

# Exploring Greece and Its Islands

*featuring Classical Greece, Mykonos & Santorini*

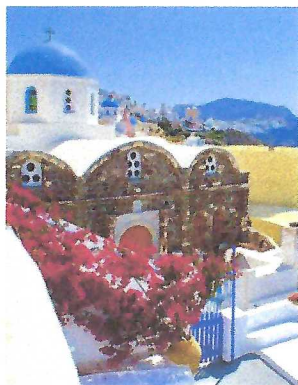
with optional 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

Departing May 18 – June 2, 2023

## Highlights...

Athens • The Acropolis • Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Choice on Tour: Mycenae or Nafplio  
• Mykonos • Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri

**16 Days • 23 Meals: 14 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 8 Dinners**



**BOOK NOW: Double \$5,899; Single \$7,049; Triple \$5,849**

Regular rates: Double \$6,149; Single \$7,299; Triple \$6,099

*\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Washington, Inter-flights from Santorini Thira Is., Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 per person

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### Collette Experiences

- ★ Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- ★ Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- ★ Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring Greek specialties at a local restaurant in Athens. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*



**Day 7: Olympia**

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region’s best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Olympia - Nafplio**

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arcadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. In the countryside of Nemea, stop at a family-owned vineyard producing not wine but Corinth Raisins. These dried grapes were one of the few natural sources of sugar of ancient Greece. During your visit, learn how the traditional production methods were passed down through generations, keeping this trade alive until present day. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 9: Nafplio**

Today, **it’s your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece’s first capital city. Nafplio’s mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece’s most elegant city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 10: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos**

Early this morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 11: Mykonos**

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don’t miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed

buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Or join an optional excursion to the nearby island of Delos,\* the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 12: Mykonos - Santorini**

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 13: Santorini - Oia - Santorini**

Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 14: Santorini**

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira’s charming town center, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 15: Santorini - Athens**

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 16: Athens - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Day	4	Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day	5	Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova
Day	6, 7	Europa Hotel Olympia, Olympia
Day	8, 9	Nafplia Palace, Nauplia
Day	10, 11	San Marco Hotel, Mykonos
Day	12 – 14	El Greco Hotel, Santorini
Day	15	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions.

\*The “Ancient Delos: Apollo’s Sacred Island” option must be purchased at least 10 days prior to departure. This option is subject to weather and sea conditions.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

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**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you’re an on-the-go traveler. You don’t want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn’t a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, ferries, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 30-40 uneven steps and walking over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. You will be travelling by public ferryboats between Athens, Mykonos and Santorini. In addition to handling your own luggage on and off the ferries, you must be prepared to climb 1 or 2 flights of steep steps to access the passenger section of the ferryboats. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may find these transfers challenging and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

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**Extend Your Vacation With...**

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension  
Rate: \$1,299.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive  
4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

**Extend Your Vacation With...**

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Istanbul Post Tour Extension  
Rate: \$999.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive  
4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

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DEPARTURE DATE: May 18, 2023

GROUP NAME: Ideal Trips 4 You, LLC

### Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

## Athens



### Athens Local Food Tour

**\$115 USD**

Experience Athens as a local! Join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting the cuisine of Athens. You'll make your way through three neighborhoods in the city, full of hidden gems that few travelers ever get to see. Be welcomed into several local restaurants, bakeries and markets to sample some of the area's best culinary specialties and wine. Your guide will explain the significance each dish serves to the culture and region. You'll learn about common grocery items found in the markets and the importance of spices used in Greek cooking. Along the way, view the traditional architecture and see historic artifacts from ancient Athens that were recently discovered. This option doesn't operate on national and religious holidays when most venues are closed. *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



### Walking Tour in Megalochori and Santorini Dinner

**\$95 USD**

Travel to the southern side of Santorini to the small traditional village of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island dating back to the 17th century. Embark on a walking tour through the narrow alleys and peek into the small shops, markets and churches for a taste of the local life. After your walking tour, make your way to a local restaurant. Savor regional cuisine during your delicious 3-course dinner in an open setting with breathtaking views of the rich, blue Aegean waters. Sit back and relax as you toast to your incredible experience. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

### Ancient Delos: Apollo's Sacred Island

**\$135 USD**

Take a step into the past with a half-day excursion to the island of Delos, the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. After a quick 30-minute boat ride, allow your guide to introduce you to this sprawling UNESCO site. See how the Greek myths intertwine with prehistoric ruins, passing through narrow streets from the Hellenistic age. Tour the awe-inspiring House of Dionysus, a relic from the 4th-century BC containing ancient mosaics and preserved columns. Peruse the Temple of Apollo, the Sacred Lake, and the guardian Naxian Lions with your guide before enjoying time to explore independently. Take in views of the Sacred Island of Delos as you ferry back to Mykonos. *Duration of guided tour is 90 minutes and is subject to favorable weather conditions. This option needs to be pre purchased 10 days prior to departure. Availability for purchase while on tour is not guaranteed. Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Extend your vacation with

### Optional 5 Days 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,299.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel to the eternal city of Rome.

#### Day 2: Rome

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a locally guided tour of Classical Rome. Discover the city's famous sights such as the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Rome

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour\* to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Rome - Athens

Your Roman sojourn comes to a close today. Say *Arrivederci Roma* as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

\*The Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays and holidays so this optional tour may operate on a different day on select departures. The Vatican Museums' dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. The purchase of an additional air segment is required. Please inquire for air rate at time of booking.

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**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3.** This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.



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## **Optional 4 Days 3-Night Istanbul Post Tour Extension**

Rate: \$999.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

### **Day 16: Athens, Greece - Istanbul, Turkey**

Depart Greece and make your way to Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West, Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. The city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires – which is seen through its blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity. This evening, kick-start your exploration of Istanbul by sampling Turkish cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. *Today dinner will be included.*

### **Day 17: Istanbul**

Discover the city with a local guide. Start your morning at the famous Hagia Sophia,\* the Church of the Holy Wisdom. At the time it was built, this massive cathedral was the largest in the world. Continue on to the Blue Mosque,\*\* where vibrant blue tiles line the building's opulent interior walls. After free time for lunch, continue exploring Istanbul with your local expert. Make your way through the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, surrounding yourself with artisan crafts, buzzing energy, and exciting vendors. Enjoy an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### **Day 18: Istanbul**

The day is yours to spend however you choose! Explore the local boutiques or maybe taste the culture through Turkish favorites. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional excursion to a Hammam Turkish bath, where you'll enjoy an authentic scrub and foam bath. This evening, wrap up your exploration of Istanbul at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### **Day 19: Istanbul - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

\*The Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays. Should your visit fall on a Monday, the order of sightseeing will be rearranged in order to accommodate your schedule.

\*\*No shoes are allowed when entering any mosque. Shoes are to remain outside and socks are recommended during this visit. Women will also be required to wear a head scarf; these are available at each Mosque at no charge.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

This extension is offered on select dates and subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Please inquire at time of booking.

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A visa is required for travel to Turkey and needs to be obtained in advance in E-Visa form at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Please consult with your embassy/consulate for proper documentation.

**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3.** This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.