



## Greece Journey of Purpose & Discovery

Athens, Naxos, Sifnos

May 23 – June 3, 2023

**\$5,499 including flights**  
**\$799 single supplement**

*Nestled between the waters of the Aegean and Ionian seas, Greece’s captivating history and scenic beauty make it a perfect destination for the discerning Nanda traveler. Beginning in the capital of Athens, we’ll journey out to the magnificent islands — exploring the locals Greece, visiting Sifnos and Naxos. Venturing beyond the tourist trail to explore the “real” Greece*

### Program Highlights

- 12 days & 10 nights
- Small group with **Nanda Journeys founder**, Nicola Balmain, **Private Local Guide**, and **Insider Experts**
- Authentic Greece exploring **Athens** and **2 stunning islands** of Sifnos & Naxos

### Cultural & Community Explorations

- Enjoy a **private locally guided** exploration of Athens including **The Acropolis & Parthenon**
- Meet the locals as you enjoy exquisite **Greek food**, sip **Kitron** and wine at local **Taverna’s in local neighborhoods**
- Go **off the beaten path** to explore less touristy, but the largest of the Cyclades, **Naxos**, and neighboring Sifnos
- Marvel at the serenity and beauty of the **Cyclades Islands** as you travel by ferry between the islands
- Enjoy a local **cooking class**, sample **homemade cheeses**, and learn how to make the local **specialty liqueur Kitron**
- Wander **narrow alleyways**, take in the picture-perfect beaches, **whitewashed blue domed buildings**, and enjoy some of the most spectacular sunsets you will ever see
- Enjoy a **farewell dinner**, **sip on a cocktail**, and enjoy a **private Greek dance lesson** on the beach

#### What’s Included:

- 10 nights deluxe boutique accommodations
- Daily breakfast, 8 lunches, 4 dinners
- Private transfers
- Activities as outlined in itinerary
- Ferry Athens-Sifnos-Naxos
- Local Leader and Insider Experts along the way
- Taxes

#### Not included:

- Personal expenses
- Meals not specified
- 1 Alcoholic beverage served with incl dinners – additional extra
- Passport renewal or issuance
- International flights
- Tips for your Local Leader, Insider Experts, Housekeeping etc.

## DAY 1, May 23, 2023

Depart from New York and make your way to Greece.

📍 Athens, Greece

## DAY 2, May 24, 2022

**Kalimera!** Welcome to Greece. After clearing Immigration and Customs procedures, the group will be met by your **Local Guide**. Enjoy a city orientation with your guide and enjoy a local lunch in a Greek Taverna.

Transfer to the COCO-MAT Athens a **5-star hotel** in the heart of Athens. The birds' installation that reaches for the skies, the ancient Roman mosaic floor in the lobby, the suites that reflect outstanding hospitality, the soothing lounge, the spa and the **breath-taking roof garden** with views to the Acropolis and all over Athens. Take some time to relax, unpack and enjoy an early evening dinner (on own).

**Overnight: 5 Star COCO-MAT Athens (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Lunch**

📍 Athens, Greece

## DAY 3, May 25, 2023

Your local guide leads the way this morning as we spend the day learning about ancient Greek civilization and culture. See **Hadrian's Arch** and the **Temple of Zeus**, Constitution square called "**Syntagma**" where the presidential guard, called "Evzonos", is in front of the Greek parliament and the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**. Panathinaikos stadium that was originally built in 329aC, and where the **first Olympics** of the modern era in 1896 were held.

After lunch, visit one of the most recognizable sights in Athens: **The Acropolis (Greek: "city at the top")**.

Return to the hotel to freshen up, before venturing out for a **welcome dinner** in the local's neighborhood, Kylespi. Enjoy traditional Greek music, dancing and of course fabulous local food and wine.

**Overnight: 5 Star COCO-MAT Athens (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



📍 Athens, Greece

## DAY 4, May 26, 2023

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day this morning, savor your breakfast, enjoy the views, and enjoy the hotels ample facilities before venturing out for a uniquely immersive **cooking class in a local home**. As you learn how to cook a traditional dish (which you will also enjoy for lunch) enjoy local Greek music, **hear stories of daily life** from your friendly hosts and soak up the atmosphere of being in a traditional Greek home with a lovely outdoor courtyard.

As part of the Nanda philosophy is to give back to the local community, we are exploring a **social project** for us to participate in to support a local NGO, working hard to improve the lives of people who have experienced tough times.

Spend the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring iconic Athens, its unique boutiques, historic neighborhoods, or a host of museums, galleries, cafes, and bars – your local guide will be on hand to provide recommendations and point you in the right direction.

**Overnight: 5 Star COCO-MAT Athens (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**



📍 Naxos, Greece

### DAY 5, May 27, 2023

After breakfast, transfer to the port of Piraeus to take a ferry to the island of **Naxos**. Ferries are a main stay of public transport in Greece, especially to navigate the glorious Cyclades Islands in the Aegean. The journey will take approx. 5 hours. And is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the panoramic views, with islands all around and glistening clear blue sea, it's a journey you won't forget.

**Naxos — a hidden gem** of the Islands where Greek tradition and western influence exist harmoniously. It is not as well visited as many other Islands and is a perfect destination to explore the "real" Greece.

