

DISCOVER ISLANDS OF GREECE

9 DAY TOUR

NYC - ATHENS - MYKONOS - SANTORINI ATHENS - NYC

With Central Connecticut **Chambers of Commerce**

Discover the ancient remains of Athens, the delicious dishes of Mykonos, and the spectacular sunsets of Santorini with this island-hopping tour of Greece!

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Land Only

Single Supp.



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TOUR SUMMARY:

Head into the heart of Greece, known for its ancient archaeological sites, breathtaking beaches, and turquoise-green waters as you hop from island to island across the Aegean Sea! This island hopping tour of Greece will begin in Athens, the famous capital of Greece known as the birthplace of democracy. Visit the Acropolis and see the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, two of the city's most famous landmarks, before you board your ferry to Mykonos, a breathtaking island known for its exhilarating nightlife scene. Lay back and unwind on some of the most beautiful beaches in Greece, famous for their spectacular sands and crystal-clear waters, and go bar hopping on the party island before you set sail to Santorini, where you will see the most beautiful sunsets in Greece. Lay back under the sun on the beautiful local beaches, set out to explore the traditional Greek villages, and lose yourself in the vast and varied landscapes of his romantic island. Finally, you will make your way back to Athens, where your island-hopping tour of Greece will come to an end!



TOUR LODGING INFO: 07 Nights' Accommodation + 01 Night Onboard Flight
Accommodation will be provided on double occupancy basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Athens	02 Nights	Polis Grand Hotel
Mykonos	02 Nights	Porto Myknos Hotel
Santorini	02 Nights	Santorini Palace
Athens	01 Nights	Polis Grand Hotel

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit the Acropolis and Theater of Dionysus in Athens
- Sail along the crystal-blue waters of the Aegean Sea
- Unwind on the beautiful golden beaches of Mykonos
- Explore Santorini, known for its spectacular sunsets

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip flights from NYC
- 07 nights' accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed superior hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure transfers airport transfers
- Transportation in a deluxe vehicle equipped with air conditioning
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Ferry tickets From Piraeus Mykonos in economy class
- Hydrofoil tickets Mykonos-Santorini & Santorini-Piraeus in economy class
- International roundtrip airfare from New York
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local and applicable taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: WED NYC - ATHENS (BY FLIGHT)

Today you will make your way to your local gateway airport to board your overnight international flight to Athens. Enjoy in-flight meals and services onboard.

Overnight Onboard Flight

DAY 02: THU ATHENS (ARRIVAL)

Welcome to Greece! Once you arrive in the capital, you will be met by a company representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Athens

DAY 03: FRI ATHENS

(B/-/-)

After breakfast, head on a morning city tour through Athens, the capital city of Greece, which will include a visit to the world-famous Acropolis. The tour will start in front of the House of Parliament in Syntagma Square, where you will see the Monument of the Unknown Soldier before walking through the National Gardens to see the Zappeion, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and Hadrian's Arch. You will then head into the Plaka neighborhood as you visit the Acropolis, the ancient citadel overlooking the city. You will see the Propylaia, the Temple of Nike, the Parthenon, the Athenian Agora, the Observatories, the Hill of Democracy (Pnyx), Mars and Philopappou Hill, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, and the Theater of Dionysus. After this tour, you will return to your hotel filled with fascinating memories Spend the rest of the day at leisure in Athens on your own or simply unwind.

Overnight in Athens

Optional: Athens by Night Tour USD 95 per person

Fuel your appetite with a night tour of Athens and its port before you unwind with a Greek dinner show at a typical tavern in the Plaka district. This is the perfect way to spend a night out in the city of Athens!

DAY 04: SAT ATHENS – MYKONOS (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

In the morning our representative will transfer you to the port to board your ferry to the magnificent island of Mykonos. Your ticket will include reserved seating. Mykonos boasts splendid beaches, historic churches, and quaint streets laced with whitewashed houses, where artists and jet setters alike mingle. Tall, white windmills will give an extra romantic touch to this lovely island, which also hosts a plethora of tavernas offering traditional Greek dishes. This is truly a paradise waiting for you to lay back and relax in the sun, explore the sandy beaches, and get a taste of the incredible local nightlife. Upon arrival at the port of the island, you will be met, assisted, and transferred to your hotel by our representative. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Mykonos

Optional: Delos Excursion with Transfers USD 120 per person

This half-day trip will include the services of a professional guide as you set out to explore the sacred island of Apollo and Artemis, a famous



political and religious center in antiquity. The tour will include a visit to see the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the Sanctuary of Artemis, the old city, and the theatre, with a walk through the celebrated Lion Street. Also, in the Museum of Delos, you will get the opportunity to admire the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic, and Roman sculptures, a collection of vessels from all periods and items of everyday use.

