



Tourism Highlights of GREECE



Greece has been a major tourist destination and attraction in Europe since the 1970s for its rich culture and history, which is reflected in large part by its 18 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, among the most in Europe and the world as well as for its long coastline, many islands, and beaches.

Greece is known for being the cradle of Western Civilization, the birthplace of democracy, the Olympic Games, and its ancient history and magnificent temples. Ancient temples in Greece include the Parthenon at the Acropolis in Athens, the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, and the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion

BEST OF GREECE

- 1 Night in Athens
- 2 Nights in Mykonos
- 2 Nights in Naxos
- 2 Night in Santorini
- 1 Night in Athens

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 –Athens -

Arrive at the Athens Airport, Welcome to Athens. On arrival, we proceed towards the hotel. After Check in enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight in Athens.

Day 2 –Athens to Mykonos-

After breakfast in the hotel will proceed towards Port to Board a ferry for Mykonos. On arrival check in at the hotel. In evening, visit **Stroll around Mykonos Town**

Lose yourself in the winding alleys of Mykonos town with the white houses, blue doors and windows and colourful bougainvilleas is a must do in Mykonos. Head to the area of Matogiania with the chic shops and trendy bars. The place to be in the centre of the town.

Overnight in Mykonos.

Day 3 –Mykonos-

After breakfast in the hotel will proceed to for visit **5-Hour Delos Island Day trip from Mykonos, Mykonos**

Enjoy the unique view of the picturesque Mykonos from the ferry as you travel back in time and visit the island of Delos, the most famous and sacred of all islands in antiquity. A half-hour boat trip takes you to the historical Delos sanctuary, birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Unesco's world heritage. Your guide shows you the ancient temples, mosaic floor villas, the Naxian Lions, the Roman amphitheater and more. This shared tour takes 5-hours and you are able to choose from one of two departure times when you book.

Itinerary This is a typical itinerary for this product

Stop At: Archaeological Site of Delos, Delos, Cyclades, South Aegean

Upon arrival at Delos, your guide will issue tickets to the archaeological site to the group and offer an introduction to the mythological, prehistorical and historical background of the island. Then, set out to explore the narrow streets of the Hellenistic City, built in the 4th century BC, and see highlights such as the impressive house of Dionysos, the statue of Cleopatra, and some exquisite mosaics.

After a short stop at the House of the Trident, reach the Theatre of Delos and the public cistern of the city. Stroll down the main street to return to the market and the Sanctuary zone. The Stoa of Phillippe, the donations of ancient celebrities, the Propylaia, the Colossus of the Naxians and the Temples of Apollo are the monuments to be admired before the last stop in front of the Sacred Lake and the eternal Naxian Lions.

You will have time to visit the archaeological museum and the museum shop before returning to your boat.

Duration: 4 hours

Overnight in Mykonos

Day 4- Mykonos to Naxos -

After breakfast in the hotel will proceed towards the new town Naxos by ferry. On arrival, proceed to check in at hotel. Lets Visit **Chora Naxos** The city of Chora Naxos, the heart of the island, is one of the most picturesque cities of the Cyclades and the most famous tourist destination of the island. Nowadays it is a traditional yet modern place, with traditional white houses, narrow streets, influences from the Venetian and the Mycenaean civilization, as well as a developed tourist infrastructure, with a large number of hotels, bars, cafeterias, restaurants, shops and boutiques for all tastes and pockets

Overnight in Naxos

Day 5 – Naxos -

After breakfast in the hotel get ready to visit **the mainland of Naxos.**

Galanado is the first village we come across, outside of which rises the Bellonias tower.

First stop is the small village Damalas, where we can visit a traditional ceramics workshop and a restored traditional olive press.

We continue through the fertile valley of Tragaia and we stop at the village Halki with the interesting Byzantine church of Panagia Protothroni and the citrus distillery.

Then we visit the Byzantine church of Panagia Drosiani, near the village of Moni, a monument of the early Christian period with interesting frescoes, which is considered to be one of the oldest in the Balkans. Next stop is Apiranthos with its marble paved alleys Apiranthos has 4 interesting museums. The Archaeological Museum, the Geological with approximately 2,000 exhibits, the Natural History Museum with the area's fauna, flora and a small aquarium and the Folklore one with traditional fabrics.. Time for lunch at the local tavernas.

