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16 Days Itinerary

2 Week Luxury Anniversary Trip to Greece- Athens, Santorini, Mykonos & Paros

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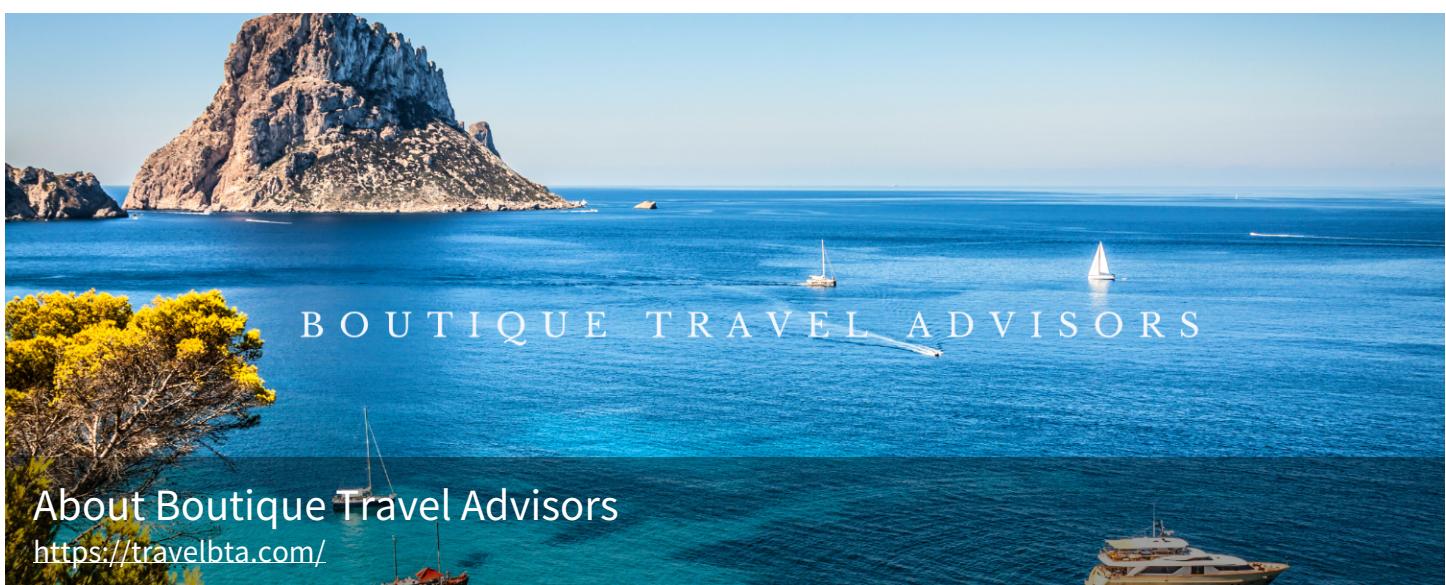


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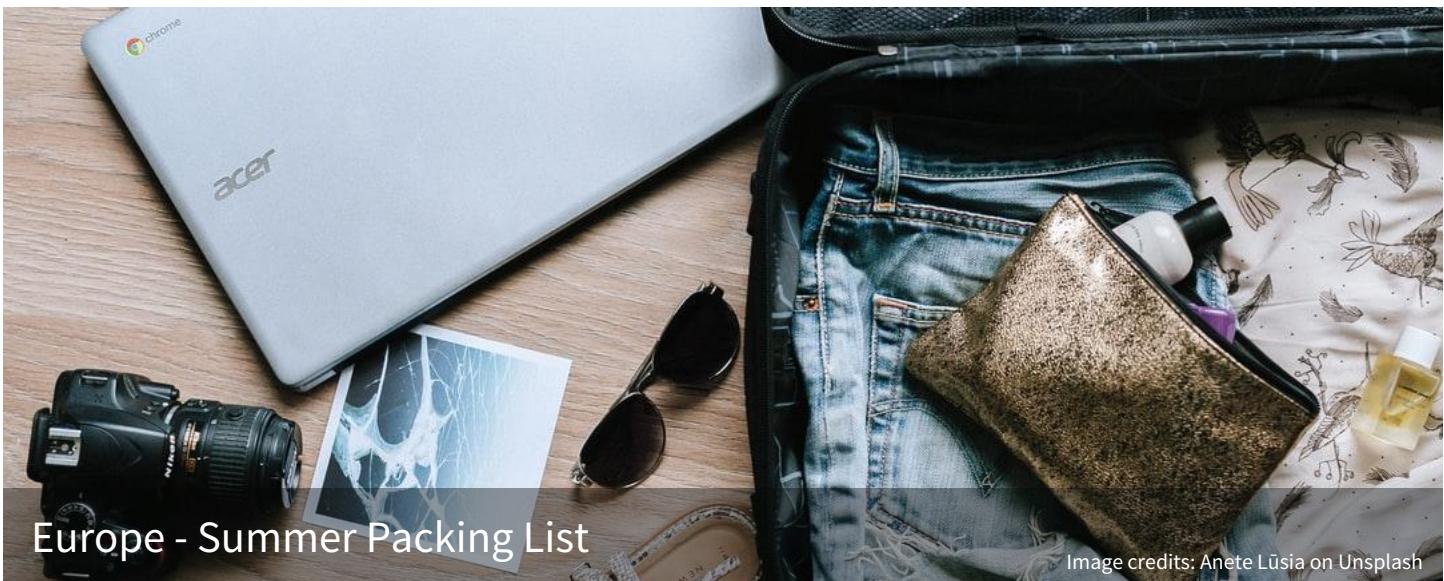


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Europe - Summer Packing List

EUROPE SUMMER PACKING LIST

Essentials:

Passport: Should have at least 6 months of validity.

Visa(s): Italy is part of the [Schengen visa zone](#). 3-month (90 days) visitor visas are issued on arrival to nationals of the USA.

Travel Insurance: Always carry a copy of your travel insurance card on your person

Portable wifi or International SIM: If you use a lot of data you should consider renting a portable wifi device like this one from [Skyroam](#)

Money: We recommend carrying your credit cards and money in an RFID blocking wallet. ATM machines are plentiful in Italy and make it easy to withdraw money on the go. Many establishments in Europe do not accept American Express so we always recommend having a Visa or Master Card on hand.

Crossbody bag: These bags are great for walking around cities and can easily fit your wallet, phone, camera, and other essential items leaving your hands free.

Travel backpack

Packing cubes: With [packing cubes](#) you can organize your items and save considerable space in your luggage.

Hydration: Consider bringing collapsible or other reusable water bottles. Many European cities have fountains where you can fill up your bottle with clean drinking water.

Medical and Sanitary: Hand sanitizer, face masks, prescription medication, and travel/motion sickness pills, first aid kit, physician note if traveling with any large medical devices i.e. CPAP machine

Travel In Comfort: Travel pillow, eye mask, and earplugs

Chargers: For your phone, camera, computer and Ipad and a [power pack/portable charger](#)

Adapters: Universal power adapters such as [the HAOZI](#) that can simultaneously charge multiple devices are a must

Clothing:

European's general rule of thumb is to dress nicely, even on a casual day of sightseeing. Athleisure is not a widely accepted style of dress in most European cities. Most Europeans don't wear shorts, even in the summer, unless it's for athletic or beach activities. Restaurants that serve dinner generally have a dress code and fine dining establishments may require a dinner jacket for men.

Underwear, bras, socks

Pants/jeans: (2-3 pairs)

Dresses/skirts (2-3 pairs)

Seasonal items - hats, sunglasses

Sleepwear

Long-sleeved shirts (4-5)

Short-sleeved shirts (4-5)

Cardigan

Comfortable walking shoes and dress shoes (2-3)

Dress shirts (2-3)

Rain jacket

Light jacket

Dinner jacket- if you plan to eat in fine dining establishments or attend the theatre

Accessories:

Laundry bag/detergent

Toiletries

Jewelry - (nothing expensive)

Shawl (1-2)

Sunscreen

Note: *Churches in Europe are sacred religious places with strict dress codes.* You must cover your knees and shoulders and wear shoes.

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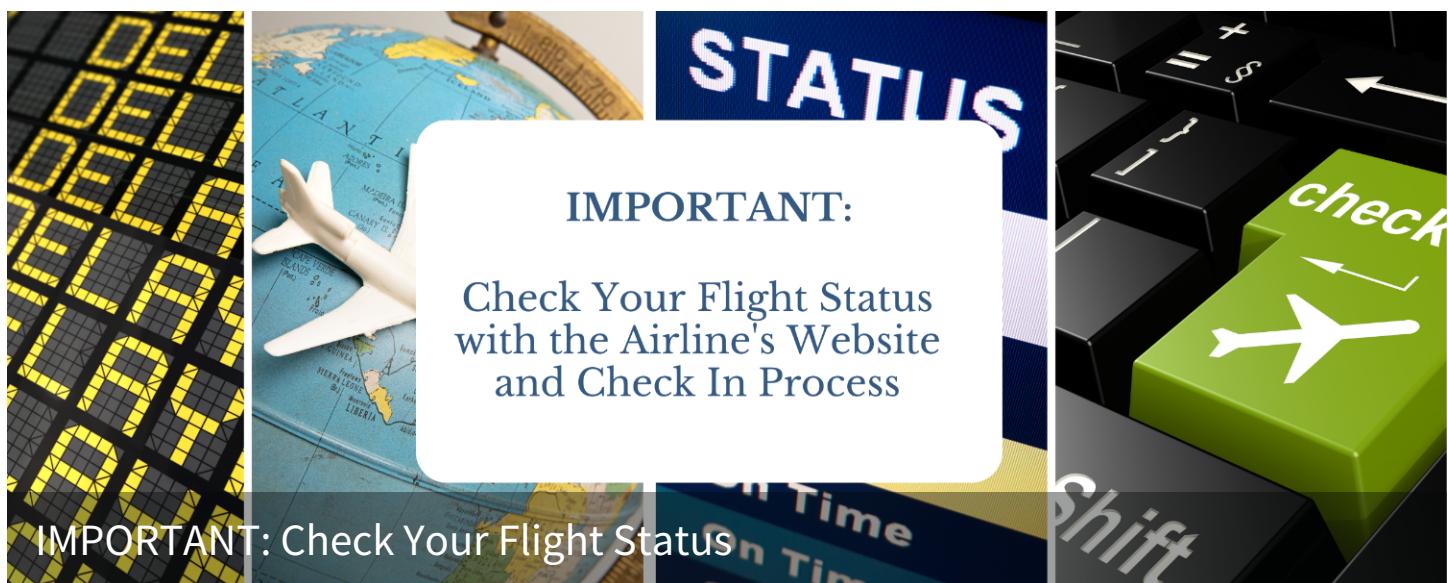
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Safe travels.



Greek Cuisine - Guide To Ordering Food In Greece

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Have you been dreaming of an overdue escape to a Mediterranean Greek island with white-washed villages, stunning sunsets, beautiful resorts, and incredible cuisine? Greece is famous for many things. Its impressive architecture, remarkable statues, and gigantic pillars carved with intricate designs have certainly left an impression on everyone who has visited this country. And we do owe it to Greece for almost every advancement in culture, literature, art, and history. But you won't find one of Greece's greatest national treasures in a museum, art gallery, or beach club. Instead, you will find it right on your plate.

