

# Idyllic Greece

Excursions 2026





# Explore with us

Although we say it ourselves, the destinations on a Celestyal cruise are rather special. Call us biased but we think they are among the most exciting, beautiful, historic, iconic and evocative in the world.

So a very warm welcome to our Idyllic Greece excursions.

Joining us on the seven night itinerary, you will be immersed in the most fabulous experiences living and breathing the myths and legends of Ancient Greece, discovering long past civilisations, following in the footsteps of great figures from history and seeing some of the most wondrous scenery on the planet.

From classical Athens to beautiful Mykonos, Rhodes, awe-inspiring Ephesus, Milos, Crete and stunning Santorini.

You will be amazed at what we can see and do in a week.

We like to feel that we are taking you on your very own Greek Odyssey across the Aegean. And nobody knows the Eastern Mediterranean and the Greek Islands better than we do. You can be sure of that.

Our specially designed excursions are central to your Celestyal experience with our expert guides taking you step by step through your voyage of discovery and really bringing our destinations alive.

Sometimes in history it's not easy to work out where facts end and legends begin. So please fire up your imagination and join us to find out.

We really mean it when we say every moment is a destination and 'every destination is a wonder'.

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# Pre-book and save on shore excursions

Our Mediterranean itineraries are absolutely packed with things to do onshore. Our incredible excursions will take you to places you never imagined, from ancient history to adrenaline-packed thrills. We're talking street food, snorkelling, sailing trips and much more. You won't want to miss out on these experiences, so get ahead and plan your excursions in advance - the more you book, the more you save.

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## Our top picks



**Kusadasi** - Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman



**Rhodes** - Medieval tour - Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the knights



**Agios Nikolaos** - Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion



**Santorini**  
The essence of Santorini



**Mykonos** - Delos - Sacred island & Apollo Sanctuary



**Milos**  
Step back in time

## Choose from the following excursions

### Kusadasi

House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus - KUS-01  
Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman - KUS-02  
Ancient Ephesus & Terrace Houses - KUS-07

### Rhodes

Medieval tour - Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the knights - RHO-01  
Medieval tour - Philerimos church & Palace of the knights - RHO-02  
Walking tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes - RHO-11

### Agios Nikolaos

Crystal Clear Waters of Elounda and Spinalonga - AGH-03  
A Delectable day in Crete - AGH-02  
Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion - AGH-06

### Santorini

Spectacular Oia village perched on the Caldera rim - SAN-01  
Cruise to Santorini's islands and volcanoes - SAN-02  
The essence of Santorini - SAN-06  
Akrotiri Village excavations - SAN-08

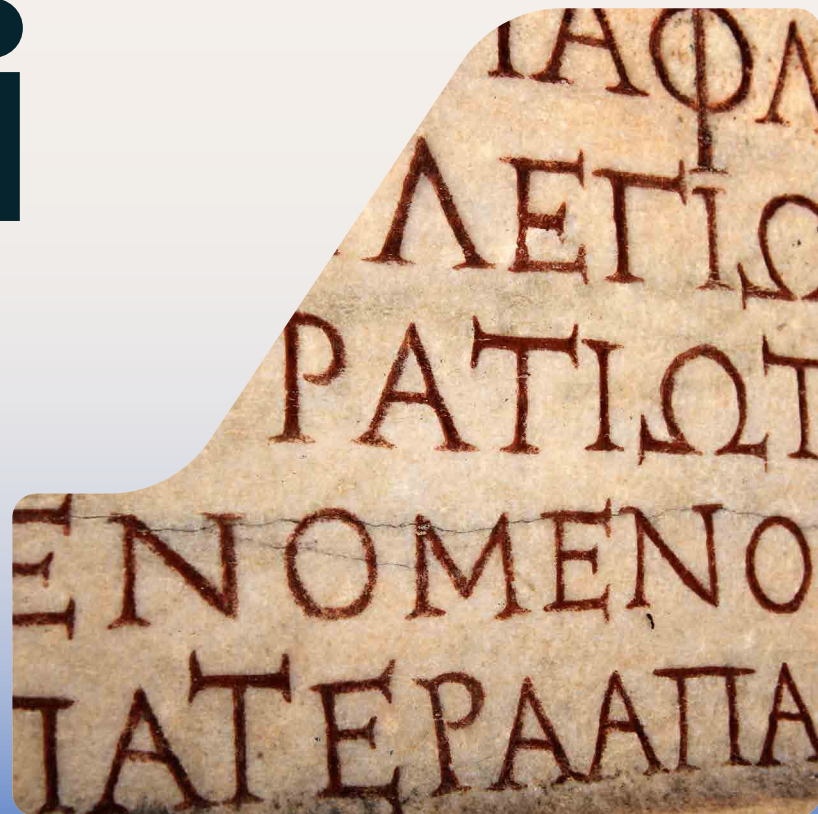
### Mykonos

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Mykonian Countryside Tour with Chora and Little Venice - MYK-06

### Milos

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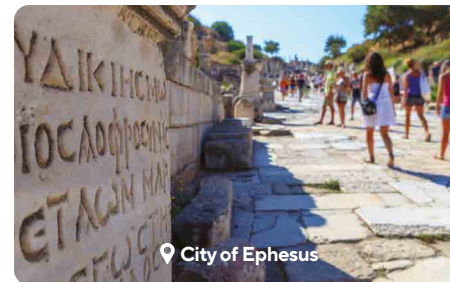
# Kusadasi





# House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus

📍 Library of Celsus, Ephesus



📍 City of Ephesus

We say with Celestyal every moment is a destination and every destination is a wonder.

That's more than just a figure of speech. In some cases it's literally true. So our visit to Ephesus brings us to the site of the fourth of our Seven Wonders. Ephesus was an Ancient Greek city on the coast of Ionia. It's now in Turkey. It was famed for the nearby Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders, completed around 550BC.

The temple, with more than 100 marble pillars each standing 56 feet tall took 120 years to build and it earned the city the name 'Servant of the Goddess.' A single solitary pillar remains standing on the site, found during an excavation in the 1870s.

As with so many places in the Eastern Mediterranean, Ephesus changed hands many times over the centuries. But it remains one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the region. You will be in awe of this incredible historic complex and the ruins you explore still give some idea of the original splendour of Ephesus.

Among the sights to be admired still are the iconic and instantly recognisable Library of Celsus, the Gate of Augustus, Magnesian Gate, the Agora, Odeon, the Houses of the Patricians, the Great Theatre, Hadrian's Temple and the House of the Virgin Mary.

One legend suggests Mary may have spent her last years here following Jesus' instruction to St John the Evangelist to look after his mother. Many consider it to have been her final home and it has become a place of pilgrimage.

In 1957 the Vatican formalised this recognition. Three Popes have visited. Another reason why Ephesus is important in Christianity is that the apostle Paul lived, preached and wrote extensively here including his Letter to the Corinthians.

