

Discover & Explore
Greece & the Sunny Med



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The Parthenon in Athens, Greece

Highlights:

- Round trip scheduled airfare
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotels
- Hotel luggage handling
- 4 night Greek Isle cruise
- 4 nights first class hotel in Athens
- 17 meals including all breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners featuring a Greek festive dinner show
- A unique opportunity to meet with business leaders in Greece
- City tour of Athens
- Tour of Parthenon & Acropolis
- See the Olympic Stadium, the Royal Palace
- Full day tour of Mycenae
- Discovery Program guide

Mediterranean Ports Visited:

- Mykonos
- Santorini
- Ephesus
- Rhodes
- Crete
- Patmos

Preferred Hotels:

- Imperial, Divias, Acropol, and Grand O'Hotel

DAY 1: BOARD YOUR OVER-NIGHT FLIGHT (D)

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens, Greece and transfer to your luxury hotel, located in the center of the city. Time to rest or to start exploring the Hellenic capital. (B)

DAY 3: ATHENS CITY TOUR

Athens City tour: Today you will see the monuments that have made Athens famous, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Olympic Stadium. You will have a guided tour of the Acropolis and visit the world famous Parthenon, a magnificent temple built by the Athenians around 3000 B.C. Your afternoon will be spent at your leisure. This evening, join your tour members at an event hosted by Greek business leaders to exchange ideas in an informal setting. Learn first hand about business practices in Greece. Following your meeting you are in for an authentic Greek experience with a festive evening of music, dancing and local cuisine. B, DS

DAY 4: FREE DAY - OPTION TO DELPHI

Today you will have a free day to explore this interesting city. If you like you can take an optional excursion

to the UNESCO World Heritage site Delphi and the temple of Apollo. Explore the Doric Temple of Apollo and see what the Greeks consider the center of the world. B

DAY 5: MYCENAE - HELEN OF TROY

Travel back in time today to where Gods and Goddesses, ancient kings and pioneer Christians roamed. This full day tour will take you to many ancient and modern wonders including the theater of Epidaurus. Built in 6th century B.C. and world renowned for its remarkable acoustics, you can easily hear a coin drop from anywhere in the theater. Continue on to Mycenae where you will see the tomb of Agamemnon, the King of Sparta and the Lion's Gate. This famous place was where the Trojan War began. Helen of Sparta fled with Paris of Troy creating the epic battle best known as the Trojan War.



The Celsus Library, Ephesus



.... Flight, — = Motorcoach, - - - = Cruise, ④ = # of nights



Journeys of Discovery

The Island of Santorini

Leaving Mycenae, we journey to the modern wonder of the Corinth Canal, that separates the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf. Return to Athens later this afternoon. B

DAY 6: ATHENS - CRUISE SHIP - SAIL TO MYKONOS

This morning, sail into the blue waters of the Aegean Sea, easily settling into the cruising routine of sunbathing, sipping cool drinks, splashing in the pool and reveling in the delights prepared by the ship's chefs. Later, dock at the mountainous island of Mykonos with its characteristic windmills and dazzling white houses. Time to wander through narrow paved streets lined with trendy boutiques and shady taverns before returning on board. B, L, D

DAY 7: EPHEBUS & PATMOS

Two ports of call today. First, Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. An optional excursion takes you to the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Imagine life as an Ephesian as you are guided through the remarkable excavation site. Next, discover the tiny Greek island of Patmos where St. John the Divine wrote the Book of Revelations. The 11th-century monastery with its manuscript collection is well worth a visit. B, L, D

DAY 8: RHODES

All day is dedicated to the island of Rhodes. Rhodes' sun-drenched

public beaches and colorful shopping districts are within easy walking distance of the port, or you may explore the sights in the Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Perhaps, join an optional excursion to Lindos and the fabulous Temple of Athena. Sail from Rhodes around dinner time. B, L, D

DAY 9: CRETE & SANTORINI

First port of call today is Heraklion on Crete, considered the jewel of the Greek Isles. You will bask in the sun on miles of sandy beaches. A few miles away is Knossos, the center of the 3,000 B.C. Minoan civilization, an optional excursion can be booked. The Archaeological Museum in Heraklion displays many of the treasures discovered during the excavations. Afternoon call (weather permitting) at Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean," considered the favorite stop on the cruise. The optional shore excursion takes you up to the cliff-top village of Thera for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. B, L, D

DAY 10: ATHENS / HOME

Arrive back in port this morning. After disembarking you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to the USA. B, (L)

Day by Day:

Day 1: Board your Transatlantic flight

Day 2: Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel for four nights

Day 3: Breakfast at your hotel

- City tour Athens including Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Gate and new Parliament Buildings, Constitution Square and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Panathenaic Stadium
- Guided tour of the Parthenon
- Meet with Greek business leaders
- Greek festive dinner show

Day 4: Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day optional tour of Delphi

Day 5: Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day tour to Mycenae

Day 6: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

- Set sail at 11 am
- Port of Call - Mykonos

Day 7: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Ports of Call - Patmos and Kusadasi/Ephesus
- Optional excursion to the Monastery and Cave of the Apocalypse
- Optional tour to the impressive ancient city of Ephesus

Day 8: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Port of Call - Rhodes
- Optional excursion to city of Rhodes, Acropolis of Lindos and Temple of Athena

Day 9: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Ports of Call - Crete & Santorini
- Optional excursion to Knossos Palace and Heraklion City
- Optional excursion to Thira and Oia Village

Day 10: Enjoy breakfast onboard

- Transfer to the airport fly home

----- **Reservation Form** -----

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Rate: Inside cabin, \$2,599 per person double occupancy (members), and \$2,699 per person double occupancy (non-member). For outside cabin upgrade, add \$300. Single supplement inside cabin add \$700, outside add \$900.

Complimentary Pickup: Transportation from Irwindale.

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