

Athens - Delphi - Meteora - Santorini - Crete (Heraklion)

Classical Greece & Greek Islands



9 Days / 8 Nights



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DAY 1

Arrival in Athens

- Upon arrival at Athens International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.
- Balance of the day at leisure.
- If time permits depending on your arrival time to Athens, you may enjoy one of our optional tours. (Cape Sounion or Athens By Night Tour with Traditional Greek show).
- Overnight stay in Athens.





DAY 2

Athens

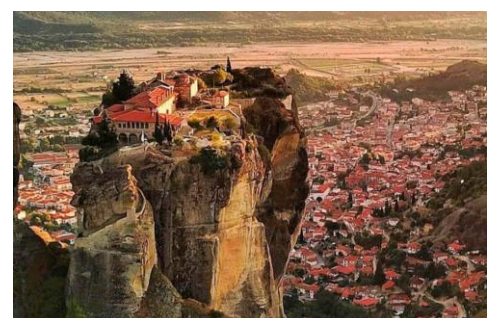
- After breakfast at hotel, pick up for our Athens Sightseeing Tour. Our Athens Half Day Tour begins with a panoramic drive around Syntagma square, passing by many sightseeing hot spots such as National Garden, Hadrian's Arch, St. Paul's Church, Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Catholic Cathedral and Schliemann's House. We will then drive past the Athens Trilogy which includes the University of Athens, the Academy of Athens, and the National Library. Our licensed guide will make you feel as if you are experiencing firsthand Athens's old and new history as you look at these stately buildings. We continue for a photo stop at Panathenaic Stadium, otherwise known as Kallimarmaro Stadium, where the first Olympic Games took place in 1896. As we proceed, we pass by Zappeion and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Last but not least, we make our way to the archaeological site of Acropolis, an UNESCO's world heritage monument and we visit Propylae, as well as the small Temple of Athena Nike. Of course, our visit shall not be completed without the Parthenon and Erechtheion. The expert guided Athens sightseeing and museum tour continues with a pleasant short walk passing by Herodion and Dionysos Theater, in order to visit the New Acropolis Museum. With this Athens half day tour, you will enjoy one of the top UNESCO'S world heritage monuments.
- At the end of our tour, transfer back to your hotel & balance of the day at leisure.
- Overnight stay in Athens.



DAY 3

Athens – Delphi – Kalambaka (Meteora)

- After breakfast, check out from hotel and pick up for our two-day tour to Delphi and Meteora in order to explore some of the most famous sites in Greek mainland.
- Travel through the fertile region of Boeotia, passing historic cities such as Thebes and Levadia, before arriving at the picturesque mountain village of Arachova, nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus.
- Soon after, we reach Delphi, the spiritual center of the ancient Greek world, once believed to be the “navel of the Earth.” Here, you'll explore the archaeological site, including the Temple of Apollo, where the Oracle once delivered her prophecies, and the ancient theater, with panoramic views over the valley of olive groves. Discover the myths and power that made Delphi one of the most significant religious centers in antiquity (Visit to Delphi museum is not included).
- In the afternoon, we continue our journey north, crossing the Thessalian Plain through the towns of Lamia and Trikala. We arrive in Kalambaka, a charming town nestled beneath the soaring grey cliffs of Meteora. Enjoy free time for a short stroll or to browse local souvenir shops.
- Dinner at hotel and overnight stay in Kalambaka.





DAY 4

Kalambaka & Meteora

- After breakfast, check out and set off to explore the world-famous Meteora Monasteries, an awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit two Byzantine monasteries, perched atop towering sandstone pillars that rise dramatically from the plain. These centuries-old spiritual retreats, suspended between heaven and earth, house priceless religious treasures and offer breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.
- After this unforgettable experience, we begin the return trip to Athens, stopping at Thermopylae to view the Leonidas Monument, commemorating the legendary Spartan king and his heroic stand against the Persians.
- The tour returns to Athens late in the afternoon.
- Overnight stay in Athens.





DAY 5

Athens - Santorini

- Early breakfast, check-out and departure transfer to Athens Port “Piraeus” to embark on your regular ferry for the breathtaking Santorini Island.
- Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Santorini & balance of the day at leisure.
- Depending on hours free, a short walking tour on the caldera path or a transfer to enjoy the breathtaking sunset in Oia village might be arranged, as you need to make sure that you have visited Imerovigli and Oia villages with their romantic sunset, before leaving the island.
- Also, depending on operating hours, you may visit the Akrotiri archaeological excavations or just relax at one of the particular beaches of the island.
- Overnight stay in Santorini.





