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The Grand Tour of Greece

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Sat, Oct 18 – We're on our way!

We meet at the airport as to begin our travel through the night across the Atlantic. Enjoy inflight entertainment and meals during the flight. We'll be in Greece tomorrow! **(Meals on plane)**

Sun, Oct 19

We arrive in Athens today and transfer to Alkyon Hotel in Vrahati, our home for the next 2 nights. Across the street from Skiathos Harbor, this informal hotel is near Megali Ammos Beach and boasts a restaurant with a vine-covered terrace overlooking the harbor where we enjoy dinner together tonight as a group. **(D)**

Mon, Oct 20 – All Around Athens

After breakfast in hotel we enjoy an exciting **city tour of Athens** this morning. Athens is a fascinating blend of the ancient and modern, and with a history extending back over 5,000 years, it is one of the oldest named cities in the world. This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Follow our expert guide as they take us to see the **Panathenaic Stadium** where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. We pass by the former royal palace which now serves as the Prime Minister's residence, guarded by the Evzones in their colorful uniform. We'll also have photo stops of the **Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Parliament,**



the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the Constitution Square, Syntagma.

During the **Acropolis** stop we visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: **The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion,** and finally Athen's most famous landmark of all, the **Parthenon**. Built in the 5th century BCE to commemorate the Greek victory over the Persians, it has served as a treasury, a church, a mosque and even a munitions dump for the Ottoman Empire until 1687, when the Venetians bombed it during the Siege of the Acropolis. Our last stop is the brand-new Acropolis Museum! **(B,D)**

Tues, Oct 21 - Delphi

Prepare your luggage for pick-up and enjoy breakfast in our hotel before we head to **Delphi**, home to the



famous Oracle. Along the way we have two photo stops at the charming cities of Levadia and Arachova en route. We then arrive at Delphi, considered by the ancient Greeks as the navel of the earth. Many of the myths and legends of Ancient Greece were connected to the Oracle, as it was customary to visit the oracle before making major decisions or to start a long journey. As we visit the archaeological site of Delphi and will see important monuments such as The Apollo Temple, the Treasury of the Athenians, the Sacred Way, the Altar of Chios, and many

more! You will also pass by the Castalian Spring, where the visitors cleansed themselves in the sacred waters before they were presented to the Oracle. After lunch on our own, we will continue to **Kalambaka**, a town built at the foot of the majestic Meteora and their famous Monasteries. We arrive at the Amalia Hotel, our home for the night and enjoy dinner as a group. **(B,D)**

Wed, Oct 22 – Up and Away to Meteora

Pack your bags and enjoy breakfast in our hotel before another day of adventure, beginning with the famous **Monastery of Meteora**. Once home to 24 monasteries perched on top of the sandstone cliffs, 6 of these monasteries are still active, one home to a community of nuns and 5 still managed by Eastern Orthodox Church where visitors will be awarded a bird's eye view of the fertile plains below. The monasteries, or holy fortresses, were inaccessible for years to the outside world and provided a secluded sanctuary for monks. Meteora is considered one of the most unique attractions and beautiful areas of mainland Greece. We enjoy a visit to a Byzantine-style icon factory to take some replicas of the places we visit home with us. During our journey back to Athens we will pass by Thermopylae, the site of one of the most important battles of Greek antiquity in 480 BC. We see the monument of the heroic Spartan King Leonidas up close during a photo stop then arrive at our hotel, Athenian Callirhoe. **(B)**



PLEASE NOTE: Appropriate clothing is required for entrance to the monasteries of Meteora. Women are not allowed to wear short skirts or shorts and must wear long-sleeved shirts. Men are not permitted to wear shorts.

Thur, Oct 23 – Off to Mykonos!



Today it's time to depart for the first of our Greek Isles. After breakfast, we head to the coast and board our **hydrofoil to Mykonos** and enjoy VIP Seats onboard! Idyllically situated in Mykonos town, our seaside accommodation in Mykonos offers a picturesque view of the authentic cubic houses and the traditional windmills of Mykonos town, with the most astonishing sunset view over the Aegean. We enjoy 3 nights at the Porto Mykonos located near many points of interest and cafes and shops. Enjoy an included dinner together at the hotel. **(B,D)**

Fri, Oct 24

After breakfast, we have our **tour of the city and island of Mykonos**. We begin by walking the small and narrow streets in the early morning calm, the perfect time for taking photographs in a quiet city. Our guide leads us through the labyrinth of the old town, pointing out highlights like the port and the various churches in town. We also see the famous windmills and maybe even find Petros the Pelican, the mascot of Mykonos! After this we explore the island by bus, visiting some of the most famous beaches and the hills of the interior. We will see small private chapels and houses built in typical Cycladic style on our way to the idyllic village of Ano Mera. Stroll around the traditional square or visit the **Panagia Tourliani Monastery** built in the 16th century. Next stop is **Kalafatis** beach where there is time to relax a little and have a coffee or a refreshment on your own before we head back to town, making a photo stop at a place with a fantastic view of the town and neighboring islands. **(B)**



Sat, Oct 25 - Free day and Farm BBQ!

