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Athens & the Islands

Jul 1, 2025 - Jul 11, 2025

\$4,700 per person

Price is based upon double occupancy and does NOT include international airfare. There will be a single supplement charge of \$1,200 per person.

Price includes:

- 3 nights hotel in Athens
- 2 nights hotel in Mykonos
- 2 nights hotel in Santorini.
- 2 nights hotel in Crete
- Arrival and departure transfers in Athens with private bus and English-speaking assistant
- Full-day private tour in Athens, including panoramic city tour + visit to the Acropolis & new museum of the Acropolis (5 hrs approx.) + free time in Plaka, with private bus, professional English-speaking guide, Whisper audio guide aids and entrance fees to the Acropolis & museum (8 hrs approx. in total)
- Transfers from hotel in Athens to Piraeus port with private bus and English-speaking assistant
- Fast Ferry tickets Piraeus-Mykonos + Mykonos-Santorini + Santorini-Crete, economic class, air type seats
- Arrival and departure transfers port-hotel-port with private bus and English-speaking assistant in Mykonos

- *Arrival and departure transfers port-hotel-port with private bus and English-speaking assistant in Santorini*
- *Arrival and departure transfers port-hotel-airport with private bus and English-speaking assistant in Crete*
- *Half-day island tour (4 hrs approx.) in Mykonos private bus and English-speaking assistant*
- *Island tour in Santorini including Akrotiri and the village of Oia. Free time for lunch and shopping (lunch is not included) with private bus and English-speaking guide and assistant and entrance fee to Akrotiri*
- *Sunset catamaran cruise in Santorini, including dinner on board, open bar with beer, local white wine & beverages, and transfers to the hotel*
- *Full day tour in West Crete, visiting Chania & Rethymno. Including lunch at local restaurant. With private bus and English-speaking guide*
- *Full day tour in Crete, visiting Knossos Palace and including Greek olive oil tasting tour and lunch at local restaurant in Archanes. With private bus and English-speaking guide*
- *Transfer from airport to hotel in Athens with private bus and English-speaking assistant*

Price does NOT include:

- *Tips*
- *Porterage*
- *Accommodation tax at all hotels (Environmental Fee)*
- *Drinks at lunches and dinners*
- *Flights*
- *Other expenses not specified*

Trip Summary

July 1 - Fly Overnight to Athens

Depart USA to Athens

July 2 - Arrive in Athens

Arrival in Athens

Check in at Hotel Stanley

July 3 - Athens

Athens Sightseeing

July 4 - Friday

Athens to Mykonos

Check in to Hotel Dionysus Mykonos

July 5 - Saturday

Free Day in Mykonos

July 6 - Sunday

Check out from Mykonos Hotel

Mykonos to Santorini

Check in at Santorini Palace Hotel - Santorini Palace Hotel

July 7 - Monday

Santorini Island Tour & Catamaran Cruise

July 8 - Tuesday

Check out from Santorini Palace Hotel - Santorini Palace Hotel

Santorini to Crete

Check in at ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel - ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel

July 9 - Wednesday

Crete, Chania, & Rethymno

July 10 - Thursday

Check out from ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel - ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel

Crete, Knossos Palace, & Greek Olive Oil Tasting, Athens

July 11 - Friday

Athens to USA

July 1 - Fly Overnight to Athens



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Arrival in Athens

Upon arrival at Athens Airport, be welcomed by our English-speaking assistant and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy an evening welcome reception at the hotel with drinks and dinner.

(D) Overnight in Athens



Check in at Hotel Stanley



July 3 - Athens



Athens Sightseeing

After breakfast, we travel directly to the center of Athens to start our half day panoramic city tour. This tour giving you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city.

Our expert guides will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896 (short stop). Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma).

On the Acropolis visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon.

Avoid and skip the lines of the new museum of Acropolis, main attractions such as votives, artifacts of everyday life, statues from archaic period, Caryatids, and of course the Parthenon hall with the metopes. After the visit, free time at leisure in the traditional neighborhood of Plaka.

(B, D) Overnight in Athens



July 4 - Friday



Athens to Mykonos

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a private transfer with English-speaking assistance to Piraeus and a fast ferry to Mykonos. Upon arrival in Mykonos, be welcomed by an English-speaking assistant and transfer to the hotel.