Ephesus is one of the largest, most fascinating and most inspiring open-air archaeological museums in the world. This is an excursion you are unlikely to forget.

We have time for shopping for carpets, jewellery, leather and other souvenirs at the end of our tour.



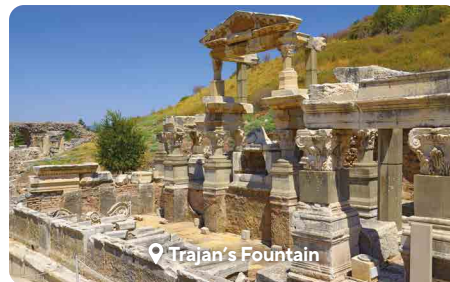
**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KUS-01

**Prices**

# Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman

📍 The Temple of Hadrian



📍 Trajan's Fountain



📍 Baths of Scholastica

This is a wonderful journey through some of the most important and formative periods of history and we hope you will be enthralled by the stories of the Hellenes, Romans and of Christianity in our fascinating exploration of Ephesus.

This marvellous city, sitting on the hills outside Kusadasi is a fabulous open air archaeological wonder founded by the Greeks around 2000 BC. It was one of the most important cities of the region and was dedicated to the goddess Artemis.

The Temple built in her honour was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It had more than 100 marble pillars each standing 56 feet tall and it earned the city the name 'Servant of the Goddess.'

A single pillar remains standing on the site, found during an excavation in the 1870s. We will be able to see the Agora, Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marvel-paved Main Street of Curetes, the Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Temple of Hadrian and the Houses of Koressus, where the wealthy families of Ancient Ephesus lived.

Only 13 per cent of Ephesus has so far been uncovered. The finds from the excavations made so far are housed in the Archaeological Museum of Ephesus in the city of Selcuk.

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**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KUS-02

**Prices**



# Walk in the Footsteps of Legends

📍 Basilica of St. John



📍 Great Theatre, Ephesus



📍 Library of Celsus, Ephesus

We begin in a place steeped in peace and purpose, the 6th-century Basilica of St. John, built on the hillside where it's believed the Evangelist himself was laid to rest. Today, its ruins may be worn by time, but the feeling? Still powerful. And the views? Simply stunning.

Then it's onwards to Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world, and once the beating heart of the Roman Empire. You'll enter through the Magnesia Gate and walk along gleaming marble streets once trodden by emperors. Along the way, your guide will bring to life iconic wonders like the Library of Celsus, the grand Odeon, and the Great Theatre, where 25,000 spectators once gathered.

And yes, you'll also wander the Arcadian Way, once graced by none other than Cleopatra and Mark Antony. Just picture it. (Go on, we'll wait).

Between these ancient stories, there's also time for a little present-day treasure hunting. Think handcrafted carpets, glittering jewellery, beautiful leatherwork and more, because let's be honest, who doesn't love a good souvenir?



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KUS-03

**Prices**



# Ancient Ephesus and the Terrace Houses

📍 Main Street of Curetes



📍 Ancient Roman Mosaics from Terrace Houses



📍 Library of Celsus

Every step we take in Ancient Ephesus brings us closer to the Hellenistic, Roman and early Christian eras. We will enjoy a truly exceptional experience in one of the most important and complete classical cities in Europe, even though only a fraction of it has been uncovered.

We pass through the Magnesian Gate and wander through the Agora, Odeon, the magnificent and restored Library of Celsus, the marble-paved Main Street of Curetes, Baths of Scholastica, The Great Theatre, Trajan's Fountain, the Houses of the Patricians, Prytaneum and the Temple of Hadrian.

Opposite Hadrian's Temple, at the foot of the Bulbul Hill and the covered part of the archaeological site, protected from the heat and natural elements, lie the Houses of Koressus or Terrace Houses.

It was here that the wealthy families of Ancient Ephesus lived. These villas are excellently preserved, especially the interior decor. The oldest houses so far unearthed date from the 1st Century BC, were built on two storeys and even had hot and cold and a heating system, clay pipes under the floor. They were even

constructed to a city plan in which roads intersected with each other at right angles.

Ephesus, which became the second largest city in the Roman Empire, was dedicated to the goddess Artemis and the magnificent temple built to honour her took 120 years to complete. It is one of six of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that have long gone.

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**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KUS-07

**Prices**



# Adventure, spills and thrills at Adaland Water Park



A water world of adventure awaits guests at Adaland, something of a contrast with our more sedate tours.

If a little adrenaline and excitement is what you crave, it's an experience tailor made for you.

This is Turkey's biggest themed water park and one of the largest and best regarded in Europe.

There are 10,000 square metres of slides, wave pools, waterfalls and rides with facilities and thrills for all age groups.

The heart-stopping 'big rides' include the Screamer, Black Thunder and the Anaconda. The names say it all.



At a more gentle pace, there are boat rides in the lazy river that stretches for 300m through the park and on Treasure Island younger visitors can slide through the 25m Pirate Tunnel or test their balance on the Lily-Pad Raft Walk.

There are more than 20 family friendly rides, plenty to keep everyone busy.

Also featured are the children's pool and slides jacuzzi pool, wave pool, activity pool.

The little ones get their own separate areas.



**Duration:** Half day - limited availability

**Tour code:** KUS-06

**Prices**

# Ancient Ephesus & Miletus

📍 Ephesus



📍 Great Theatre, Ephesus



📍 Temple of Artemis

This is a truly spectacular day. We leave the port city of Kusadasi for Ephesus, one of the 12 cities of Ionia. This is a stunning marvel in the hills above the Aegean and one of the world's largest and important open-air archaeological museums. It was also the home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Temple of Artemis.

Ephesus was founded by the Ancient Greeks around 2000 BC. It was the wealthiest of the Ionian cities and became one of the key cultural centres in the Mediterranean. The city was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. The temple built in her honour took 120 years to complete. Ephesus later became the second largest city in the Roman Empire and is rivalled only by the Forum and the Acropolis as one of the most complete classical cities in Europe. Even so, only 13 per cent of Ephesus has been uncovered.

We wander through the Odeon and the Prytaneion, stroll the marble colonnades of Curetes Street to visit Trajan's Fountain, Hadrian's Temple, Scholastica Baths and the astonishing Terrace Houses. Nearby is the spectacular Library of Celsus, almost entirely reconstructed, and the Agora. The

Great Theatre of Ephesus where St Paul once preached, held crowds of up to 24,000. Today it still hosts concerts and other performances. On the way we will have a stop to do some souvenir shopping, carpets, jewellery, leather etc and enjoy a light lunch. We then head for the ancient coastal city of Miletus, another of the greatest and wealthiest cities in Ancient Greece and one of the first to mint coins. Homer mentioned Miletus in The Iliad and Paul preached here on the way back to Jerusalem. There are many well preserved ruins here, including the Temple of Apollo and a Byzantine church.



