



## **Odysseus Tour**

**Duration: 10 days**

### **Suggested Itinerary**

3 overnights in Athens

3 overnights in Santorini

3 overnights in Corfu

*Odysseus was a legendary Greek king of Ithaca and a hero of Homer's epic poem the Odyssey. Husband of Penelope, father of Telemachus, and son of Laërtes and Anticlea, Odysseus is renowned for his brilliance, guile, and versatility, and is hence known by the epithet Odysseus the Cunning. He is most famous for the ten eventful years he took to return home after the decade-long Trojan War.*





# Sites and Places of Interest in Athens

## Acropolis of Athens

The Acropolis, and the Parthenon in particular, is the most characteristic monument of the ancient Greek civilization.

Put the best of science, art and philosophy together in one creation and you have the definitive monument of human civilization.

UNESCO calls it the symbol of World Heritage. The world calls it the Athenian Acropolis!



## New Acropolis Museum

The new Acropolis Museum has a total area of 25,000 square meters, with exhibition space of over 14,000 square meters, ten times more than that of the old museum on the Hill of the Acropolis.

The Acropolis Museum is an archaeological museum focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens.



## National Archaeological Museum of Athens

The National Archaeological Museum of Athens is the largest archaeological museum in Greece and one of the most important museums in the world devoted to ancient Greek art.

Its abundant collections, with more than 11,000 exhibits, provide a panorama of Greek civilization from the beginnings of Prehistory to Late Antiquity.



## Sites and Places of Interest in Santorini



### Akrotiri

Akrotiri is a Minoan Bronze Age settlement on the volcanic Greek island of Santorini (Thera). The settlement was destroyed in the Theran eruption about 1627 BCE and buried in volcanic ash, which preserved the remains of fine Frescoes and many objects and artworks. The settlement has been suggested as a possible inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis. The site has been excavated since 1967. The excavations at Akrotiri have uncovered one of the most important prehistoric settlements of the Aegean.



## Sites and Places of Interest in Corfu



### Byzantine Museum of Corfu

The Byzantine Museum is housed in the Panagia Antivouniotissa church. The church is dedicated to our Lady Virgin Mary Antivouniotissa (Antivouniotissa = opposite the mountains) and is one of the oldest and richest ecclesiastical monuments of the city. It was probably built at the end of the 15th century. It is a single nave, timber-roofed basilica that preserves in tact the particularity of the Corfiot-Septinsular Basilica type church of that era, that is, the existence of an exo-narthex that surrounds the church on three sides.

### Archaeological Museum of Corfu

The Archaeological Museum was built between 1962 - 1965, on a site that was donated by the Municipality of Corfu, and was inaugurated in 1967. The main purpose of its construction was the exhibition of the huge Gorgon pediment of the Artemis temple, excavated in Paleopolis in the beginning of the 20th century. In 1994 two more halls were added to the museum, where the new acquisitions from the recent excavations of the old town and the Garitsa cemetery were exhibited.



### Achilleion

Achilleion is a fairy palace built among cypresses and myrtles by the Empress Elisabeth of Austria, who wished to escape from the Austrian court. Elisabeth truly fell in love with the island, and she dedicated this palace to Achilles as she cherished the belief that he represented the very soul and fairness of Greece.



## Suggested 1-day Cruise Cephalonia-Ithaca



## Korgalenio Historical and Folklore Museum of Argostoli Cephalonia

Everyday objects of people of Kefalonia, furniture, tools, appliances, artwork, religious artifacts and historical documents are the objects housed in the halls of Korgialenio Historical and Folklore Museum of Argostoli. It was created in 1963 on the ground floor of Korgalenios Library and covers the entire modern history of Kefalonia: the Venetian conquest until the destruction of the earthquake in 1953.



## Archaeological Museum of Argostoli Cephalonia

The museum houses antiquities from the island of Kephallonia, ranging from the prehistoric to the Roman periods. It also contains a remarkable collection of Mycenaean finds. The old museum was destroyed by the earthquakes in 1953 and the new one was built in 1960.



## Archaeological Museum of Ithaca

The Archaeological Museum of Ithaca is located in Vathi, behind the beach, in the region of the Cathedral. It is one of two museums in Ithaca with archaeological interest: it houses objects from the excavations in southern Ithaca, while the findings of the excavations in the north are exhibited in the Archaeological Collection of northern Ithaca, in the village Stavros. In the Archaeological Museum of Ithaca you will see exhibits that range from the Geometric Period to Roman times.

## Maritime- Folklore Museum of Ithaca

The collection of Maritime – Folklore Museum of Ithaca houses more than 1,500 exhibits, including old photographs, paintings of ships of ship-owners of Ithaca, nautical instruments and uniforms, documents and books of the Shipping commerce School Stathatos, which was established on the island in the early 20th century and was famous throughout Greece.



