

Greek Island Explorer

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Day 1 | Arrive Athens



Let it sink in – the fact that you’re standing in what was once the centre of the western world, where the likes of Socrates, Aristotle and Plato offered their wisdom and insights which have stood the test of time. Your launch pad to a Greek island adventure begins in the capital. There’s plenty of time to relax on the islands, so lace up your walking shoes and discover the city your way. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead.

Hotel: Zafolia / Dorian Inn

Day 2 | Athens sightseeing and free time



The Acropolis looms large over Athens and today you’ll get up close and personal with this ancient citadel. Your Local Guide reveals its extraordinary history that spans thousands of years as you view the archaeological remains of temples, theatres and the mighty Parthenon, considered the most important building to survive Classical Greece. You’ll view the Panathinaiko Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian’s Arch, stopping in Syntagma Square to admire the curiously clad Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The rest of the day is yours to explore Athens on your terms, but with ancient history on your mind you may wish to embark on a Choice Experience to see the 5th-century BC Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. Or why not visit a turtle sanctuary on our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Choice Experience. This evening, if the sizzle of street food hasn’t already captured your attention, you may wish to join your fellow travellers for an optional traditional dinner at a favourite city taverna.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Zafolia / Dorian Inn

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two optional experiences:

Cape Sounion - Take a relaxing trip down to the southernmost tip of Mainland Greece to see the 5th Century BC Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. See if you can spot where Byron carved his initials on one of the temple's columns and marvel at the sheer rugged beauty of the surrounding coastline as you uncover classical Greek history.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, Visit Turtle Sanctuary - Visit the first Turtle sanctuary created in the Mediterranean, the Glyfada Turtle Rehabilitation and rescue centre (Achelon). Meet the care team and learn about the work being done to help injured turtles, protect the species and create awareness on the importance of protecting these majestic animals, addressing Global Goal 14: Life Below Water. Subject to participation numbers.

Adult: 43.00 EUR

Dinner Meze Style & Athens Illuminations - Treat yourself to a quintessential Greek travel experience, enjoying a ‘meze style’ dinner in the vibrant nightlife district of Athens, Psiri. Dine like the locals with free-flowing wine and traditional dishes.

served in the centre of the table to share, so you can experience all the flavours of Greek cuisine.

Adult: 58.00 EUR

Day 3 | Athens – Santorini



Don't resist the urge to slow it all down as you leave the busy cityscape behind and catch a high-speed ferry to Santorini. The spectacular volcanic eruption in 1646 BC had quite the magic touch on its dramatic landscape. After checking in and an orientation tour, you'll have some time on your own to explore.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kamari Beach / New Haroula

Day 4 | Santorini free time



Don't waste a second of your time lazing on the sun-soaked beaches of Santorini when you can ascend to its highest point for stunning views instead. This Choice Experience will reveal the iconic landscapes of the Cyclades you've only seen in photographs – the gleaming whitewashed buildings, cerulean blue domes and tumbling cerise bougainvillea. An alternative Choice Experience could see you board a caique fishing boat to the volcano instead, soaking in its warm thermal waters and healing mud against the backdrop of Santorini's enchanting cliff-top villages. This evening, there's no better place to bid farewell to another beautiful island day than in Oia. Stroll through its marble streets to our favourite sunset spot to capture the Instagram shot of the trip.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kamari Beach / New Haroula

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two optional experiences:

Santorini Island Tour With Visit To Megalochori - Take a tour of Santorini's must-visit destinations, from the ancient village of Megalochori to the black sand beach of Perivolos. Kick things off with a drive to the highest viewpoint on the island, Profitis Ilias, before we make our way to village of Pyrgos to admire iconic Cycladic architecture and later explore the Bronze Age village of Akrotiri. Top off the tour with a leisurely swim on the black beach.

Adult: 90.00 EUR

Traditional Greek Wedding Show - This is one travel experience you won't soon forget! Experience the plate-smashing rollicking good time of a traditional Greek wedding with this vibrant, interactive musical. Meet the family and be part of the story as you eat, drink, dance and break plates in the traditional customs as you settle in for the Greek Wedding Show.

Adult: 75.00 EUR

Sunset On Board - Set sail on board our large wooden "caiique" towards the dormant volcano Nea Kameni. Whether you opt to climb the volcano or relax on board, you'll have the chance to swim in the thermal hot springs before enjoying a casual dinner with wine, music and good company. Enjoying the striking colours of a Santorini sunset, with views of Oia in

the distance, you'll love this once-in-a-lifetime travel experience.

