

**BOUTIQUE TRAVEL ADVISORS**

## GREECE MAINLAND AND ISLANDS DELUXE TRAVELERS FAMILY

*13 Days*

13 Days Itinerary

# Greece Mainland and Islands - Deluxe Travelers Family - 13 Days

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## Day 1



### Athens Introduction

Sights in ancient Greece, and especially Athens, take on a larger importance than in most other places in the world. They are histories of democracy, Western civilization and philosophy firsthand. You can't help but walk around the Parthenon and the rest of the Acropolis and dream about the great ones who have come before you and whose footsteps you're in.

Athens is a must-see on any European tour. The ancient and modern merge in this city in ways that are fascinating and sometimes overwhelming. Pollution wreathes the golden stones of the Acropolis and obscures views of the Saronic Gulf. Cars bleat and belch among ranks of concrete high-rises. But then you turn down a cobbled lane and discover vine-swathed tavernas, tortoises trundling through ancient ruins and bazaars teeming with dusty treasures. Or perhaps you will encounter a sleek cafe, art gallery or an outdoor cinema that serves ouzo under the stars. Greece's capital has been reinventing itself, and the results could not be more charming.

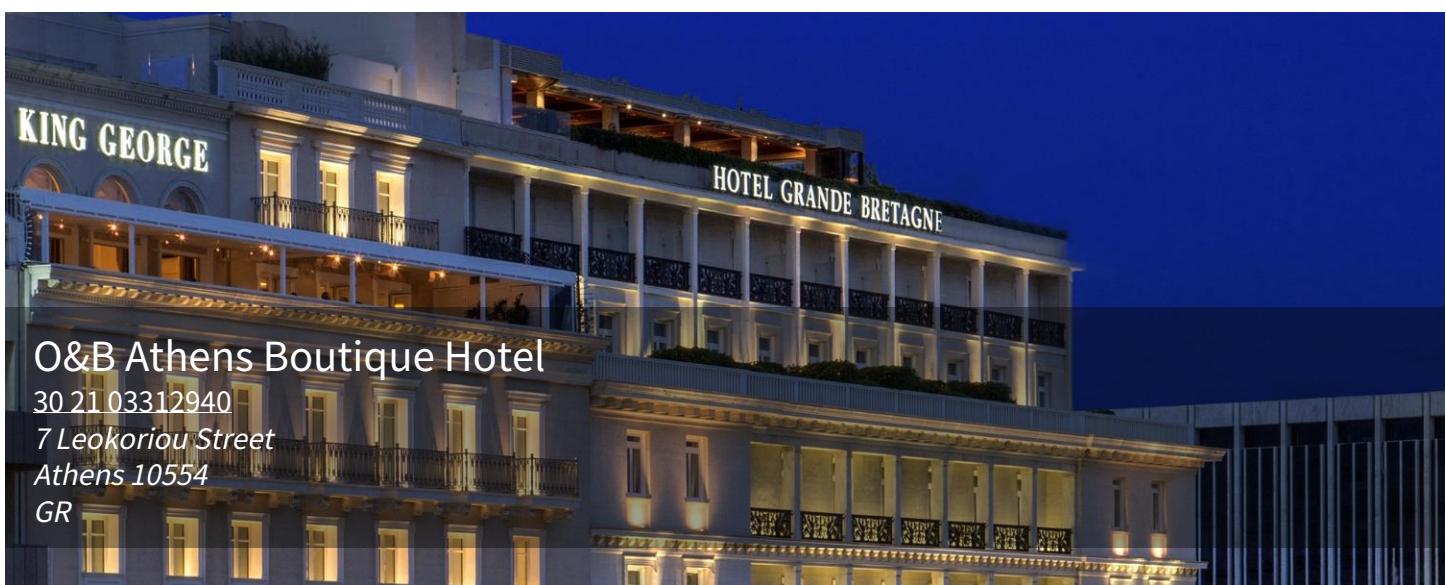
Sights—The Acropolis; the ancient Agora (marketplace); the Temple of Olympian Zeus; the changing of the evzone guards outside Parliament in Syntagma Square; Lykavittos Hill; a day trip to Cape Sounion for the sunset; a one-day cruise around the Saronic Islands.

