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## 7-10 Day Greek-Get-A-Way – Pick Two – Athens & Mykonos



### **CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-16 Day ITINERARY**

Uncover the enchanting world of Greece with a tour of Athens and Mykonos. Captivating history and enduring mythology entwine in the Greek city of Athens. Set amidst a backdrop of unrivaled archaeological sites, be enlightened by outdoor temples where gods were once worshipped and a trove of world-class treasures were discovered.

**“Every perfect traveler always creates the country where he travels.” - Nikos Kazantzakis**

From Athens, Encounter the endless beaches of Mykonos and its nearby islands, each filled with its own folklore, and toast a chilled glass of ouzo to the home of modern civilization as you cruise aboard your private yacht.

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## **Day 1 Arrival Athens: US – Athens**

**Arrive in Athens** and meet your English-speaking Professional Representative in customs. You will receive a VIP escort to help you traverse customs and the airport. You will be escorted to baggage claim where you will meet your English-speaking private driver who will transfer you to your hotel (TBD).

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will enjoy a VIP check-in. If your room is not ready you will leave your luggage with the concierge. It will meet you in your accommodation later.

**This morning we have arranged a special treat** for you to recover from your long flight. You will enjoy a couple's massage in the spa to help refresh and rejuvenate you from your travels. Afterwards, you can relax in the spa until your room is ready. Additional treatments can be booked for this time period to relax, decompress, and rejuvenate in preparation of your exploration of Greece.



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**Lunch is on your own today.** We recommend a leisurely champagne brunch or a relaxing lunch in the hotel.

After lunch it's time to get moving again. You will meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for an afternoon full of exciting sites, history & culture in Athens.

You will enjoy an exclusive and private City Tour. This introductory tour is crafted from your passions and preferences, so you will enjoy the places we visit today. Below is a sample itinerary for the city tour.



Along the Saronic Gulf stands Athens, the capital of Greece and the birthplace of Western Civilization. Named after the Greek goddess Athena, Athens has been a center of democracy, philosophy, art and architecture for over 7,000 years.

Step through history on a private overview tour of Athen's ancient sites, including the Parthenon, Keramikos, Agora, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Arch of Hadrian and the Kalimarmaro.

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Visit the sculpture collections at the Metropolitan Museum and the British National Museum.

Afterwards, stop by Athens' Central Market for an authentic browse through the source of Greece's fresh cuisine and spices.

Conclude your day with shopping in the Kolonaki District, a trip to the Kaisairini Monastery, or a visit to Voukourestiou Street, renowned for its vast selection of jewelry stores.

**After the tour**, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens.

## Day 2 Athens: Athens

**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

**After breakfast this morning**, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a private historic and cultural morning tour.



Today we explore in depth, the Acropolis. Atop Athens' tallest hill, dominating the city below, stands the ancient temple complex built by Pericles in the 5th century B.C., known as the Acropolis.



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Explore the ruins of the iconic Parthenon, the temple that once served as a treasury for the Greek government.



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Marvel at the Porch of Maidens, named for its six caryatids, carved female statues, which replaced the traditional architectural columns of the structure.



Nearby stands the most intact temple of the time, the beautifully preserved marble Temple of Hephaestus, known as the Theseum, believed to have been the home of the Greek hero Theseus.

Once a monumental Doric temple, was destroyed the colossal monument known as the Roman Temple of Zeus, yet its fifteen limestone columns remain as striking ruins.



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Complete your morning tour with a trip to the new Acropolis Museum, which houses sculpture and artifacts with this Golden Age of Athens.

**Lunch is on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area. You may stay in the area or you can be returned to your hotel.

After lunch you are at leisure to return to the museum to continue your historic musings or to explore other areas on your own. You may choose to just relax in the hotel or venture out to explore the area surrounding your hotel.

**\*\*Celebrity hosted and other private experiences are available. In your creative planning session we will offer additional experiences to include in your itinerary for Athens.**

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**Day 3 Athens:** Athens – Cape Sounion

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**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

**After breakfast this morning**, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a private tour. We start the day with the Temple of Poseidon, and then on to Lavrion.



On the southernmost tip of Attica, drive through Athens' cosmopolitan suburbs along the Saronic Gulf to Sounion. On a promontory surrounded by water lies the ancient temple honoring Poseidon, the mythological god of the sea. Built in 440 B.C., the temple is believed to have been the site where mariners left gifts for the god to protect them from evil. Framed by the blue color of the sky, the temple's white marble portico and six columns of the temple remains a spellbinding site over two millennia later.

Venture towards the nearby coastal town of Lavrion, home of Greece's oldest amphitheater, overlooking the sapphire Aegean Sea. With a history dating back to 3200 B.C., it was home to

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Greece's first silver mines and refineries. Walk alongside enormous cisterns and ore washeries to experience a side of Greek history unexplored by the masses.

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After lunch you are at leisure to explore other areas on your own. You may choose to just relax in the hotel or venture out to explore the area surrounding your hotel.

