sail towards Santorini, searching the horizon until its volcanic cliffs and pale villages appear ahead. Add this afternoon's Shore Experience and travel through villages and vineyards towards Oia, gazing at church domes and white walls scattered across the slopes above the caldera. From here, you can look out across the immense curve of the flooded crater, with vineyards behind you, islands in the distance and Santorini suspended between volcanic rock and sea.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MV Celestyal Discovery

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Experience Cretan Countryside & Lifestyle - Leaving the Venetian walls of Heraklion behind us, drive deep into the beautiful countryside of Greece's largest island. Pass through Episkopi and Sgourokefalí before arriving at the traditional village of Stíronas. Wine has been in Crete since the Minoans and after a little wine tasting, visit a raki distiller and sample the product straight from the barrels in his cellar. Enjoy a Cretan meze with pure local olive oil and traditional dancers performance. You will have imbibed the true flavor of countryside life for a few hours. Subject to participation numbers.

Adult: 98.00 EUR

The Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion - The magnificent Minoan Palace of Knossos is perched up on the hill of Kephala, overlooking a fragrant pine-forested valley. The capital of the Minoan civilization was the first civilization in Europe, and also one of the most advanced in the ancient world. The lavishly frescoed, colossal Palace of Knossos is the largest Bronze Age archaeological site in Crete, and comprises of more than 1500 rooms, occupying 20,000 sq. meters. It's a labyrinth of mythological charm and historical importance and boasts exceptionally high-quality art and pottery artifacts. Explore the Grand Staircase and the Throne Room, and admire the ornate frescoes that adorn the excavated walls of the ancient Minoan settlement. After exploring the iconic ancient Palace of Knossos, it's time to live it up in the cosmopolitan port capital of Crete. The final resting place of Crete's most famous son, Nikos Kazantzakis, who wrote 'Zorba the Greek', is a vibrant city filled with an abundance of rich color, charm and heritage. The city's Venetian fortress of Koules and its collection of mansions, Byzantine churches and Turkish fountains offer a plethora of fantastic photo opportunities. Stroll along the scenic waterfront to find the perfect spot to stop for a cup of coffee or a freshly chilled drink.

Adult: 74.00 EUR

Spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera rim - Hop onto tender boats and arrive at Athinios port. Transfer to the village of Oia, sitting high on the cliffs with whitewashed houses, colorful rooftops and breathtaking Caldera views. Wander through Oia's charming streets before traveling to Fira, where your Local Specialist gives an introduction before you're free to explore. Grab a bite, shop or snap pictures of the sites and sights at your own pace. End the day with a cable car ride back to the tender boats.

Adult: 89.00 EUR

Day 9 | End Your Island Journey in Athens



Athens comes back into reach as your Aegean cruise ends at Lavrio Port. After nine days of ancient cities, island ports and some of Greece's most storied sites, you disembark and say goodbye to your fellow travelers. Your flight from Athens should be scheduled no earlier than noon on disembarkation day.

Meals: Breakfast

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