

THE TRAVEL CLUB

A Week in Greece: Athens, Mykonos & Santorini

8 DAYS: Wednesday, October 3-Thursday, October 11, 2018

\$2,919 per person double occupancy; \$3,239 for single reservations

Watch the setting sun from the hilltops of Greece's most famous islands. Cobblestone streets, arched white facades, ocean-blue roofs, and larger-than-life windmills are just a few of the picturesque Greek landscapes you can expect to find on this tour. Experience ancient history and open-air museums in the capital of Athens. Then, the quintessential, beautiful Greek islands you've been dreaming of come to life on the isles of Mykonos and Santorini.

Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 3 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- The Acropolis, the Parthenon, Temple of Zeus, windmills in Mykonos Town, black-sand beaches in Santorini, the Akrotiri excavations, Mount Profitis Ilias,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with steep hills and stairs.



Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Athens today.

Athens

Day 2: Arrival in Athens Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Greece! Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner tonight.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Athens Included meals: Breakfast

A local guide introduces you to the highlights of this bustling ancient capital, home to the world's first democracy. • Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian • View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus • See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district • Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion Enjoy a free afternoon in Athens or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Cape Sounion \$45/pp

Journey to the southern tip of the Attic Peninsula to take in the sights of the Poseidon Coast, including sandy beaches, natural and manmade harbors and, of course, the Aegean Sea itself. High above the sparkling shoreline, the Temple of Poseidon dominates the landscape. Of the original structure, 16 elegant Doric pillars remain. Afterward, decide how you'd like to spend your free time. Take a moment to look out from the lofty cliffside vantage point, where you can see five Aegean islands on a clear day. You may also choose to enjoy a coffee, stop in the souvenir shop, or stroll through the area. Please note: This excursion involves some walking on uneven terrain. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$55)

Mykonos

Day 4: Transfer to Mykonos Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel by ferry to Mykonos this morning and spend some free time on the island when you arrive. • See the iconic windmills in Mykonos Town, built as early as the 16th century • View Little Venice, the charming neighborhood right along the Aegean Sea

Day 5: Free day in Mykonos Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Mykonos or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Delos \$79/pp

Journey by boat to the island of Delos, rich with mythological history and once one of Greece's most sacred spots. Your guided tour of the island's ancient city will transport you to the time when this was an important center for trade in silk, spices, and slaves. You can explore the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Sacred Cave, the Lion Terrace, and the House of Dionysus, where you'll find a breathtaking mosaic of the god of wine. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$89)

Santorini

Day 6: Transfer to Santorini **Included meals: Breakfast**

Take a ferry to Santorini, then enjoy free time to discover the island's charming culture and awe-inspiring landscapes. Enjoy a free evening in Santorini or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Santorini Caldera Cruise & Dinner \$119/pp**

Board an elegant, fully equipped catamaran and sail in comfort through Santorini's awe-inspiring caldera on this scenic excursion. You'll cruise around the volcanic island of Nea Kameni for views of the picture-perfect cliffside village of Oia (pronounced "EE-ah"). Situated on the western end of the island, Oia was once a maritime center and stately captains' houses still sit on its high ridges. Spend the afternoon on the open waters as you snorkel in the ocean, sunbathe on the deck of the catamaran, and swim in a natural hot spring that was once the crater of a volcano. You'll enjoy unlimited wine, water, and soft drinks as well as a buffet-style dinner of home-cooked Greek specialties on board the boat as you take in the sunset (on clear days) and the scenery. Please note: We recommend packing a bathing suit. This excursion is seasonal and runs from May through the beginning of October only. It is also weather-dependent. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$129)

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Santorini **Included meals: Breakfast**

Take in the local sights on a guided tour of Santorini, a volcanic isle known for its black-sand beaches, cliff-lined shores, and stunning whitewashed architecture. • Visit the prehistoric settlements that were unearthed during the archaeological excavations at Akrotiri • Ride to the top of Mount Profitis Ilias for panoramic views of the whole island • Stop in the small, picturesque village of Pyrgos Spend a free afternoon in Santorini or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Greek Wine Tasting & Lunch \$59/pp**

Santorini's volcanic landscape and nutrient-rich soil nurture a wealth of outstanding vineyards. You'll tour a local winery and learn about how the vines are trained to grow close to the ground, which helps protect the grapes from the strong ocean winds. Then, sit down for a lunch and tasting featuring some of their signature varietals including Assyrtiko and Vin Santo. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$69)

Athens

Day 8: Transfer to Athens **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

This afternoon, fly to Athens and say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner.

Day 9: Departure **Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.