Check in to your **5-star Nissaki Hotel** on St. Georges beach, yet within walking distance of Naxos town. Facilities include a beachfront restaurant, an outdoor bar, an indoor lobby bar and spacious lounges, a swimming pool with hydro-massage area and pool loungers for your ultimate comfort.

**Overnight: Nissaki Beach (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast**

📍 Naxos, Greece

### DAY 6, May 28, 2023

Today we will explore why Naxos is among the favorite islands for Greek mainlanders during the summer. Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades, is a **whitewashed Greek paradise** with a rich cultural history in the heart of the Aegean Sea.

According to mythology, **Zeus, the king of gods** grew up in Naxos, hidden away from the ferocity of his father.

With your local expert guide, you'll spend the day exploring the many archeological and historical sites, **charming villages, sandy beaches,** and picture-perfect locations. Enjoy a **cheese and Kitron tasting experience** and learn why this island is infamous for these delicacies, made only on Naxos.

Stop for lunch in one of the **many quaint villages** and enjoy life at a pace that can only be enjoyed on the islands.

Return to the hotel and simply enjoy the evening beachside, or head out to explore Naxos town, with dinner on own.

**Overnight: Nissaki Beach (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch**



📍 Naxos, Greece

### DAY 7, May 29, 2023

Today is yours to relax, enjoy the fine sandy beaches of Naxos and explore at your leisure. Read a book under the shade of the palm trees, take a dip in the pool, or set off on your own Greek island adventure.

**Overnight: Nissaki Beach (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast**

📍 Sifnos, Greece

### DAY 8, May 30, 2023

After breakfast, you'll take another panoramic boat ride to nearby **Sifnos** (approx. 1.5hrs.)

On arrival we'll enjoy lunch at a **local taverna** before checking in to **Alexandros Hotel**. The complex consists of about 50 rooms built on several levels and scattered in 6 buildings, giving the feeling of being in a **small Cycladic village** with traditional balconies and terraces awash with the traditional **blue-white of the Aegean**.

**Overnight: Alexandros Hotel (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch**



📍 Sifnos, Greece

### DAY 9, May 31, 2023

After breakfast, head out to explore several of Sifnos' local villages. **Artemonas**, a real jewel of Sifnos, with its narrow winding walkways and delectable bakeries is sure to take your breath away. Meander to Poulati, a beautifully "wild" location on the east coast of the island with "killers rock" jutting out of the sea. Continue to Kastro, the **medieval capital of Sifnos** which enjoys a cliff-top location from where you have fantastic panoramic views of the sea.

Enjoy lunch at a local tavern before returning to your hotel.

**Overnight: Alexandros Hotel (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch**



📍 Sifnos, Greece

**DAY 10, June 1, 2023**

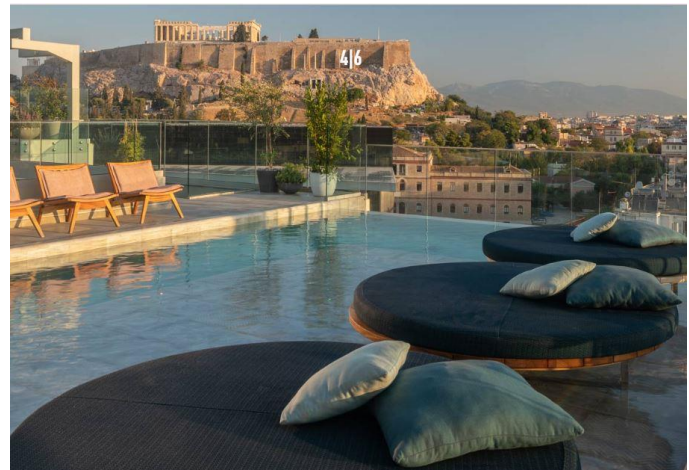
Sleep in today, enjoy your beachside hotel, or revisit one of the magical locations you have enjoyed these past few days.

The islands of Greece have much to offer, but to simply relax, be warmed by the sun, and lounge by the pool is also an acceptable past-time! Your guide is on hand to provide recommendations for how you might enjoy your final day on the island, including shopping for local crafts including pottery and patisseries.

**EXPLORING agricultural farm visit – TBD**

For your **farewell party** this evening, enjoy a **private Greek dancing lesson** on the beach, learning several local dances. Join your fellow travelers at a **local beachside restaurant** for a traditional dinner, paired with wine. Share stories and reminisce about your great **Greek adventure**.

**Overnight: Alexandros Hotel (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



📍 Athens, Greece

**DAY 11, June 2, 2023**

Depart the islands today and travel to **Athens** for a final look at this magical city. We have allocated some free time so you can revisit your favorite neighborhoods or explore new ones!

Return to the splendid **Cocomat BC hotel**. Take a dip in the rooftop pool and admire the Acropolis in the distance; shop the many nearby stores for those final souvenirs or wander the many historical neighborhoods. Dinner this evening will be served at the hotel who specialize in cooking home-made fayre reflecting the rich culinary heritage of Greece and Athens.

**Overnight: COCO-MAT Athens (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

📍 Athens, Greece

**DAY 12, June 3, 2023**

Your Grecian adventure ends today! Your guide will accompany you to the airport. We hope you have enjoyed your journey.

**Included meals: Breakfast**

📍 Athens, Greece

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📍 St. George Beach, Naxos

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📍 Sifnos, Greece

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