**Duration:** Full day

**Tour code:** KUS-08

**Prices**



# Thrill of the ride Buggy Safari



A visit to Kusadasi is all about Ephesus, correct? Well not quite.

A buggy safari may not have been on your agenda but it's another of our experiential options that is just a little out of the ordinary.

Experience the thrill of the ride in an exciting journey over the natural terrain, while absorbing the fascinating and varied landscape.

Sit behind the wheel, strap in and feel the wind in your hair as we really go off the beaten track.

You will be fully safety briefed, fitted with a helmet and set off with an experienced guide on an easier course.

Once you have gained full confidence you'll head to tougher and more challenging terrain, through forest, marshes, dusty roads, creeks and mud, spotting wildlife on the way and seeing spectacular views of the Aegean.

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The buggies are comfortable, safe and easy to steer and manoeuvre and all the while your guide is on hand.

A stop at a local beach for a swim or a bit of relaxation may also be on the itinerary.

All vehicles and routes are inspected weekly to ensure a safe and comfortable trip.

It's an exceptional tour and something very different, but be warned. You might get a bit muddy or dusty or both!

But take it from us, it's worth it.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 10-20 Guests**  
**Tour code: KUS-10**

**Prices**

# Ancient Civilisations with an expert archaeologist

📍 Ephesus

Sometimes you visit a place and metaphorically rub your eyes because you can't quite believe you are there.

We think Ephesus is one such destination.

Every step we take brings us closer to the incredible civilisations of the Hellenes, Romans and Ottomans.

Here once stood one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Temple of Artemis.

Our visit to Ephesus is the very essence of experiential travel and we are proud to be able to show it to you in the company of an expert archaeologist-guide as we feel, see and touch ancient history.

What a magnificent experience to take away and hold onto forever.

Ephesus ranks among the world's most beautiful classical cities.

St John and the Virgin Mary visited and here St Paul wrote one of his most celebrated epistles, the Letter to the Ephesians.

Beginning at the Magnesium Gate we walk gently and leisurely downhill through Ephesus' marble streets, passing historically-significant sites such as the gymnasium, Temple of Hadrian, Upper Agora and Roman Baths.

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oldest houses so far unearthed date from the 1st Century BC, were built on two storeys and even had hot and cold and a heating system, clay pipes under the floor.

Then we come to the breathtaking Celsus Library, built in 135 B.C. and lavishly decorated with facades, columns and sculptures. The library once housed 12,000 scrolls of papyrus manuscripts, making it one of the largest in the ancient world.

A short walk away is the spectacular Greek Theatre, able to seat 24,000.

From here St. Paul preached to the populace, imploring them to give up their worship of Artemis and embrace the Christian faith.

Only foundations and fragment of the magnificent Temple of Artemis remain at Ephesus but just being at the site of one of the Seven Wonders is something special.

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**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 10-20 Guests**

**Tour code: KUS-11**

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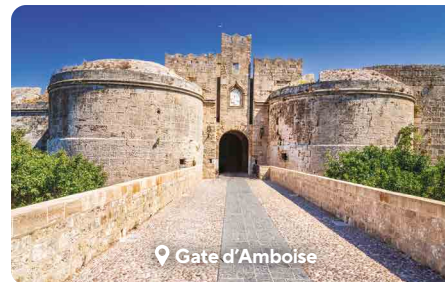


# Rhodes



# Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights

📍 Acropolis of Lindos



📍 Gate d'Amboise

Let's begin in unusual fashion, with what you won't see in Rhodes.

One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World once proudly stood here.

He was the Colossus of Rhodes and is of course long departed, probably destroyed by an earthquake.

Nevertheless as you arrive on this wonderful, historic island, you may just be able to imagine this statue of the Greek sun-god Helios in 280BC, standing 100 feet tall in celebration of Rhodes' victory over Cyprus.

The largest of the Dodecanese islands, Rhodes has a compelling back story and there are still remnants of its occupation by the Knights of St John during the Crusades.

So while the Colossus may not be there, you will be wowed by the many historical sites.

We travel first to Lindos, about 55km from Rhodes Town and high above the village sits the impressive Acropolis of Lindos with the Doric Temple of Athena, built in 300 BC.

Captains' mansions constructed between the 16th and 18th centuries are dotted here and

there and in the heart of Lindos is the Church of the Virgin Mary with lovely frescoes from the 15th Century.

Back in Rhodes is where we are really immersed in the history of the island in the Knights' Quarter.

We stroll through Gate d'Amboise to walk along the Street of the Knights and see where they lived, separated according to Order, their crests still visible today.

We will also see (outside) the imposing Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes, a medieval castle also known as the Castello. It's one of the few examples of Gothic architecture in Greece. The Byzantine citadel was built in the 7th Century, the palace itself in the fourteenth.

Where the palace sits today could well have been the spot where once stood the Colossus according to recent studies.

Either way, this tour takes us into the heart of the fascinating history of Rhodes.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** RHO-01

**Prices**



# Philerimos church and the Palace of the Knights

Monastery of Panagia Philerimos



Philerimos



Palace of the Grand Master

Our tour begins at the Acropolis of Rhodes, just outside the city. It dates from the Classical Greek period and sits proudly on the hill of St Stephanos.

We wander through the ruins of the Hellenistic Temple of Apollo with its impressive columns. Below is the restored Ancient Stadium of Diagoras and theatre. The stadium once hosted games in tribute to the sun-god Helios.

We then head for Philerimos, one of the great tourist attractions of the island. The beautiful Monastery of Panagia Philerimos is located on a hill above lalyssos, one of the three Rhodian cities that participated in the Trojan War. The Monastery, accessed by stone steps surrounded by Cypress trees, is dedicated to the Virgin Mary the Life-Giving Source and unusually is Gothic in style. It was built in the 15th Century by the Knights of St John.

We also take time to visit the Byzantine Church of St George Hostos with its rare frescoes depicting the Knights. Philerimos is also home to the 'Golgotha' a series of copper reliefs depicting the Passion of Christ.

We return to the capital Rhodes to learn more about the Knights, where they lived and how they were the last bastion of Christianity in a region dominated by the Ottomans who eventually captured the island in 1522. In the Knights' Quarter we visit the magnificent Palace of the Grandmaster also known at the Castello. This too was built in Gothic style.

This is one of the most atmospheric and intriguing areas of Rhodes, where we delve into the very heart and soul of its history.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** RHO-02

**Prices**

# Walking tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes

📍 Street of the Knights in the Old City



📍 Grand Master of the Knights Palace

Sometimes the best way of immersing yourself completely in the history and atmosphere of a place is to explore on foot. That's exactly what we do on this fascinating tour where we get to the very heart of Medieval Rhodes and the compelling story of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem.

We begin along the Street of the Knights in the Old City. It's one of the best preserved medieval thoroughfares anywhere.