Greek cuisine is one of the finest, tastiest, and most unique in the world. Unfortunately, understanding traditional Greek cuisine can seem overwhelming. Authentic cuisine is regional, seasonal, and exceptionally nuanced.

Often, the menus at the charming little restaurants, perched on craggy cliffs, in fishing villages bear little resemblance to the dishes served at American-Greek restaurants or portrayed in movies like "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Since ancient times, the Greeks understood the principles of agriculture and nutrition. As a result, Greek diets revolve around Mediterranean ingredients, rich traditional recipes, and diverse cultural influences. Ancient recipes were passed down from generation to generation and new methods, ingredients, and cooking styles melded with traditional ones. To help you understand Greek cuisine, we've compiled a list of all the Greek food you need to try and everything you need to know about eating in Greece.

First The Ingredients

Influenced by centuries of occupation and trade with neighboring countries from the East and West, traditional Greek cuisine features a distinct variety of tastes. Most dishes incorporate fresh, leafy vegetables and cured meat. In ancient Greece, the most common trio of ingredients found on the dinner tables were figs, olives, and bread. Although these ingredients still infuse many dishes, advancements in farming, trade, and access to a wider variety of spices, meats, and dairy products greatly enhanced traditional cuisine. Nuts, beans, oils, legumes, fruits, vegetables, cheese, and butter are abundant. Greek chefs also adapted Italy's love of garlic. Many dishes utilize garlic mixed with thyme, oregano, mint, basil, dill, parsley, and more.

Coastal regions take advantage of their access to the sea to prepare exquisite seafood dishes. While lamb, goat, and pork receive copious amounts of attention inland.

Although it would be impossible to cover the diversity of Greek cuisine in one article, we compiled a list of our favorite Greek specialties.

Amygdalota Almond Cookie

The Amygdalota means "(a) sweet (taken) from almonds," and this almond treat is a naturally gluten-free cookie. It's interesting to note that the idea that cookie dough tastes better than the cookie goes back centuries. Now baked in various forms, the sweet cookie was initially served unbaked as a mixture of sugar, flour, almonds, and water.

Can you picture ancient Greeks serving raw cookie dough at a neighborhood party or children sneaking morsels of the tasty dough when their mothers were not looking? But, don't worry, this traditional Greek cuisine confection is now available in almost every city, baked to perfection.

Dolmadakia/Dolmades (Stuffed Grape Leaves)

Driven from the Turkish word dolma, meaning filling, Dolmadakia is a savory street food made of ground beef or lamb mixed with rice and rolled up in grape leaves. If you think about it, this is probably where the burrito gets its origins. However, the recipe of traditional Dolmadakia originates from Turkish cuisine. Depending on available ingredients and seasonality, different varieties of Dolmades emerged.

Tzatziki (Dip/Soup/Sauce)

It turns out the Greeks really were ahead of time! Tzatziki is a traditional dip made from strained yogurt, dill, garlic, olive oil, and salt. Generations of Greeks used it as an appetizer with their fried food.

Depending on who you ask, Tzatziki is either a modification of the Turkish dip, the Cacik, or an original Greek recipe.

To give a bit of historical context, The Ottoman Empire ruled over Greece from the mid-15th century until the Greek War of Independence in 1821. During this period, all Greek foods received Turkish names. Therefore, many Greek dishes still retain Turkish nomenclature. But while disputes about the origin may continue for a few more centuries, the undeniably delicious taste of this delectable sauce brings everyone to the same table.

Gemista or Yemista (Stuffed Tomatoes)

Hearty, delicious, and bursting with vibrant flavors, Gemista is a stuffing mixture of ground meat, spices, and herbs, all precisely packed inside a tomato. The traditional Greek cuisine recipe for Gemista falls under the category of dishes called “Ladera.” These dishes are prepared with olive oil. A generous drizzle of extra virgin olive oil helps this stuffed delicacy tenderly bake to delicious perfection.

While traditional Gemista calls for tomatoes, many restaurants serve the same filling stuffed in peppers and served with a side of feta cheese.

Kolokythokeftedes (Courgette Balls)

Zucchini (courgettes) are the star ingredient in Kolokythokeftedes. Infused with flavorful mint, dill, salt, and other local spices, the Kolokythokeftedes come in two forms: balls and patties. Either way, the dish is a fast-selling appetizer dully found at high-end restaurants and in any Greek taverna during summer. Paired with the cool Tzatziki, yogurt, or feta, the Kolokythokeftedes is a finger-licking delight.

Souvlaki (Skewered Pork)

Does the name give it away? Souvlaki is fast food with ancient origins, now served by most street vendors and food trucks in Greece. The skewered kebab-like recipe existed as favorite fast food in ancient Greece, even referenced by Homer.

Excavation in Akrotiri on the island of Santorini also unearthed stone sets of barbecues for skewers used before the 17th century BC.

Typically made from marinated pork spit-roasted on a skewer, restaurants serve Souvlaki with light pitta bread, tomatoes, and Tzatziki. Souvlaki can also be made from lamb or goat meat instead of pork and is popular among the Greeks. So take it to go and enjoy a leisurely lunch in the park overlooking the Acropolis or sit in the local shop and savor a quick bite of traditional Greek cuisine on the go.

Fun Facts and Myths about Greek Cuisine

Milk and Meat Were Considered Barbaric, and Wine Was Watered Down

Many of the most popular and famous Greek dishes prominently feature wine, dairy, and meat. Ancient Greeks, however, viewed meat and milk with disdain. Greeks mainly consumed meat at religious festivals when they sacrificed their animals to the gods and then ate the meat following the ceremonies. Although ancient Greeks drank wine, they generally watered it down.

Ancient Greeks also preferred to process milk to make cheese and butter rather than drink it.

In the “Odyssey,” Homer showcases his contempt for drinking milk. He makes his one-eyed monster Cyclops consume milk as a nutritional substitute for eating men.

Sweet New Year

We've heard of the Otoshidama tradition of Japan, where grown-ups hand kids are packets of money. In Greece, the practice takes a sweeter turn with cake.

Greeks celebrate New Year's by baking a Vasilopita cake filled with cream and coins for good luck.

Vasilopita is dedicated to Saint Basil, who collected money and valuables from citizens to conquer a siege. Luckily, the siege never happened, and since St. Basil didn't know what belonged to whom, he put these valuables inside loaves of bread and distributed them evenly. Miraculously, each valuable found its way to the rightful owner, and this began the tradition of baking sweet cakes filled with money to represent strength, richness, and luck.

Breaking the Ice with Raki

Raki is an alcoholic drink, usually served chilled as a sign of hospitality. Like most things in Greece, this spirit dates back to ancient times, with pottery from the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations showcasing its use. You'll find this drink most commonly in Crete but consider it more than merely a warm welcome and a toast. Instead, think of it as the Greek's way of introducing you to their culture, inviting you to celebrate traditions. In addition, the shots have sentimental value; the first represents appetite, the second asks for health, the third brings joy, and so on.

Don't be surprised if the restaurant owner joins you for a drink, tells you a few stories, then sends you home with a bottle of homemade Raki.

Throwing Plates for Celebration

You're probably aware of the 'plate smashing' custom of the Greeks; who hasn't heard of the Greeks breaking plates and ceramics to celebrate? Traditionally, this breaking of plates is believed to be an expression of sorrow or joy or even warding off evil spirits, but it turns out this common custom is only a myth.

The only restaurants which break plates do so to entertain tourists, and you'll witness most Greeks actually throw flowers or don't throw anything at all.

Food Enmity Between Athens and Sparta

Another common notion is that Athenian food differed and still differs from ancient Spartan and contemporary Greek states. Tourists claim they still taste a distinct difference in the food. The truth is the food in these two city-states was nearly identical, but Athenians had higher quality products. Sparta and Athens were strong rivals, explaining the food variations as these two may not have willingly shared produce. The truth is, Sparta's food was simply lower quality.

Don't Say No...to food!

Greek cuisine is pretty light to consume, which is why you'll notice everyone goes in for several helpings. However, you might offend the host if you reject their offer for more food or extra helpings. On the other hand, Greeks are very hospitable, which is why they'll keep filling your plate. So go on and eat to your heart's content. After all, how often do you get to experience traditional Greek cuisine in Greece?



Tipping Recommendations Greece

Tipping in Greece may be expected in most places, but it is by no means an obligation. There is no set standard for how much to leave when service exceeds expectations, but there are certain times to tip. For instance, some restaurants may round up the bill to include gratuity, so it is wise to look for this inclusion before tipping. It is also common for servers not to receive tips included on a credit card, so try to leave cash whenever possible.

Café Server: If there is a tip jar by the cash register, it's a nice gesture to leave a couple of coins. For exceptional table service, round up to the nearest €1.

Restaurant Server: A tip is typically expected, especially for stellar service, but some restaurants round up the bill to include gratuity. Check the bill first for these inclusions before deciding to tip. If there is no added tip, leave 5 to 10 percent, and a few coins on the table for the busser. Some restaurants may refuse gratuity for service, so be certain to ask before tipping. There may be a "cover charge" on the bill, which covers the cost of bread and non-bottled water, but it doesn't include gratuity.

Bartender: It's not necessary to tip a bartender, as most do not expect it, but it is considerate to round to the nearest €1 for great service.

Tour Guides: It is customary to tip tour guides. Tip €2 to €5 per person, per day for a group tour, and €20 per person, per day for a private tour.

Taxis: A good rule of thumb is to round up to the nearest euro, or give 5 to 10 percent of the final fare for exceptional service.

Airport Shuttle Driver: It is not necessary to tip your driver, but feel free to give €1 per bag if they help with your luggage.

Doorman: If a doorman assists with luggage or hailing transportation, a simple thank you is appreciated, but feel free to offer €1 for exceptional service.

Bellhop: Feel free to tip €1 to €2 per bag, depending on size, but no more than €5 total.

Housecleaning: Leave €1 per night for a spotless stay.

Concierge: If the concierge goes above and beyond with helping you book reservations, giving you directions, and/or providing insider recommendations, it's considerate to tip €5 to €10.

Stylist: It's considerate, but not expected, to tip 10 percent of the final bill if you're satisfied with your new look.

Spa Service Provider: A tip isn't expected, but you can leave up to 10 percent for anything that goes above and beyond your expectations. Simply ask for an envelope for the tip at the front desk.

Day 1



Flight from USA to Athens

Day 2



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Payment

Gratuity is not included

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Located in the business district, a 5-minute walk from the Plaka & 15 minutes from the Acropolis.

