



GREECE FOR COSMOPOLITANS

10 days - 09 nights

We have planned this tour thinking about cosmopolitans who, like you, love to travel in comfort, meet places, meet new people, eat, and drink in style and get to know a region with another perspective. And Greece is appropriate for that, a country with extraordinary gastronomy, good wines and spirits, wonderful landscapes, charming cities, and beaches with pristine waters that invite you to stay.

The conjunction of history and mythology have made Athens and all of Greece an open book where we can learn how the Greeks have focused and seen life on earth. On this trip we will travel regions and places that are linked to mythology as their Gods passed through the Earth and our guides will tell us very interesting stories that will make your visit a unique experience. As for architecture, the Greeks have of course marked a style of construction that has influenced and continues to influence styles around the world.

We have not purposely included meals because it would be unfair not to let you choose what to eat in each city what we will visit. Once in Greece and at the suggestion of your guide, we can choose the restaurants that offer specialties from the region that we will visit either in group or individually meeting your expectations (and your palate). In addition, you can live every day different experiences that you, as a cosmopolitan will really appreciate.

A visit to Greece without visiting its islands is not a complete visit. Here we offer you to know some of the more than 1000 islands that belong to Greece. We will see the most important of the Cycladic archipelago located in the center of the Aegean Sea, Mikonos and Santorini, where you will have free time to enjoy them. You can of course plan some excursions on the other islands such as Andros, Milos or Naxos. In addition, we will have a whole day visiting some of the Saronic Islands, with Hydra being the main and one of the most beautiful Greek islands.

Come with us to this cosmopolitan Greece (Greek word meaning citizen of the world) and live your adventure.

DAY 1 (Thursday) ARRIVAL IN ATHENS

Arrival in Athens after your international flight. Reception at the airport and transfer to the chosen hotel and registration. Athens is the capital of Greece with a history of more than three thousand years, making it one of the oldest inhabited cities on the planet and which played a fundamental role in the development of democracy and philosophy and which influenced the development of Greece, Rome and Western culture. City rich in archaeological remains, of which the most famous is the Parthenon in the Acropolis, although they are not limited to buildings of the classical Greek era but also include Roman and Byzantine monuments. Take advantage of your free time for private activities and explore its streets or discover the Acropolis at your own pace.

DAY 2 (Friday) ATHENS

Breakfast at the hotel. One of the beauties of traveling to Athens is a captivating cruise to the magical islands of the Saronic Gulf: Hydra, Poros and Aegina with the promise of a world of pleasures on board with all the comforts to meet your expectations. A live orchestra will welcome you on board with traditional Greek music and international favorites. Resting on its decks is an exceptional experience surrounded by the legendary blue waters of the Saronic Gulf. In addition, you can enjoy many activities on board, such as listening to music while having your favorite cocktail, dancing and the fun of taking a Greek dance lesson. The onboard buffet lunch offers you an exceptional dining experience with a variety of authentic Greek cuisine. Our bus and guide will pick you up from the hotel to take you to the port where you will embark on this dream cruise.

**PRICE PER PERSON
IN DOUBLE OCCUPATION
EUR 1.610.-**

Surplus Single Room
EUR 380.-

**HIGH SEASON INCREMENT
(July – August)
EUR 225.-**

FIXED DEPARTURES FOR 2023

18 May	25 May
08 June	15 June
22 June	29 June
06 July	13 July
20 July	27 July
10 August	17 August
07 September	21 September
05 October	12 October

Other dates in private service for individuals on request

INCLUSIONS

- ✚ Local flight Santorini-Athens
- ✚ Ferries Athens-Mikonos, Mikonos-Santorini
- ✚ Saronic Gulf Day Cruise
- ✚ Sit-in basis program. Minibus or private Van on request.
- ✚ 09 Hotel nights including breakfast
- ✚ 2 lunches
- ✚ All transfers and excursions as mentioned in the program.
- ✚ Local guides in English for all the excursions mentioned in the program.
- ✚ All tickets to national parks and excursions.

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters.
- Personal expenses





The first visit we will make will be in **Aegina**, the largest of the Saronic Islands. According to myth, Aegina takes her name from the beautiful Nympha kidnapped by Zeus. The highlights of Aegina are the Temple of Aphaia located on a pine-clad hill and the ancient Temple of Apollo. We will visit the magnificent church of San Nektarios and Monasterio, one of the most rewarding spiritual experiences in Aegina. The visit lasts 2 hours to explore its rich history, enjoy its beaches, the pistachio sweets that are the specialty of the island and of course, its gastronomy and excellent wine. We continue to **Hydra**, one of the most charming islands of the Saronic Gulf known for its beauty and light. The tranquillity of the car-free port provides the backdrop for lively activities and invites you to visit it on a donkey back that is the means of running on the island. The charm of the narrow streets, lined with handicrafts and jewelry stores, galleries and beautiful and colorful bougainvillea, capture the mood of greek island life. We will have almost two hours to quietly explore the island and enjoy a walking tour to discover its castles and fortresses, historical monuments, picturesque narrow streets and art shops. Finally, we will see **Poros** which is simply charming, beautifully green and covered with thousands of pine trees. It is known for its famous 'Lemon Forest', unique in Greece. Walking or cycling around lemon trees is a journey of the senses. The stay in Poros is 50 minutes with enough time to discover the beautiful sandy beaches of the island and the city highlighted by the architecture of the town hall, the municipal library, the museum, the cultural center and the small and whitewashed houses typical of the island. Return to Athens and the hotel. **(B) (L)**