We will see the buildings that were home to the Knights, ranked by Order with the crests still in place today.

The purpose of the Knights originally was to provide medical care for wounded crusaders but they soon became a military order and fought off attempts by the Ottomans to capture Rhodes (which they did eventually). The head of the Order was the Grand Master.

We visit the splendid Palace of the Grand Master, the focal point and most important site of the Knights' Quarter. This magnificent structure is also called the Castello is a fine example of Gothic architecture.



The Byzantine citadel was constructed in the 7th Century, the palace itself in the 14th Century.

Where the palace sits today might have been the spot where once stood the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Our tour also takes in the Mosque of Suleiman the Magnificent, Turkish Baths, the Hospital of the Knights and the Church of Our Lady of the Castle, which has stood guard since the 11th Century.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** RHO-11

**Prices**



# Beauty of butterflies and Ancient Kameiros

📍 Butterfly Valley



After all that has happened in the past two years, you may just want to find a little corner complete and utter tranquillity, away from the noise, chaos and confusion of the world.

Somewhere totally at peace with itself. We can help you with that. We have found such a place and would love to share it with you.

Join us in the beautiful and beautifully named Valley of the Butterflies. An oasis of calm, Butterfly Valley or Petaloudes is a lush green valley, with a little river coursing through it.

There are little wooden bridges, stone steps and a path which leads to the Monastery of the Virgin of Kalopetra, built in 1784.

Each year in this unique natural park from June to July, thousands of multi coloured butterflies appear. They live attached to the tree trunks, living from the sap, then laying their eggs and multiplying.

The valley is a wonderful place to walk in, under the shade of the trees. The distinctive scent of the pine resin, which attracts the butterflies and the coolness from the abundantly flowing waters, make this a paradise that will live long in your memory.

This excursion will first transport us back in time to Ancient Greece and the absorbing history of once powerful Kameiros.

On the northwest coast around 50km from Rhodes Town, the settlement of Kameiros in the 5th century BC formed with Lindos and Ialysos, the city-state of Rhodes. Today, just a few remains still stand.

It was founded by the Dorians in the prehistoric times and built on three levels. On top of the hill was the Acropolis with the temple of the goddess Athena Kameiras. In the 6th century BC, a reservoir was built to provide water for the 400 families. Around this reservoir, the inhabitants constructed a stoa with two rooms of Doric columns.

The main settlement was built around the Acropolis and the lower level consisted of a Doric temple dedicated to Apollo and the Agora, where the political issues of the day were discussed. It's a fascinating insight into the life of the Ancient Greeks.



**Duration:** Half day - July to September, weather permitting

**Tour code:** RHO-06

**Prices**



# Making pottery fit for the Gods



If you have ever wanted to get into the very heart and soul of Greek culture and civilisation, this is the perfect opportunity.

This highly specialist tour give a fascinating insight into and a greater understanding of the history of Greece and how it developed. Pottery has played a huge part in Greek culture since the earliest times.

It's extraordinary beautiful, distinctive, colourful and elaborate and was considered to be a gift worthy of dedication to the Gods. And it represents an important record to help us understand the different periods of Ancient Greek life.

There were four major pottery styles in Ancient Greece, red figure and black figure, Corinthian and geometric.

The ancient Greeks used ceramic vessels in every aspect of their daily lives, for storage, carrying, mixing, serving, and drinking, and as cosmetic and perfume containers. Today pottery plays a big role in the souvenir industry.

This tour gives us a fascinating insight into this key aspect of Greek history.

Rhodes has long been known is known for its

tradition in pottery and ceramics.

Records show how clay bricks from Rhodes were used in the construction of the dome of the magnificent Hagia Sofia Byzantine church in Istanbul.

We head to the north side of the island enjoying the panoramic views of the sweeping Rhodian countryside.

At the Bonis Ceramic Factory we find out about the various techniques adopted in pottery making. After a demonstration from one of the craftsmen, you will be invited to enhance your pottery skills and gain a very good hands-on understanding of the various techniques in order to help you make your own ceramic item. It will be shipped back to you.

After your hard work you will have earned some refreshing ouzo and Greek meze at the factory showroom before we head back to Rhodes Town.

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**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-16 Guests**

**Tour code:** RHO-17

**Prices**

# A kayak adventure discovering pirate coves



📍 Anthony Quinn Bay



Now this is the way to see Rhodes. From a very different and enthralling perspective.

Our Sea Kayak trip is quite an adventure.

Enjoy the rock formations and sea caves along the island's spectacular coastline.

Our expert guides know the best routes to the tucked away beaches, the marine life and the beautiful natural sculptures.

Our starting point is the beach at Kathara, near Faliraki and just 20 minutes from Rhodes Town, where we meet the guide for a safety briefing and our equipment.

The route includes the famous inlet and beach of Anthony Quinn - where the popular wartime epic film of 1961 'The Guns of Navarone' in which he starred was filmed.

It also featured Gregory Peck and David Niven. Quinn who was also the star of Zorba the Greek, was so taken with Rhodes, he bought some land nearby.

Enjoy panoramic vistas of stunning rock formations before venturing into hidden sea caves along the coast. There's also the chance to swim or snorkel in the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean.

All you need to concentrate on is the spectacular scenery and your paddling technique.

It's a rare opportunity to feel completely at one with the coastline of Rhodes at its most dramatic and thrilling.

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**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 4-16 Guests**

**Tour code: RHO-18**

**Prices**



# Transfer to Tsambika Beach

📍 Tsambika beach



📍 Walk up to the Tsambika Monastery



📍 Taverna on the beach

We take a bus transfer to one of the most beautiful beaches on Rhodes.

Located on the east coast of the island, the golden beach of Tsambika is long and broad and has fine sand and dozens of coloured flags marking out the numerous eating places and water sports centres.

The crystal clear waters here make swimming and bathing a real pleasure.

The beach is 800m long and situated between two impressive cliffs.

Because of its length, Tsambika (named after a place of pilgrimage on the island) never feels overcrowded and if beach life is your thing, even for just a few hours, you will love this.

Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.

*Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.*



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** RHO-08

**Prices**



# Rhodes Uncharted Discovery

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📍 Saint Nikolaos Holy Church



## DAY TOURS

Our adventure begins as we board a 4x4 vehicle and drive south from the main town of Rhodes. Along with your guide Thanasis Christodoulou, a published contributor to National Geographic Magazine in Greece, and a permanent citizen of Rhodes, you'll drive through local villages and on uncharted trails. Along the way, stop for brief walks around various points of interest on the island.

After passing the villages of Filerimos and Pastida, your first stop will be at a historical landmark that offers a spectacular panoramic view of Rhodes from high above. The journey continues an exciting off-road route, passing through Psinthos Village and arriving at Ranger Hut View, a spot where North and South Island conifers, oaks, thyme, capers, cyclamens, and many other wildflowers can be observed.