DAY 6

Santorini - Heraklion

- Enjoy your last few morning hours in Santorini Island. According to ferry schedule, transfer to the port of Santorini to embark on the ferry for Crete Island.
- Upon arrival to Heraklion (Crete), transfer to your hotel & balance of the day at leisure.
- Make the most of your time in Crete by visiting its numerous beaches, the famous Palace of Knossos or just walk around the old town of Heraklion, with its small souvenir shops and local taverns. Crete is the biggest island of Greece, where you can taste the local specialties, drink lots of “raki” or “tsikoudia” and listen to traditional music, always accompanied by the famous Cretan dances.
- Overnight stay in Heraklion.





DAY 7

Heraklion

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before setting out for a full free day to discover the charms of Heraklion at your own pace.
- Spend your free day exploring the vibrant city of Heraklion, where history meets modern charm.
- Visit the world-renowned Heraklion Archaeological Museum, stroll through the lively pedestrian streets lined with shops and cafes, or enjoy fresh seafood at the Venetian harbor.
- Don't miss a visit to the nearby Palace of Knossos, the legendary center of Minoan civilization.
- Whether you prefer culture, cuisine, or seaside relaxation, Heraklion has something for every traveler.
- Overnight stay in Heraklion.





DAY 8

Heraklion - Athens

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and morning at leisure for your last-minute shopping or strolling down picturesque Heraklion city.
- Depending on your domestic flight to Athens, transfer to Heraklion Airport.
- Upon arrival in Athens, transfer to hotel & balance of the day at leisure.
- Overnight stay in Athens.





DAY 9

Departure from Athens

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and morning at leisure for your last-minute shopping or strolling down the streets of Athens.
- Depending on your international departure flight, transfer to Athens International Airport.



Inclusions

- 4 Nights Athens Hotel accommodation (3*/4*/5*) on Breakfast basis
- 1 Night Kalambaka Hotel accommodation (3*/4*) on Half Board basis
- 1 Night Santorini Hotel accommodation (3*/4*/5*) on Breakfast basis
- 2 Nights Heraklion Hotel accommodation (3*/4*/5*) on Breakfast basis
- SIC (shared basis) Half day Athens Sightseeing Tour, including the Acropolis Arch. Site and the Museum of Acropolis (entrance fees included) with professional guide & transfers from/to hotel
- SIC (shared basis) Two Days Classical Greece (Delphi & Meteora) Sightseeing tour on HB basis, including transfers to/from hotel & guided visits with professional guide (tour operates on specific days of the week)
- Licensed professional Guide on tours, when necessary
- Transfers from/to airport in Athens & Heraklion with professional driver
- Transfers from/to ports in Athens, Santorini and Heraklion with professional driver
- Economy class Ferry Tickets (Piraeus – Santorini – Heraklion)
- All taxes

Suggested hotels:

Athens: 3* Athenian Montaza or similar, 4* The Stanley or similar, 5* Radisson Blu Park / Wyndham Grand Athens or similar

Kalambaka: Accommodation (3*/4*) as allocated by the shared tour provider, according to the selected tour category.

Santorini: 3* Amaryllis Hotel or similar, 4* El Greco Hotel or similar, 5* Del Sol Hotel or similar

Crete (Heraklion): 3* Olympic Hotel or similar, 4* Olive Green Hotel or similar, 5* Aquila Atlantis Hotel or similar

Not Included

- International and/or Domestic flights
- Other optional tours
- Other Meals or Beverages
- Other transfers
- Climate Resilience Tax to be paid directly to the hotel
- Gratuities (optional)
- Any personal expenses
- In case of an increase in the VAT or other taxes, including entrance fees, rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- Rates may change during special periods such as Authentic Marathon dates, Christmas, New Year, Easter, International Congresses, Conventions and Fairs.
- We would like to inform you that guests shall be required to pay directly to the hotel a "Climate Resilience Tax", per overnight, per room. This tax goes directly to the state and the Hotel and/or travel agents have no interference. Hotel guests shall be requested to pay the Climate Resilience Tax directly to the hotel and is not included in our above offer.



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