Adult: 90.00 EUR

Day 5 | Santorini free time



Indulge in another full day to explore Santorini your way. You could choose one of several Choice Experiences to fill the day or stroll through Fira's narrow streets shopping for last-minute souvenirs, clothing and jewellery. Incredible views of the Caldera are never far as you explore the island's ancient paths, villages and beaches on your own. Why not make the most of your final evening in Santorini, sampling the local culinary delights with uninterrupted views of the Aegean Sea? There's always time for one last ouzo.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kamari Beach / New Haroula

Day 6 | Santorini – Mykonos



Bound for the island playground of Mykonos. All that stands between you and the sun-kissed shores of the Cyclades is a short high-speed ferry ride. After transferring to your hotel and a short orientation tour, Mykonos is yours for the taking so don't hold back and seek out your favourite island spots for the rest of your stay. Whitewashed houses line the narrow streets and life is rather idyllic behind the colourful wooden shutters that shield the locals from the warm Mediterranean sun.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alkistis Hotel / Dimele Rooms & Apartments

Day 7 | Mykonos free time



Snap your fingers and you'll be on the other side of the island. Well, almost. You could choose to spend your day exploring tiny Mykonos your way or join your fellow travellers for an optional Island tour driving through arid landscapes to some of its most celebrated beaches. Before you dip your toes into the water, you'll visit Ano Mera village whose 16th-century monastery is dedicated to the protectress of Mykonos. Then continue to the beautiful Blue Flag beach of Kalafatis.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alkistis Hotel / Dimele Rooms & Apartments

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Mykonos Island Tour - Today we explore the vibrant Island of Mykonos, driving through amazing Cycladic landscapes, admiring some of its splendid beaches and scenic locations. Our exploration begins with a visit to the traditional village of Ano Mera and its famous Monastery dedicated to the protector of the island, before continuing to Kalafatis Beach to enjoy a swim in the beautiful Aegean Sea.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

Day 8 | Mykonos free time



Grab your front-row seat to the goings-on in Mykonos's old port as you sit perched on one of the brightly painted wooden balconies characteristic of Little Venice. There's time today to wander through the shopping streets of Chora village and see the 16th-century windmills of Kato Mili that look out over the bay. For history lovers, there's no better way to spend your day than joining an optional visit to nearby Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. On this captivating exploration of what was once the most important site in ancient Greece, you'll see many artefacts that have been collected in the ruins of this sacred site. After a day of sightseeing, you'll want to make the most of your final evening in this island playground. Seek out a taverna with beautiful views of the sunset and toast to another day in paradise with new friends.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alkistis Hotel / Dimele Rooms & Apartments

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Ancient Delos - Join us for a boat ride to Delos, the legendary birthplace of the God Apollo and his twin sister Artemis, which is today one of the most important archaeological sites of the eastern Mediterranean. Explore the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the sanctuary of Artemis, the old city, the theatre and more before touring the famous Museum of Delos to admire historic artefacts.

Adult: 89.00 EUR

Day 9 | Mykonos – Athens



Leaving island life behind, it's time to return to Athens for a final exhilarating encounter with the vibrant Greek capital. Transfer to your Athens hotel, then spend the evening in the narrow lanes of Plaka following your nose past its 19th-century facades to find the best souvlaki in town. A lively evening lies ahead if you've yet to have your fill of good times with good friends. Keep your toes tapping to the street music that fills the air and find a taverna with your name on it.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Zafolia / Dorian Inn

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Traditional Greek Taverna Meal With Entertainment - Travelling through Greece means one thing: food, glorious food! Immerse yourself in the authentic culture of Athens with an excursion to a traditional taverna. Savouring the sumptuous flavours of Greek food and your drink of choice, you'll enjoy watching dancing and musical performances as you dine. Later, when the official events wrap up, you're welcome to stay in the taverna to mingle with the locals.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

Day 10 | Depart Athens



Your journey through Athens and the Greek islands reveals why Ancient Greece was the chosen land for gods and goddesses, philosophers, poets and famous personalities. As you prepare for your return journey and long after you arrive home, you'll remember the generous spirit, postcard-perfect scenery and legacy of the ancients that are among the many gifts that Greece has given you. Say farewell to your new friends at the end of your holiday.

Meals: Breakfast