

Athens - Mykonos - Santorini

**OVERVIEW** 

Day 1 Athens

Summary of The Day: Welcome to Athens, the start of your Greece tour package! Upon entering the arrivals hall at the airport, you'll be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to discover the many wonders of Athens. We highly suggest visiting Plaka, the oldest district of Athens situated just below the Acropolis - the only district where a visitor may see the Greek capital as it was 100 years ago.

The birthplace of democracy and the city with the most ancient history in the western world, Athens is a metropolis with many layers of culture and history. Located on the Mediterranean in the south of mainland Greece, Athens has been inhabited for 7,000 years. Climb the Acropolis, visit ancient Greek and Roman theaters, and discover the remnants of Ottoman rule. Plus, get a taste of souvlaki and stuffed olive leaves.

### Day 2: Athens

Summary of The Day: After your breakfast, we'll kick off our Greece tour package with an Athens sightseeing tour, which includes a visit to the Acropolis and the New Acropolis Museum. Our expert guide will take you to see the center of the city, the Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and have a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. From the Acropolis we'll visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally the famous Parthenon. Your first taste of Athens would not be complete without a visit to the Acropolis Museum, a modern architectural building where, at last, the statues have found their home and admire the wonders and architectural masterpieces of the classical era.

## Day 3 Athens - Mykonos

Summary of The Day: Enjoy your early morning breakfast before we transfer to Athens port (Piraeus or Rafina) for your express ferry to Mykonos. Upon arrival on Mykonos Island we'll transfer you to your hotel for check in. The rest of the day will be free to you to discover the cosmopolitan Island of Mykonos.

Mykonos One of the most celebrated and hedonistic islands in the Mediterranean is this island in the Cyclades. Mykonos is world-renowned as a party destination and for its packed, anythinggoes beaches. However, it also consists of classic white-washed towns synonymous with the Cyclades and is the jumping-off point for the fabled island of Delos. Day 4 Mykonos Summary of The Day: After breakfast, enjoy free time on the beloved Island of the international "Jet-Setters" with its whitewashed cubic houses, windmills and chapels, the wonderful sandy beaches, shops, galleries and the incredible night life. Explore the towns' winding narrow streets, visit Paraportiani, one of the many churches on the Island, or enjoy a drink at little Venice.

# Day 5 Mykonos - Santorini

Summary of The Day: Enjoy your breakfast and free morning before a transfer to Mykonos port for your express ferry to Santorini (duration approx 2 1/2h). Upon arrival on the Island of Santorini, we'll transfer you to your hotel for check in. The rest of the day you'll be free to admire the spectacular caldera with white washed houses perched on the edge, created by the eruption of the islands' volcano in the ancient times.

Santorini See what some believe to be the lost island of Atlantis. Santorini, aka Thira, suffered one of the biggest volcanic eruptions in history 4,500 years ago and today its iconic white-washed villages are dramatically perched high atop soaring multi-colored cliffs that rise from an Aegean-flooded caldera. Atlantis or not, Santorini is one of the most dreamed about destinations in the world and arguably the most beautiful of all the islands in the Cyclades. Not to be missed is the excavation site of Akrotiri, an ancient Minoan city virtually intact that was preserved under layers of volcanic rock.

### Day 6 Santorini

Summary of The Day: After your breakfast, you'll be free to relax or explore the volcanic island of Santorini, known world wide as the most romantic Island. Visit the Prehistoric Museum in Fira that hosts artifacts from the sites of Akrotiri and Ancient Thira, including the famous wall paintings or discover the colorful beaches of the Island also created by the volcanic eruption. Do not miss the chance to visit the traditional village of Oia, the most photographed place in Greece, best known for its breathtaking sunsets. Small white houses tier the hillside, interspersed by splashes of rich okra, deep fuchsia, cobalt blue, oyster pink and earthy red make Oia a magical place.

# Day 7 Piraeus - Athens

Summary of The Day: We'll arrive at Piraeus port at 6:00am, and then transfer you to the hotel in Athens.

This port city located in the greater Athens area is mostly known as a departure point for the Greek islands as ferries from here go to almost all of the numerous inhabited islands in Greece. Piraeus has been the port of Athens for many centuries and today is the biggest port in the Mediterranean. Piraeus is rather congested and blends in with the urban sprawl of Athens and is low on attractions. However, the Piraeus Archaeological Museum is worth a visit for its amazing statue of Apollo, the oldest hollow bronze statue yet found that dates from about 520 BC.
Day 8 Athens
Summary of The Day: After breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport and a pre-confirmed time.