



Highlights of Greece

Duration: 10 Day Tour from Athens to Athens
Departure date: From Oct 2019 to March 2020 (Various dates)
Price: From \$ 1,829

DAY 1: ATHENS, GREECE	Welcome to Athens! At 6 pm, meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink with your Tour Director.
DAY 2: ATHENS-CORINTH CANAL-MYCENAE- OLYMPIA	Cross the spectacular Corinth Canal. Your highlight for today is MYCENAE, where 19th-century excavations reveal impressions of the splendors so vividly described by Homer. Admire the Beehive Tombs, known as the Treasury of Atreus; Lion Gate, Europe’s oldest known monument; the remains of Agamemnon’s Royal Palace; and the impressive fortifications of the Citadel.
DAY 3: OLYMPIA-DELPHI	Sightseeing with a Local Guide will give you the insights of the town where the athletes of antiquity competed in honor of the King of Deities. Learn about the history of those original Olympic Games as you walk among the impressive remains of the Gymnasium and the Temples of Hera and Zeus. Also visit the MUSEUM that displays Praxiteles’ magnificent statue of Hermes. In the afternoon a pleasant drive will take you to mystic Delphi. A highlight this evening is a DANCE LESSON, where you’ll learn how to dance the sirtaki, made famous in the movie Zorba the Greek, accompanied by a glass of the traditional Ouzo.
DAY 4: DELPHI-ATHENS	This morning is devoted to a fascinating tour of the ancient sanctuary of the god Apollo in its dramatic setting on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Hear about the Oracle and tour the EXCAVATIONS. Visit the ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM to admire the Charioteer, an extraordinary 5th-century BC bronze statue. Leave fascinating Delphi behind you and head back to Athens. Tonight, enjoy an optional dinner at a local restaurant.
Day 5: ATHENS-PIRAEUS (EMBARKATION)- MYKONOS	This morning, head for Piraeus, where you will sail into the deep-blue waters of the Aegean Sea. Later dock at the mountainous island of Mykonos with its characteristic windmills and dazzling white houses. Time to wander through narrow paved streets before returning on board.

Day 6: CRUISING: KUSADASI, TURKEY-PATMOS, GREECE	Two ports of call today: First, Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. Visit the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of EPHEBUS. Next, discover the tiny Greek island of Patmos, and see the Grotto of Apocalypse.
Day 7: CRUISING: RHODES	Full day is dedicated to the island of RHODES. Explore the sites in the historic Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Visit Lindos with the fabulous Temple of Athena. Sail from Rhodes around dinnertime.
Day 8: CRUISING: HERAKLION, CRETE-SANTORINI, GREECE	First port of call today is Heraklion on Crete. A few miles away is Knossos, the center of the 3000 BC Minoan civilization. Afternoon call (weather permitting) at Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean". The optional shore excursion takes you to the cliff-top village of Oia for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas.
Day 9: PIREAEUS (DISEMBARKATION)- ATHENS	After breakfast on board, disembark at Piraeus and return to Athens. Sightseeing with a Local Guide features a visit to the world-famous ACROPOLIS, perched high on a rocky outcrop overlooking the city. Here, see the Parthenon, the Erechtheum with its Porch of Maidens, the Temple of Athena Nike, and enjoy a panoramic view that includes glimpses of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Theater of Dionysus, and the beautifully preserved Theseum. Later, a city orientation tour features the Parliament House and a picture stop at the Panathenaic Stadium. Built in the 2nd century AD, it is the only stadium in the world built entirely of marble, and was host to the opening and closing ceremonies of the first modern Olympics in 1896. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight is your chance to join an optional dinner outing to try the local fare.
Day 10: ATHENS	Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Included:

- Accommodation as mentioned or similar, including hotel taxes;
- 19 meals;
- All sightseeing, cruise and transfers as per the itinerary;
- Services of local English-speaking guides;
- Entrance fees to sites included in the itinerary.

Not Included

- airfare to/from the start/end of your vacation;
- Gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships;
- Additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in the itinerary;

Meals

Welcome drink in Athens; full buffet breakfast daily; 2 three-course dinners with wine; plus all meals on board daily featuring full à la carte breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

PARTICIPANTS

This tour operates on a minimum of 02 participant.

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