All guest rooms are modernly decorated and provide luxuries such as marble bathrooms, air conditioning, plush beds with pillow top mattresses, minibars stocked with complimentary refreshments, flat screen TVs with satellite channels, complimentary Wi-Fi access and more. Onsite dining options include La Veranda for international gourmet cuisine, The Terrace for Mediterranean dishes and refreshments served al fresco style on its terrace overlooking the Acropolis, while Shisha Cafe serves authentic Middle Eastern shish

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Room Category
Athenian Acropolis View Suite

Bedding
1 King Bed or 2 Twin Beds

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Athens - Historical Sights and Top Things To Do - Self Guided

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A trip to Athens must start with a [Myths and Legends tour](#) followed by a visit to the [Acropolis](#). The site, one of the earliest settlements in Greece and the center of Greek genius during the Golden Age, never fails to impress. Exploring it is awe-inspiring for first-time and repeat visitors alike. Among the structures to admire on the Acropolis are the Parthenon, the small Ionic temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion Temple.

Nearby, the ultramodern [Acropolis Museum](#) (best combined with a trip to the Acropolis) displays portable objects removed from the site since 1834. (The Elgin Marbles, the most famous artifacts from the Parthenon, remain in London despite Greek pleas to return them.) An archaeological park surrounds the Acropolis, so take time to appreciate the ruins you'll pass on your climb, including the amphitheaters on the south slope. And be sure to pause to take in the various views of the city.

From the Acropolis, you need walk only a couple of miles/kilometers in any direction to see most of the major archaeological sites and museums in Athens. Start by taking a trip to the top of the Hill of Philopappou for a great view of the city. From there, head north to the Agora, which was the center of ancient Athens' city life.

Nearby you will find the Roman Forum and the graceful Tower of the Winds. Continue east through the frenetic-yet-delightful Plaka neighborhood to Hadrian's Arch and the Temple of Zeus. Watch the skirted soldiers (called evzones) perform a changing-of-the-guard ceremony in front of the Parliament in Syntagma Square.

Afterward, relax at the Zappeion, a beautiful garden with shaded benches. Make time to see some of the city's many wonderful museums. The best are the Acropolis Museum and the National Archaeological Museum, filled with an unsurpassed collection of Greek art and artifacts. The Benaki Museum and the Greek Folk Art Museum are two of our favorites.

If you are short on time consider taking a fun [full day private tour](#).

Highlights include:

- Visit the major sites of Athens; Acropolis, Parthenon, Erechtheion, Temple of Athena Nike
- Propylaea, Acropolis Museum, ancient Agora
- Enjoy a full day private guided tour with an experienced state licensed guide
- Pass by Plaka, Monastiraki, Syntagma, Roman Agora, Lycabettus Hill, Panathenaic Stadium
- Temple of Zeus

Day 3



Full Day Private Tour Classical Athens- PE -Ancient Greece Tours & Transfers

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8hr

Duration

Activities

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Why People Love It

Discover the Cradle of Western Civilisation, the birthplace of Democracy as you explore magnificent Athens, a true reflection of prosperity in the 5th century BC. The striking contrast between breathtaking monuments of a glorious past and modern elegant structures will truly astound you!

Highlights

- Drive by Hadrian's Arch
- Drive by the Temple of Olympiad Zeus (optional to visit)
- Visit Olympic Stadium (Kallimarmaro)
- Visit Licabettus Hill with magnificent panoramic views of Athens
- Visit the breathtaking Archaeological Museum of Acropolis Museum (optional)
- Drive by the National Libraries and Athens University
- Visit the Constitution Square, the Greek Parliament and the changing of the Royal Guards
- Enjoy lunch in Monastiraki
- Shopping for your friends and family in Monastiraki
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Description

Glorious Athens! The capital city of Greece, where many philosophers were born, was the heart of Ancient Greece, a powerful civilization and Empire.

Dominated by 5th century BC landmarks, you will be inspired by the Acropolis with the colonnaded majestic Parthenon temple, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Temple of Olympiad Zeus, the Panathenaic Olympic Stadium or Kalimarmaro, the dazzling Acropolis Museum and the captivating National Archaeological Museum.

You will enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from Mount Lycabettus, 300 meters above sea level before being tantalized by the neoclassical buildings of the 'architectural trilogy' consisting of the National Library, Athens University and the Academy of Athens.

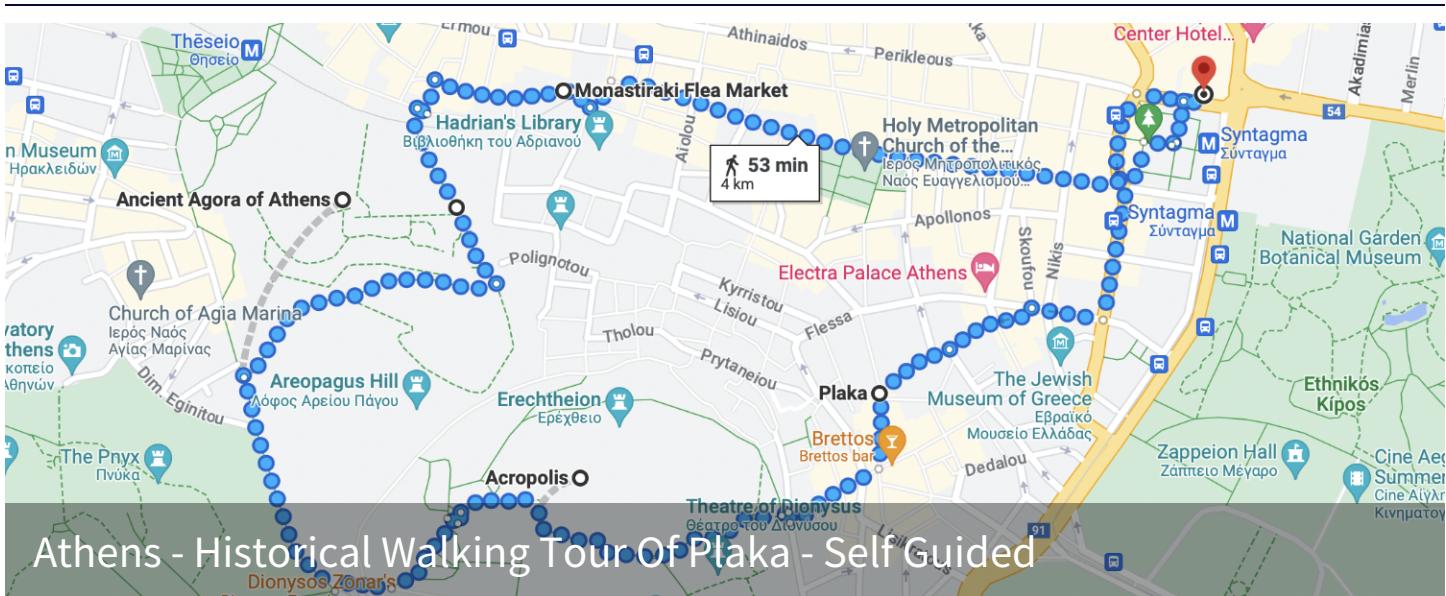
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the changing of the Royal Guards at Constitution Syntagma Square is also intriguing!

Lively Monastiraki known for iconic landmarks such as the ruins of Hadrian's library, the Stoa of Attalos and the ancient Agora together with its flea market is of significant interest!

Enjoy the narrow cobblestone streets lined with tiny shops, sidewalk cafes and authentic tavernas at Plaka!

Itinerary

- Drive-by Hadrian's Arch
- Drive by the Temple of Olympiad Zeus (optional to visit)
- Visit Olympic Stadium (Kallimarmaro)
- Visit Lycabettus Hill with magnificent panoramic views of Athens
- Visit the breathtaking Archaeological Museum (with an option to visit the incredible Acropolis Museum)
- Drive by the National Libraries and Athens University
- Drive by the famous Stadiou street with the remarkable statue of Theodoros Kolokotronis, "General" of the War Of Independence, 1821
- Visit the Constitution Square, the Greek Parliament and the changing of the Royal Guards
- Enjoy lunch in Monastiraki
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1. Start your tour at the Syntagma Square metro station or at the Hotel Grand Bretagne/King George From there, walk down **Ermou Street** towards the Plaka area.
2. Once you reach the Plaka area, head towards the **Anafiotika neighborhood**. This charming neighborhood is known for its narrow streets and white-washed houses, which are reminiscent of the Greek islands.
3. From Anafiotika, make your way to the **Acropolis**. This ancient citadel is one of the most famous landmarks in Athens and is home to several important ancient Greek structures, including the Parthenon.
4. After exploring the Acropolis, head back down towards the **Plaka area**. Stroll through the winding streets and alleyways lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants.
5. As you walk through the Plaka area, be sure to stop at the **Ancient Agora**. This ancient marketplace was once the center of Athenian life and is home to several important ancient Greek structures, including the Temple of Hephaestus.
6. After exploring the Ancient Agora, head towards the **Roman Agora**. This ancient marketplace was built during the Roman period and is home to several important ancient Greek and Roman structures, including the Tower of the Winds.
7. Finally, end your tour at the **Monastiraki Flea Market**. This bustling market is a great place to pick up souvenirs and local crafts and is a popular spot for both locals and tourists.

This self-guided walking tour of the Plaka area in Athens should take approximately 2-3 hours, depending on how much time you spend at each site. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water, as Athens can get quite hot during the summer months. Enjoy your tour!



Restaurant Recommendations - Athens

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Athiri

A true find for affordable modern Greek dining in trendy Gazi, Athiri occupies a neoclassical building with a leafy courtyard garden. The menu is short, and everything is prepared from locally sourced fresh ingredients—look for the risotto with cuttlefish and spinach, and duck leg with fig sauce and apple salad. The service is professional yet friendly.

Tuesday-Saturday 8 pm-1 am, Sunday 1-6 pm. \$\$\$.

15 Plataion, Gazi, Athens.

Phone 210-346-2983.

Daphne's Restaurant:

Daphne's Restaurant Frescoed walls, somewhat kitsch decor, strolling musicians and terrace dining in a beautifully restored 1830s mansion with a charming walled courtyard. Celebrities who have flocked there to sample the international and traditional Greek cuisine have included Hillary Clinton and the Queen of Spain. Dishes range from meatballs in ouzo-flavored tomato sauce to more daring combinations, such as fried prawns in a crust of crushed almonds.

Daily 6 am-midnight. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Most major credit cards.

4 Lysikratous St. (across from Hadrian's Arch), Plaka, Athens.

Phone 210-322-7971.

Hytra

In a stylish and subdued modern setting, the Michelin-starred young chef Nikos Karathanos celebrates Greek haute cuisine. He transforms wild herbs, fresh vegetables and other humble ingredients into some exceptional dishes.

Diners are advised to opt for the multicourse degustation menu, a hard-to-beat value at 62 euros (or 72 euros including two glasses of wine). On the menu, imaginative treatments of classic Greek flavors include smoked ham foam with carpaccio of sea bass, pork with orange-scented celeriac puree, and among the desserts, panna cotta flavored with cardamom and Greek coffee foam.

Daily 8 pm-3 am. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Most major credit cards. 107-109 Syngrou Ave. (Onassis Cultural Centre), Athens.

Phone 210-331-6767.