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**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens.

**\*\* Evening entertainment is available to include in your itinerary. In your CPS, we will offer experiences to include in your itinerary that blend with your passions and interests.**

## Day 4 Athens: Athens – Mykonos

**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

**After breakfast this morning,** check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby for your private transfer to the airport for your flight to Mykonos.



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**Upon arrival in Mykonos**, you will be met by your private English-speaking driver who will transfer you to your hotel (TBD).

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will meet the Concierge for a VIP check-in. You will leave your luggage with the Concierge, it will meet you in your accommodations later when your room is ready.

**Your English-speaking Professional Local Guide will meet you** and your driver in the hotel to begin your private tour of Mykonos. Today you will

visit and explore Old Port and Little Venice.

In the Cycladic Islands, snow-white windmills dot the idyllic landscape on the island of Mykonos. Constructed during the 16th century by Venetian settlers to grind wheat, they serve as a symbol of the island's agricultural past. Enjoy a private guided tour of this radiant island, known for its sparkling beaches and sophisticated feel.



Begin in Mykonos' old port, featuring its signature whitewashed houses. Tour this town and see the lovely sites that make up this little piece of heaven.

**Lunch is on your own today here in town.** Your Guide will offer suggestions for dining today.

Then travel to Little Venice, named for its architectural resemblance to Venice, Italy, where balconies hang over the sea. Explore various

archaeological places of interest.

Next you will go to the island's acclaimed 15th century bakery, where breads and sweets are still baked in its ancient wood-fired ovens.

You will continue your day of exploration with opportunities for shopping at local boutiques.

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You will conclude your tour with a tasting of traditional Greek delicacies paired with a chilled glass of local ouzo.

**After the tour** you will be returned to your hotel where you are at leisure to relax or continue to explore on your own.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Mykonos.

## Day 5 Mykonos: Mykonos

**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

**After breakfast this morning**, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby for your transfer to the pier to meet your private charter boat for today's cruise through the islands. You will visit Naxos, Donousa, Tinos, Paros, Inkaria and Amorgos.

By private charter boat, cruise through the endless blue of the Aegean Sea with a full-day boat journey.

**Choose from a selection of private islands & beaches to explore.** Depending on what you desire to do, you will typically be able to experience one to three islands in a day. If you want to see them all you may want to make this a two day event.



Donousa, a small island with few inhabitants, is recommended for privacy and relaxation. Ideal for windsurfing is the idyllic Paros, featuring its trademark golden beaches. Named "Zeus Island" by Homer.

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Naxos has been inhabited since the 4th century B.C. and retains much of its original architecture and churches. The home of the miraculous original Virgin Mary icon.



Tinos features magnificent beaches and over 52 villages against a mountainous backdrop.



The remote island of Ikaria possesses pristine beaches and the Roman hot spring known as Therma, along with the Byzantine castle of Koskina.



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Snorkel in the clear waters of Amorgos, a tiny island featured in the film, “The Big Blue.”

Your private chef will have Lunch ready for you to enjoy on the boat, with plenty of snacks and delicacies arranged for you throughout the day. Your fully stocked bar is at your disposal throughout your trip. You can also choose to take a picnic to one of the islands for lunch if you desire.

A glorious sunset will prevail as you start your return to Mykonos from your island adventures.

**You will enjoy a wonderful dinner on board** the boat, prepared by your private chef. You will cruise the Aegean waters and enjoy a candle lit dinner as you cruise by islands and watch the sun go down.

**You will be met by your private Driver** upon landing at the Marina who will transfer you to your hotel.

**You will be at leisure** for the remainder of the evening.

### Day 6 Mykonos: Mykonos

**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

- **After breakfast this morning**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby for your day cruising through more of the Greek Isles. Today you will visit Dragonisi Island, Ancient Delos.

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Just southeast of Mykonos stands the uninhabited private island of Dragonisi. Encounter its caverns, spectacular natural rock formations created over thousands of years, where rare monk seals frolic. Spend a morning discovering this island and swim in its crystalline waters.

**Lunch** is included today (TBD)

Then by private boat, visit Ancient Delos, the Island of Light in the Cyclades archipelago. There, the goddess Lito found a safe haven to bear her twin children, Apollo and Artemis, after being hunted by Hera, the wife of Zeus.

A UNESCO World Heritage, Delos' architectural splendors are exemplary and include over 50 acres of exquisite monuments, including the sanctuary of Dionysus, funerary statues and a terrace of seven marble lions often compared to Egyptian sphinxes.

You will be returned to Mykonos and your hotel after the tour.



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**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Mykonos.

## Day 7 Mykonos: Mykonos – Athens – US & Home

**Breakfast in your hotel** (included)

**After breakfast this morning**, you will check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport.

Flight to Athens, onward to the US & Home.

**End of Services.**

**Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today ! 678-500-9548**

**Schedule Your Creative Planning Session Now!**