



GREEK HERITAGE TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE



Arrive and pick-up at Athens Venizelos airport
Get to know your fellow participants, staff, and the guide while reviewing the highlights for the 10 day journey ahead of you.
Travel overnight Ferry to Crete

- *Logistics*
- *Connection*
- *Logistics*

DAY 2: GREEK HISTORY PRIMER



Discover Chania, get an overview of classical, Venetian, Ottoman, and modern Greece
Get to know your fellow participants.
Explore local shops, city, and area to see major transitions in history and how Greeks adapted to their environment and later shaped in.
Overnight stay in a Cretan B&B.

- *History*
- *Connection*
- *Cultural Context*
- *Lodging*

DAY 3: PREHISTORY AND THE MINOANS



Drive East to Knossos
Explore the 8,000 year old ancient settlements around Kalydon island. Hike up the coast to see Spanaloga, the last leper colony on earth.
Travel to Knossos to see the ruins of the ancient Minoan civilization. See the tombs and temples, the ancient sewer networks, and

- *Logistics*
- *History*
- *Geography*
- *Mythology*



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baths from 4000 years ago. Learn about Minoan civilization and mythology.

Travel the overnight ferry to Athens.

- *Logistics*

DAY 4: CLASSICAL HELLENISM



See Corinthian architecture and theatres in Corinth, Nafplion, Tripoli, and Sparta, Delphi, and Lavra.

- *Architecture*

Walk the path of the first Marathon runner, Pheidippides in Sparta,

- *Cultural Context*

Learn about the rivalry between the Spartans, Greeks, and the Persians during the classical era, including the mythology and the development of democracy and philosophy.

- *History*

Take time to relax and shop in one of Peloponnese's most modern, beautiful beach cities, Patras.

- *Connection*

Overnight stay in a modern seaside hotel.

- *Lodging*

DAY 5: VENETIAN IMPERIALISM AND MODERN ITALIAN INFLUENCE



Drive to Lefkada Island to see Roman and Venetian architecture and food.

- *Logistics*

- *Food*

Learn about the Venetian era and take a cruise around the Lefkada and famed Ithaka, the island that inspired the Iliad and the Odyssey, and Skorpis, Onassis' island.

- *History*

- *Mythology*

- *Cultural Context*



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- Travel north to Ioannina for the night. - *Logistics*
- Overnight stay in an ancient mountain home. - *Lodging*

DAY 6: OTTOMAN IMPERIALISM AND THE MODERNITY



- Explore the Ottoman castles and fortresses in the beautiful town of Ioannina. - *Architecture*
- Explore the silver smithing shops and learn about the role Ioannina played in Greek Civil War as both a military stronghold and a place to repatriate. - *Cultural Context*
- Learn about Greek diaspora to the United States, Australia, and Western Europe. - *History*
- Overnight stay in an ancient mountain home. - *Cultural Context*
- Overnight stay in an ancient mountain home. - *Lodging*

DAY 7: ROMAN & BYZANTINE IMPERIALISM AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY OTTOMAN



- Drive East to Meteora to see the amazing sky monasteries and to learn about Orthodox Christianity and why it's different from Catholicism. - *Logistics*
- Drive east to Thessaloniki and Veroia to enter some of Christianity's earliest churches, including the Church of St. Paul, the earliest Christian church, and Hagia Sophia, modeled after the Hagia Sophia church in Constantinople. - *Religion*
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Wander the Jewish quarter in Veroia, the largest (now empty) Jewish district in Greece to learn about German and Italian occupation and genocides around World War II.

Overnight stay in a mountain villa.

- *History*
- *Cultural Context*
- *Lodging*

DAY 8: RELAX AND SHARE



Drive South to Katerini to relax by the beach and have dinner on the foot of Mount Olympus.

Learn about the significance of Mount Olympus in ancient Greece.

Overnight stay in a beach resort.

- *Logistics*
- *Food*
- *History*
- *Mythology*
- *Lodging*

DAY 9: GREECE'S ROLE IN WESTERN CIVILIZATION



Drive South to Athens to explore the Acropolis: the jewel of classical Greece.

Walk around the birthplace of democracy where the earliest plays were held and see where the seat of modern government sits in Constitution Square.

Learn about the challenges facing Greece today.

Overnight stay at a small farm.

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- *History*
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- *Architecture*
- *Cultural Context*
- *Lodging*



DAY 10: GREECE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



See the modern in action next to ancient artifacts.

Integrate your experience and do some shopping.

Travel overnight to Mykonos via ferry.

- *Cultural Context*
- *Shopping*
- *Logistics*

DAY 11: PARTY ISLANDS



Enjoy a night out on the town in the famously free and fun Mykonos island, with the stunning white and blue island architecture and famously beautiful windmills.

Travel overnight to Athens.

- *Connection*
- *Architecture*
- *Local Community*
- *Logistics*

DAY 12: REFLECT AND RELAX



Time to reflect on your 10 day journey. Enjoy one last gyro on in the city center and pick up some last minute gifts.

Departure from Venizelos airport.

- *Connection*
- *Shopping*
- *Logistics*