Katsourbos

This exquisite eatery serves authentic Cretan cuisine in a refined dining room with an old tile floor and mismatched wooden tables and chairs. All the dishes are made from fresh produce, much of which is shipped over directly from Crete. Be sure to try the kolokithokeftedes (zucchini fritters), and if it's the right time of year, the stamnagathi (wild greens particular to the island).

The service is pleasantly discreet but friendly. You'll find it just a 10-minute walk south of Kolonaki, making it a good choice for lunch after a morning of museums. In summer it also has outdoor tables on the square across the street.

Daily for lunch and dinner. \$\$.

2 Amynda St., Pangrati, Athens.

Phone 210-722-2167.

Melilotos

A fine choice for lunch in the city center, close to Syntagma Square, Melilotos is popular with local office workers, it has a menu that changes daily—expect colorful creative dishes such as baked salmon with lentil and tomato salad, or chicken stuffed with figs and served with aromatic rice.

Monday-Friday noon-6 pm.

Kalamiotou 19, Kapsikareas, Athens.

Phone 210-322-2458

Orizontes Lykavittou

One of the city's most dramatic vistas can be found at Orizontes, which sits atop Lykavittos, the tallest hill in Athens. This restaurant and cafe has great views of the Acropolis and the seashores and offers a modern take on Greek and Mediterranean cuisine.

Daily for lunch and dinner.

Reservations recommended. \$\$\$.

Most major credit cards.

Lykavittos Hill, Athens. Phone 210-722-7065

Sholarhio

This humble establishment doesn't even have a menu: Just pick mezedes from the server's tray. Wash down batter-fried eggplant, flaming sausages and marinated peppers with a bottle of Mythos beer or jug of local wine.

Daily 11 am-2 am. \$-\$.

Most major credit cards.

14 Tripodon St., Plaka, Athens.

Phone 210-324-7605.

Sigalas-Bairaktaris

This Athenian institution, in business for more than 100 years, serves basic Greek staples, notably souvlaki and kebab, but people go as much for the buzz as for the food. Check the dishes in the cabinet and enjoy seeing the waiters bustle around.

Daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. \$.

No credit cards.

2 Monastiraki Square, Athens.

Phone 210-321-3036.



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Welcome Experience includes:

English speaking Professional uniformed chauffeur

Kleenex tissue paper will be provided along with cold bottled water and "Things to do in the city" pamphlet.

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Mystique, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Santorini

April 17 to October 31: (30) 22860 71114 / November 1 to April 14: (30) 210

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Oia, Santorini Island

South Aegean, GC GRC 84702

3:00 PM	12:00 PM	4 Nights
Check In	Check Out	Duration

Mystique, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Santorini opens for the season on April 15 and closes on November 11.

Shaped by nature, enhanced by style. An exclusive hideaway in a natural world, Mystique, a Luxury Collection Hotel, perfectly lends itself to wider exploration, offering gloriously open horizons and tantalizing insights into the captivating island of Santorini.

Legendary Location. Mystique's 41 suites and villas are carved into the rugged Caldera cliffs of Oia, boasting panoramic views to the active volcano and the turquoise expanse of the Aegean Sea, in a stunning and legendary location, placed just 16 km from Santorini's airport and 18 km from the port

Natural Bespoke Design. Mystique's design follows the emblematic Cycladic architecture, where gentle curves and sculpted arches blend with a muted color palette and light enhancing spaces. Generating space and light into each guest room, the interiors are a combination of traditional regional charm and natural untamed materials with a contemporary twist and up-to-the minute technology.

Amenities

Air conditioning, Internet Access, Pool

Room Selection

Room Category

Wet Allure Suite

Payment

Paid in Full

Cancellation Policy

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[Cava Alta – Pyrgos](#)

Wow, this place is great. Hidden in the lanes below the castle in Pyrgos this super-friendly restaurant has some of my favorite dishes in Santorini. Reservations usually not required for lunch but best to reserve for dinner. • [Map](#)

[Kantouni – Pyrgos](#)

Kantouni is arguably the best traditional restaurant on the main square in Pyrgos. Its open air seating, convenient location next to the bus stop, and excellent food make it very popular. • [Map](#)

Best Restaurants in Akrotiri

[Kambia – Akrotiri](#)

Small, family-run restaurant on Kambia beach in Akrotiri serving delicious traditional homestyle dishes. Open late morning to early evening. Closed on Mondays. • [Map](#)

[Misteli – Akrotiri](#)

This boho-chic family-run restaurant serves delicious yet inexpensive food using ingredients grown in their own garden and restaurant. The decor, open layout, convenient location, and super-friendly staff make this a great place to wine and dine. • [Map](#)

[The Cave of Nikolas](#) – Akrotiri

Fantastic family-run taverna serving homestyle Greek food on Akrotiri beach, and just minutes from Red beach. The restaurant uses fresh vegetables, dairy, and meat from its own farm and only fresh seafood caught in the morning in its delicious dishes. The affordable rates, large portions, open layout, and beautiful views of the water and sunset make this a great stop for lunch or dinner. • [Map](#)

Best Beach Restaurants on Santorini

[Yalos](#) – Exo Gialos Beach

Fresh seafood and Santorinian flavors at an idyllic beach location about a 10 minute drive directly east of Fira. Trendy but friendly. • [Map](#)

[Savvas Popeye](#) – Agios Georgios

Savvas Popeye features a casual atmosphere, great traditional food, water views, and a very friendly staff. Open for lunch and dinner through the week. • [Map](#)

More Great Santorini Restaurants

[Taverna Geromanolis](#) – Megalochori

Wonderful traditional food in the charming village of Megalochori. Popular with locals. Open lunch and dinner. Reservations usually not required. • [Map](#)

[Roza's](#) – Vourvoulos

The family-run Roza's in Vourvoulos features a traditional Greek menu with homestyle cooking. Options range from meat, seafood, and vegetarian dishes, with a great selection of wine. The restaurant is located a couple of minutes from the bus stop on the main square. The food is delicious and the hosts are extremely friendly and hospitable.

[Kiria Roula's](#) – Vlychada

This is the best seafood restaurant in Santorini but I don't want it to be overrun by masses of tourists so I put it at the end. It goes by a few different names (the sign says To Steki Tou Psara, Fisherman's House). It's right at the Vlychada port and you can often see the fish being unloaded from the fishing boats. This is an old school Greek taverna. Expect slow friendly service. Cash only. • [Map](#)



About Santorini

Santorini, the southernmost of the Greek Cyclades, has to be one of the world's most dramatically beautiful islands. Its unique topography results from 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. Finally, 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 cobbled 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.

Santorini main highlights are:

- The towns of Oia and Thira - don't need a tour can walk these villages, stop at shops, eat local food, etc.
- Akrotiri Archaeological ruins - this is like a tiny little Pompeii and is located about 7 miles from the main port town of Thira.
- Red beach - nearby to Akrotiri
- Ammoudi Bay - this is the bay that comes down from the town of Oia (down about 200 steps), popular for lunch, swimming, and cliff diving
- Sailing and boat trips are extremely popular.
- Hike/walk from Thira to Oia- this is so fun, but you want to leave early to do it. It's a 6-mile walk with amazing views. Do the hike first thing, have lunch in Thira, then take a cab back.



Mykonos Hidden Paths Adventure Private Jeep Tour - Project Expedition

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10:00 AM

Start Time

Highlights

- We find a hidden beach on the inside of the cliffs, where you have the opportunity to swim
- Next stop is the lighthouse at the south end of the island
- We head up Gabriel's hill with the renowned ruins of the windmills

Description

We will take you on a Country Side Tour and are happy to share our knowledge about this unique island. We will take you to places you could not find yourself and explain everything there is to know about the history, agriculture, and religion of the Greeks living on the island.

Itinerary

After picking you up at a place of your choice we bring you to the south of the island, to places not as famous as the caldera but with their own, secret beauty.

First, we find a hidden beach on the inside of the cliffs, where you have the opportunity to swim if you like. Next, we go to a secret cave church with a fascinating history, meet the owners and learn about their local life.

Our next stop is the lighthouse at the south end of the island with the amazing view in the open sea of the Mediterranean. Here we start discovering the secrets of the local agriculture and art of winemaking: you get to taste homemade, Santorinian finger food specialties from an organic farm and learn about their recipes.

After that, we head up Gabriel's hill with the renowned ruins of the windmills and take you to admire the breathtaking moon-shaped landscape at the beaches of Vlychada.



Santorini, Greece - Top 10 Off-The-Beaten Path Things to Do

<https://travelbta.com/top-10-things-to-do-in-santorini-that-take-you-off-the-beaten-path/>

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The white-washed blue-domed houses overlooking the endless waters of the Aegean Sea have become a symbol of Santorini! Regardless of whether you are visiting just for one day off a [cruise ship](#) or spending a week-long holiday, you definitely would want to experience as much of the island as possible. However, as one of Greece's most popular tourist destinations, Santorini can get quite a bit crowded, especially during the peak season.

To help you dive straight into the culture and traditions of Greece we have prepared the ultimate list of the top 10 things to do in Santorini that take you off the beaten path! So keep reading, as this is the inspiration you need to start packing your bags! Then, for an easy and hassle-free experience, book the [Magnum Private Wine Tour with 5 Wine Estates!](#)

Hike from Fira to Oia

For all our hiking enthusiasts, Santorini offers one of the best and most breathtaking walks along the Aegean Sea! As a 6-mile route, hiking from Fira to Oia is not an experience for everyone. However, if you are looking for the top 10 things to do in Santorini that take you off the beaten path, you would want to add this trail to your travel itinerary! If you are up for this adventure, be sure to look at our essentials when [packing for outdoor adventure!](#)

Along the way, you will find some paved and dirt path sections. Luckily, most of the time, you would be heading downhill, and you will be treated to the remarkable views of Oia before your eyes. We suggest booking a guided group tour for those of you tempted by this fabulous adventure but unsure of their navigation and hiking skills.

Wine Tasting Experience

Thanks to the mild Mediterranean climate, rain is not very common in Santorini. Even still, if you are welcomed by a gloomy, rainy day on the island, there is a way to make the most of your day and treat yourself to a fabulous wine tasting experience! Despite the poor soil conditions, the island is well known for its dry white and rose wines. Vinsanto Wines are by far the most popular, and with their rich plum and sun-dried grape flavors, they are perfect for fruity wine lovers!

The unique wine-making process used in Santorini is the bush-training system. It is another reason why a wine tasting experience is one of the top 10 things to do in Santorini that take you off-the-beaten-path and allow you to learn even more about the extraordinary Greek traditions!

Sunset Caldera Private Cruise

People from all over the world flock to Santorini every year, aiming to catch a glimpse of the island's unique jaw-dropping sunsets of rare rugged beauty! Unfortunately, the uniqueness and tranquility of the evening are overpowered by the groups of tourists. To skip the crowds, we strongly suggest that you hop on board a [private catamaran cruise](#) and have an intimate and secluded experience while enjoying the breathtaking vista! It is not just the panoramic views, though. This journey will also take you to the shallow waters at White Beach, where you could go for a swim! If you have even more time to spare, why not book a [half-day yacht cruise](#)?! [Booking with a travel agency](#) can guarantee these amazing experiences.

