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Athens, Mykonos & Santorini

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PRICE: from \$2,750.00

Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of Athens and the Greek Islands, combining remarkable archaeological sites, magnificent beaches, white washed villages, scrumptious food and great shopping! In Athens - pay tribute to the Acropolis. In Mykonos - stroll through the whitewashed houses and the narrow alleyways and beautiful paradise beaches. In Santorini - enjoy magnificent views and white washed houses perched on the edge of the cliff overlooking the Aegean sea.

Experience Greek culinary delights while onboard a luxurious catamaran boat sailing around the island, visiting the active volcano and the hot springs and ending your trip with a magnificent view of the sunset.



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Athens



An ancient city dating to between 7,000 and 5,000 B.C.E., Athens is considered the birthplace of Western civilization. During the city's Golden Age, great thinkers, writers and artists, such as Hippocrates and Plato, thrived. Greece's capital has blossomed into a popular city break destination that marries archeological sites, contemporary cultural attractions and spirited day and nightlife. One of few European capitals to sport a coastline, the so-called Athens Riviera. In this corner of Athens you'll find organized, emerald water beaches, and rocky coves perfect for a swim. There is certainly no shortage of inviting sand Five-star resorts with spas, esplanades, palm trees, sea sports, sailing and even golf at the modern Glyfada Golf Club await you. Traditional tavernas and gourmet restaurants serve freshly caught fish. The beat goes on at numerous beach bars and exclusive nightclubs where you will dance until dawn, barefoot on the sand.

HOTEL:

Divani Palace Acropolis

Divani Palace Acropolis is an iconic hotel showcasing the best of Athens. Dine on the rooftop garden restaurant to look out over the Acropolis. From this stunning vantage, consider your central location on a quiet residential street, steps to the Acropolis museum, metro, Plaka area, and Monasteraki shopping. The hotel offers the perfect room for guests every need where personality and stylish touches abound. Heritage and modernity blend in perfect harmony. Unique details can be discovered in every turn traveling through the history of Athens starting from inside the hotel.



Mykonos

Welcome to Greece's most famous cosmopolitan island, a whitewashed paradise in the heart of the Cyclades. According to mythology, Mykonos was formed from the petrified bodies of giants killed by Hercules. And did you know that the island took its name from the grandson of Apollo, 'Mykonos'?

Marvel the amazing sunset from Little Venice Mykonos, stroll around the narrow paved streets of Chora, dance the day away at epic beach parties and swim at the exotic Mykonos beaches.

OPTIONAL:

Mykonos Guided Walking Tour

Starting the walking tour from the Yachting Club, you will follow the guide through the Old Town to the small Venice, and Windmills. On this way see the cathedral Paraportiani, the typical houses and numerous chapels. Discover the beauties of the Old Town walking along the narrow streets and alleys seeing the daily life as well as the town's interesting architecture. Visit the Folklore Museum (near Paraportiani) to see its interesting exhibits and discover the past of this tourist island. End up the walking tour at Manto square. Enjoy free time for shopping.

Mykonos Cooking Lesson at a Mykonian Spiti

Spiti means home and the 'Mykonian Spiti' is our home that you are welcome at, during this cooking experience. For about 6 hours you will experience the traditional Greek way of life, the culture and the Greek art of cooking. It is not what you will do, it is mostly how you will do it. During this time you will learn tips and cooking methods that have made Mykonian Spiti, Mykonos and Greece, loved by its friends and visitors, but most importantly you will instil the hospitality and the everyday lifestyle of a traditional Mykonian family. Teta, the host, will teach you about Mykonian culture and history, share stories about her family's life and make you feel just as if you are visiting close relatives or friends. And while she's chatting with you, you'll be sampling various mezes and tasting Mykonian wine.



Santorini

Santorini is one of the Cyclades islands in the Aegean Sea. Crescent-shaped Santorini (or Thira), the precious gem of the Aegean, is actually a group of islands consisting of Thira, Thirassia, Aspronissi, Palea and Nea Kameni in the southernmost part of Cyclades.

It was devastated by a volcanic eruption in the 16th century BC, forever shaping its rugged landscape. The whitewashed, cubiform houses of its 2 principal towns, Fira and Oia, cling to cliffs above an underwater caldera (crater). They overlook the sea, small islands to the west and beaches made up of black, red and white lava pebbles.



