

# GREEK ISLAND HOPING FOR HONEYMOONERS

Do you know why is the trip after getting married called "honeymoon"? The word "honeymoon" itself is derived from the Scandinavian practice of drinking mead, or fermented honey, during the first month of the marriage (measured by one moon cycle) in order to improve the likelihood of conception. In the practice, if you and your spouse are planning a honeymoon, you are getting into a tradition and a privilege many couples enjoy if they have the opportunity. And if you have the means to plan a post-nuptial getaway, it's easy to understand why you'd want to enjoy one: A honeymoon is a time to bond, relax, celebrate as a couple, reflect on your relationship, and look ahead at what's to come.

Planning a honeymoon does not mean to go to the beach and just relax. It's the time to enjoy as a couple, to explore a region, a city, a village; to hike, to ride together. In fact, to use a time for both of you. Here we offer you to know some of the more than 1000 islands that belong to Greece. Start with a day cruise to the best Saronic Island Aegina, Poros and Hydra, being the latter one of the most beautiful Greek islands. Continue onboard a ferry boat to see the most important of the Cycladic archipelago located in the center of the Aegean Sea, visiting three (or four) iconic destinations, End this voyage in the splendour of beautiful Santorini. Come with us to this iconic Greece and live your adventure.

#### DAY 1 Friday 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 at your own pace.

#### DAY 2 Saturday ATHENS Saronic Islands

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. 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

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#### PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

# EUR 2.198.-

**Surplus** Semeli Hotel 5\*\*\*\*\* in Mykonos SUP ROOM **EUR 450.-**

#### **EXPECTED HOTELS**

ATHENS: Amalia 4\*\*\*\* SUP ROOM MYKONOS: George 4\*\*\*\* SEAVIEW PAROS: Paros Bay Sea resort 4\*\*\*\* STD ROOM SANTORINI: Kalisti hotel & Suites STD ROOM + Private balcony 4\*\*\*\*

#### INCLUSIONS:

- ✓ Transfer from/to airport
- ✓ Transfers from port/hotel/port
  ✓ City tour in Athens with guided Englishspeaking tour to Acropolis, panoramic city tour & Acropolis Museum
- ✓ Full day cruise with lunch & return transfers to Saronic Gulf Island Hydra, Poros and Aegina.
- ✓ Ferry tickets Athens to Mykonos
- Delos Tour from Mykonos
- ✓ Entrance fees to Athen's monuments/museums
- ✓ HD shared Delos archaeological site
- ✓ Ferry tickets economy class Mykonos Paros
- ✓ Ferry tickets economy class Paros Santorini
  ✓ Taxes

#### NOT INCLUDED

- $\circ$  International and/or local flights
- o Transfers hotel/ports
- o Services not mentioned on the program.
- o Meals that are not described here.
- o Tips for tour escort, tourguide and drivers.





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 Overnight at the Lighthouse Hotel 4\*\*\*\* or similar. (B) (L)

#### DAY 3 Sunday ATHENS - MYKONOS

Breakfast at the hotel. At the given time, check out & meet your guide at the reception. We will invite you today to explore the greek capital beginning with a panoramic drive of the city visiting the Panathenaic Stadium (modern Olympic Games), the Prime Minister's residence (ex Royal Palace) guarded by the Evzones in their colourful uniforms, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial of the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library and the Constitution Square (Syntagma). Continue with a guided tour of the Acropolis, the Propylea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Parthenon. Then we will proceed to the New Acropolis museum for a guided visit. After the end of the tour transfer to Rafina port (1h from Athens) to embark to the ferry to Mykonos at 17.30. We leave Athens and head for beautiful Mykonos in the Cyclades. The island, according to Greek mythology, was formed by the bodies of giants slain by Hercules. The most recognisable site on Mykonos is the row of immaculate picture postcard white windmills overlooking the water. Every visitor takes that picture. The Old Town has many delightful cafes and tavernas along its winding alleys and time will pass very quickly in these lovely, relaxing surroundings. After check in at the hotel, free time to enjoy the evening atmosphere of the island. Overnight at the Semeli Hotel 5\*\*\*\*\* or similar. (B)

