

# ***ANCIENT GREECE TOUR & GREEK ISLANDS***



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Greece Tour, Crete & Rhodes with Flights

Duration: 21 days

Stay: 19 nights hotels, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour, independent island stays & flights

Booking code: GRCRG21M

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# 21 Days Greece Tour with Crete, Rhodes & Flights

## About the holiday

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

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, fly to the island of Crete. Enjoy a 7-night stay in Chania to discover its historic harbour, waterfront restaurants and architecture that shows Venetian, Egyptian and Ottoman influences.

The final stop on this amazing journey is Rhodes, the largest of Greece's Dodecanese islands. Indulge in a week-long stay to explore its medieval streets, historic palaces, ancient ruins and postcard-worthy beaches at your leisure.

## 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 in Crete & Rhodes

## Travel dates:

**2025** - Departs on select dates from January to November

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

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## Greece Tour Package Includes:

- Return economy airfares from Australian cities to Athens & from Rhodes
- Intra-flights economy class Athens-Crete & Crete-Rhodes
- 19 nights accommodation, typically 4-star hotels
  - 3 nights Athens
  - 1 night Olympia
  - 1 night Delphi or Arachova
  - 7 nights Chania, Crete
  - 7 nights Rhodes
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 7 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager (days 2-7)
- Services of local guide in Athens
- Entrance fees per itinerary

## 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

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single supplement

*Package is subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.*

*Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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## Itinerary:

### DAY 1, Thursday - Fly from Australia to Greece

### DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the classical capital of Greece; 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 - Athenian Callirhoe Hotel, The Stanley or similar

### DAY 3, Saturday - 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 - Athenian Callirhoe Hotel, The Stanley or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 4, Sunday - 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. Arrive at your hotel in time for dinner

**Overnight:** Olympia - Europe Hotel, Olympic Village Hotel & Spa or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 5, Monday - 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. Tonight, savour dinner in Delphi

**Overnight:** Delphi - Hotel Apollonia or V Hotel Delphi, or Arachova - Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 6, Tuesday - 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 - Athenian Callirhoe Hotel, The Stanley or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAYS 7 to 13 - Fly from Athens to Crete**

Make your own way to the airport in time to board the flight to Crete. Enjoy 7 nights in Chania, a city on the northwest coast of the Greek island of Crete. It's known for its 14th-century Venetian harbour, narrow streets and waterfront restaurants. At the harbor entrance is a 16th-century lighthouse with Venetian, Egyptian and Ottoman influences. Opposite, the Nautical Museum has model ships and naval objects. The former monastery of St. Francis houses the Archaeological Museum of Chania.

**7 nights:** Chania - Belmondo Hotel or similar

## **DAYS 14 to 20 - Fly from Crete to Rhodes**

Make your way to Chania airport for the domestic flight to Rhodes. Enjoy 7 nights in Rhodes. The largest of Greece's Dodecanese islands, is known for its beach resorts, ancient ruins and remnants of its occupation by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. The city of Rhodes has an Old Town featuring the medieval Street of the Knights and the castle-like Palace of the Grand Masters. Captured by the Ottomans and then held by the Italians, the palace is now a history museum.

**7 nights:** Chania - Dionysos Hotel or similar

## **DAY 21 - Depart Rhodes, Fly to Australia**

Check out of your hotel at the appropriate time today and make your own way to Rhodes airport for the first of your flights back to Australia. We hope you've enjoyed a wonderful holiday in Greece!

**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 value program provides the comfort of an escorted tour, with the freedom to explore on your own. Minimal inclusions plus a variety of optional excursions allow maximum customisation. This program is moderately active. Walking is done over cobbled streets, uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. For touring days, 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 sites. The pace is moderate as numerous sites are included.

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