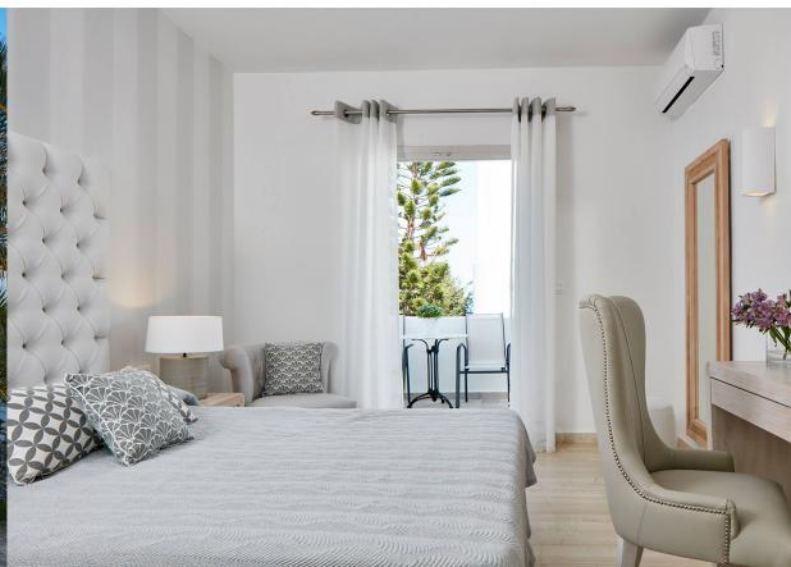
HOTEL:

Santorini Palace Hotel

Santorini Palace is in the center of Fira, Santorini's capital, walking distance from the breathtaking Caldera and restaurants. It features a free-form pool and a fitness center with a hot tub and sauna.

All air-conditioned rooms open to a balcony overlooking the well-tended garden or the Aegean Sea. Facilities include a satellite TV and minibar. Each private bathroom is fitted with a bathtub and hairdryer.

Guests at Santorini Palace can start their day with a buffet breakfast. The restaurant served international dishes during dinner times. Refreshing drinks and light meals are prepared at the snack bar by the pool. No elevator.





Sunset Private Catamaran in Santorini

We begin your 5-hour tour approximately 3.5 hours before sunset to ensure a great afternoon of swimming, snorkeling, dining and an unforgettable sunset cruise. You will have the opportunity to visit the Hot Springs, sail past The Volcano, Venetian Light House, Red and White Beaches and the beautiful coastline. Swim at various locations at your leisure. Dinner is served at a private island (dependent on weather conditions) and free flowing wine, beer, soft drinks or water all afternoon.

Santorini Sunset Wine tasting

Admire the charming landscape of Santorini as you move between 3 of the most traditional wineries in the island, on a late-afternoon wine tour in the countryside while savoring up to 12 different varietals made from grapes such as the indigenous Assyrtiko, learn all about the island's unique viticulture that produces some of the most crisp and seductively sweet wine in the Mediterranean.

After a spectacular wine tour in the countryside finish at a charming winery on the caldera cliffs for a memorable wine-tasting during sunset time.



Tour Info

- Tour Pace: Prepare to walk on cobblestone streets, with steep hills and many stairs (including hotels)
- Group schedules and activities subject to change at any time
- Group meals are pre-chosen. We can accommodate allergies and intolerances only
- Group airline seats cannot be assigned in advance. Special requests taken under consideration
- Airline group rate allows mileage accrual at a modified rate
- Airline tickets nonrefundable after issued. Penalty for changes

Internal Flights Athens - Mykonos / Santorini - Athens

Mandatory internal flights will be required for the group at an additional cost between \$300-\$400 total. The schedules and fares are not yet available but once they are, will reach out to group to advise as those will need to be booked ASAP.