Museums—The Acropolis Museum; the Museum of the Ancient Agora of Athens; the Benaki Museum; the Goulandris Museum of Cycladic and Ancient Greek Art; the National Archaeological Museum.

**Memorable Meals**—The spectacular view of the Acropolis and the creative cuisine at Orizontes Lykavittou; the mind-boggling variety of traditional Greek dishes served at Eleas Gi; modern Greek taverna fare in trendy Gazi; rooftop dining in Thissio; award-winning seafood specialties at Varoulko.

**Walks**—Through the Plaka (Old Athens) and the flea market in the Monastiraki area; along the traffic-free "archaeological promenade" Apostolou Pavlou in Thissio.

**Especially for Kids**—The virtual-reality presentations at the Hellenic Cosmos (adults will love it, too); the bird collection at the Attica Zoological Park; the Hellenic Children's Museum in the Plaka.



2:00 PM	12:00 PM	2 Nights
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### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Double Grand Bed and Breakfast

## Day 3



### 4 Day Greek History Tour- Epidaurus, Mycenaean, Olympia, Delphi & Meteora

**4 Days**

Duration

This private 4-day trip from Athens will take you to some of the most important historical sights in Greece. You will be transported by private air-conditioned sedan or minivan, and visit the UNESCO sites of Epidaurus, Mycenae, Olympia, Delphi, and Meteora, all with 4- or 5-star or boutique hotels to welcome you each evening.

Optional guiding at the sites is available (additional cost) and entrance fees are extra.

#### Sample Itinerary:

##### Day 1:

After a short drive stop to explore the beautifully preserved remains of Ancient Corinth, one of Greece's most powerful and influential city states of Antiquity. Stroll through the streets, temples, markets, and fountains. Then head to the incredible archaeological site of Mycenae, one of the most important sites in the development of Ancient Greece. Home to the citadel of the legendary Agamemnon, leader of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Pass through the 20-foot-wide city walls, enter the Lion's Gate to Agamemnon's throne room, and explore the palace. You will also have the time to visit the modern on-site museum housing the many precious artefacts uncovered from the site. From there if time permits we head to the Great Theatre of Epidaurus, the UNESCO-listed Sanctuary of Asklepios, first healing centre of the Ancient World. You will also see the impressive Theatre of Epidaurus, one of the most visited ancient sites in Greece. The temple and theatre date from the 4th century and feature masterpieces of classical Greek architecture. From there we head to Nafplio to enjoy lunch in the beautiful medieval & historical port city before finishing the day at your hotel in Olympia.

##### Day 2:

Spend the morning in Ancient Olympia, and one of the most magical locations in Greece. Famous for its Olympic Games you will see the places where the original athletes trained, learned and go through the tunnel to emerge in the stadium in which they competed. The site is still home to the Temple of Zeus and Hera where the Olympic Flame is lit, workshop of Phidias, and extensive Museum containing significant masterpieces from the site. From there we head to Delphi stopping at Naupaktos and ending in Galaxidi by the sea near the ancient port of Delphi. This beautiful village is an ideal location to spend your evening wandering through the pretty streets, cafes & restaurants with sea views away from the more mass touristic feel of Delphi.

##### Day 3:

Today we explore Delphi and its magnificent 4th century BC temple of Apollo from where the Oracle spoke her prophecies, theatre, treasury buildings, temples of Athena and Gymnasium where athletes gathered. During your visit to Delphi, see the physical structures associated with this incredibly long history, and learn about their rich mythology. A beautiful addition to the site is the modern museum dedicated to the finds which stretch back in time to at least 1500 BC, as well as those notably which adorned the temples & streets of the ancient city at its peak around the 4th century BC with outstanding pieces such as

the Naxos Sphynx, the twin Kouros and famous Bronze Charioteer among others. After Delphi you can opt to explore the Monastery of Hosios Loukas on the slopes of Mt Parnassos, which is UNESCO listed. Explore its 1100 year old Architecture along with its unique & impressive fresco's. We then head to continuing to Kalambaka in the shadow of Meteora