The friendly captain and crew will welcome you on board a luxurious and sleek yacht. For the next few hours, you could sit back and relax, enjoy the refreshing breeze. Be sure to try some fishing, sunbathe, or even dive into the waters for a snorkeling adventure! Then, as the day comes to an end, the captain will steer you into the sunset. Allowing for amazing views of the remarkable landscape!

Discover the Ancient World with an Archaeologist

It will be a shame if you have been to Santorini without learning more about its ancient history! The Akrotiri Archaeological Site is one of the must-do when visiting the island. If you have heard of the mystical city of Atlantis, you would need to stop by Akrotiri. It is believed to be the location of the lost city of Atlantis, as told by Plato. All history buffs would also love admiring the ruins and frescoes at the Ancient Thira at Kamari as a reminder of the power and majesty of the Spartan civilization.

Visiting the Museum of Prehistoric Thera in Fira is another way to learn more about the island's history and heritage. We strongly suggest booking your tours with an archaeologist as you will discover untold, hidden stories and legends as well!

Visit Perissa Black Sand Beach

The volcanic activity and rocky beaches make Santorini's coastline extraordinary! To get a real feel of the beach vibe on the island, you need to visit Perissa Black Sand Beach! Yes, you read that correctly. Perissa is well-known for its unique and usual black-colored sand. It is due to the eruptions of the Santorini Volcano, which caused the sand to mix with the volcanic lava and ashes and create this fabulous beach!

What is even more spectacular, though, is the contrast of the dark sand to the crystal clear blue waters of the Aegean Sea a scenery worth soaking in! So make sure to pay a visit to the beach and spend some time sunbathing, playing in the water, or even just going for a stroll along the coastline.

Visit a Local Santorini Farm

One of the best ways to get an authentic flavor of Santorini is to immerse yourself in culinary traditions! That is the reason why next on our list of the top 10 things to do in Santorini that take you off the beaten path is visiting a local farm! You are not only going to go for a walk and explore the island's agricultural traditions, but you will also learn the best ways to combine ingredients to cook some of the most delicious local meals.

The entire cooking class with a Greek chef in their private kitchen is the best gastronomical experiences in Santorini! In the end, you will treat your taste buds to explosive flavors, and you will create memories to cherish forever! You will definitely want to add the [Santorini Flavors Experience](#) to your itinerary!

Olive Oil and Honey Experience in a Cave

You have probably heard that Greek olive oil is the best in the world! That is the reason why adding an olive oil and honey experience in a cave is one of the top 10 things to do in Santorini that take you off the beaten path! So make sure to [book this experience](#), as you will be taken on a truly fantastic journey through the Greek olive and honey-making traditions!

Located in the center of Fira, there are three underground caves, which you would get to visit and be provided with a great selection of authentic Greek Olive Oil and honey! Not only will you get to try the unique taste, but you will also learn more about the honeybees, the different types of honey, and where does it get its flavors from.

Wings over Santorini

Scrolling down the narrow cobblestone alleys of Santorini is definitely a fabulous way to immerse yourself into the authentic Greek atmosphere. The streets get a bit too crowded during the peak season, though. So we have a suggestion for you! Take a helicopter tour and avoid the crowds. Not only will you get to experience the island in a much more secluded and intimate way, but you will see incredible birds-eye views. This is perfect for any [romantic getaway!](#)

The island of Santorini is surrounded by the crystal clear waters of the Aegean Sea. Experience small beaches nestled between rugged steep cliffs. Volcanoes rise high into the sky, while other nearby islands can be spotted along the horizon. There is no better way to take the off-the-beaten path in Santorini than going for a flight over the island!

Visit the Volcanic Island of Nea Kameni

Visiting an active volcano is definitely once in a lifetime experience! That is the reason why the island of Nea Kameni should be on your bucket list! As a small uninhabited island part of the Santorini's archipelago, Nea Kameni is home to a volcano that erupted 70 years ago. Hiking along the volcano's rim will give you a unique perspective of both the crater and the endless waters surrounding it.

The exploration of the island does not end here, though. Take a swim into the hot springs, which were created back in the 1570s after a significant volcano eruption. This is another experience that will allow you to fully immerse yourself in the authenticity and beauty of Nea Kameni!

Sleep in a Luxurious Cave Hotel

If you are lucky enough to spend multiple days in Santorini, plan on sleeping in a luxurious cave hotel! Specifically, one is situated on top of a hill, overlooking the Aegean Sea. [Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel](#) is one of the top 10 things to do in Santorini. Each suite is elegantly decorated in a modern, minimal style, offering truly sweeping views of the Caldera.

The atmosphere is relaxed yet luxurious and opulent so you will be treating yourself to a lush overnight stay at the heart of the island. If you plan a romantic getaway with your significant other, you may want to book the River Pool Suite. This suite features its own pool Jacuzzi and private veranda. Of course, this is where you would like to be as the sun is kissing the horizon goodnight!

Day 8



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10:00 AM

Departure

12:00 AM

Arrival

Departure Location

JTR

Payment

Paid in Full

Notes

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Departure Location
PAS

Payment

Gratuity is not included

Notes

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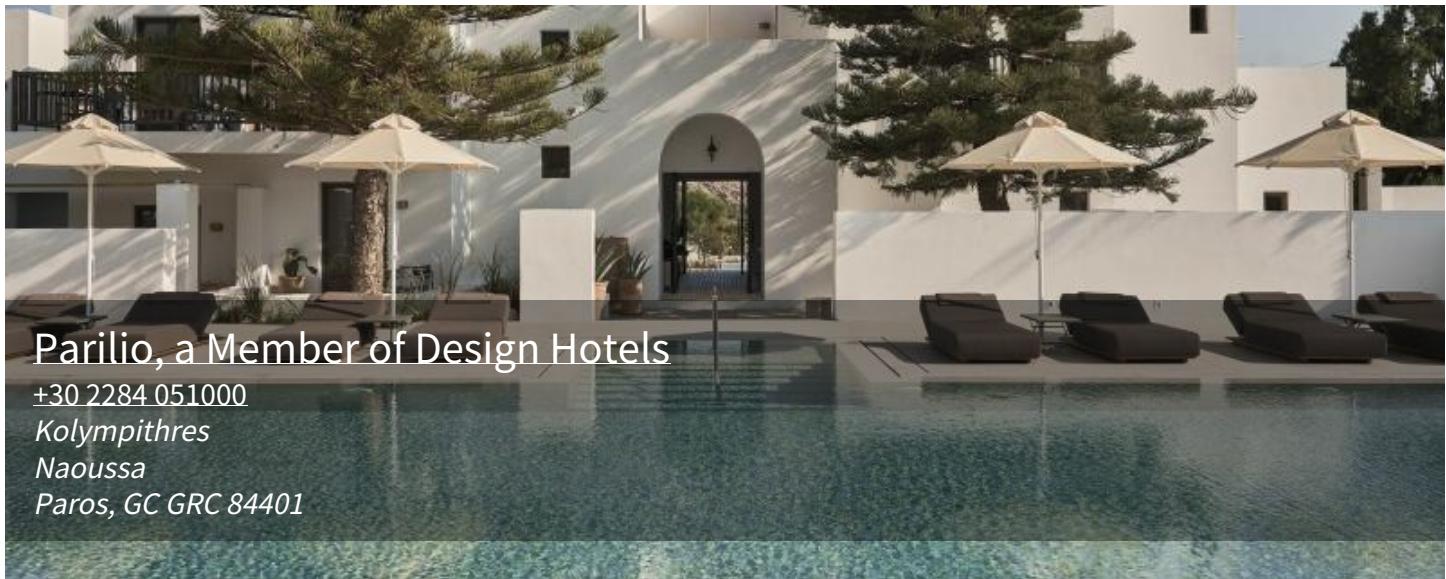
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Parilio, a Member of Design Hotels

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Kolympithres

Naoussa

Paros, GC GRC 84401

3:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

Parilio is a member of Design Hotels - Brand new 5 star hotel located nearby the Kolympithres beach located on a walking distance from Naoussa town 3-3km and the famous Kolympithres beach -300m.

The hotel is located in the heart of Parikia, the capital of Paros. Featuring modern Cycladic architecture and design, Parilio is a contemporary hotel offering luxurious accommodations and amenities.

It is only a short walk or drive away from all the main attractions in town, including the beach, restaurants and cafes.

The hotel boasts two outdoor pools that overlook the Aegean Sea and views of the sunset.

Amenities

Air conditioning, Internet Access, Pool

Payment

Paid in Full

Cancellation Policy

Reservations must be cancelled or modified 21 days prior to arrival day to avoid a fee of 50pct of the full stay including tax -10 days prior arrival to avoid a fee of the full stay including tax - No-Show fee is 100pct of the full stay including tax - Please see rate rules



Paros and Anti-Paros

Sail south in this gorgeous Greek weather for the island of Paros and its beautiful sister island of tiny and charming Anti-Paros. Spend some time on the beach, or swimming in one of the lovely bays, before heading inland to explore this island whose natural beauty and fabulous footpaths connecting the villages are truly breathtaking. Some of the finest restaurants of the Cyclades can be found here.

Highlights

Paros:

Paros is one of the most popular islands of the Cyclades with whitewashed houses, hundreds of historical interests, crystal clear waters and above all hospitality of her inhabitants who are ready to welcome you and share their culture. Famous for her white marble production Paros has one of the finest marble qualities available in the globe.

The monastery of **Panagia Ekatodapiliani** (in Greek the word means that she has 100 gates) is a long-lasting legend saying that Saint Constantine (first emperor of Constantinople) built this church on behalf of her mother Saing Helene-since she was saved by a storm while traveling and she was rescued in Paros. According to the legend, the church has 99 doors and 1 that is hidden. The hidden one will be finally found and opened when the church in Agia Sofia (in Constantinople) will be orthodox again.

Naousa:

Naousa has a classy and cosmopolitan atmosphere. This is the most beautiful village of Paros if you are looking for a late afternoon walk through the white stoned alleys that bring you to after-dinner cocktails in one of the most well-recognized port towns.