#### DAY 4 Monday MYKONOS Island tour and Delos

Breakfast at the hotel. Free morning for private activities. We suggest to take part of an optional city tour. Discover this beautiful island with stops at the most beautiful viewpoints and beaches as well as the traditional village of Ano Mera. You will have free time to stroll over the picturesque village square and to visit the 16th-century monastery Panagia Tourliani with its artistic marble bell tower and impressive icon wall. Walk through Mykonos town and to the most famous spots like Little Venice, the windmills, Paraportiani church, as well as the beautiful whitewashed streets and little alleys and Mykonos harbor front. The tour ends at the bus stop of the old port. In the afternoon we will start a private guided Delos tour, the birthplace of the god Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. This place is not only one of the most important Greco-Roman settlements but also one of the most extensive. It's an extraordinary insight into power struggles, religion, art, commerce and everyday life in antiquity. The entire island is an open-air museum. Exploring the UNESCO-protected World Heritage Site, you walk through history dating from Mycenaean times, in the 3rd millennium BC. However, Delos' peak was from the 6th-1st century BC, amidst a constant interplay of Athenian and Roman domination - interspersed by the influence of powerful Cycladic neighbours, such as Naxos and Paros. It's a story now told through a bewildering number of sanctuaries and statues, as well as public and private buildings and the artefacts they once contained. Back to Mykonos. Overnight at Semeli Hotel 5\*\*\*\*\* (B)

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### DAY 5 Monday MYKONOS

Breakfast at the hotel. Day free for private activities. Mykonos is a great place for hiking and to discover the natural areas. But no place has better beaches than Mykonos. Thus, enjoy the water, the good weather, the amazing gastronomy and the moments you deserve together. Overnight at the Semeli Hotel 5\*\*\*\* or similar. **(B)** 

# DAY 6 Tuesday MYKONOS – PAROS

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will hop to the next island. Paros is for many the best Island on the Cyclades but we will leave this opinion to your experience and review. Paros is best known for its beaches and traditional villages. Parikia, the bayside capital, is a boating and transportation hub for the Cyclades region. It's also home to the Panagia Ekatontapiliani, a landmark Byzantine church from the 4th century A.D. Filled with ubiquitous Greek island elements such as historic villages, endless marmalade sunsets, sun-drenched hilltop towns, bougainvillaea-covered laneways, endless golden beaches and hidden coves, Paros is quintessential Greece, and a visit here is a must on any Greek Island-hopping adventures. Thus, at the given time, you will take the ferry boat to move forward and upon arrival in Paros, we will transfer you at the chosen hotel in the Island. Free time to relax and enjoy. Overnight. **(B)** 

### DAY 7 Wednesday PAROS

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure for private activities, like walking on the small villages and experiment the Greek way of life. Take the opportunity to taste the delicious culinary offer on the island. You can also do some visits from the island. How about a day trip to Naxos, another beautiful island on the Cyclades and the largest of the Cyclades island group. Its fertile landscape spans mountain villages, ancient ruins and long stretches of beach. The namesake capital (also called Hora or Chora) is a port town filled with whitewashed, cube-shaped houses and medieval Venetian mansions. Kastro, a hilltop castle dating to the 13th century, houses an archaeological museum. The ferry takes 1 hour and 45 minutes to get there from Paros. If you are interested, please let us know to include it on your package. **(B)** 

#### DAY 8 Thursday PAROS - SANTORINI

Breakfast at the hotel. On time transfer to the harbour for your ferry ride to the next amazing cycladic island, Santorini. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Santorini is 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. The story behind this island is the stuff of legends – in 1600 BC after a volcano erupted and its center collapsed into the sea, it left behind parts of its caldera that today form the island. Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing at the beautiful beaches. At the evening, we suggest an optional tour to Oia on the northern tip where you will see a spectacular sunset, a background for typical whitewashed houses with blue frames and churches. You can also go to Caldera Beach, the only one that faces in toward the caldera and gives you a discernible sense of the volcano's immensity. A massive volcanic eruption around 1650 B.C. forced the center of what was then a single island to implode and succumb to the sea. Today, Santorini consists of two inhabited islands and several islets. Most visitors spend their time on Thira (the archipelago's largest island), which is home to Santorini's major towns, including Fira and Oia. Accommodation on the island. **(B)** 

# DAY 9 Friday SANTORINI Free time

Breakfast at the hotel. The day is at leisure for private activities and to enjoy the beautiful beaches of the island. We suggest an optional sunset cruise. The tour departs from Athinios port and includes private transfers from your hotel. After boarding, the boat will cruise through the Caldera to reach the active volcano of Nea Kameni Island. You will make some visits and have dinner on board. After sunset, and after 6-7 hours of tour, the boat will return to the main port, where your bus will take you back to the hotel. Hotel Notos Thermae & Spa 4\*\*\*\* (B) (D)

# DAY 10 Saturday SANTORINI Return flight

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time in Santorini for private activities. To agreed time, transfer to the airport for your return flight home via Athens. End of our services. (B)

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