

# 14-Day Greece Journey with Timeless Treasures Travel

Athens • Crete • Santorini • Naxos • Mykonos



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## Day 1 – Arrival in Athens & Cape Sounion

Arrive in Athens, where you'll be greeted by your driver and private English-speaking guide. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive along the coastal road, passing charming coves and sandy beaches. You'll soon reach Cape Sounion, where the majestic Temple of Poseidon stands proudly overlooking the Aegean. It's one of Greece's most breathtaking sunset viewpoints and a perfect first impression of the country.

After your tour, check into your luxury hotel and freshen up before enjoying a welcome dinner at Dionysos Zonar's, known for its gourmet cuisine and spectacular views of the Acropolis.

*Optional exploration:* Stroll through Athens in the evening — Syntagma Square and the lit-up Acropolis are magical at night.

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## Day 2 – Athens Highlights

Spend the day immersed in the wonders of Athens with your private guide.

Climb the Acropolis and admire the Parthenon, one of the world's most famous ancient landmarks.

Visit the Acropolis Museum, a modern masterpiece showcasing treasures uncovered from the sacred hill.

Wander the cobbled lanes of Plaka, where neoclassical homes, tiny chapels, and lively cafés blend old and new.

Your guide will share stories of mythology, history, and modern Greek life, making this tour a fascinating journey through time.

*Optional exploration:* Enjoy a leisurely evening in the Monastiraki district, browsing shops, tasting street food, or sipping cocktails with an Acropolis view.

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## Day 3 – Flight to Crete – Arrival in Chania

Catch a short morning flight to Chania, Crete's most charming city. Upon arrival, transfer to your boutique hotel by the sea. The rest of the day is free to relax or begin exploring.

### Suggestions for the afternoon:

- Stroll the Venetian Harbor, lined with cafés, shops, and a lighthouse.
  - Visit the Maritime Museum or browse local artisan workshops.
  - Enjoy fresh seafood at a harborside taverna while watching the sunset.
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#### **Day 4 – Chania Highlights Tour**

Explore the beauty of western Crete:

- Visit the Agia Triada Monastery, a 17th-century gem surrounded by olive groves. Sample its famous organic olive oil and wine.
- Stop at the Venizelos Monument for panoramic views over Chania Bay.
- Return to town for a guided walking tour of Old Chania, discovering Venetian, Ottoman, and Byzantine influences in the architecture.

Along the way, you'll taste local delicacies and discover hidden alleys that most visitors miss.

*Evening idea:* Dine in Chania's old harbor district — it's one of Greece's most atmospheric dinner settings.

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#### **Day 5 – Knossos Palace & Heraklion**

Travel east to discover Crete's ancient treasures:

- Explore the Palace of Knossos, where legends of the Minotaur and labyrinth come alive.
- Visit Heraklion's Archaeological Museum, home to the world's best collection of Minoan art and artifacts.
- Walk through Heraklion's old center, with Venetian fountains, lively markets, and a vibrant café culture.

*Evening idea:* Sample Cretan specialties like lamb with herbs, dakos (barley rusks with tomato & feta), and raki at a traditional taverna.

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#### **Day 6 – Crete to Santorini – Sunset Wine Tour**

Take the morning ferry to Santorini, one of the world's most romantic islands. After checking in, enjoy free time before your evening tour.

Your **Santorini Wine Adventure** takes you to three top wineries, where you'll learn about the island's volcanic soil, sample distinctive wines, and enjoy a glorious sunset while sipping a glass overlooking the caldera.

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#### **Day 7 – Santorini Private Tour – Villages & Akrotiri**

A half-day private tour reveals Santorini's hidden gems:

- Explore Megalochori, a traditional village where time seems to stand still.
- Discover the Akrotiri excavations, often called the "Greek Pompeii," preserved beneath volcanic ash for over 3,500 years.
- Visit the dramatic Red Beach, famous for its unique volcanic cliffs.

*Afternoon idea:* Relax in your cliffside hotel pool, or take a stroll to Fira for shopping and sunset cocktails.

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#### **Day 8 – Santorini at Leisure**

A free day to enjoy Santorini at your own pace.

**Options include:**

- A catamaran cruise around the caldera with swimming and barbecue.
- Exploring Oia, famous for its whitewashed houses and iconic sunsets.
- Shopping for jewelry, local art, or wines.
- Relaxing at a black-sand beach with a seaside lunch.

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### Day 9 – Santorini to Naxos

Travel by ferry to Naxos, the largest of the Cycladic islands. Check into your boutique hotel, complete with a private heated pool.

*Afternoon suggestion:* Relax at Agios Prokopios Beach — one of Greece's most beautiful sandy stretches — or enjoy a sunset walk into Naxos Town.

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### Day 10 – Naxos Old Town & Castle

Discover the cultural heart of Naxos with your guide:

- Begin at the Portara, the monumental gateway of the ancient Temple of Apollo.
- Explore the medieval Castle District, with Venetian mansions and narrow alleys.
- Visit the Catholic Cathedral and the Cycladic Art Museum housed in the historic Ursuline School.

The tour blends history, mythology, and island life, ending with plenty of time to wander the old town's boutiques and cafés.

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### Day 11 – Naxos Villages & Countryside

Venture inland to discover Naxos's traditional villages:

- **Damalas** – see a traditional pottery workshop.
- **Halki** – tour the Vallindras Distillery and taste the local Kitron liqueur.
- **Apiranthos** – a marble-paved mountain village with stunning views.
- **Flerio** – home to ancient marble quarries.
- **Eggares** – tour a 19th-century olive press and learn about traditional olive oil making.

This full-day excursion combines cultural heritage, natural beauty, and food traditions.

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### Day 12 – Naxos to Mykonos

Ferry to Mykonos, famous for its beaches, cosmopolitan flair, and nightlife. After check-in, enjoy free time.

#### Suggestions:

- Visit the iconic windmills and stroll through Little Venice.
  - Relax on Platys Gialos beach.
  - Explore the boutiques, jewelry shops, and art galleries of Mykonos Town.
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### Day 13 – Mykonos Cooking Experience

Spend the day in a traditional Mykonian home for an immersive cooking class. Your host, Teta, will welcome you with meze and wine before guiding you through a hands-on preparation of local dishes such as tzatziki, spinach pie, and stuffed vegetables. After cooking, sit down to enjoy your homemade Greek feast in true island style.

*Evening idea:* If you'd like, explore Mykonos's lively nightlife — from chic cocktail bars to beachfront lounges.

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**Day 14 – Departure** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens and onward connection home. Depart with unforgettable memories of Greece's history, flavors and landscapes.