#### Day 4:

After breakfast we ascend towards the monasteries built on a natural formation of sandstone rock pillars up to 1,312 feet high the six remaining monasteries date from the 14th century. We visit at least two of the most outstanding monasteries, the Grand Meteora Monastery, Varlaam or Agiou Stefanou, and learn about their long history and the hermits and monks that lived there. Afterwards we stop for a traditional lunch in one of the towns main squares before continuing south towards Athens to the site of Thermopylae, stopping to see the monument and enter the newly built Visitor's Center which recreates the ancient battle where King Leonidas led the 300 Spartans in 480 BC.

## Day 6

### Flight from Athens to Santorini will be needed



Santorini Introduction



Santorini, the southernmost of the Greek Cyclades, has to be one of the world's most dramatically beautiful islands. Its unique topography is the result of a massive volcanic eruption some 3,600 years ago, which blew the middle out of the island to create a caldera, a volcanic crater filled with deep blue water from the Mediterranean Sea.

The most memorable way to approach the island is by sea. As you sail into the caldera, red-and-black sheer cliffs rise directly from the water, their tops dusted by what at first looks like a sprinkling of snow. Then, as you get closer, the snow takes the shape of Cycladic buildings hanging precariously off the hillsides. Zigzagging lines across the rock face become recognizable as roads that lead up from the sea to whitewashed houses perching on the cliffs.

These are the settlements of Fira and Oia, known for their quaint cobblestone alleys, white cubic buildings, chic boutique hotels with infinity pools, gourmet restaurants and unforgettable sunsets. All these things add up to make Santorini an incredibly romantic holiday retreat for couples of all ages, as well as a wonderfully glamorous wedding and honeymoon destination.

It's not surprising that Santorini's spectacular setting has made it one of the most-visited islands in Greece—in peak season it receives some 60,000 visitors each day and up to five cruise ships every morning. It's also much loved by celebrities—visitors have included Beyoncé, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

#### MUST SEE OR DO

Sights—Wander through the pedestrian-only alleys of the whitewashed cliff-top villages of Fira and Oia; take a boat trip across the caldera to the volcanic islets of Nea Kameni and Palea Kameni to swim in sulphurous springs.

Museums—The Museum of Prehistoric Thira with its displays of finds from Akrotiri.

Memorable Meals—Book a table for two overlooking the caldera at romantic Ambrosia in Oia; feast on creative Greek cuisine at Koukoumavlos in Fira; taste local specialties at Selene in hilltop Pyrgos; indulge in fusion seafood at Sea Side by Notos on Perivolos Beach.

Walks—Trek the stunning 8-mi/13-km cliff-top path from Fira to Oia.

Especially for Kids—Enjoy a day on the beach, complete with watersports, at Kamari on the east coast.



## Aressana Spa Hotel And Suites

30-22860-23900

Fira Town

Fira

Santorini Island 84700

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3:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

Set amid the colourful and cobbled streets of Fira - the capital of Santorini A sanctuary of tranquillity - Aressana Spa Hotel and Suites resides in a quiet part of Fira town and reflects the breath-taking beauty of Santorini with its chic - contemporary design. From the dazzling white exterior and the Scandinavian-influenced furnishings to the azure pool - surrounded by pink bougainvilleas and Aegean-chic cabanas - this is a plush hideaway.