International Group Flights on United

The group flights have been set up on United from Newark to Athens:
United flight #124 14JUL depart EWR 5:40P arrive ATH 10:30A (July 15)
United flight #125 23JUL depart Athens 12:15P arrive EWR 4:20P

Included:

- 8 night lodging with breakfast at hand picked boutique hotels including tax and service fees
- Welcome dinner at Elaia Restaurant (Athens) with drink package
- Taverna style lunch near Acropolis
- Santorini sunset cruise on chartered catamaran "Dream Catcher" with lunch and cocktails
- Fully guided tour of Acropolis
- Ferry ticket from Mykonos to Santorini
- All transfers if participating in group activities
- Farewell dinner in Santorini with wine
- Entrance fees
- Tour Manager at disposal

Not Included:

- Gratuities to guides, restaurant staff or drivers
- Additional city tax of 4€ per guest per night at each hotel payable at check out
- Transfers where not noted
- Meals where not noted
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Optional group flights
- Athens – Mykonos flight (mandatory)
- Travel insurance



Itinerary

JULY 15, 2020 - Welcome to Athens!

Once you arrive in Athens you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Along the way, you will get a guided panoramic tour of Athens City. You will pass through Constitution Square, Syntagma square, the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. The remainder of the afternoon is free to rest until this evening where you will rejoin your fellow travelers on a fantastic welcome dinner reception at Elaia Restaurant in the old Plaka area, the walkway of ancient Athens.

JULY 16, 2020 - Acropolis, Gyro Lesson, Group Lunch, Free evening

Enjoy a morning guided tour of the Acropolis where you will learn insightful information about the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens - the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike and finally the beautiful Parthenon. After the tour, the group will enjoy traditional Greek Mezes (appetizers) at a Greek Taverna and learn to make the gyro. Your afternoon is free to explore more of Athens.

JULY 17-20, 2020 - Mykonos

Transfer from hotel to the airport and fly to the cosmopolitan island of Mykonos where you are transferred to your hotel. Enjoy 3 days on this Cycladic island known for its great night life, beautiful beaches of Elia, Paradise, Super Paradise, Psarou and the town's Cycladic architecture. Walk through the narrow alleyways in Mykonos town and visit beautiful churches and the famous windmills. Optional Activities: • Guided walking tour of Mykonos Day 3 • Cooking Class at a Mykonian Spiti Day 4.

JULY 20-23, 2020 - Santorini

Board the hydrofoil or ferry boat from Mykonos to Santorini. Upon arrival at the pier you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy 3 days at this scenic volcanic island with its breathtaking views and white washed houses draped along the high cliffs of Santorini's dramatic "Caldera". Take postcard pictures while walking through the villages of Oia and Fira, Firostefani and Imerovigli. Visit the red and black beaches and the numerous villages outside the Caldera such as Perissa, Perivolos and Pargos. Visit any of the 12 volcanic wineries sampling a variety of whites and reds along with local cheeses and Santorini's famous tomato paste. HIGHLIGHT: Sail on a luxurious catamaran ship. Optional Activities: • Wine Tasting Day 6 July 22 Farewell Dinner with drinks at Restaurant Santorini.

JULY 23, 2020 - Return to the US

Transfer from the hotel in Santorini to the airport for your flight back to Athens and onto the US.





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Payments:

\$800.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED NOW TO HOLD YOUR SPOT.
SECOND DEPOSIT FOR 800.00 DUE ON FEBRUARY 1, 20120
FINAL BALANCE IS DUE MAY 1, 2020

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Prices apply with minimum/maximum 30 participants per option. If there are less than 30 people on this trip, there will be a \$275.00 surcharge. If under 15 participants, trip might not operate.

NOTE: PLEASE WAIT TO PURCHASE THE NON-REFUNDABLE TRAVEL INSURANCE UNTIL THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF GROUP PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED. YOUR TOUR MANAGER WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN YOU CAN ADD IT.

Cancellation:

Please send us cancellations in writing and enclose all travel documents including air tickets and vouchers. The date of receipt in our office determines the effective date of cancellation. Cancelling the air will incur a \$100 fee at any time. Airfare is completely nonrefundable once tickets have been issued. For any changes to dates or itinerary once tickets have been issued, a \$75 service fee plus any applicable airline imposed fees will apply (\$200-\$400).

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation 30% of deposit nonrefundable inside 7 days; Cancellation after 7 days of booking and outside 60 days 50% of deposit paid to date; Cancellation inside 60 days: nonrefundable
No refunds will be given for unused portions of your package.