# Suggested Hotels in Athens

## Grande Bretagne Hotel

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With breathtaking views of the fabled Acropolis, regal Syntagma Square and the Parliament, lush Lycabettus Hill or the original Olympic Stadium, the multi-awarded 5 star Hotel Grande Bretagne offers an unrivalled perspective of Athens' mythical history.

Situated right in the heart of the city, since 1874, the landmark hotel is within walking distance of exclusive shopping areas, museums and the business district.

Not only do our interiors pay homage to celebrated Greek culture, with intricate moldings and classic décor, but also each of the 320 hotel rooms and suites provide enchanting views of our courtyard, or entrancing, panoramic scenes of our Athens' timeless landmarks.

Escape to the GB Spa Athens for a GB Collection Exclusive Massage or an indulgent respite in the Thermal Suite. The GB Roof Garden Restaurant & Bar serves the finest champagne – the ideal compliment for the setting sun beyond the imposing Acropolis. The Cellar stocks more than 3,000 bottles of the finest vintages – allow us to create the finest wine tasting has never been so exquisite.

<http://www.grandebretagne.gr/>

✓ Spa





## Suggested Hotels in Athens



## Grand Resort Lagonissi 5\*\*\*\*\*

Grand Resort Lagonissi welcomes you to enjoy a seafront paradise, set on a 72-acre verdant peninsula. Boasting twenty exclusive sandy beach coves and lush natural beauty the resort is nestled in a magnificent private peninsula offering breathtaking sunsets and views to inspire.

The resort provides endless choices of luxurious accommodations, all on the waterfront with direct access to sandy beaches or to the sea. Deluxe rooms with stunning sea views, bungalows with private pools, suites with gym quarters and villas with private spa areas, compose the Grand Resort's luxurious scenery. The latest in comfort of technology pervade every single room combined with sleek interiors creating an ambience of residential charm and unparalleled beauty.

The THALASPA Chenot at the Grand Resort Lagonissi offers a complete range of services for body, mind and spirit. Rediscover the world of natural rules and free yourself from all pressures and tensions through the unique Chenot Method.

<http://www.lagonissiresort.gr/>

- ✓ Spa
- ✓ Mini-golf



## Suggested Hotels in Santorini

### Mystique Hotel

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Located on Oia's most famous cliffs, Mystique features an infinity pool with a sun deck and a bar with breathtaking views to the Volcano and the Caldera. Decorated by famous interior decorator Frank Leferbvre, the stylish Mystique boasts nature-inspired design in harmony with traditional architecture and the most up-to-date technology. Greek breakfast is served daily in the dining area and includes Greek cheeses, traditional pancakes and filo pastries with custard cream. Mystique's refined dining options range from the dramatic 150-year Secret Wine Cave to the signature Charisma Restaurant. Guests can taste wine varieties from Santorini in the unique cellar and dine upon regional specialties masterfully prepared by the awarded Chef.

<http://mystique.gr/>  
✓ Spa



### Aigialos Luxury Traditional Houses

5\*\*\*\*\*

The 5-star Aigialos Luxury Traditional Houses has a peaceful and quiet location. With views of the Aegean Sea, this luxury hotel is 5 minutes' walking from the town centre. The hotel combines authentic Cycladic architecture with modern comfort. All accommodation is luxurious, beautifully decorated, and has a balcony with sea views. All meals are of a high quality, and can be enjoyed in the privacy of your room or at the gourmet restaurant next to the swimming pool.

<http://www.aigialos.gr/>



## Suggested Hotels in Corfu

### Corfu Imperial, Grecotel Exclusive Resort 5\*\*\*\*\*

Standing on its private peninsula with uninterrupted views of the Ionian Sea, the Corfu Imperial, Grecotel Exclusive Resort boasts 3 private sandy beaches and a large outdoor pool. All rooms at this hotel enjoy a superb sea view whether allocated in the main building or in a bungalow nestled in the gardens that lead down to the sea. Corfu Imperial dining combines exclusive waterfront settings and award-winning chefs. Gourmet restaurant Aristos offers à la carte Greek and Mediterranean dishes. Guests can enjoy an after-dinner drink in the lounge bar, the cocktail bar and the pool bar.

<http://www.corfuimperial.com/>  
✓ Spa



### MarBella Corfu 5\*\*\*\*\*

Boasting a private beach area, in Agios Ioannis Peristeron, Marbella Beach features 5 pools and a spa centre. Its rooms enjoy spectacular views of the Ionian Sea and the hotel's lush gardens. 3 restaurants serve Mediterranean and traditional Greek cuisine in charming poolside and seaside settings. In the evening, guests can enjoy a drink or cocktail in one of the bars of the hotel. The main town of Corfu is 17 km away from the resort. Corfu International Airport is a 30-minute drive away.

<http://www.marbella.gr/>  
✓ Spa