Get acquainted with Mykonos including the iconic white windmills, Little Venice, and labyrinth streets.

(B) Overnight in Mykonos



Check in to Hotel Dionysus Mykonos

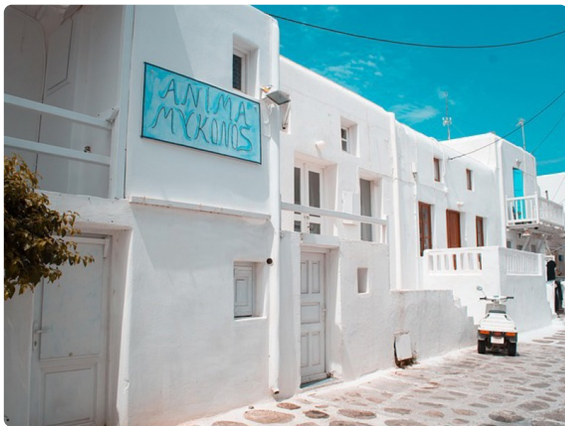


July 5 - Saturday



Free Day in Mykonos

Today is free at your leisure. We recommend to visit the island of Delos, the birth place of Apollo and Artemis, a small island a few miles of Mykonos and one of the most important archaeological sites of Greece.

(B) Overnight in Mykonos**July 6 - Sunday****Check out from Mykonos Hotel****Mykonos to Santorini**

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a private transfer to the port of Mykonos with English-speaking assistance. Take the fast ferry to Santorini. Upon arrival in Santorini, be welcomed by an English-speaking assistant and transfer to hotel in Santorini.

(B, D) Overnight in Santorini**Check in at Santorini Palace Hotel**
Location

This 4-star hotel is located about half a mile from the center of Fira (Thira). There are a number of shops nearby. It is about 4 miles to Thira (JTR) Airport.

Facilities

The hotel has an elevator and features 106 rooms, including 25 single rooms. The reception desk is open around the clock. Amenities include a baggage storage service, a safe and a currency exchange service. Wireless internet access is provided in public areas. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. A number of shops, including a souvenir shop, are great for shopping or just browsing. A garden provides extra space for rest and relaxation in the open air. Additional facilities include a TV room. Parking spaces are available to guests traveling by car. Other services include a babysitting service, a childcare service, a car rental service, medical assistance, a transfer service, room service, a wake-up call service, a laundry service, a coin-operated laundry and a hotel shuttle bus. A bicycle rental service provides all the necessary equipment for exploring the surrounding area. A business center with fax machine and projector is available.



Santorini Palace Hotel

847 00 Firostefani, Firostefani, Greece

July 7 - Monday



Santorini Island Tour & Catamaran Cruise

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for a sightseeing tour of Santorini including Akrotiri, the best way to witness the unique connection of the island of Santorini with the volcano. Visit the prehistoric museum which takes you back in time and the village of Oia, with magnificent views over the volcanic islets and caldera.

Free time for lunch and shopping.

Evening catamaran cruise along the spectacular coast of Santorini, admiring its cliffs and beaches. First stop at the Red Beach for swimming, only some steps away from the ancient site of Akrotiri. Then, stop at the White Beach. Your evening continues while you sail along Akrotiri and Aspronisi, and Ancient lighthouse. Your last stop will be below the picturesque village of Oia to watch the sunset. Your cruise this evening includes dinner on board. At the end of the tour, return to your hotel in Fira.

(B, D) Overnight in Santorini



July 8 - Tuesday



Check out from Santorini Palace Hotel



Santorini Palace Hotel

847 00 Firostefani, Firostefani, Greece

Santorini to Crete



After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a private transfer to the port of Santorini with English-speaking assistance. Then, take a fast ferry to **Crete**. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check in.

(B, D) Overnight in Crete



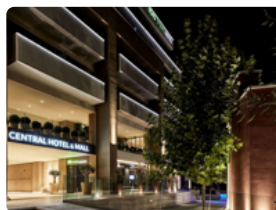
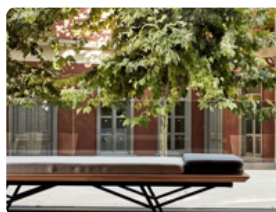
Check in at ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel

Location

Centrally located in Heraklion, this hotel is about 3 miles from the beach.