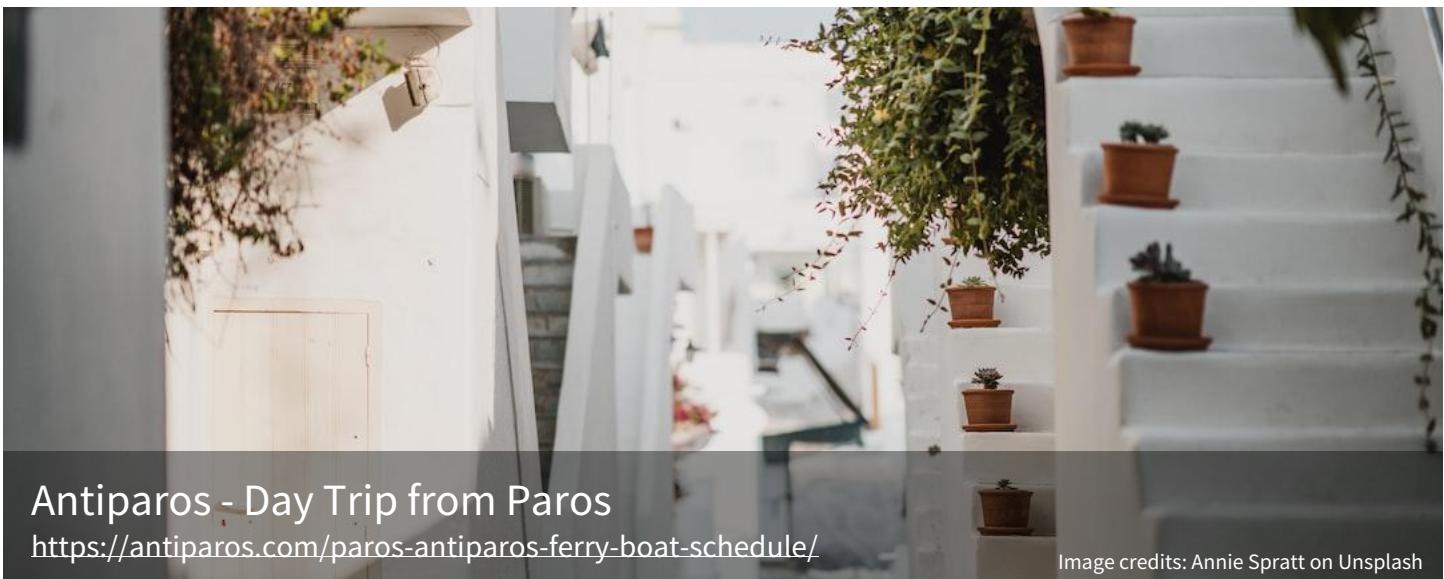
Despite the tourism development, Naousa has kept her authenticity, her traditional character, and surely is must-see if you are visiting Paros as your sailing destination. Maybe she is not the quiet fishing village it used to be but surely she has a high

quality that despite the mercantilism of the place still keeps her little taverns, ouzeries as well as her traditional atmosphere building together one of the best villages to visit in the Aegean

Antiparos:

Antiparos became well known when celebrities like Tom Hanks, Bruce Willis, Pierce Brosnan, and many others bought a place on this little island. When you walk through the main village and visit the Cave of Antiparos going back to the 6th century BC you will understand why. Quiet yet colorful and charming, this little island is one of the places you need to visit especially. Drop an anchor and relax between Antiparos and Despotiko bay, taste great grilled fish in one of the port little taverns, along of course with some ouzo on the side.

Day 9



Antiparos - Day Trip from Paros

<https://antiparos.com/paros-antiparos-ferry-boat-schedule/>

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Taking a Day Trip from Paros to Antiparos by Ferry

If you're spending time in Paros, a quick trip to nearby Antiparos is a must. These two Greek islands in the Cyclades are like siblings: similar but with distinct personalities. The ferry ride between them is quick, easy, and offers some great sea views.

How to Make the Trip:

- 1 Getting to Pounta Port: First, you'll need to get to the port of Pounta in Paros. It's about an 8-km ride from Parikia, the main town. You can catch a bus, hire a taxi, or drive a rental car. The bus ride usually takes about 15-20 minutes.
- 2 Buying Tickets: You can buy your ferry tickets right at the Pounta port. The tickets are affordable, typically costing between 1 to 5 euros.
- 3 Timing: The good news is that the ferries run often—about every 30 minutes—so you have plenty of options for when to head over and come back. [Click here for schedule](#) and double check with hotel concierge.
- 4 The Ride: The ferry itself is comfortable enough, and the short ride takes about seven minutes.
- 5 Arrival: Once you get to Antiparos, you'll arrive at the main port, conveniently located in the center of the island.

Why Spend the Day in Antiparos?

Here's why you might consider hopping over to Antiparos for a day:

- 1 Quiet Beaches: If you're looking for a break from the busier beaches of Paros, Antiparos offers some lovely, quieter alternatives like Soros and Psaraliki.
- 2 Cave of Antiparos: For a touch of adventure, check out the Cave of Antiparos. It's a natural wonder with interesting rock formations.
- 3 Local Food: The island has some fantastic places to eat, specializing in fresh seafood and locally sourced produce.
- 4 Art and Culture: There are a few small galleries and shops that offer a glimpse into the local art scene.
- 5 Eco-Friendly: Antiparos has a smaller tourist footprint, so you'll find a stronger focus on sustainable and responsible travel.

In short, a day trip from Paros to Antiparos gives you the chance to experience another side of Greek island life. It's perfect if you're looking for both a bit of adventure and a little downtime.

Day 11



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Departure Location

PAS

Payment

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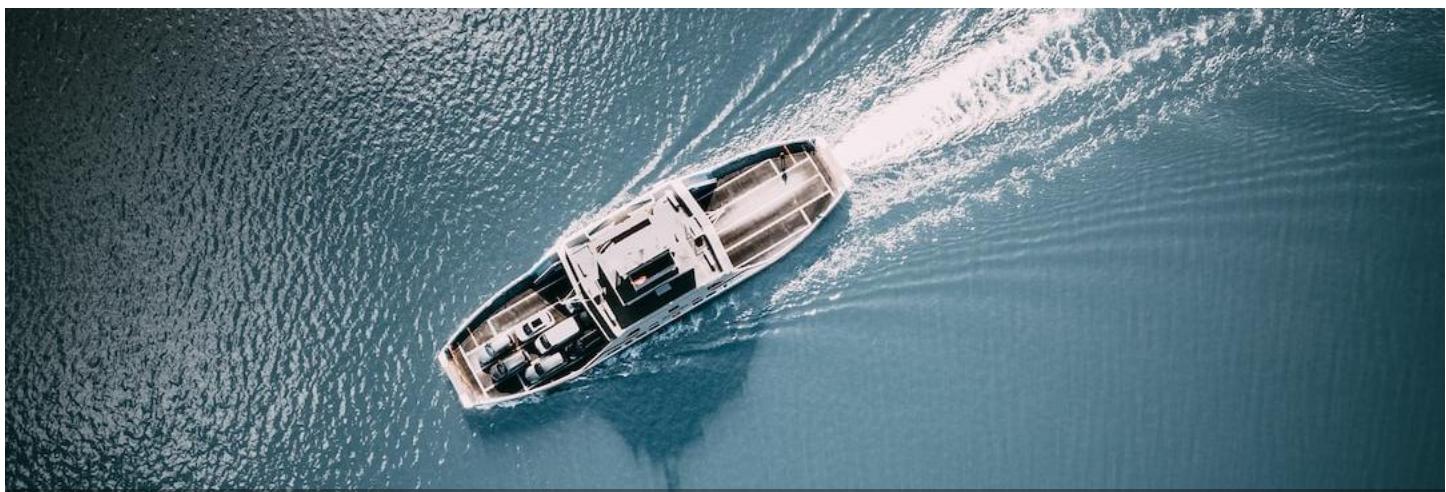
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10:00 AM

Departure

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Mykonos Grand Hotel & Resort
Ayios Yiannis Mykonos Notio Aigaio 84600 Greece

2:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

4 Nights

Duration

Apollo, the Greek god of healing, was said to be born on the island of Delos, which fronts Mykonos Grand Hotel & Resort. You're sure to find well-being at this dazzling enclave, a collection of whitewashed cubes scattered across about five acres of prime beachfront. The 96 rooms and suites are generously sized, with clean, streamlined decor; some even have private pools.

Get a therapeutic spa treatment by the pool or in a seaside cabana, take a leisurely stroll into charming Hora Mykonos Town or swim in the 500-square-meter, heated outdoor pool. The open-air signature restaurant delivers fine Greek fare with dramatic sunsets.

Amenities

Air conditioning, Pool, Internet Access

Virtuoso Amenities

For 2023:

Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability

Daily Breakfast for up to two guests per bedroom

\$100 USD equivalent Resort or Hotel credit to be utilized during stay (not combinable, not valid on room rate, no cash value if not redeemed in full)

Early Check-In / Late Check-Out, subject to availability

Complimentary Wi-Fi

Room Selection

Room Category

Premium Room Sea View - "Bed and

Breakfast Rate - Package Rate"

Bedding Options: (1 King Bed)

Payment

Paid in Full

Cancellation Policy

Roundtrip shared transfer from Mykonos Airport or port to hotel by AC Mercedes bus This service is provided by Mykonos Grand Hotel and Resort. Guests will receive: Shared roundtrip transfer from/to Mykonos Airport to/from hotel by A/C Mercedes bus Cancellation Policy This rate allows booking modifications or cancellation without charges up to Friday, July 14, 2023, 12:00 PM local time. Cancellation free of penalty will be accepted if notified 14 days (by 12:00pm local time) prior to arrival. Late cancellations will incur in a penalty equal to the total stay, which will be debited to the credit card given to guarantee the reservation. Early departure: 100% of remaining stay will apply as an early departure fee. No Shows: No shows for all suites will incur in a penalty fee equal to whole stay. Check-in and Check-out: Our Check-in time is guaranteed at 2.00 pm and check out time is by mid-day. Any special needs should be notified in advance. Early check-in may only be guaranteed by reserving the room one night in advance.



Mykonos - Shared Transfer - Mykonos Grand Hotel

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Guests will receive:

Shared roundtrip transfer from/to Mykonos Airport to/from hotel by A/C Mercedes bus

MYKONOS GRAND TRANSPORTATION

- International airport: Mykonos Airport 4.5 km / 15 minutes by car
- New Port: 7.5km / 20min
- Public Bus: 100 metres from bus stop
- Car rental: On-site
- Shuttle service to Mykonos Town: Daily from 19:00 23:00 (24:00 during high season) (Every hour)

- Public bus to Mykonos Town: From 08:00 to 02:00 (During May-September)
- Pick up service: Due to the shortage in taxis, we highly recommend to organize your transportation service to our resort to ensure a warm welcome. Let our reservation team know your arrival details.



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Restaurant Recommendations - Mykonos

1. Nammos

ADDRESS

Psarou Beach, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Nammos is, without a doubt, one of the trendiest restaurants in Mykonos. Expect crowds of visiting socialites and well-dressed locals for one of the best day-to-night parties on the island.

Nammos contains a formal dining area (serving Italian-Greek fusion), a beautiful lounge, and an outdoor beach club. Start with dinner, a glass (or two) of wine, and then prepare for the music to turn up as this restaurant turns into a beachside club.

Food-wise, you can expect fresh, whole-grilled fish caught daily in the Aegean, sushi, sashimi, and a dizzying array of mezze—from fried zucchini to eggplant mille-feuille with feta cheese mousse.

[More information](#)

2. Scorpios Mykonos

ADDRESS

Paraga, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

What better way is there to watch the sun set than with a cocktail in hand and live music in the background at Scorpios Mykonos? This lifestyle commune embodies the holistic message of sun worshipping hedonism with a beach club, restaurant, and boutique hotel. Indeed it's far more than just a restaurant. It's a self-proclaimed “gathering place” at the intersection of food, music, community, crafts, and more.