Thanasis will share his local experience about the vegetation and wildlife of the area. You'll also learn about how the climate and the island's location are vital regulators in the growth of various plants, as well as which animals have survived here over the years. During the drive you'll be captivated by the stunning landscapes, country roads, quaint villages, natural springs, and local stories.



As you continue our off-road exploration, you'll reach Fountoukli, where you'll visit the Saint Nikolaos Holy Church, which is in a vibrant plot of greenery with noble, centuries-old olive trees, figs and plane trees. The village of Platania is your next stop where you'll visit a family-owned taverna, Perama, for a specially prepared platter of Greek mezedes, a selection of small dishes. During your meal, you'll have time to share your impressions of Rhodes with Thanasis.

On your drive back to the port you'll follow an asphalt route that takes us through the villages of Eleousa, Archipoli and Seven Springs.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 6-18 Guests**

**Tour code: RHO-19N**

**Prices**

# Blutopia: A Marine Biology Experience

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## DAY TOURS

Your first stop is Skala in Kamiros where the marine biology experience will start. From there, head to Makri Island by private rib boat. There will have a brief presentation on marine biology to gain an understanding of aquaculture and food production, and its importance in relation to food safety. Understand everyday farm management practices and the steps of the production cycle.

Gain insight into how human activities impose threats to the marine environment as well as ways to diminish these impacts, while offering examples such as Blutopia's own fish farm where instead of polluting, they strengthen the biodiversity of the area.

Next, visit Strongyli Island, a Natura 2000 area, and visit LAMAR fish farm, located inside a protected area—an exclusive treat for those who love the sea and marine life. Operating at the highest standards, the fish farm contributes to the preservation and flourishing of a rich aquatic environment around the island, where a vibrant ecosystem prospers. Snorkel around and inside the fish farm cages, where you'll witness up close the role of aquaculture and how it integrates with the natural ecosystem. Following the theory, you'll observe the wildlife around the cages, the role of invasive species and general threats of the marine environment.

The next destination is Alimia Island, another Natura 2000 area, which was inhabited from the antiquity until the mid-20th century. You'll



📍 Fish farm cage

explore the crystal blue waters and rich marine life, but also many interesting relics which are spread from the ruins of the island's medieval castle. With its diverse coastline that engulfs pristine beaches and challenging diving sites, it is the perfect destination for adventurers and travellers alike.

As you make your way back to Skala, enjoy snacks, fruits and refreshments aboard the vessel.

Once in Skala, a fish-based meal from the production of LAMAR fish farm (Blutopia's production) will be served at a local restaurant before heading back to port.

Meals Included: Snacks and refreshments onboard the vessel, fish-based lunch at a local restaurant.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 6-8 Guests**

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**Prices**



# The fascinating world of Bees

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📍 Beehive

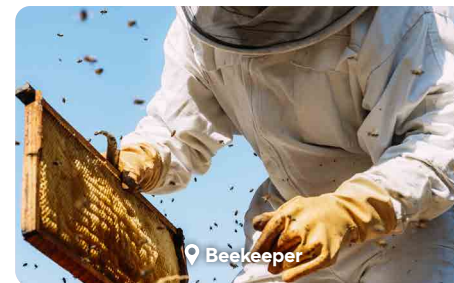
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## DAY TOURS

Your introduction to this fascinating world begins at the Bee Museum of Rhodes, where you'll immerse yourself in a variety of interactive exhibits. Satisfy your curiosity as a guide leads you through the history of beekeeping in the South Aegean islands. Watch bustling beehive life through transparent observation hives and discover intriguing facts about pollination and apitherapy—the medicinal use of bee products. You'll also learn various simple ways to protect these creatures so crucial to our planet's ecosystem.

Then, follow your guide to a private seminar room, where you'll take part in a hands-on honey extraction simulation. Practice professional techniques like honeycomb scratching and use tools, such as manual extractors, to fill empty jars. When you finish, sample and savor local honey offerings, which feature complex varieties like pine, thyme and erica. Plus, try the famous Melekouni, a traditional sweet snack from Rhodes!

After the tasting, walk next door to an active apiary, where you'll wear a protective suit and examine an open hive with an experienced beekeeper. Surrounded by happy buzzing, you'll learn about important tools, such as frames, smokers, and scrapers, as well as gain a practical understanding of how bee colonies are organized.



📍 Beekeeper



📍 Local honey

As the trip ends, you'll drive back to the port with a new understanding of the humble honeybee, our planet's ecosystem and what you can do to protect it.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 10-25 Guests**

**Tour code: RHO-21N**

**Prices**

# Agios Nikolaos





# A delectable day in Crete

Elounda



Olive grove



Elounda

From Agios Nikolaos we drive to Elounda, a quiet resort on the beautiful Bay of Elounda - its hotels have been designed to complement the area's rocky geography and turquoise waters. Elounda is an unforgettable beauty, famed throughout the Aegean for its gorgeous green hills, its sugar-sand beaches and its pristine, inviting sea. We leave Elounda for lovely Kritsa. Enjoy an incredible view of the Bay of Elounda and spectacular Mirabello Bay, then wander the narrow streets of this traditional village. Its residents are known for planting flowers and fruit trees in their courtyards and on the balconies and terraces of their houses.

After Kritsa we continue to a local olive farm we particularly love - the owners have designed all of its 2,000 square metres to embrace Cretan countryside life. Olive oil, wine and raki, the traditional drink of Crete, are produced here using traditional methods from the early 20th century. On arrival you will be welcomed with a glass of raki and with a snack of traditional Cretan meze. Enjoy the local delicious snacks while you thrill to a performance of Cretan music and folk dances.

We leave the olive farm and return to picturesque Agios Nikolaos, the St. Tropez of Crete and home to many charming cafes and restaurants. The city's most famous landmark is a small lake in the centre of the city at the foot of a cliff - the lake, known as "Voulismeni," is where the goddess, Athena, used to bathe. Also noteworthy here, in the capital of Eastern Crete, are the Archeological Museum and the cathedral, just southwest of the lake on Platia Venizelou.

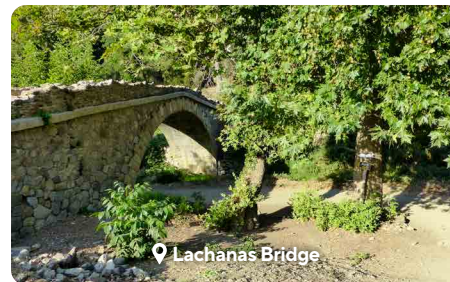


**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** AGH-02

**Prices**





The amazing Richtis Gorge is between Agios Nikolaos and Sitia, on the north of Eastern Crete, and there is water flowing through the gorge year-round. Our hike, which takes between three and four hours, begins just outside the village of Exo Moulana, at the Lachanas Bridge, a stone arch built in the 19th century. We will travel approximately three kilometres along the gorge, to Richtis Beach, and we will climb about 350 metres total.