Additional treats include a spa - a bio-organic restaurant. Aressana Spa Hotel and Suites is a Small Luxury Hotels of the World property. Near Aressana Spa Hotel and Suites Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Museum of Prehistoric Thera - bars - restaurants - art galleries - caldera - churches - donkey rides. The Aressana Spa Hotel and Suites is a Small Luxury Hotels of the World property.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Jr Suite Bed and Breakfast

## Day 8

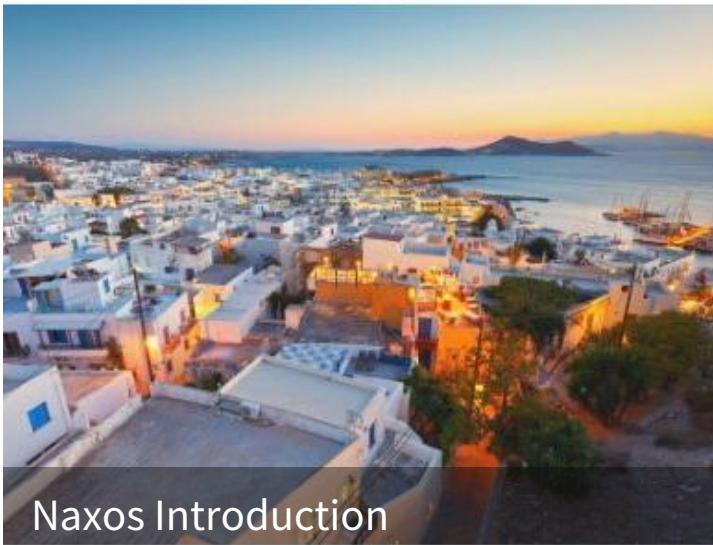


Today your beautiful Catamaran cruise begins with a stop at the Red Beach for a refreshing swim. We continue with a pleasant sail along the White Beach, the Black Mountain and the big Light House, south of the Caldera. You can explore the unmanned volcanic beaches where the spectacular colors will amaze you or you can just sunbathe on the deck.

As you are heading to the Hot Springs, you will feel the energy of the Volcano and the spirit of the island. Our next stop is Thirassia Island, a fishermen's island, which is ideal for swimming and admiring the unique view of Manolas village, just before we enter the old port of Ammoudi. A delicious lunch with wine and fruits is served on board.\* Red, White Beach & Black Mountain for photo shooting & swimming\* Volcano & Hot Springs for swimming\* Thirassia island for swimming, snorkeling & lunch.

## Day 9

### Ferry From Santorini to Naxos will be needed



### Naxos Introduction

Located 115 mi/185 km southeast of Athens, Naxos, the largest of the Cycladic islands, was once a Venetian possession, so many of its villages have Venetian architecture. It also has good hiking trails and excellent beaches (the ones on the west side of the island are the best). Olive groves, fruit orchards and small farms give the place a bucolic air. On the northern side of the

island, in the village of Apollonos, there's an ancient, unfinished statue of Apollo (it was never completed because of a defect in the marble).

Even during peak season Naxos maintains its authenticity and family-friendly feel with endless sandy beaches, sparkling blue waters, lovely villages and great dining options. Perhaps this is why it remains a favorite island for affluent Greek families.

Families with young children will enjoy the Agios Georgios beach next to the capital city Chora as well as the Agios Prokopios and the Agia Anna beaches all of which boast crystal clear water and golden sand. If your children are older then we suggest a visit to Plaka beach where we recommend a fun day of windsurfing or kite surfing lessons!

For water slide lovers the Aqua Fun Water Park offers a great break from beach life. Kids and grownups can enjoy waterslides, swimming pools, a snack bar, a volleyball court and much more.

The island also has an airport for easy arrival and departures.



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St George Beach  
Naxos, TX 84300  
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12:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

Authentic Greek charm and a cosy ambiance, awaits you at the friendly Argo Hotel. Each room is lovingly decorated and features either a balcony or a veranda for relaxing moments in the Mediterranean sun.

Argo Hotel is a small family-run hotel situated in a quiet area of Naxos Town, only 100 m away from the beach. Fitted with Cocomat mattresses, the elegantly decorated rooms and suites are equipped with air conditioning, fridge and satellite TV. Each unit includes a modern bathroom with hairdryer, while some also come with a spa bath, an hydromassage shower cabin or an outdoor hot tub.