After breakfast this morning the day is yours to explore. This evening we have a special treat – a visit to a farm for a traditional BBQ! The Farm's superintendent who will welcome you with traditional treats, such as the famous Greek Delights (loukoumi) and dried figs. Sit and relax on a traditional stone built couch, sipping raki while learning the history of the island's farming, its livestock and its crops. Afterwards, he will guide us through the farm – don't forget to say hello to Konstantis the donkey! Dinner is a Hellenic barbecue experience, a gastronomic delight! Our experienced grill man will not only prepare a variety of the highest quality Hellenic meat, he will also teach us! We will also learn to make necessary side dishes, such as the famous horiatiki salad, the well-known tzatziki sauce from fresh cucumbers and a fresh Mykonian sausage omelet with farm fresh eggs. After an amazing evening, we bid farewell to our hosts and return to the hotel. **(B,D)**

Sun, Oct 26 – Hello to Santorini!

After breakfast in hotel we transfer to the port for another **hydrofoil to Santorini** in our VIP Seats, which was once the site of the largest volcanic eruptions in recorded history – but don't worry, this was over 3,600 years ago! Santorini has some amazing historic sites, as it has been ruled by the Minoans, the Greeks, the Romans, the Ottomans, and, in WWII, the Italians and Germans. After the war and an earthquake in the 1950s Santorini's population began to dwindle, but a



dedication to sustainable tourism has caused the economy to rebound, having been listed as one of the world's top islands to visit. We will enjoy an afternoon island tour before arriving at our hotel for the next 3 nights. The El Greco Resort & Spa is in a wonderful location, just a short walk from the city center and near to many of the top attractions of the city such as the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, the Catholic Cathedral, the Archaeology Museum, the Prehistoric Museum and many shops and restaurants. **(B,D)**

Mon, Oct 27 – Pyrgos, Oia, and Akotiri, the Pompeii of Greece!

After breakfast board the bus for a pleasant drive through the countryside, passing the village of **Pyrgos** en route to the famous archaeological site of **Akotiri**. Santorini is known as the Greek Pompeii due to the excavations of an ancient town frozen in time by ash from an eruption some 3,600 years ago. Remains of sophisticated buildings with great frescoes and other architectural features are evidence of an elaborate lifestyle. We continue by bus to the northern coast of Santorini, admiring views of land, sea and skies as we reach **Oia**, the most picturesque village with magical views over the Caldera. Next our local guide will take you to the most photographed sites for some free time at leisure. Before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **(B,L)**



Tues, Oct 28 – Free day and Sunset Winery Tour

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and then a day at leisure before bidding the Greek Isles a fond farewell with a

Sunset Winery Tour. Learn about the island's unique climate and volcanic soil while marveling at amazing views and drinking delicious samples at the Wine Museum Koutsogiannopoulos. The Wine Museum provides a glimpse of what life was like as a winemaker and is nestled in a cave, a natural labyrinth eight meters below ground and 300 meters long, the product of twenty-one years of hard work of the Koutsogiannopoulos Family. Learn about the stages of the winemaking process, from plowing to harvesting to stomping the grapes, as well about the range of machinery necessary to make wine all the way through to what is used today. Refresh your palate by tasting the family's renowned volcanic wines. We then head to a



winery by the sea with a private tasting session. Enjoy 4 of the awarded wines from wineries around the island. Your last stop will be Oia and Sun Spirit Bar, one of the best places to watch the sunset. Relax and enjoy your wine in this idyllic space, as you watch the sunset deep into the sea.

(B, Wine tasting)

Wed, Oct 29 – Farewell to Greece

After breakfast at hotel we head to the Santorini airport and fly home to the US. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

Tour includes:

- Round-Trip Airfare from St. Louis to Greece. Arrive Athens and depart Santorini Island
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 10 nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- Baggage Handling at all hotels
- 17 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners)
- Sunset Winery Tour and Tasting
- City tours of Athens, Mykonos and Santorini
- Visit to the Monastery of Meteora and historic sites such as Akotiri and Delphi
- Admission to all museums and attractions as listed
- Professional Tour Director and local guides
- All gratuities including step-on guides, driver and director

Tour Price: \$8,874 per person, double occ
\$10,020 single occ

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Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance options available. We are a licensed provider for this tour and any of your outside travel needs.

Deposit of \$1,500 due at time of booking.

Final payment due June 15, 2025.

You may also make installment payments as well.

Booking: Please call or email our office to see if space is available. Send your information and let us know who your roommate(s) will be, if you have one, on the tour.