

## Santorini & Mykonos

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**Country(ies):** Greece

**Tour type:** Private

**Transport:** AC car/minibus & ferry

**Group size:** Min: 2 | Max: 20

**Days:** 7 days

**Start Location:** Athens, Greece

**End Location:** Athens, Greece

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 6, Lunches - 0, Dinners - 0

**Highlights:**

Athens City Tour including the Acropolis & Parthenon,  
Cycladic islands of Santorini and Mykonos.



# Itinerary

## Day 1: Your Greece tour starts in Athens. Airport to hotel transfers included

Upon arrival into Athens airport (ATH) you'll be welcomed by one of our representatives and transferred from the airport to your 4-star hotel. With a central location, this hotel is the perfect point from which to wander around the ancient city, seeking out its iconic sights and soaking up the atmosphere from an open-air restaurant or bar.

The rest of the day is then free for you to settle in, relax after your flight, and have a look around the area independently before meeting the guide and starting the first sightseeing tours tomorrow morning.

**OVERNIGHT:** Athens hotel

**MEALS:** None

**EXTRAS:** Extra day in Athens - pre-tour

## Day 2: Exploring Athens

The city tour will embark from the Panathenaic Stadium - the site of the first Olympic Games of modern times in 1896. The next stops include the Parliament, the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma), the University and the Academy.

A highlight of the tour is a visit to the Acropolis - where you will get the chance to see this architectural masterpiece up close as well as the Parthenon. Set on a craggy hill above the city, the citadel and its surrounding ancient buildings offer an impressive vista. As the tour ends you will be dropped back at your hotel to unwind for the evening.

**OVERNIGHT:** Athens hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 3: From Athens to Santorini

Today we leave Athens for the beautiful island of Santorini. With its steep slope of huddled white houses, blue domed churches and winding rows of steps, Santorini is synonymous with Greece.

You will be guided to your 4-star hotel and then have the day to rest or visit the town of Fira. This cliffside capital boasts a collection of bars and eateries - ideal for marveling at the sunset.

**OVERNIGHT:** Santorini hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 4: Exploring Santorini

If you are in search of an activity, the tour offers an optional boat trip to the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. You will get the opportunity to see this active volcano up close, swim in the steaming waters and take a salutary mud bath.

When you return to the island, the day is yours to do some final exploring. We suggest browsing the boutique stores, taking a donkey ride up the steps, wine tasting in the caverns or hiking along the coastal route. Alternatively, the hotel has 6 pools and a sublime spa to get fully into the holiday spirit.

**OVERNIGHT:** Santorini hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 5: Santorini to Mykonos

It's time to leave Santorini behind today and take the short ferry journey to the nearby island of Mykonos. Be sure to have your camera on standby, as you have some incredible views to look forward to as the ferry nears the island.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mykonos hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 6: Exploring Mykonos

Like Santorini, the island of Mykonos enjoys an elite status as one of Greece's most popular tourist destinations. The island is known for its super-stylish hotels, great beaches and summer party vibe (though if you are looking for a more relaxed break, Mykonos can offer that too). You can spend your time today exploring the island. We'd highly recommend a visit to Photogenic Mykonos Windmills, little Venice or the nearby uninhabited island of Delos. However you choose to spend your day, you'll surely be entranced by Mykonos.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mykonos hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 7: Return to Athens, tour ends

You will head back to the mainland and be driven to the port for your onward ferry to Athens. Your tour will come to an end upon arrival in Athens. Due to ferry generally arriving back to Athens in the afternoon, if you are plan to fly out of Athens today, we recommend selecting an evening departure.

**OVERNIGHT:** N/A

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

**Included:**

- All accommodation as stated in the itinerary in approx. 4-star level hotels & boutique guesthouses
- All transport and transfers as per the itinerary
- Greek island ferry crossings as per itinerary
- Port-hotel-port transfers on Greek islands
- 24-hour airport arrival transfer service
- Services of a professional local tour guide for mainland tours
- Services of a local representative on the islands
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Tipping kitty

#### **Excluded:**

- International flights (available on request)
- Visa fees (see tour notes)
- Travel insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to sites visited (allow approx. EUR 23)
- Hotel residence tax (see tour notes)
- Transfers or services after arriving back at Athens port
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for guide & driver
- Optional tours
- Any other items not mentioned above

## **Notes**

The itinerary above is subject to change based on the Greek island ferry schedules. While it does not happen often, sometimes ferry schedules are changed without notice and ferries may also be cancelled completely due to poor weather conditions. In this event the program may need to be adjusted and you may end up spending more or less time in one location than originally planned. This is the nature of travel between the islands and we thank you for your patience and understanding in the rare event of this occurring.

Unlike many of the Greek islands, Santorini is an all year round destination, and remains a very attractive and interesting place to visit whatever time of year it may be. However, some hotels, shops, restaurants and attractions do close during the winter months (November to March). During this time we may use boutique style guesthouses located closer to the centre of Fira so that you are as close as possible to what is still open.

# Options

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Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

## Extra day in Athens - pre-tour

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the start of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport arrival transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## Extra day in Athens - post-tour

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the end of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer is not included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## Single Room Supplement (GRTMSM)

Min numbers: 1

Due to the style and nature of this tour, we do not arrange room shares between people not travelling together. This option therefore provides a single room in all the accommodation throughout the tour and should be added by all solo travellers.

**Note:** Single supplement prices may vary seasonally.

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## 1. Group Size / Tour Leaders / Guides

This tour is offered as a private tour starting on any dates. The Athens sightseeing tours are arranged on a sharing basis, though they can be converted into private tours as well if you wish. Please contact us for details and prices.

In Greece we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking guide for the sightseeing tours in Athens. Our local representatives on the Greek islands visited are also at your service and will be happy to give you information about their island and help you to arrange any optional tours or excursions during your stay.

At Encounters Travel we try to use local Greek guides and reps as much as possible. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing.

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**Note:** Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel as itineraries and information does change from time to time.

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