# GREECE & GREEK ISLANDS TOUR



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# Greece Escorted Tour with Flights

**Duration:** 13 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 11 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour, with flights from Australia

**Booking code:** GRACG13M

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# About the holiday

This tour of Greece takes you to a country of phenomenal culture, historical heritage, amazing coastlines and remarkable beauty.

Discover the magic from historic Athens to Olympia, Delphi, Santorini and Crete. Begin the journey with taking a step back in time on a tour of the country's capital city. Explore the ancient stadium where the first Olympic Games was held in 776 BC and tour Delphi's archaeologic museum that's been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Next, it's time to board the first ferry to the beautiful island of Santorini, with its inimitable blue door homes and white church domes. Last stop on the island hop is Crete, where you'll stay in Heraklion to explore the fifth-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Why you'll love this tour...

- This comprehensive itinerary ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Join guided tours of the historic sites in Athens, Olympia & Delphi
- It's a comfortable pace, with a 2-night stay in Santorini & 4 nights on Crete
- Flights are included from Australia, or ask us about doing the tour on its own.

# Travel dates:

**2024 -** Departs Australia on select dates, see our website for details

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for current prices and availability.

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# **Greece Tour Package Includes:**

Flights: Return economy airfares from Australian capital cities to Athens

Domestic economy airfare from Heraklion to Athens

Accommodation: 11 nights in 4-star hotels, based on twin share

3 nights Athens

1 night Olympia

1 night Delphi

2 nights Santorini

4 nights Crete

Hotel taxes, fees & service charges

13 meals: 11 breakfasts, 2 dinners

**Sightseeing:** as per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach (days 2-6)

Entrance fees as per itinerary

Guides: Services of English-speaking tour manager (days 2-6)

Services of local guide in Athens

**Transfers:** Athens Airport to Athens Hotel and v.v (private taxi)

Athens Hotel to Piraeus Port and v.v (private taxi)

Santorini Port to Santorini Hotel and v.v (shared minibus)

Heraklion Port to Heraklion Hotel and v.v (shared minibus)

Ferry Tickets: Piraeus to Santorini in Economy Class

Santorini to Heraklion in Economy Class

Port Taxes & Handling Fees

Delivery of the ferry tickets to Athens Hotel

# Package excludes:

Airport transfers, unless specified

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential - please contact us for a quote

Package is subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators. Contact us for solo traveller rates. Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

# **Itinerary:**

DAY 1: Depart for Greece

Depart on your overnight flights to Greece

### DAY 2: Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the classical capital of Greece; and catch a taxi to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover the ancient wonders of this city known as the cradle of Western Civilisation and the birthplace of democracy. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM at your hotel. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 5 PM Overnight: Athens

# DAY 3: Athens City Tour

This morning is at leisure, or join the optional guided tour of the Acropolis. This architectural masterpiece was built during the Golden Age of Athens and today is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For passengers who opt not participate in the optional tour, transportation has been included to meet the Tour Manager and the rest of the group at the Acropolis Museum. Visit the museum, built at the base of the famous monument, housing many of the precious original statues from the Acropolis. After lunch on your own, join the Tour Manager for a walk through the lively Plaka area, the oldest section of Athens, a neighbourhood of charming restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes. Continue by bus to Syntagma Square. Upon arrival, you might catch a glimpse of the colourfully-costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style. Tonight, consider joining the optional dinner in Athens. Begin the evening with a panoramic drive through illuminated Athens. Continue to the lively Plaka area under the Acropolis and enjoy a 3-course traditional Greek dinner, including wine and live music at a typical Greek taverna

Optional: Acropolis Archaeological Site Walking Tour (AM)

Optional: Dinner in Athens (PM)

Overnight: Athens Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 4: Sightseeing en route to Olympia

Depart Athens via the scenic coastal road to the mighty Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece. Continue via Nauplion to Mycenae, the heartland of Greek mythology.

Visit the Acropolis of Mycenae and the Tomb of Atreus, built around 1250 B.C. From here, drive through the Central Peloponnese Peninsula, whose major cities in classical times were Corinth and Sparta. Continue to Olympia, birthplace of the first Olympic Games

Overnight: Olympia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# DAY 5: Tour the Olympia Archaeological Site

Morning visit to the archaeological site of Olympia, including the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, and the ancient stadium where the Olympic Games were first held in 776 B.C. At the Archaeological Museum view astonishing Greek works of art such as the Nike of Paionios and terracotta statues dating back to the 5th century B.C. Visit a local store, where you will have a chance to taste local olive oil and spices. Then, drive north through the plains of Eliad and Achaia, crossing the Corinth Strait via a cabled bridge from Rion to Antirion. Pass the town of Nafpaktos en route to Delphi, home of the ruins of the Tholos Temple

Overnight: Delphi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# DAY 6: Archaeological Tour of Delphi

Tour the excavated site of Delphi and the archaeological museum, perched on the slopes of Mount Parnassos, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Considered one of the most important places in Greek history, its stunning setting and ancient ruins are truly inspirational. Walk the Sacred Way to the imposing 4th century B.C. Temple of Apollo, site of the most important oracle in the classical world. Afterward, travel south and arrive in Athens in late afternoon. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Tonight, meet your Tour Manager for a drink to bid farewell

Overnight: Athens Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 7: Athens - Santorini

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before an early morning transfer to Piraeus Port for embarkation on your ferry to Santorini Island. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay in Santorini.

Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 8: Santorini

After breakfast at your hotel this morning, the rest of the day is at leisure for you to discover the unique beauty of this island, famous worldwide as one of the most romantic destinations. Walk around the picturesque Fira Town and famous Oia, visit the Volcano and Akrotiri excavations and swim in one of the volcanic beaches. You may also like to join an optional tour to explore the island of Santorini. Overnight stay in Santorini.

Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 9: Santorini - Crete

After breakfast at your hotel, check out and transfer to Santorini Port. Embark your ferry for Crete. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in. The balance of the day is free at leisure. Overnight stay in Heraklion.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10: Crete

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before exploring Heraklion at your leisure. Overnight stay in Heraklion.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11: Crete

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is free for you to explore at your own pace. Overnight stay in Heraklion.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12: Crete

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is free for you to explore at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13: Depart Crete

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward journey and flights to Australia.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The daily descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road & sea conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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