



## **GREECE - 9N/10D - ATHENS, NAXOS, SANTORINI**



### **ITINERARY**

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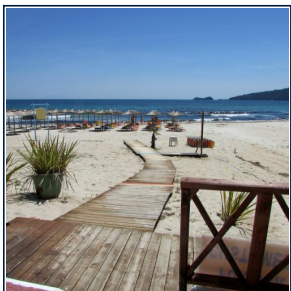
Day 1 - Athens

Welcome to Athens! Upon arrival at Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport, you will be greeted by our representative, who will drive you to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of your day exploring Athens. You might stroll the old neighborhoods of Plaka, which mingle old & new Athens or explore the vibrant neighborhoods of Monastiraki and Kolonaki. Be sure to try our amazing restaurant recommendations sampling wonderful Greek cuisine.

Day 2 - Athens (B)

After breakfast, your day will begin with your private half day walking tour. Along with your English speaking licensed guide, you will visit the Acropolis and the awesome temples of the Parthenon, the Erechtheion and the Athena Nike. Your walk will continue to the Areopagus, or Hill of Mars. Finally, you pass the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, where you can still enjoy concerts and theatrical performances in the summer months. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Acropolis Museum exhibiting the glory of Ancient Athens.

Day 3 - Athens / Naxos (B)



After breakfast, our representative, will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to the airport / port for your short flight / ferry to Naxos. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and driven to your hotel. Naxos is and always has been a crossroad, where archaeologists, historians and scholars of all kinds can meet, drawn by the importance of the culture which has flourished on the island down the centuries. Naxos is also known for its sandy beaches and spectacular cuisine.

#### Day 4 - Naxos (B)

Your Day is at leisure. Entice your senses by swimming, sunbathing and enjoying a range of water sports at some of Naxos' most beautiful beaches. Naxos has a beach for all activities and tastes. Visit Agios Georgios for windsurfing, Mikri Viglia for kite surfing or Agiassos for a quiet and relaxed beach atmosphere. In the afternoon, consider strolling into Portara, on the islet in front of the harbor which you spot as soon as you arrive in Naxos, as the huge marble gate captures your eye. Enjoy a meal in Chora or at a little seaside taverna where you can enjoy a magnificent sunset and an authentic meal.

#### Day 5 - Naxos (B)

Today is your last day in Naxos. Explore the beautiful villages of Apeiranthos and Halki and enjoy the local color of these villages. There you can even try the local drink, a liquor named Kitron with a greenish tint. There is the Temple of Demetra that should be visited. Enjoy a last swim after your day of village exploration and enjoy a relaxing sunset view and meal from Chora or from one of our restaurant recommendations.

#### Day 6 - Naxos / Santorini (B)

Goodbye Naxos, Hello Santorini! After breakfast, our representative will drive you to the port of Naxos where you embark on a 1 and half hour sail aboard a high speed ferry to Santorini. Santorini is most known for its breathtaking views of the red and brown layers of volcanic ash that makes its famous cliffside. You will be driven to your hotel overlooking the majestic caldera. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the romantic atmosphere of the island. Perched on a cliff with breathtaking views of the sunsets and the sea below creates the perfect setting for the next few days.

#### Day 7 - Santorini (B,D)

After breakfast enjoying caldera views, your morning is at leisure. In the early afternoon, you will be driven to the port of Vlihada or Ammoudi where you will embark on the sailing trip that we have arranged. You will sail to the Red and White beaches, the Venetian Lighthouse and the Sulphur Springs. During these visits, you will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel. You will then sail to a secluded bay where while you swim or relax, a lavish steak and seafood barbecue with many appetizers and salads is being prepared for you to enjoy.

#### Day 8 - Santorini (B)

While in Santorini, consider hiking along the cobblestone pathway from Fira to Imerovigli and then on to Oia. You can also take a short ride and visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri, seeing the remnants of this village in its beautiful museum. Wine connoisseurs will enjoy a journey down the Santorini wine circuit through the inland villages of Karterados, Monolithos and Emporio.

#### Day 9 - Santorini (B)

Your last day in Santorini. You might consider visiting the famous village of Oia. Some enjoy the day by taking a donkey ride down from Oia to Ammoudi where they swim, eat and then return back to Oia to take in one of the world's famous sunsets. Others explore Oia's local souvenir shops or visit some of the local artists whose display their work of the landscape. What better way to end your stay in Greece, by dining at one of the local restaurants we recommend with those majestic views.

#### Day 10 - Santorini / Athens / Home

Our representative will drive you to the airport for your short flight to Athens connecting to your flight home.