The great breakfast buffet, the small swimming pool for cool moments, the gym, the spa and wellness centre will make your stay in Naxos unforgettable.

## Room Selection

### Room Category

King Suite with outdoor hot tub

## Day 10



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### Mykonos and Delos Cruise

Departing from the port of Naxos you will sail to the beautiful island of Delos, an archaeological site dedicated to God Apollo. Enjoy a 3 hours stop with plenty of time to admire the unique archaeological site.

Following your tour of Delos sail for another half an hour away to the famous island of Mykonos. A four hours stay gives you the opportunity to walk through the beautiful streets, visit the famous “Little Venice” and enjoy a stroll through the shops on the island. Others Hotel pick-up is not available from the following areas: Orkos, Mikri Vigla, kastraki and Pyrgaki

## Day 11

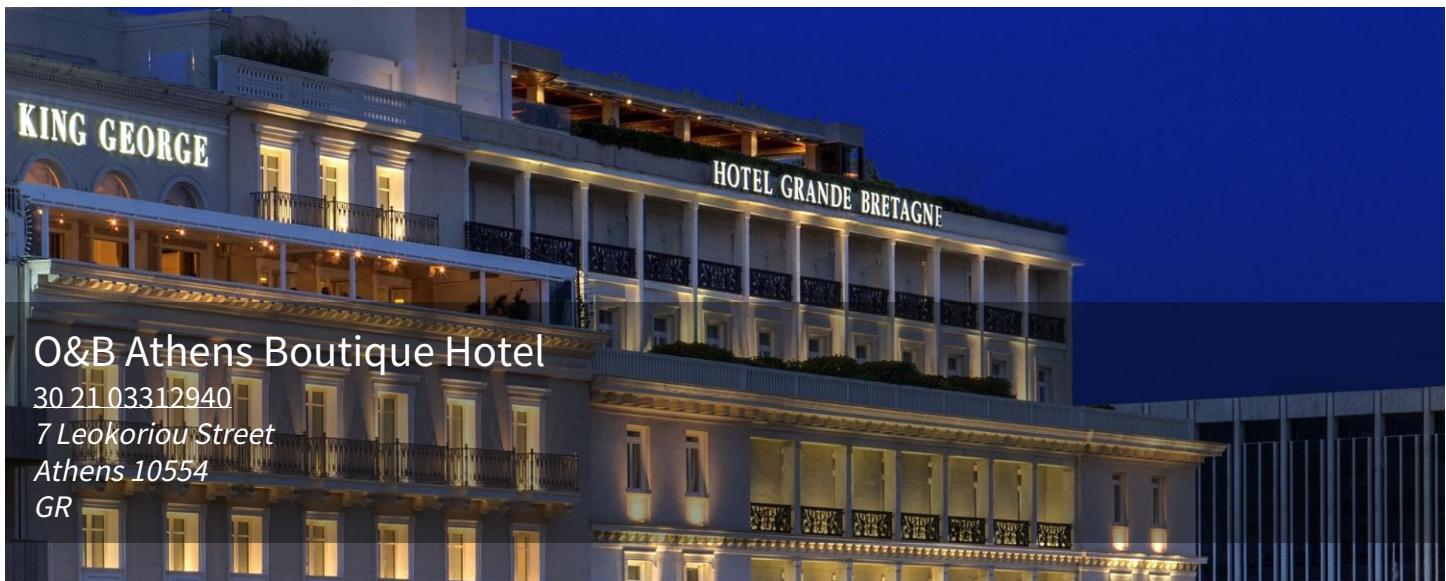


### Self Guided - Beach day Agios Prokopios

One of the best beaches in all of the Greek islands is located 5 kilometers away from the city of Naxos. Its endless shore is 1,5 kilometers long, with white sand and rare natural beauty. Agios Prokopios is well organized, equipped with umbrellas and sunbeds, and is also available for water sports

## Day 12

Flight from Naxos to Athens will be needed



### O&B Athens Boutique Hotel

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7 Leokoriou Street

Athens 10554

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2:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

1 Night

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Flight Home

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