DAY 05: SUN MYKONOS (B/-/-)

Spend the day free at leisure to explore Mykonos at your own pace, a captivating island known for its famous landmarks and exhilarating nightlife scene, or simply lay back and relax on one of the island's beautiful beaches. Explore the picturesque villages oozing with Greek culture and history — you may choose to discover the Mykonos Windmills, explore Little Venice, see the Paraportiani, or spend the day in the Archaeological or Aegean Maritime Museum.

Overnight in Mykonos

Optional: Mykonos Island and City Tour with Transfers USD 80 per person

This half-day tour will allow you to explore the town and the island of Mykonos with many incredible learning opportunities. The tour will begin in Fabrika Square, from where you will set out to explore the town on foot. First, you will see the Tria Pigadia, three wells which, until 1956, served as the city's only water source. Take a walk through Matogianni, the main shopping street in the area. At the harbor front, you can see the local fish and vegetable market. Take a glance at the Parportiani church, one of the most famous examples of Cycladic architecture in Greece and one of the most photographed spots on the island! See the famous windmills which were once used to grind wheat, overlooking the view of "Little Venice". From there you will hop on the bus tour for a thrilling adventure. Your first stop will be at Plati Yialos, a protected and organized beach on the southern coast. Continue your journey to the bay of Ayios Ioannis, where you may uncover a panoramic view of Delos. The tour will make stops for incredibly scenic photo opportunities before arriving in the village of Ano Mera, home to the Panagia Tourliani Monastery with a magnificent marble bell tower. The tour will come to an end as the bus drives back to Fabrika Square in the town of Mykonos.

Optional: Jeep Safari Tour USD 80 per person

Discover the hidden corners of the island of Mykonos — many of these are un-accessible without a jeep! Take in the breathtaking views, rural areas, beautiful beaches, and the unique feeling of driving in a jeep. The

tour will first take you along the coast to Houlakia beach, and from there up to the Light House. Next, you will drive through the area of Marathi, passing by the dam and Panormos Beach onto the bay of Ayios Sostis. Then, drive to Ano Mera, where there will be a stop at Paleokastro, the ruins from a Venetian Castle. Enjoy a stop for lunch (at your own cost) in Ano Mera before you visit Agrari Beach, where you may enjoy time for a snack break (at your own cost) and a swim! You will head back to Mykonos Town, where the last highlight of the day will be a photo stop at the old castle above the city.

Optional: South Coast Cruise USD 95 per person

Starting from Ornos Beach, you will cruise along the southern coast and discover all of the most beautiful and famous beaches in the area. If possible, cross over to Dragonissi Island to see the caves. Stop at three beaches for swimming and snorkelling opportunities, tasty snacks, and a picnic at Frangias. Enjoy lunch in a seaside restaurant at Kalafatis and stop at Super Paradise. There will be a return stop at Platis Yalos and Ornos.

DAY 06: MON MYKONOS – SANTORINI (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to the port to board your ferry to Santorini, the precious gem of the Aegean. Your ticket will include reserved seating. Apart from the fabulous caldera villages, Santorini is also famous for its romantic sunsets, exotic volcano, and luxurious resorts. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy free time to explore Santorini at leisure.