Facilities

The friendly staff at the reception desk are happy to answer any questions. A baggage storage service and a safe are available. Wireless internet access allows guests to stay connected while on vacation. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. The hotel offers various facilities for guests with disabilities. An elevator and wheelchair-accessible facilities are available. Everyday necessities can be purchased at the supermarket. Additional facilities include a TV room. Guests arriving by car can park their vehicles in the garage or in the parking lot. Other services include a babysitting service, a childcare service, a car rental service, medical assistance, a transfer service, room service, a laundry service, a hairdresser, a coin-operated laundry and a hotel shuttle bus. Active guests can make use of the bicycle rental service to explore the surrounding area. Complimentary newspapers are available. The business center is on hand for guests' business requirements and provides a fax machine.



ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel

Koroneou 26, Heraklion, Greece

July 9 - Wednesday



Crete, Chania, & Rethymno

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. On this full day tour you will have the chance to see the other 2 big cities of Crete which are Rethymno and Chania as well as the only natural lake of Crete the Kournas lake. Our first stop will be Rethymnon which is a graphic Cretan town, so characteristic and unique, that nothing similar is met anywhere else on the island of Crete. Rethymno is a romantic city with more of a provincial air and a place one falls in love at first sight. Visitors are able to feel the positive vibes of the city from the very first moment, making them feel at home. We will have time to relax at the beautiful scenery at the old port of Rethymnon.

Our second stop will be the old town of Chania which comes second in size on the island and is the sixth biggest city in Greece having approximately 100.000 residents. Its Venetian walls and harbor, narrow streets, and old buildings from the Venetian and Turkish period are mostly intact and take you directly to the past. The old harbor, where the small fishing boats can moor, is a perfect place to enjoy a coffee, have your lunch and observe the liveliness of the city. It's a great place for shopping too.

During our return to Heraklion we will have a short stop at the lake of Kournas. Lake Kournas is the only natural sweet water lake in Chania. For those who want, there is a possibility to make a tour in the lake on pedals, or just walk around the lake and swim. Lunch at local restaurant during the tour is included.

(B, L, D) Overnight in Crete



July 10 - Thursday



Check out from ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel



ibis Styles Heraklion Central Hotel

Koroneou 26, Heraklion, Greece



Crete, Knossos Palace, & Greek Olive Oil Tasting, Athens

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today let's discover together the dawn of European Civilization and explore the Minoans in their homeland, Crete. The rise of the Minoans dates back in the 3rd millennium BC and within 2000 years time-span they offered to humanity incredible pieces of art. The mighty kingdom of the Minoans was controlled through the impressive 'palaces', the largest and most luxurious of all being Knossos, related to incredible myths like Minotaur, the Labyrinth and Ariadne's thread! The magnificent Minoan Palace of Knossos is perched up on the hill of Kephala, overlooking a fragrant pine-forested valley. The capital of the Minoan civilization was the first civilization in Europe, and also one of the most advanced in the ancient world.

We continue with a visit at a family-run olive oil mill set on the gently rolling hillsides in the outskirts of Heraklion. The Cretan Mill is a family estate in the Protected Designation of Origin Archanes. Surrounded by olive groves this ecological prototype farm promotes the traditional way of organic olive oil production – the olive oil is stone milled and cold pressed. They produce the oils exclusively from their olive groves. Enjoy a seated tasting of 3 extra virgin olive oils with 2 flavored oils, table olives, Cretan sweet vinegar and petimezi with water and bread!

We continue our exploration to the Midland of Crete. Archanes is a small vibrant town with meticulously restored old houses and pleasant squares a truly remarkable job has been done here. An agricultural town with a long history of 5000 years and important archaeological sites, while excavations conducted in the last 50 years have brought to light a lot of sites dating back to the Minoan period. Archanes Village is surrounded by endless vineyards and cool springs and the town itself is full of colorful houses, and vibrant flowers that decorate the yards and the streets.

Transfer to the airport and flight to Athens. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel.

(B, L, D) Overnight in Athens



July 11 - Friday



Athens to USA

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a private transfer to the airport with English-speaking assistant.

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