The mountain rises above us as we hike, and throughout our journey the air is redolent with the scent of local herbs and flowers, including oleander and sage. The highlight of our trek is the Richtis Gorge waterfall, from which water cascades year-round from a height of more than 20 metres. We will also pass abandoned water mills, which lie in the gorge like footprints from the past. We finish our hike at beautiful Richtis Beach, a pebble beach near the village of Kalabro, where we'll rest and regroup at stone picnic tables under tamarisk trees before returning to the ship.

*Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.*



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** AGH-05

**Prices**



# The Palace of Knossos & cosmopolitan Heraklion

📍 The ancient city of Knossos



📍 Heraklion



📍 Archaeological Museum of Heraklion

We travel by air-conditioned bus to the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Knossos, the capital of the Minoan civilization, was the first civilisation in Europe. The hill of Kephala, which hoists the Palace above a valley of pines a few miles outside Heraklion, has been continuously inhabited since 7000 BC.

The Minoan civilisation, which endured for about 2000 years, was one of the most advanced in the ancient world, and Knossos is one of the instances in which Greek mythology might dovetail with archeological fact. Minos, a legendary king and lawgiver of Crete, was one of Europa's three sons, all born after her tryst with Zeus, who appeared to Europa as a white bull and carried her off to Crete. The frescoed Palace at Knossos, which comprises more than 1500 rooms and occupies more than 20,000 square metres, may have been the mythical labyrinth designed by Daedalus wherein Minos imprisoned the Minotaur, a monstrous half-bull, half man born to his wife, Pasiphaë, who was impregnated by a bull sent by Poseidon.

We depart from Knossos to bustling Heraklion, the city of Hercules and the resting place of Nikos Kazantzakis, Crete's most famous son and the author of Zorba the Greek. Within the Venetian walls of Heraklion, a busy metropolitan port and the capital of Crete, you'll find unique shops and many lively cafes.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** AGH-06

**Prices**

# The crystal clear waters of Elounda and Spinalonga

📍 The island of Spinalonga



📍 Spinalonga Fortress



📍 Elounda

We drive from Agios Nikolaos to the resort of Elounda, an unforgettable beauty famed throughout the Aegean for its gorgeous green hills, its sugar-sand beaches and its pristine, inviting sea. From Elounda we sail the calm waters of the Bay of Elounda for the island fortress of Spinalonga, a former Venetian bastion and, until 1957, a leper colony.

Spinalonga also features in Victoria Hislop's debut novel, *The Island*, which was adapted by Greek television channel Mega into a 26-part drama, *To Nisi*, the most successful television series ever broadcast in Greece. We leave Spinalonga for a small nearby bay to swim in its turquoise waters and enjoy a barbecue on the beach.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** AGH-03

**Prices**



# Escape the crowds in the Cretan countryside

📍 Traditional Cretan dancers at the Raki distillery



Escape the bustle of the coast and journey into the heart of Crete's countryside on this half-day excursion from Agios Nikolaos to the traditional village of Styronas.

As we travel through the island's interior, you'll enjoy stunning views of olive groves, vineyards, and Crete's rugged mountain landscapes. We'll pass through the picturesque villages of Skalani and Peza before reaching Styronas, where panoramic views await and the scenery truly takes your breath away.

Built at an altitude of 550 meters, Styronas offers sweeping views of the mountains and the distant sea. Breathe in the fresh, herb-scented air and enjoy the tranquility of this timeless place.

Stroll among the stone-built houses and narrow alleys of the village for a glimpse into traditional Cretan life. Here, wine-making is a proud tradition, and your visit includes a stop at a local raki distillery. Taste traditional raki straight from the barrel as you learn about wine production and bottling, enjoy authentic Cretan meze, and experience a live Cretan dance performance.

An ideal excursion for those seeking peace, culture, and an authentic taste of Cretan life.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** AGH-10

**Prices**

# Santorini





# Spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera rim

📍 Oia Village



📍 Ammoudi Bay



📍 Bell tower at Megalochori Village

If you are a first time visitor to Santorini she will take your breath away.

And even if you are a regular visitor, with her soaring landscapes and whitewashed houses she will still do that every time. She is regularly described as one of the most beautiful places on the planet. There are plenty of magic moments on our excursion.

One of the greatest spectacles is Oia village perched on the rim of the Caldera, the remains of a volcanic eruption.

Santorini is a ring of rock around the sea. Think of it as the rim of an old volcano.

First we head to Megalochori, one of the most authentic and unspoiled villages on the island, retaining its distinctive architecture, character and charm.

On our journey we will have had the lace-like caldera to our west, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni and an incredible, unsurpassable panoramic view.

There is plenty of time in Oia to explore, stroll the marble-paved alleys, visit the adorable shops and capture the moments on camera.

Admire the traditional buildings carved into the rocks and the unusual captain's manors, the settlement of Ammoudi at the foot of the caldera.

**This tour is also available in the evening, tour code: SAN-01EV.**



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SAN-01

**Prices**

# Cruise to Santorini's islands and volcanoes

📍 Nea Kameni



📍 Nea Kameni



📍 Palea Kameni and hot mineral springs

This trip is a must for those who want to acquaint themselves just a little better with the islands fringing the caldera, the volcanic remnants.

A small boat will take us first to Nea Kameni. Its geology resembles a lunar landscape. We walk up the verge of the crater, the heart of the volcano and it's an experience that should fill you with awe. The beaches of Nea Kameni are embraced by thermal springs.

Our next stop on this special excursion is Palea Kameni. If you're feeling adventurous, you may swim from your boat to its therapeutic warm waters.

The sea temperature here is five degrees higher than elsewhere and the green-yellow water contains sulphur.

After our trip to the volcano we have a change of pace as we visit the energetic Fira, the island's main town, for a stroll around, a quiet drink or simply the chance to soak up the atmosphere. We descend by funicular (ticket included in the excursion) to the Old Port for the transfer back to the ship.

*Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.*



📍 Fira



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SAN-02

**Prices**



# Akrotiri Village Excavations

📍 Akrotiri Village



📍 Excavations at Akrotiri

Modern day Santorini has been shaped quite literally by one event in ancient history.

In 1650 BC the huge volcano Thira erupted, sinking the centre of the island then known as Strongyle and leaving behind an incredible caldera.

And it is on that small, circular, remnant that Santorini now sits, about 200 miles from the Greek mainland.

The municipality includes the inhabited islands of Santorini and Therasia and the uninhabited ones of Nea Kameni, Palea Kameni, Aspronisi and Christiana.

The soaring landscapes that give Santorini its unique look were formed by the eruption and you will almost certainly gaze in awe as you journey on a tender boat to the port of Athinios to head for Santorini's most important archaeological site, the village of Akrotiri. On the way we make a brief stop at the ruins of the island's famous windmill and take in the wonderful view.

