



College
Break

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11 DAYS

Greece

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- Hotels
- Travel between cities
- Ferries between islands
- Welcome drink
- Farewell dinner
- Breakfast daily
- Full-time tour guide
- Walking tours
- Sightseeing tours
- Entrances to select attractions

Itinerary subject to change



DAY 1 FLIGHT

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO EUROPE

DAY 2 ATHENS

ARRIVAL IN ATHENS • Welcome to Athens! After clearing customs, you'll meet your full-time tour guide and the rest of your group. Did you know that Athens was named after Athena, goddess of wisdom?

WALKING TOUR OF ATHENS • Your tour guide will show you some of the can't-miss spots of Athens, including the bustling Plaka district. Check out Hadrian's Arch and the Temple of Olympian Zeus—construction on the temple began in 515 B.C.

WELCOME DRINK • Get to know the other travelers in your group over some welcome drinks. Afterwards, head out on the town, or go back to the hotel to catch up on some sleep.

DAY 3 ATHENS

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF ATHENS (LOCAL GUIDE) • Discover ancient Athens with a local guide. It's hard not to feel the past as you walk in the sandalsteps of the ancient philosophers, merchants, and revelers. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, and pass the stadium where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896. Also climb the famed Acropolis and view the legendary Parthenon.

OPTIONAL GREEK EVENING (extra cost) • Dine on classic Greek cuisine at a specially selected taverna, and take in a traditional dance and music performance at these optional festivities.

DAY 4 MYKONOS

FERRY TO MYKONOS • Begin your 6-day Greek Island hop, and head to cosmopolitan Mykonos. Mykonos is known for its beaches and its nightlife, and though you'll pay a little more for your fun here than you will on the other islands, the stellar scenery and lively bar and club scene are all worth it.

FREE TIME MYKONOS (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Little Venice** • This is the best area to go bar hopping—many places have verandas overlooking the water.
- 2. Katerina's** • Famous for its piña colodas, this Little Venice bar offers stunning views of the sunset over the sea.
- 3. Cavo Paradiso** • Famous DJs spin at this Paradise Beach spot in the summer months.
- 4. Anemo Theatre** • From July to September, this outdoor venue features concerts and other performances.



5. Caprice • This is the first club to open in the spring and the last to close in the fall.

DAY 5 MYKONOS

FREE DAY ON MYKONOS • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Paradise Beach** • This is the most famous of the beaches, with all the seaside activities to earn the reputation.
- 2. Lena's House** • Step inside a recreated home of a middle class 19th-century Mykonos family.
- 3. Little Venice** • Check out this unique area of houses built hanging over the sea.
- 4. Museum of Folklore** • Housed in a 19th-century sea captain's home, this museum displays a cool collection of crafts and furniture.
- 5. Delos** • Just off the coast of Mykonos, the entire island is an archaeological site.

DAY 6 SANTORINI

FERRY TO SANTORINI • Head to island of Santorini, also known as Thira. The scenery of Santorini is simply spectacular. Actually the caldera of an ancient volcano, the crescent-shaped island encircles beautiful blue waters.

FREE TIME SANTORINI (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Kamari** • This town's beachfront is packed with clubs and cafes, so take your pick.
- 2. Yellow Donkey Disco** • A youthful air dominates this popular club in Kamari.
- 3. Kirathira Bar** • For some mellow jazz and a nice atmosphere, check out this spot.
- 4. Murphy's Club** • This club in Fira is open all year; a favorite spot for dancing.
- 5. Tropical Bar** • The balcony at this cool place looks out on the volcano caldera 250 meters above the sea.

DAY 7 SANTORINI

FREE DAY ON SANTORINI • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Archaeological Museum** • Check out this collection of local artifacts, including figurines, vases and more.
- 2. Ancient Thira** • These amazing ancient ruins are atop a high cliff overlooking two beaches.

3. Oia • Explore this beautiful village at the western tip of the island; a great place to watch the sun set over the water.

4. Pyrgos • This is one of the oldest and most traditional villages on the island.

5. Swimming • The long beach at Kamari is a very appealing option for seaside activities.

DAY 8 IOS

FERRY TO IOS • Head to the smaller island of Ios, known as the island of good times. It has a youthful feel, and most people come for the nightlife. Of course, during the day, it's easy to catch up on sleep on any number of relaxing beaches.

FREE TIME IOS (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Mylopotas** • Come to bar-hopping heaven on this long stretch along the beach.
- 2. Scorpion** • Located in Mylopotas, this is supposedly the largest club in the Cyclades Island chain.
- 3. Ios Club** • On the port, this is a good spot to have a drink and listen to classical or jazz music.
- 4. Dubliner** • In the main square of Ios Town, this is a friendly watering hole, popular with Irish tourists.
- 5. Amadeus Bar** • This small bar has great music.

DAY 9 IOS

FREE DAY ON IOS • Top 4 suggestions:

- 1. Ios Town** • Explore this charming village in the classic Cycladic style (whitewash, cubes and colorful doors and shutters).
- 2. Mylopotas** • Water sports, sunning, and swimming abound at this lively sandy beach.
- 3. Koumbara** • About a 30-minute walk from the port of Ios, this is a quieter, more mellow beach.
- 4. Plakotos** • Up on a mountain on the north side of the island, this is the supposed spot of Homer's grave.

DAY 10 ATHENS

RETURN TO ATHENS • Head back to the mainland for the final evening of your trip.

FAREWELL DINNER • Share some last laughs (and maybe shed a few tears) at a farewell dinner with the group.

DAY 11 ATHENS

FLIGHT HOME

DON'T WANT TO GO HOME?

Plan beforehand, and you can change your return ticket and explore more of Athens on your own, or visit another city and fly home from there. Contact us for details.