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7-10 Day Highlights Of Greece Athens, Santorini & Mykonos



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Uncover the enchanting world of Greece with a tour of Athens, Santorini 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.

The Greek Islands comprise more than 6,000 islands and islets covering much of the eastern Mediterranean. Only about 230 Greek islands are inhabited and, of these, just 80 or so have more than 100 permanent inhabitants.

The Greek islands are traditionally grouped into six major clusters:

Ionian: Found off the north-west coast of mainland Greece in the Ionian Sea these contain the popular holiday islands of Corfu, Kefalonia and Zante.

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Saronic: These lie in the Saronic gulf near Athens and the main islands here are Aegina and Poros.

Cyclades: A large, dense group of islands in the central Aegean Sea that include the popular holiday islands of Mykonos and Santorini.

North Aegean: A loose island group to the north-east of Greece. The main holiday destinations here are Thassos, Lesbos and Samos.

Sporades: A small, tightly-knit island group just off the east coast of Greece that include Skiathos and Skopelos.

Dodecanese: A long and loose string of islands that roughly follow the Turkish coast and include the popular holiday beaches on Kos and Rhodes.



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Each island group has its own flavour and each island within a group has its own character. The Ionian, for example is characterised by lush greenery, the Cyclades are 'typical' Greek islands of whitewashed cube houses on windy, rocky outcrops; the Dodecanese, close to the Turkish mainland, are the hottest, particularly in the south.

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

From Athens, retreat to the stunning caldera known as Santorini, a breezy oasis in the Cycladic Islands, with its breathtaking cliffs overlooking a dazzling blue sea. 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.

Athens - Santorini - Mykonos – Crete – Elounda - Messina



Day 1 Arrival Athens: US – Athens

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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.

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.

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

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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.

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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.



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.



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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.



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.

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****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.**

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

Day 3 Athens: Athens – Cape Sounion

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.



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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 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.

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 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.**

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 – Santorini

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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 pier where you will meet your ferry to take you to Santorini.

Flight: 45 minute flight - details TBD.

Upon arrival in Santorini, you will be met by your private English-speaking Driver in the baggage claim area, to transfer you to your hotel.

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Upon arrival at your hotel, you will be met by the Concierge for a VIP Check-in. You will leave your bags with the Concierge, who will insure they are delivered to your accommodation once your room is ready.

Meet your private English-speaking Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a 2 Hr. morning highlight walking tour of the main sites in Santorini.

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.

2:00pm: You will transfer to the Marina for your afternoon and evening island cruise. Today you will explore - Palia Kameni, Thirassia, Aspronissi

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At the southern side of the Cycladic Islands lies the spectacular Santorini Island, a short forty-minute flight from Athens. An island characterized by its blue-domed churches the color of the sky, a shade known as Santorini blue, this Greek destination was formed after a Minoan explosion 3,600 years ago. Be introduced to this enchanting island on a cruise through its enormous lagoon alongside its steep, breathtaking cliffs.



Set sail from Vlihada Marina from the lava cliffs of Red Beach to Palia Kameni, where you can swim and snorkel in the azure waters.

Cruise alongside the caldera with a stop at a volcanic hot spring. Enjoy the springs as your **private chef prepares a gourmet Greek barbecue**, paired with local Santorini wines.

After dinner, sail past the islands of Thirassia and Aspronissi.

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You will be returned to the Marina where your private English-speaking Driver will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. Everything will be waiting for your arrival in your room.

Day 5 Santorini: Santorini

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, meet your private English-speaking Driver & your Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for an in depth tour of some important places here in Santorini. Today we will visit and explore Mesa Gonia, Panagia Episkopi, Megalochori.

Uncover the secret villages and wineries of this legendary island with a private guided day trip of Santorini.



Begin with a tour of Mesa Gonia, a ghost village deserted after the earthquake of 1956.

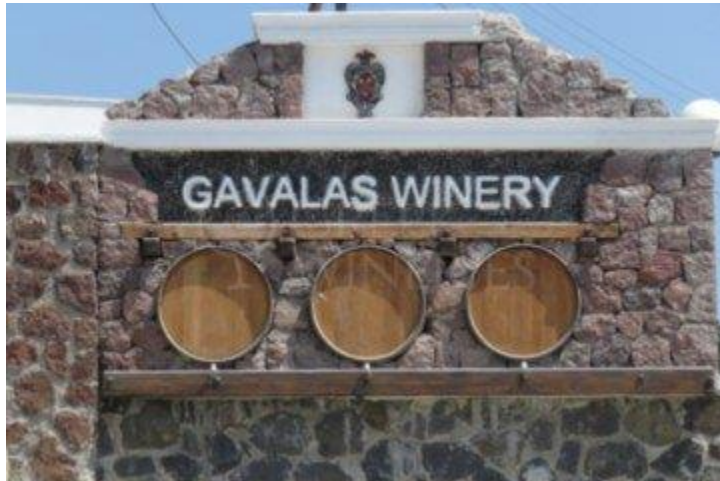
Nearby stands the oldest church on Santorini, a Byzantine church, known as the Panagia Episkopi. Built by the Emperor Alexios A' Komnenos in the 11th century, it is the long-time home of the Panagia Glykofilousa, one of the most valuable religious icons in the world.

Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area you are visiting.

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Atop a high plain sits the village of Megalochori. **Visit the Gavalas Winery**, one of Greece's oldest vineyards, for a tasting of their full-bodied whites, produced from Santorini's native Assyrtiko and Aidani grapes.

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 Santorini.

Day 6 Santorini: **Santorini**

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, meet your private English-speaking Driver & your Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a day at the Megalochori Village.



Enjoy an authentic taste of local life with a visit to the colorful neo-classical square of Megalochori.

Built in the 17th century, the village retains an old-world charm, and locals gather to play tavli or backgammon as they have done for generations.

Meander through its maze of cobblestone streets and explore the town and all it has to offer to its inhabitants and tourists.

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You will head over for a cooking experience at the acclaimed Fegera Restaurant.

There, you will be instructed by the restaurant's chef on the preparation and cooking of a traditional Greek meal. Once your meal is ready you will enjoy the meal, paired with local wines.

After Lunch, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue some exploring on your own.

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

Day 7 Santorini: [Santorini – Mykonos](#)



Breakfast in your hotel (included)

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After breakfast this morning, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby for your transfer to the pier to meet the ferry, which will take you to the island of **Mykonos**.

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.

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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.

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 8 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.

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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.



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.



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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.



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.

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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 9 Mykonos: Mykonos

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

- **After breakfast this morning**, 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.

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

Day 10 Mykonos: Mykonos

Early 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 transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens and forward to the US & Home.

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

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