The settlement of Akrotiri was destroyed in the eruption and buried in volcanic ash which preserved many of its buildings, structures and fine frescoes. The site has been excavated since the 1960s.

You will find a place held in time and it is an incredible experience.

It has been suggested Akrotiri could have been the inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis, but there are numerous other places vying for that honour.

After Akrotiri we head for the capital Fira, the island's largest town, to visit the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, also known as the Church of Ypapantis. It is famed for its elegance and beautiful frescos painted by Santorini artist Christoforus Assimis.

We have time to linger in Fira for shopping, a stroll or a relaxing coffee before making our way back to the tender boats by way of the teleferik, the Santorini Cable Car. It's an impressive descent of more than 200 metres to the blue waters of the caldera at the harbour side.

*Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.*



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SAN-08

**Prices**

# The Essence of Santorini

📍 Venetsanos Winery



📍 Cable cars in Fira



📍 Kamari beach

We hope you will be overwhelmed by the beauty of this trip. We're confident you will.

We head to the stunning viewpoint of Mount Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias) where you will be able to take marvellous pictures of the different aspects across this unique island.

On the other hand you may just wish to simply gaze in awe, soaking up the vistas. Sometimes a camera just gets in the way.

At the summit of the mountain is the beautiful Monastery of Profitis Ilias, one of the oldest on the island.

From here we visit the magical town of Oia, without doubt the most photographed place on Santorini and familiar all over the world.

Our panoramic drive gives us breathtaking views of the lava rocks of the islets of Nea Kameni and the Caldera below, with free time to enjoy the landscape of Oia and the colourful shops and cafes with terraces overlooking the Aegean Sea.

We call at one of the most exclusive wineries of Santorini and of course there will be the chance for a little tasting.

Our tour brings us to the Church of Panagia Episkopi. Located in the village of Episkopi Gonia, it is a beautiful Byzantine Church, built in the late 11th Century, and the best example of traditional ecclesiastical architecture on the island.

At the coastal village of Kamari on the coast we will have free time to stroll along the beach that comes to the foot of the Mesa Vouno mountain, rising up to 400m. Once an agricultural and fishing village, modern Kamari boasts a thriving tourist industry, offering a wide choice of restaurants, cafes and bars and several water sports activities. The excursion ends in Fira where we make our way down to the harbour side by cable car.

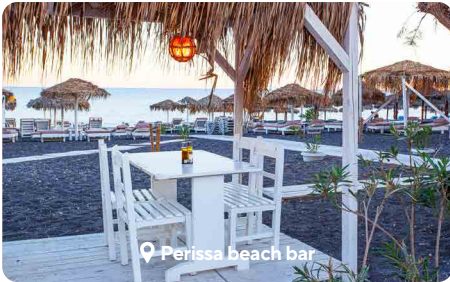


**Duration:** Full day

**Tour code:** SAN-06

**Prices**








Dipping your toes into the black lava sand at Perissa Beach is a unique way to experience Santorini’s volcanic geology. And getting closer to nature on Perissa Beach is easy!

Simply paddle in the deep blue and clear waters and gaze at the gigantic Mesa Vouno mountain that seems to climb from the sea. You can hire a sun lounger to bask in the sun or find a shady spot at one of the many cafes and bars that border the sandy stretch.

If you’re looking for your next thrill, hire watersports equipment and paddle out into the deep blue, or explore the shallows as you swim in the clean waters that have earned Blue Flag awards over the years.

*Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.*





**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SAN-13

**Prices**



# Hiking to the ultimate beauty of Oia

## Authentic Encounters

Experiences just for you and a few

📍 Imerovigli



This tour is only suitable for fit persons. Not available in July and August.

Is there a more awe-inspiring, captivating place than Oia? Unequivocally no many would say and who are we to disagree.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and this is beauty personified.

After all, it is one of the most photographed places in the world, famed also for its spellbinding sunrises and sunsets.

Picture postcard just doesn't get anywhere near doing it justice. Mere words are not enough.

Oia is our ultimate destination on this walking tour, so you will be able to make up your own mind, but without doubt the experience will live long in the memory.

We make our way by coach up the hills from Athinios, following the twists and turns of the road, all the while taking in the astonishing landscape.

We pass by the former capital Pyrgos and the vineyards on the slopes.

The walking tour along a natural trail begins at Imerovigli.



Passing abandoned chapels, the stunning caldera is always in view and on the horizon we can see the islands of Nea Kameni, Palea Kameni and Thirasia

Then we reach Oia, high up on the ridge of red rocks and hanging on the caldera.

From this panorama of whitewashed houses with colourful rooftops and pretty churches the views across the dazzlingly blue Aegean and the caldera below simply take your breath away.

Try some Greek meze and enjoy a little free time to visit the art galleries and antique shops, before our return to port - by coach of course, not on foot!



**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-15 Guests**

**Tour code:** SAN-17

**Prices**



# Music, myths and history



Pyrgos is our destination, the highest village on Santorini and one of the most beautiful parts of the island. An exquisite picture-book location which looks and feels as though it belongs in another era, a Greece of yesteryear.

It's charming, enchanting and absorbing and here you can live in the moment with the realisation there you are experiencing something very special.

Here your soul can really rejoice.

The pace of life is peaceful, calm and relaxed, a world away from the what we might know as normal life.

The main square with its tall pine trees and delightful coffee shops is the focal and the perfect place to take in the atmosphere.

Capture the moment and the feelings and hold on to them on our guided walking tour exploring the traditional Cycladic architecture that gives Santorini island its unique look.

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Wander through the remains of a Venetian fortress and see the historical 18th century monastery of Profitis Ilias, which is closed to the public but remains home to one solitary monk.

Here are the most breathtaking views over the island.

We travel to Megalochori, a remarkably preserved village of Cycladic and neoclassical architecture. Stroll through rustic streets and marvel at homes dug into the volcanic rock.

Then we head to the Symposion Music and Mythology Cultural Centre for a musical presentation which creates an interactive journey using mythological narration and fifteen hand-crafted wind and string instruments.

The tour explores the history and architecture of the former winery and we will enjoy a cup of honey wine.

Back at Fira Town there is free time to shop and explore on your own.

The cable car ticket is included.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 9-14 Guests**

**Tour code: SAN-16**

**Prices**

# A taste of wine and tradition

📍 Venetsanos wine tasting



📍 Bells of Megalochori

You may already know this, but there is nowhere quite like beautiful and breathless Santorini, one of the most photographed destinations in the world.

Imagine yourself in a stunning, whitewashed walled mountain village, in the warm, gentle, sunny breeze, gazing out over the sparkling blue Aegean.

You may not know which way to point your camera or smart phone because the vista is overwhelming whichever way you look.