Overnight in Santorini

Optional: Volcano, Hot Springs, Thirassia, Sunset in Oia USD 70 per person

Begin your day in the Athinios Port as you embark on the traditional boat (caique). The first stop will be at the islet of Nea Kameni, the volcano of Santorini. Here, you will get the opportunity to climb the crater of the active (but dormant) volcano which sits 127 meters above sea level. After leisure time, you will sail towards Palaia Kameni, the hot springs which formed centuries ago by volcanic eruptions. Enjoy time to swim in the warm waters, which are considered to have healing powers. Stop in Thirassia, the second-largest island in the Caldera after Santorini. The island, situated opposite Santorini, is quiet and unaffected by the large numbers of travelers arriving every day. Here, you will have two hours of free time to explore the island, have lunch in one of many small taverns (at your own cost), or swim in the crystal-clear waters. Finally, you will head to the traditional port of Armeni, where you will climb the stairs to the Oia Village. Here, you may explore the traditional settlement, wander around the narrow streets, admire the unique architecture blending large Venetian houses and small cave homes, and, of course, watch the world-famous sunset of Oia. After the sunset, the bus will take you back to your hotel.

*Please note there will be a fee of 2.5 euros to be paid in person on the day of the tour

Optional: Akrotiri Guided Tour USD 45 per person

At 11:00 AM you will be picked up for a 3-hour tour of Akrotiri. You will see sophisticated multi-story dwellings, an elaborate draining system, incredible wall paintings, buildings, furniture, and other aspects of the highly developed civilization of Ancient Akrotiri. This is considered the Pompeii of the Aegean and has been referred to by some as the historical basis for the mythical civilization of Atlantis.

*Please note there will be a fee of 12 euros to be paid in person on the day of the tour



Optional: Dinner Onboard Afroditi Caique USD 115 per person

This 7-hour tour will start at 2:00 PM, departing the Athinios Port, once you are picked up from your hotel. Start your tour by visiting the active volcano of Santorini on Nea Kameni Island, where you will get the opportunity to climb on top of the volcano to see and take photos of the active crater and walk on its rims. Then, go for a swim in the hot sulphurous springs of Palia Kameni, created by the underwater powers of the volcano. The boat will then anchor close to the island and you will have the time to sip on wine and enjoy a buffet dinner. The tour will end at sunset, as the boat sets sail and the sun retreats into the sea.

DAY 07: TUE SANTORINI (B/-/-)

Spend the day free at leisure to explore Santorini on your own. One can only gaze and wonder at the beauty created by natural destruction. This is the island of the lost civilization of Atlantis, where you can see unforgettable sunsets and panoramic views... thus, the lover's paradise. The town of Fira's whitewashed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes, and glittering boutiques cling to a cliff and are accessible by a cable car or donkey ride.

Overnight in Santorini

Optional: Snorkelling Safari USD 65 per person

This 4-hour tour will take place in the morning and afternoon as you are picked up from your hotel. Head on a guided snorkelling safari adventure by speedboat along the volcanic coastline of Santorini. You may swim freely in the clear waters of the Aegean Sea amid the unique scenery and marine life of the island.

Optional: Catamaran Cruise USD 170 per person

This 5-hour tour will take place both in the morning and afternoon once you are picked up from your hotel. Head on a luxurious trip into the sea, sailing along the coast of Santorini from the south, passing by the Red, White, and Black Beaches. There will be 3 different stops for swimming —you can even bathe in the hot springs of the Pallia Kameni Volcanic Island. Depending on the cruise departure time, lunch or dinner with drinks will be served on board. For those who wish to snorkel, gear will be provided onboard.



Optional: Seaside Mountain Bike Tour in Santorini USD 180 per person

This 5-hour tour will start at 10:00 AM once you are picked up from your hotel. Enjoy the services of the professional and highly qualified guides as they take you a full suspension electric AMT mountain bike experience (Bosch engine). You will visit the Megalochori Village and stop for wine tasting, along with a short tour at the old family winery of Gavalas. Snapshots of your tour will be taken with a professional action camera along the way, and you will be provided mineral water and an energy bar throughout the day. At the end of your tour, lay back in a private sunbed with an umbrella for swimming at the black sand beach of Perivolos.

DAY 08: WED SANTORINI – ATHENS (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

After breakfast at your hotel, at the arranged time you will be transferred to Santorini port to catch your ferry to Piraeus port. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel in Athens.

Overnight in Athens

DAY 09: THU ATHENS - NYC (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-)

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to the Athens International airport to board your flight back home.

END OF OUR SERVICES

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Baggage fees may apply, and vary by carrier
- Visa fees, if applicable
- International flights for the land-only option
- · Arrival and departure transfers for land only
- Accommodation Tax EUR 5 per room/per night: collected by hotels directly
- Items not mentioned as included