A mix of Burning Man and DJ-curated beach club, their summer parties lure some of the best music talent to the island. Spend the early evening hours swaying to the beats, then sit down at one of the communal tables in the open-air restaurant for delicious, sea-to-table Mediterranean fare with organic, locally-sourced ingredients.

[More information](#)

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3. Bowl Restaurant/Cafe

ADDRESS

Ornos 846 00, Greece

Snag breakfast, brunch, or a light lunch at this health-forward café run by Australian husband-and-wife team Victoria and Robert Fisher. The menu features signature "brekkie" bowls and avocado toast inspired by the early morning meal Down Under, in addition to a diverse selection of internationally-inspired dishes that skew Mexican, Greek, Indian, and Thai.

[More information](#)

4. Tasos Taverna

ADDRESS

Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Tasos has been dishing out classic Greek fare on Paraga Beach since 1962. Seafood is where they shine (diners walk up to the tank to select which fish they'd like to enjoy that night), but there's also a selection of charcoal-grilled meats and other Zakynthos local foods.

[More information](#)

5. Nikolas Taverna

ADDRESS

Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Nikolas opened the doors of his taverna in 1967 by Paraga Beach, and it has been passed down from generation-to-generation since then. Today, you can find the same classic Greek seafood that it became known for over fifty years ago.

[More information](#)

6. Raya Restaurant

ADDRESS

Akti Kampani, Mykonos, Kyklades, Greece, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Raya is an all-day restaurant sitting on the west coast of the island, right by the port bay near the shore of Mykonos Town. Expect elegant—but accessible—local dishes like Greek bruschetta, fried zucchini, shrimp risotto, and a slew of salads. There's also a dedicated vegan and vegetarian menu.

[More information](#)

7. Alemagou Beach Bar Restaurant

ADDRESS

Greece, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Laid-back-bohemian is the atmosphere you'll find at Alemàgou, an all-day beach bar and restaurant in Ftelia. We recommend spending the whole day here, swimming, eating, and enjoying an early aperitivo.

[More information](#)

8. Nikkei Mykonos Peruvian Experience Restaurant

ADDRESS

Mattheou Andronikou, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Located in the center of town, Nikkei specializes in fusion Peruvian fare prepared using Japanese techniques. With small tables under a charming flowered awning, it's the perfect spot for a laid-back dinner.

[More information](#)

9. The Liberty Breakfast Room

ADDRESS

the liberty breakfast room, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Although Liberty is an all-day café, breakfast is the most bustling meal at this cozy restaurant with sweeping, pinch-me-this-can't-be-real views of the Aegean sea. Whether you go savory (poached eggs on brown bread with Naxos Gruyère cheese) or sweet (Nutella pancakes, for the win!), you'll be in good hands.

[More information](#)

10. Farma Mykonos

ADDRESS

Ftelia, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Part-farm, part-restaurant, Farma sources ingredients for its hyper-seasonal menu from the inner garden that surrounds it at Ftelia Bay—one that's speckled with olive groves. The menu of traditional Greek dishes changes daily.

[More information](#)

11. Kiki's Taverna

ADDRESS

Southern Aegean, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

There's almost always crowds of locals waiting for a table at this popular tavern tucked away on the north side of the island within walking distance from Agios Sostis Beach. While they don't take reservations, the Greek/Mediterranean food is worth the wait—especially the steaks cooked outdoors in a traditional oven.

[More information](#)

12. Hippie Fish

ADDRESS

Agios Ioannis, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

This funky beach restaurant and bar is the perfect spot for a late lunch that'll lead you right into a dreamy sunset watch over Agios Ioannis Beach. It's not hectic, and it's a great place to relax for the whole day. The menu zeroes in on Greek food, with some international flair in the form of crab, salmon, shrimp, tuna, and veggie maki rolls.

[More information](#)

13. Tsaf**ADDRESS**

Ano Mera 846 00, Greece

This eclectic seafood spot sits at the heart of Ano Mera Village—the second biggest town on Mykonos island that still manages to retain a charming, small-town feel. Lunch on fresh oysters, shrimp, scallops, pasta, and more as you overlook the village square.

[More information](#)

14. Kazarma**ADDRESS**

Akti Kampani (Old Port), Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Kazarma's variety of Italian, Greek, and Mediterranean recipes is not to be missed—think pizza, crispy veggies drizzled with honey, eggplant baked with feta, burgers, and pasta. Bonus points for its laid-back atmosphere.

[More information](#)

15. Principote**ADDRESS**

Panormos Beach,, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Principote in Mykonos is where you want to eat every meal.

This gorgeous beach club is a dream come true, with fantastic views of the stunning ocean, comfortable beach furniture, and relaxing ambiance. Sample the delicious food of the Mediterranean as you unwind, sip on a crisp wine, and gaze out at the dazzling beach.

[More information](#)

16. Kalita Restaurant**ADDRESS**

N. KALOGERA 31, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Nestled in the inner garden of a boutique hotel that bears the same name, Kalita boasts quality food, a laid-back atmosphere, an eclectic crowd, and fantastic Greek recipes. Be sure to take advantage of the extensive wine list of local vintages, as well as the creative cocktails. Food-wise, don't miss the goat cheese-stuffed angel hair rolls, deep-fried zucchini, and sweet baklava mille-feuille.

[More information](#)

17. Appaloosa Bar & Restaurant**ADDRESS**

Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Mexican and Mykonos may not sound like the most natural combination, but the crowds of locals swarming Appaloosa for a feast of burritos, tacos, and guac say otherwise. There's nothing fancy about it, which is part of its charm. It's cute, simple, and always full of Greek families.

[More information](#)

18. La Maison de Katrin**ADDRESS**

Νίκου, Δρακοπολού 1, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

For a family-curated mix of Greek and French cuisine, head to La Maison de Katrin. It's on the pricier side (with reservations required), but well worth it for its warm atmosphere and diverse selection of traditional Hellenic and fusion appetizers, fish, seafood, meat, and more.

[More information](#)

19. Casa di Giorgio**ADDRESS**

Mitropoleos 1, Hora 846 00, Greece

You can't go wrong with great pizza, pasta, and risotto at Casa de Giorgio—a chill spot in town for a no-frills Italian dinner at an affordable price. Located in Mykonos town on Mitropoleos Street, it's an ideal location for a post-dinner stroll.

[More information](#)

20. Sea Satin Market

ADDRESS

Little Venice, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

For a quintessential Greek experience (think smashing plates and throwing flowers), bring the whole gang to Sea Satin for a fun night out that you won't soon forget. The food skewers classic Greek, and the dancing starts later at night—so it's best to arrive on the early side if you're dining with kids.

[More information](#)

Day 12

BOUTIQUE TRAVEL ADVISORS



About Mykonos

INTRODUCTION

Set like gems in the sparkling blue Aegean Sea, each of the Cyclades islands has its own character. For Mykonos, the local culture is a mix of the sacred and the profane. This island is the gateway to the neighboring unoccupied island of Delos, the sacred center of the Cyclades.

With almost a million visitors a year, this 30-sq-mi/80-sq-km island gets busy in high season. However, for those who don't like crowds, spring and fall are the best times to visit. If your notion of a Greek island is old ladies in black and fishermen mending their nets by the harbor, Mykonos will be an eye-opener. In fact, it will probably surprise even the experienced traveler.

Mykonos has more than 400 churches and chapels and several nude beaches and its share of gay striptease and drag shows. Fashion models strut their stuff, and the nightlife can be as wild as anywhere in the world. Of course, prices are high, too, but the food and shopping are better than almost anywhere else in Greece. Mykonos Town, the capital, is the center of activity on the island.

Don't let its reputation for bacchic behavior discourage you from visiting. Instead, go during the daytime if you want to experience a more traditional side of town. Take time to stroll its warrenlike streets, many of which are no wider than a sidewalk. On each side are smooth, whitewashed cubes whose doors and windows are splashed with bright colors: bougainvilleas, clematis, and geraniums cascade from the wooden balconies.

Be sure to peek inside a few of the red-domed chapels scattered around the island. Most are tiny, peaceful places. Several small museums contain some interesting artifacts. Outside the capital, the beaches are superb, provided you don't mind sharing them with a few thousand other people. Inland are few trees and lots of rocks, so although it's not the most attractive islands, it does have character.

MUST SEE OR DO

Sights—

The island's landmark windmills, especially to watch the sunset;
Little Venice at night (it may not be to everyone's tastes, but it's what Mykonos is about);
Panayia Paraportiani, for a glimpse of the sacred amongst the profane;
Mykonos Town's winding back streets; a short boat ride to the ancient archaeological site on nearby uninhabited Delos island.

Museums—

The Archaeological Museum of Delos; Delos artifacts at the Archaeological Museum of Mykonos; traditional arts and crafts at the Folklore Museum of Mykonos.

Memorable Meals—Tarte Tatin at La Maison de Catherine, tiradito and new-style sashimi at Matsuhisa; a contemporary take on Greek tavern fare at Bakalo; organic Greek dishes such as water buffalo meatballs at Nice n Easy on Kalo Livadi beach; gourmet seafood by Greek celebrity chef Lefteris Lazarou at White Star in Mykonos Town.

Late Night—The spectacular cliff-top setting and pool overlooking the sea at Cavo Paradiso; club-hopping through Mykonos Town's alleys and Little Venice; after-hours beach parties Paradise or Super Paradise beaches; enjoying the packed party crowd at the island's beach club venues when world-famous DJs spin.

Especially for Kids—

Miniature lighthouses and model ships at the Aegean Maritime Museum;

Find Petros the Pelican, the island's fabled resident mascot that struts around the port;

Ride a horse along some of the most picturesque beaches in the world;

Rent paddle boats and kayaks;

Visit Delos where, in Greek mythology, Zeus' twins Artemis and Apollo were born.

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A photograph taken from the deck of a sailboat, looking out over the water towards a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The boat's white sail is partially visible on the right, and the dark silhouette of the boat's hull and rigging is on the right side of the frame. The water is slightly choppy.

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Mykonos Catamaran 5 Hour Private Tour



Mykonos - Top 12 Unique and Off-The-Beaten-Path Things to Do

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Are you heading to Mykonos but feel concerned that it will be overly touristy and crowded, and you will not be able to immerse yourself into local Greek culture and traditions fully? We have you covered keep reading for our list of the top 12 unique and off-the-beaten-path things to do in Mykonos!

Take a Biking Tour (or E-bike) around the island.

All of you, who are looking for a bit of adventure and cannot wait to explore as much of the island as possible, should consider booking a biking tour; or even better, if you want to be a sustainable and environmentally conscious traveler how about an E-bike! [This full-day tour](#) will take you on a fantastic journey through the island.

From visiting local vineyards to having a delicious traditional Greek meal, a bike tour is one of the best unique and off-the-beaten-path things to do in Mykonos. Families traveling with children and teenagers alike will love exploring lesser-known parts of the island. Instead of dealing with the tourist crowds, discover uncrowded trails and hidden beaches we guarantee you this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Watch the Sunset from the Windmills

No trip to Mykonos would be complete without watching the sunset from the Windmills. While almost 20 windmills spread across the island, the most popular ones are located on top of a hill near the island's capital Chora! Not only are the windmills the most iconic symbol of the island, but they are also conveniently located to overlook the endless blues of the Mediterranean Sea.

