



Glorious Greece (Greek Island Hopper – Brochure Name) Tuesday, September 5 – Friday, September 15, 2024 Insight Vacations

From exploring the sun-kissed temples and time-worn towns of its mainland, to the history of its romantic islands, no two tours to this holiday favorite are the same. While in Greece, take full advantage of the array of flavors on offer. Think crumbling feta, briny olives, moussaka and ouzo-steamed mussels.

In Athens, ascend the Acropolis with a Local Expert to admire the Parthenon, built in 5th century B.C See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion.

In Santorini, enjoy the food in clifftop restaurants, laze on the sun-soaked beaches or shop to your hearts content. Known for its exquisite whitewashed houses this island is unforgettable. Then head to Mykonos the playground of the rich and famous. You'll have the opportunity to take a caique, a traditional boat, and meet a Greek captain to cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos. Sit back and relax as you enjoy views of the iconic windmills. You'll return to Athens for one last night before returning home.



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, September 5 – Depart USA

Depart from Chicago O'Hare, where you will board your overnight flight to Athens.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 6 – Welcome to Athens

An Insight host will meet you at the airport and take your one group transfer to the hotel where there is time to settle in and relax. Private transfers for additional charge can also be arranged. At 7:00 pm, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delightful evening of dinner and wine.

Hotel: Divani Caravel (or similar)

Meal: Dinner with Wine

Day 3: Thursday, September 7 – Athens, City of Gods

Your exploration reveals the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Parthenon, built atop the Acropolis. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C. See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans, then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for dinner.

Hotel: Divani Meteora (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Friday, September 8 – Across the Mediterranean to Santorini

An early departure takes you to the port of Piraeus where your high-speed ferry takes you to the beautiful island of Santorini. On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel.

Hotel: Orama Hotel (or similar)

Meal: Breakfast, Hotel Dinner with wine

Day 5: Saturday, September 9 – The Sunsets of Santorini

With two more sun-drenched days on one of the most romantic islands on earth, you won't ever want to leave. Relax in clifftop restaurants, laze on the sun-soaked beaches or observe history unearthed at the site of Akrotiri. In the evening, you'll witness the first of the golden sunsets for which the island is famous.

Hotel: Orama Hotel (or similar)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 6: Sunday, September 10 – Santorini at Leisure

Another day to relax and unwind on the black, red and white beaches, or why not take a caique (traditional Greek fishing boat) over to the volcanic islands for a swim in the hot springs? The island's delicious cuisine, whitewashed houses that gleam in the bright Aegean sun, narrow cobblestone streets and world-renowned sunsets all combine to make Santorini a truly unique holiday experience

Hotel: Costa Grand (or similar)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 7: Monday, September 11 – Set Sail for Mykonos

Board the high-speed ferry bound for the island of Mykonos, playground of the rich and famous. You are met at the port and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel: Porto Mykonos Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Tuesday, September 12 - Mykonos

Weather permitting, board your kaiki, a traditional boat and meet a Greek captain to cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos. Sit back and relax as you enjoy views of the iconic windmills.

Hotel: Porto Mykonos Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: Wednesday, September 13 - Mykonos Mystique

This day is at leisure. Explore the town with its winding maze of walkways, white-washed houses, magnificent windmills and uninhibited nightlife. Perhaps watch the sunset at Shirley Valentine Beach or take a short boat ride to Delos? Later, join your fellow travelers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy a fine selection of local dishes and wine.

Hotel: Porto Mykonos Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Celebration Dinner with wine

Day 10: Thursday, September 14 – Return to Athens

In the morning, grab your final glimpse over the lustrous Aegean. You are transferred to the port for your return ferry to Athens.

Hotel: Divani Caravel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11: Friday, September 15 – Return Home

Today your journey draws to an end. After breakfast you'll transfer from the hotel to the Athens Airport for your flight home.

Meal: Breakfast

***NOTE:** *Hotels and Daily Itinerary are subject to change.*