

ANCIENT GREECE & GREEK ISLANDS TOUR



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Greece & Greek Islands Tour with Flights

Duration: 14 days

Stay: 12 nights hotels, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour & flights from Australia

Booking code: GRAG14M

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14 Days Greece & Greek Islands Tour with Flights

About the holiday

This exciting Greece holiday combines the essential highlights of historic Athens, Olympia and Delphi, with the islands of Mykonos and Santorini.

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 archaeological museum that's been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Next, take a ferry to the island of Mykonos, with its whitewashed houses, iconic windmills, trendy cafes and boutiques. Enjoy a 3-night stay with a sightseeing excursion to Delos, where you'll discover history dating back to early Ionian civilisation. The final stop on this tour is Santorini, an island that's famous for its inimitable blue door homes and white church domes. A bus tour will take you to the one of the most traditional villages on the island, as well as the archaeological site of ancient Akrotiri, a former Bronze Age settlement that was frozen in time after a volcanic eruption 3600 years ago.

Why you'll love this holiday...

- This comprehensive itinerary ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Join guided tours of the historic sites in Athens, Olympia & Delphi
- Learn more about Greece's ancient culture and myths in Mykonos & Santorini

Travel dates:

2025 - Departs on select dates from 22 April to 07 October

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:

- Return economy airfares from Australian cities to Athens
- Intra-flight economy class Santorini-Athens
- 12 nights accommodations, mostly 4-star hotels
 - 3 nights Athens
 - 1 night Olympia
 - 1 night Delphi or Arachova
 - 1 night Kalambaka
 - 3 nights Mykonos
 - 3 nights Santorini
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- Ferry Athens-Mykonos & Mykonos-Santorini
- 21 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Package excludes:

Airport transfers - these can be pre-booked for an additional fee

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours, shore excursions & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi access 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.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Itinerary:

DAY 1, Tuesday - Fly from Australia to Greece

DAY 2, Wednesday - Arrive in Athens

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

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Athens City Tour

The exploration of Athens begins with a panoramic drive through the city centre. View the Panathenian Stadium, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, built to celebrate the arrival of the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Continue on to visit the Acropolis, the ancient architectural masterpiece built during the Golden Age of Athens and the new Acropolis Museum, a striking modern building built at the base of the monument where many of the original statues from the Acropolis are now displayed. The rest of the day is at leisure. Be sure to walk to Constitution Square, where you might catch a glimpse of the colourfully-costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style.

Tonight, perhaps walk through the lively Plaka area, the oldest section of Athens, a neighbourhood of charming restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Friday - 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, Saturday - Tour 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. Visit a local store, where you will have a chance to taste local olive oil and spices. Continue to Olympia's Archaeological Museum containing significant exhibitions of the ancient world and artwork dating back thousands of years. 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: Arachova

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Sunday - Archaeological Tour of Delphi, Travel to Kalambaka

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 significant 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. Then, travel over the Pourmaraki Pass towards the small town of Kalambaka, situated amidst smooth sandstone cliffs in the foothills of Meteora

Overnight: Kalambaka

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Meteora Sightseeing, Return to Athens

Visit Meteora, meaning "suspended in the air", with its mystical Eastern Orthodox monasteries incredibly nestled perilously close to the edge of bizarre rock formations. Admire the exquisite specimens of Byzantine art and the panoramic vistas over the Peneios Valley.