If you are taking a honeymoon in Mykonos or a romantic getaway, this experience should definitely be at the top of your to-do list. Visiting just before sunset is a great idea, as you will get to admire the jaw-dropping panoramic scenery while standing beneath Mykonos' most recognizable attraction!

Visit Delos

Although the island of Mykonos offers a plethora of activities, travelers seeking off-the-beaten-path experiences will want to take a day trip to Delos. Visiting the archaeological site of Delos is a must-do for history buffs and one of the top unique things to do in Mykonos. As soon as you stop at the uninhabited island of Delos, you will be transported back in time. As a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#), Delos was once a religious and cultural center. Today, visitors can explore the ruins of ancient markets, amphitheaters, temples, and incredible mosaics.

Taking a [half-day trip to Delos](#) is one of the best ways to immerse yourself and learn more about Greek history and culture. Families traveling with children will love the educational opportunities the excursion offers, while adult travelers will enjoy learning about the island's rich culture and historical past.

Take a photography tour in Little Venice

Are you thinking of going on a honeymoon in Mykonos? You won't want to miss Little Venice. As one of the most romantic and iconic districts in Mykonos, Little Venice is calling all photography enthusiasts. Magnificent old houses with white-washed

facades and colorful balconies and doors are sitting right on the edge of the Aegean Sea. As sundown approaches, the golden hour illuminates the water and the buildings beautifully and allows all photographers to capture incredible images.

Capture the scenes and looks of local streets, shops, and people for even more spectacular photos, which tell the story of Mykonos! These are the images you would be taking home as souvenirs from your trip to Greece!

Spend an afternoon at a beach club

It seems like the sun is always shining in Mykonos! So, what better way to experience the island than spending an entire afternoon at a beach club. And of course, we have the best suggestion for you head to Scorpios on Paraga Beach. Ok, so this may not be the most unique and off-the-beaten-path activity in Mykonos, but it's still a lot of fun!

Honeymooners and couples traveling together will enjoy spending a day lounging beachside. While the bar located next to the crystal clear waters of the sea offers various seating options. Grab a delicious cocktail and sunbathe on their comfortable loungers. Not only this, but with just a few steps, you can also dip your toes into the refreshing waters or even go for a swim! Can you imagine anything better on a hot summer day?

Visit Ano Mera Village

Suppose you want to embark on an adventure away from the tourist crowds and experience the authentic vibe of Mykonos. In that case, you should pay a visit to Ano Mera. Unfortunately, the island's visitors often neglect Ano Mera as a tiny village. Do not make this mistake, however. Head to Ano Mera Village and admire the incredible white-washed buildings lining the narrow cobblestone streets.

Allow yourself to get lost between the quaint alleys and stumble upon small souvenir shops and local art galleries. Try to talk to the locals and fully experience Ano Mera Village's relaxed and slow-paced life. This is truly one of the most unique and off-the-beaten-path activities in Mykonos.

Spend the Morning at the Panagia Tourliani Monastery

As one of the most famous sights in Mykonos, the Monastery of Panagia Tourliani is an absolute must-see. Head early in the morning if you want to skip the crowds and avoid the heat. Spend a few minutes just admiring the beautiful white-washed 16th-century exterior before heading inside. The interior is equally impressive. Every element resembles an art masterpiece, from the 18th-century wooden iconostasis to the unique incense holders with silver dragons! The Panagia Tourliani Monastery should be part of your travel itinerary if you love history or religious sites with significant value!

Families traveling with children to Mykonos will enjoy visiting the Monastery. Be sure to book a creative and engaging guide to keep the kids and adults entertained.

Discover the Underworld Universe

Are you an adventure seeker? If the answer is yes, [scuba diving](#) is one of the most unique things to do in Mykonos. It is not enough just admiring the incredibly blue waters of the Aegean Sea when you can dive straight into the underworld and take a glimpse of the sea wildlife. Colorful fish and incredible corals, and lost ships are hiding under the surface of the water. Book this class if you want to be taken along a magnificent underwater journey. This is something you will remember long after you have gone back home! [A good travel agent](#) should be able to get this experience lined up for you.

Families traveling with teenagers can sign up for beginner scuba classes or get certified before your trip and take full advantage of all the island has to offer.

Take a Culinary Journey

One of the most authentic and unique ways to experience a new culture is exploring the local cuisine. No trip to Mykonos would be complete without [taking a culinary master's class with a local chef](#)! Not only will you learn the chef's secret recipes, but you will be taken on a complete culinary journey. Your day will start early in the morning as you follow the chef along with his market visit. From the butcher to the baker, you will see how the chefs select the best and freshest ingredients. You will get to buy seasonal vegetables and just-caught fish yourselves before heading over to the chef's private kitchen.

Spend a few hours learning the secrets of preparing a few local specialties, such as Baklava, Spanakopita, and Taramasalata. Then, to top it off, you will gain inside knowledge of the traditional practices and techniques for creating masterpieces!

Take a Yoga Class

Imagine waking up early in the morning and heading for a relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class. What makes the [Yoga Classes in Mykonos](#) extra special, however, is the incredible scenery of the Mediterranean sea before your eyes. A couples yoga class is

a perfect addition to any romantic getaway. Especially in Mykonos, yoga is a great way to relax sore muscles from all the dancing and swimming you will be doing.

Regardless of whether you are a beginner or advanced, there is a bit of everything for everyone. Either way, you will quickly realize that the best yoga is in Mykonos, where you get to admire the sweeping views of the endless blue waters! You bet that you would want every morning to start like this!

Spend the Day Out at Sea

Last but definitely not least on our list of the top 12 unique and off-the-beaten-path things to do in Mykonos is spending the day out at sea. Surrounded by the crystal blue waters of the Aegean Sea, there is nothing better than heading out to sea. It allows for time spent escaping the busy hot Greek streets. If you want to meet other fellow travelers, book the [half-day luxurious catamaran tour](#), where you will get to snorkel and explore the nearby islands. Many Mykonos visitors yearn to visit Santorini. If this is you, here is our list of the [top 10 thing to do in Santorini](#).

If you plan a romantic trip with your significant other, you might prefer the [private luxury sunset cruise](#). As you are sailing away, you will be served a fabulous selection of traditional drinks and meals. So just sit back, relax and admire the sunset!

Additionally, if setting sail is up your ally, try looking at different cruises to take you from island to island. We have reviewed the Celebrity Cruise Apex Ship Mediterranean Voyage from a [teen](#), [and adult](#), perspective.

Day 15



Mykonos, Mykonos Airport to Athens, Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport

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Mykonos - Shared Transfer - Mykonos Grand Hotel

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**Roundtrip shared transfer from Mykonos Airport or port to hotel by AC Mercedes bus
This service is provided by Mykonos Grand Hotel and Resort.**

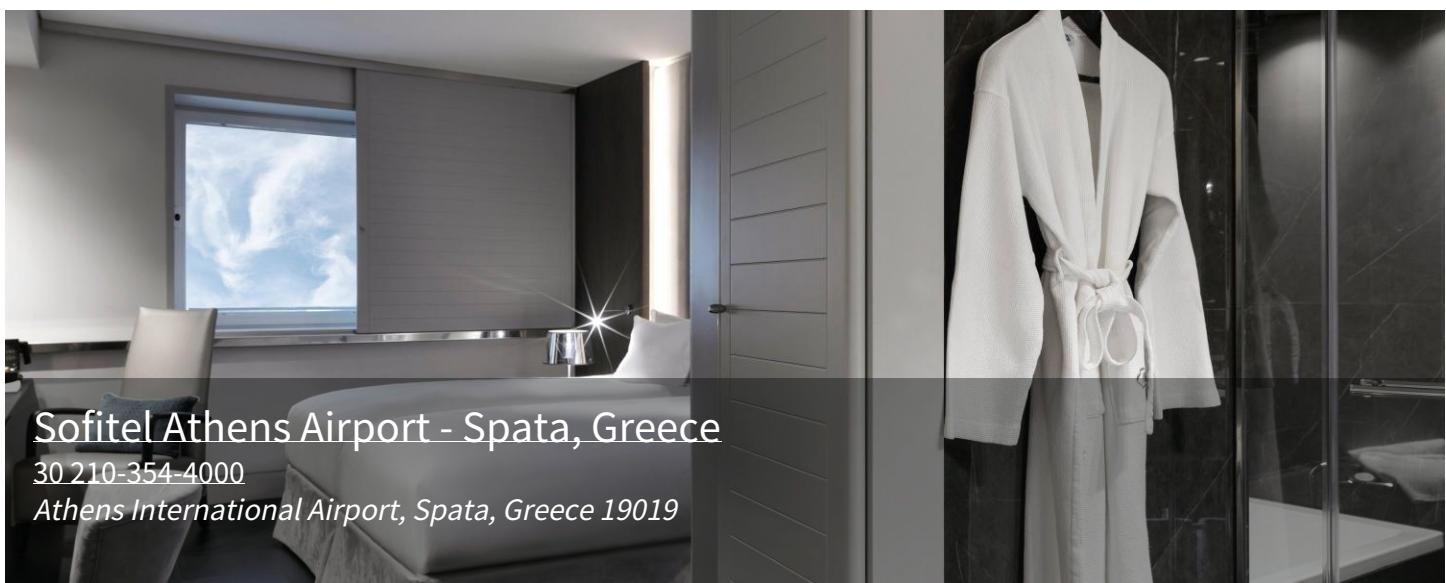
Please have hotel concierge confirm pick up time 24 hours prior to scheduled departure

Guests will receive:

Shared roundtrip transfer from/to Mykonos Airport to/from hotel by A/C Mercedes bus

MYKONOS GRAND TRANSPORTATION

- International airport: Mykonos Airport 4.5 km / 15 minutes by car
- New Port: 7.5km / 20min
- Public Bus: 100 metres from bus stop
- Car rental: On-site
- Shuttle service to Mykonos Town: Daily from 19:00 23:00 (24:00 during high season) (Every hour)
- Public bus to Mykonos Town: From 08:00 to 02:00 (During May-September)
- Pick up service: Due to the shortage in taxis, we highly recommend to organize your transportation service to our resort to ensure a warm welcome. Let our reservation team know your arrival details.



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1:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

1 Night

Duration

Airport Hotel located 5 km from beach, 6 km from museum & 10 km from archeological site.

Amenities

Elevator, 24-hour front desk, Business center, Porter/bellhop, Express check-out, Dry cleaning/laundry service, Full-service spa, Spa treatment room(s), Sauna, Smoke-free property, Wedding services, Fitness facilities, Tours/ticket assistance, Free WiFi, Accessible bathroom (in select rooms), Wheelchair accessible parking, In-room accessibility (in select rooms), Number of restaurants - 2,

Room Selection

Room Category

Luxury Room, 1 Queen Bed

Payment

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