On the way back, we visit Flerio, Melanes. The ancient archaic marble quarry is to be visited with the statue of Kouros and the archaic aqueduct.

Overnight in Naxos

Day 6 – Naxos to Santorini-

After breakfast in the hotel proceed towards Santorini By Ferry. On arrival proceed for Hotel Check in. Later visit **Santorini Volcano Hot Springs Thirassia Trip, Santorini**

We will take you by coach to Athinios Port where we embark in the traditional sailing boat heading to the famous volcano. Climbing up to the top of crater you will learn the history of the place and explore the six craters. Next stop will be the Hot Springs, where a warm mud bath is pleasant after the hot Volcano. You will explore Thirassia island for one and a half hours taking in the sights and sounds of the traditional village of Manolios and the Greek way of life. Then we will sail back to Athinios port. This will give you the chance to enjoy the beautiful views of the Caldera and the village of Ia.

Finally the coach will take you back to your hotel.

Overnight in Santorini

Day 7 –Santorini -

After breakfast at the hotel get ready for **Santorini-Full Day Santorini Caldera Cruise, Santorini**

The tour starts with the bus transfer from the pick-up point to the Port of Athinios. From there it continues with the boat King Thiras to the lava island Nea Kameni where the boat makes a stop to give you the opportunity to walk up the ascending soil path and approach the crater of the still active Volcano.

After seeing the crater you walk back down the dirt path to the boat which brings you to the second lava island Palea Kameni, where you find the hot Springs.

The boat makes a stop around 50 meters from the opening and you can swim in the green sulphur waters of the hot springs, wet your feet or just enjoy the view.

The tour continues after the hot springs to Thirassia Island which was once part of Santorini before

the big Explosion of the Volcano. There you stay for two hours and you have the opportunity to do some activities like swimming on the beach of Thirassia, have lunch next to the Sea or just explore the Village of Manolas with its winding steps and traditional houses.

On the way back to Athinios port where the tour ends you will cruise with King Thiras under Oia where the best pictures can be taken of the amazing cliffs and the breathtaking scenery.

Overnight in Santorini.

Day 8 – Santorini to Athens-

After breakfast check out from Mykonos hotel and proceed towards Athens by Ferry. On arrival after check in enjoy the Athens city tour.

- Acropolis – Parthenon – Erechtheion – Theater of Dionysus – Herod Atticus Odeon - Temple of Athena Nike - Areopagus - Propylaea
- Temple of Olympian Zeus – Arch of Hadrian
- Panathenaic Stadium
- Parliament – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- The Academy of Athens - National Library of Greece - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Mount Lycabettus
- Acropolis Museum or Plaka(old Town)

The Athens Half-Day Tour starts with the hill of Acropolis which is the highlight of the tour. On the historical hill, you will have the opportunity to look upon the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Temple of the Athena Nike, the monumental gateway (Propylaea), the Erechtheum and of course the Parthenon, the main temple built for the virgin Goddess, Athena. Going on we will head towards the Temple Of Zeus finding Hadrians Arch on the way and after that, we will visit the Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. Next driving by the side of the National Garden we will see the changing of the guard (Euzones) just in front of the old palace. Today the building is Parliament House, just above the central square of Athens.

Afterwards we will drive down Panepistimiou Street, one of the most historical streets of Athens to see numerous 19th century, neoclassical buildings but more importantly, we'll see the architectural trilogy of Athens (The Academy – The University – The National Library). Next moving into the historical center of the city we will drive up to the highest hill of Athens, Lycabettus Hill, giving you the best panoramic view of the city, the hill of Acropolis and the Aegean Sea. Our last destination will be the New Museum of Acropolis or walk around in the picturesque neighborhood of Plaka instead. We assure you that after your Athens half-day tour, you will have had a real taste of Athens

Day 9 - Athens to Mumbai-

After breakfast check out from hotel, our car will drop you at the airport.

Board a flight for hometown with lots of good memories.