

# Greece – Athens, Paros & Santorini

A gentle island-hopping style trip with a little time in Athens, then Paros and Santorini. Think white buildings, blue water, slow mornings and strong sunset energy.

## Day 1 – Arrive in Athens

- Arrive and check into a hotel in Plaka or near Syntagma Square.
- Short orientation walk through Plaka's lanes and café culture.
- Dinner at a simple taverna with grilled meats, salads and potatoes (no seafood needed).

## Day 2 – Acropolis & Old Athens

- Morning visit to the Acropolis before it gets too hot.
- Acropolis Museum or a slower café stop if you prefer.
- Afternoon free: shopping in Plaka or Monastiraki, or a rest at the hotel.
- Evening flight or ferry to Paros; check in and relax.

## Day 3 – Paros Village Time

- Slow breakfast looking at the harbour.
- Explore Parikia or Naousa – whitewashed streets, little shops, small churches.
- Afternoon at a nearby beach with loungers and shade.
- Dinner in Naousa with sunset views over the port.

## Day 4 – Beach & Boat Options

- Choose a favourite beach and claim a loungers-and-books day.
- Optional half-day boat trip around smaller bays if you want a bit more adventure.
- Evening gelato and a quiet walk through the streets as they light up.

## Day 5 – Free Day on Paros

- Short bus or taxi trip to another village to explore.
- Afternoon free for reading, photos and simple holiday time.
- Early night or drinks by the water – your call.

## Day 6 – Travel to Santorini & First Sunset

- Morning ferry from Paros to Santorini.
- Check into a hotel with a view (Fira, Firostefani or Oia).
- Afternoon downtime by the pool.
- Classic Santorini sunset – either from your hotel or a quiet viewpoint away from the crowds.

## **Day 7 – Caldera & Villages**

- Walk between Fira and Firostefani (or Fira to Oia if you feel up to it).
- Light lunch overlooking the caldera.
- Optional wine tasting at a local winery (Jessica can skip the wine and just enjoy the view).
- Evening at a calm restaurant with night views of the caldera lights.

## **Day 8 – Catamaran or Photo Day**

- Optional catamaran cruise around the island with swimming stops.
- If not, use the day for relaxed exploring, photos, cafés and shopping.
- Pack, enjoy a final Greek dinner and plan your favourite photos to print.

## **Day 9 – Departure**

- Transfer to the airport for your flight home, likely via Athens.

## **Why this trip fits your answers**

- You wanted something that feels special and different, but still easy to navigate.
- The views and sunsets matter a lot to you – this trip is built around them.
- There's lots of free time baked in for slow mornings and doing things at your own pace.
- You can avoid driving completely and still see beautiful places.
- It's very 'photo friendly' without needing to chase every sight.