DAY 3 (Saturday) ATHENS - MIKONOS

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will take our luggage as we will leave the hotel and Athens after the guided tour of the historic center. The tour begins in the lively area of Monastiraki Square, in the heart of Athens, where you will discover landmarks, the flea market, plenty of souvenir shops and traditional taverns, all under the majestic eye of the Acropolis. Then we will enter the most unique part of the city to discover its quiet, picturesque and mystical hidden corners. Next, we will see the Acropolis, with the Shrine of Dionysus as well as the Dionysus Theatre before ascending to its summit to see the Parthenon, the temple of Nike and other monuments. At the end of the tour we continue to the port to board our ferry that will take us to Mikonos. Once on the island, transfer to the hotel and free time to enjoy at your own pace this idyllic island. Accommodation **(B)**

DAY 4 (Sunday) MYKONOS

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time on the island. Mikonos is one of the Cycladic islands located in the waters of the Aegean Sea and one of the most touristic in Greece. According to mythology, the giants defeated by Heracles were buried in Mikonos. Heracles was a Greek hero son of Zeus and Alcmene, a mortal queen. Enjoy its beaches, but on the island, you can see the windmills that are a landmark of the place, the church of Panagia Paraportiani, a true Byzantine gem or little Venice with its picturesque medieval houses and colorful wooden balconies. Don't miss the sunset from this district. You can also optionally visit the island of Delos, the birthplace of Apollo where you can see several ruined buildings linked to it, with Zeus and Poseidon. Overnight on the island **(B)**

DAY 5 (Monday) MIKONOS - SANTORINI

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning will be at your disposal to enjoy once again the sea and the beaches of Mikonos. In the afternoon we will embark on the ferry that will take us to Santorini, a small circular archipelago formed by volcanic islands in the south of the Aegean Sea, which is part of the Cyclades. Its name is of Italian origin granted by Venetian merchants to Thera, Greek name of this island steeped in history. Its spectacular beauty, together with a lively nightlife, have made it one of the main tourist destinations in Europe. It draws attention its buildings with oriental appearance, with white houses and window frames and doors in blue, as can be found on the coasts of Morocco or Tunisia. After checking in at the hotel, you'll have time to enjoy this paradise island where you can see



one of the most spectacular sunsets. For cosmopolitans, local cuisine is an example of the virtues of Greek food and you can't miss the champagne-like white wine or the famous Vinsanto, one of the most mixed wines in the world. Accommodation on the island. **(B)**

DAY 6 (Tuesday) SANTORINI - ATHENS

Breakfast at the hotel. Mythology regarding Santorini tells that Cadmo, king of Thebas and son of the Phoenician king of Tyre, in his search for his sister Europe, abducted by the god Zeus, came to the island, and founded a Phoenician colony under the direction of Membláro. His descendants lived on the island, then called Calista, for eight generations. The hero Teras, descended from Cadmo, then installed a colony and then renamed the island in his honor. On the island there are many archaeological remains that you can visit while walking through it or just enjoy one of the white sandy beaches and pristine waters. Late afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, reception and transfer to your hotel in Downtown. After check-in, free time for private activities. Accommodation **(B)**

DAY 7 (Wednesday) ATHENS – DELPHI

Today, after breakfast, you leave for Delphi via Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Today we will visit the archaeological site of Delphi, declared a World Heritage Site of the Humanity by UNESCO in 1987. In ancient times it was the place of the oracle of Delphi, within a temple dedicated to the god Apollo in the valley of Mount Parnassus. Delphi was revered throughout the Greek world as the place of the encephalus or center of the universe. Once in Delphi, we will visit the famous theater, where you will contemplate spectacular views of the mountains of the area. Then we'll see the temple of Apollo. After the visit, we continue our route to Corinth, near the narrow strip of land that joins the Peloponnese with Continental Greece. We will visit the ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul lived and preached for two years, we will see the remains of the first century shops, the agora where Paul's trial for Galio took place, the fountain of Peirene and one of the most outstanding monuments of the pre-Roman period, the temple of Apollo. Afternoon free. Enjoy dinner and stay overnight at Delphi. Accommodation **(B)**

DAY 8 (Thursday) DELPHI – KALAMBAKA

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Delphi for an interesting trip through Central Greece and the town of Lamia to Kalambaka. The city of Kalambaka is located at the foot of the Meteora monasteries in the northwesternmost part of the plain of Thessaly, formed by the Pinios and its tributaries. The district extends over about 48 km² from the Meteora monasteries northeast of the city to the opposite side of the River Pinios to the northeastern ridges of the Koziaka, which borders the Thessalian plain to the west and represents the eastern beginning of the Pindos Mountains. Enjoy dinner and stay overnight. **(B)**

DAY 9 (Friday) DAY 9 KALAMBAKA – METEORA - ATHENS

After breakfast we will continue our trip to Meteora where we will visit its monasteries, classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1988. These Orthodox Christian monasteries are constructions on the summit of grey rock masses (sandstone and conglomerate), carved by erosion and called Meteora. They are located at a height of 600 meters and have been inhabited since the fourteenth century. Visit 3 main monasteries and discover the natural beauty and cultural heritage of this area. The visit will take us back to the dark season and to the history of the first monks who laid the foundations of what later became the monastic community of Meteora. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia. Thermopylae (short stop to see across the road the Leonida's Monument), arrive in Athens early in the evening.

N.B. Please ladies for the visit of the Monastery you need a skirt and the gentlemen long trousers. **(B)**

DAY 10 (Saturday) ATHENS - RETURN

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time in Athens for private activities. To agreed time, airport transfer for your return flight or connection for the extension of your trip in Europe. End of our services. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