Stop at a workshop of Byzantine icons and souvenirs. Browse the store's vast collection of icons, created using old traditional methods. Afterward, a scenic drive takes you along the coast, past Thermopylae. Arrive in Athens in early evening

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Tuesday - Ferry to Mykonos

Today, transfer to the port for your ferry to Mykonos. Arrive in time for lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon, embark on a guided walking tour of Mykonos town and discover its charm and cultural roots. View white-washed churches, picturesque windmills where the grain used to be milled for bread flour, and stroll along narrow winding streets. Visit the island's "Little Venice," where houses and cafes have been built directly at water level. Conclude the tour with a drink at a local cafe with your Tour Manager. Tonight, perhaps find a table at a harborside taverna and just savour the bustle of Cycladic island life along with gorgeous views

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9, Wednesday - Delos Morning Tour

After breakfast, take a ferry to Delos and explore the island with its history dating back to early Ionian civilization. This splendid archaeological site was once the religious centre of the Aegean and Cyclades. According to myth, Latona gave birth here to Apollo, the Greek sun god, and to Artemis, the huntress and goddess of marriage and fertility. In Delos, view the Sacred Harbor and the regal Sacred Way, flanked by stone lions leading to the temples dedicated to Apollo and Artemis and visit the museum housing some of the most impressive archaeological artifacts found on the island. Afterward, return to Mykonos and have lunch at a local restaurant. The rest of the day is free to explore on your own

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10, Thursday - Full Day in Mykonos

Today is free to enjoy the energetic ambiance of this chic island with its sophisticated world-class restaurants and trendy boutiques. Relax at one of the many golden sandy beaches, or wander along the narrow streets of the Old Town. Allow time to shop at one of the many unique boutiques, or relax at a terrace bar.

Perhaps, join the *optional* tour of the Island. Explore the charming village of Ano Mera and visit the 16th century Monastery of Panagia Tourliani. Afterward, free time for a stroll around the central square, where you will find many tavernas and pastry shops. Continue around the coastline and make stops at the famous beaches of Mykonos

Optional: Mykonos Island Tour (AM)

Overnight: Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Friday - Ferry to Santorini

Today, transfer to the port for your ferry to Santorini. After approximately 3.5 hours, arrive to the island with its sapphire blue water, snow-white architecture, and multi-coloured cliffs, considered one of the world's most enchanting getaways. After reaching the port, head to Fira, the capital of Santorini. Take a short walking tour of the town with free time for lunch on your own. Afterward, check into the hotel. In the afternoon, explore the world of Therian volcanic wines. Visit two local wineries and learn about their production processes while sampling the regional specialties. Conclude the tour with dinner at the winery

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, Saturday - Morning Tour of Santorini

Today, explore this Greek paradise. Board the bus and drive to Megalochori, one of the most traditional villages on the island. Stroll through the narrow streets and admire the traditional architecture. Later, head to the archaeological excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, a former Bronze Age settlement located on the south west of the island. Tour the ancient city that was frozen in time after a volcanic eruption 3,600 years ago. Savor a delectable lunch of local specialties before returning to your hotel. In the afternoon, visit Oia where you will have free time to explore the village. Walk through the small, white cave houses dug into the volcanic rock, and perhaps savour dinner at one of its quaint restaurants while enjoying breathtaking sea views

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 13, Sunday - Full Day in Santorini

Spend a full day at leisure in Santorini. Thousands of years ago, one of the most devastating volcanic eruptions in history occurred here. This event is believed to have led to the demise of the ancient Minoan culture and inspired several Greek myths. Perhaps, join the *optional* Santorini Catamaran Cruise to spend a relaxing day sailing in the blue waters of Santorini. Savor a freshly prepared lunch, and enjoy swimming at the famous Red Beach. Tonight, during your dinner, bid goodbye to your Tour Manager

Optional: Half Day Santorini Catamaran Cruise

Overnight: Santorini

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14, Monday - Depart Greece, Fly to Australia

Early this morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens, where you will connect to your international flight for the return 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.

Is this tour right for you?

This program is active. Walking is done over uneven surfaces, stairs, steps, and significant slopes. Expect most of the sightseeing to require three to four hours of walking, as well as a considerable time standing. Many historical cities have specific driving regulations, with set drop off and pick up points, that result in extra walking to and from the sights. Due to strict regulations at ferry ports, portage cannot be provided and passengers will be required to carry their luggage on and off the ferry. The pace is fast as many sites are included.

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