But perhaps don't worry about taking pictures, at least not yet.

Just gaze in awe.... Live in the moment.

If ever there a time for mindfulness, surely this is it.

This could be you at Pyrgos, a charming village that once served as the capital of Santorini.

On a walking tour explore the traditional Cycladic architecture that gives Santorini its unique look and feel.

Stroll through the remains of a Venetian fortress and see the historical 18th century monastery of Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias) one of the oldest on the island. It is closed to the public but remains home to one solitary monk and this vantage point offers the most spectacular views over the island.

At Venetsanos Winery, the oldest winery on the island, savour a variety of extraordinary, authentic local vintages.

Then at the Avanti Winery, enjoy a range of varietals, learning of the island's unique viticulture, which produces some of the crispest whites and seductively sweet wines in the Mediterranean.

In the capital Fira there is free time to shop and explore on your own before returning to ship with some wonderful images - in your mind and maybe in the camera.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 10-15 Guests**

**Tour code: SAN-15**

**Prices**

**Authentic Encounters**

Experiences just for you and a few



# Mykonos



# Mykonian countryside tour with Chora and Little Venice

Chora



Monastery of Panagia Tourliani



Paraportiani Church

We set off by coach from Mykonos Town, also known as Chora.

We visit the lovely colourful beach of Kalafatis.

On our return trip to Chora we call at the traditional village of Ano Mera and the monastery of Panagia Tourliani, founded in 1542.

It houses a wonderful collection of icons and has a beautiful bell tower and marble fountain, well worth seeing.

The delightful village square of Ano Mera is the perfect spot for a short break and maybe a coffee. You'll be relaxing in one of the island's oldest communities.

Back in Mykonos Town we stop at the Paraportiani church (which literally means Our Lady of the Side Gate and is actually made up of five churches) and the Folklore Museum. Here you can see many exhibits including traditional costumes, furniture and personal items typical of Mykonos life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It's a fascinating glimpse into the island of more than 100 years ago

We finish at Little Venice, the neighbourhood of Alefkhandra to admire those famous windmills, a sight you can surely never tire of.

*Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.*



**Duration:** Half day

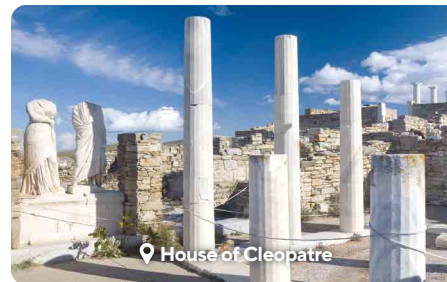
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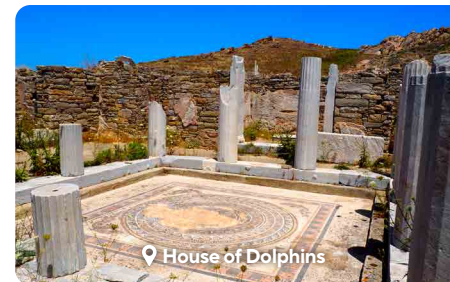


# Delos - Sacred Island & Apollo Sanctuary

📍 Terrace of the Lions, Delos



📍 House of Cleopatre



📍 House of Dolphins

From Mykonos we sail to the ancient harbour of Delos to explore one of the most important mythological and historical sites in all of Greece, 'the sacred of all islands.'

Excavation work is still ongoing in this incredible location and archaeologists consider the island to be one of the finest sites in the Mediterranean. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Once again we really will travel back in time and experience a rich historical wonder.

Delos was a holy sanctuary and one of the most important and prosperous commercial ports in the eastern Mediterranean during the 1st millennium BC. Olympian mythology made it the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis and it attracted pilgrims from all over Greece.

There are numerous ruins to marvel at including Doric temples, an amphitheatre, houses with mosaics, Agora, the Oikos (House) of Naxians and the iconic statues at the Terrace of the Lions. Seven of the original full sized marble lions still stand.

There are the remains of the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Establishment of the Poseidoniasts of Beirut, built by ship owners and merchants from that city across the Mediterranean.

There is much more to see in this awe-inspiring open air museum.

The excursion comes to an end back at Chora with free time for strolling through the alleys and the shops.

The excursion includes guide, boat and entrance fees.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MYK-03

**Prices**

# Mykonian Dinner

📍 Little Venice



This popular excursion on foot takes us up close to the wonders of Mykonos Town or Chora and the sights, sounds, tastes and flavours that make it one of the world's best loved destinations. We begin with a stroll along the narrow cobbled streets, past the boutiques, whitewashed houses and elegant cafes until we come to Kastro, home of the famously beautiful Paraportiani Church, a must for every visitor. We may visit the Folklore Museum or Aegean Maritime Museum. The Folklore Museum is housed in an old two storey captain's house. The museum's exhibits include traditional costumes, furniture and household items typically found on Mykonos in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as jewellery and textiles. The Maritime Museum used to be the home of the legendary Master of the merchant ship "Enosis", Nikolaos Sourmelis. Its exhibits include models of ships from the pre-Minoan period to this day, historical shipping documents, rare engravings and maps, ancient artefacts, navigational instruments, equipment and tools.

Our tour continues with a walk to Alefkhandra and the ubiquitous windmills, the symbol of Mykonos, recognised the world over. This part of the town is known as Little Venice. The houses belonging to wealthy merchants and sea captains were built on the water in the 18th century and their wooden balconies are a little reminder of the homes along the canals of Venice.

We conclude our trip at a local taverna, where we enjoy traditional food and drink, reflect on what we have seen, chat and savour the tastes, aromas and essence of genuine Greek spirit.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MYK-04

**Prices**



# Cycladic Tastes (Food on Foot)

📍 Enjoy lunch in Mykonos



📍 Sun-dried octopus



📍 Traditional Greek salad

So we call our tour food on foot and we consider it the best way to taste local specialties!

Mykonos is famous for its many restaurants and wonderful small taverns, and this excursion offers the ideal opportunity to taste the traditional local food while enjoying the atmosphere of the different neighbourhoods of Mykonos Town.

We start with a cheese pie at Gerasimos Bakery, continue walk next to the famous windmills, in the narrow, cobbled streets of Little Venice and the three Windmills to the incomparable Church of Panagia Paraportiani.

Then, you can taste the traditional souvlaki pork with pita bread at Souvlaki story. At Paraportiani area we will be served with loukoumi delight accompanied with mastic liquor, and the next stop you will be served a Greek vanilla spoon sweet (submarine) will be served.

Last but not least, sit at a local venue and relax with a glass of Ouzo with snacks, like the locals.

This is an enjoyable way to complete a wonderful culinary experience. Bon Appetit and cheers.

*Please note that dining areas are subject to change as well as sequence of stops. This tour is not recommended for people with walking difficulties.*



**Duration:** Half day

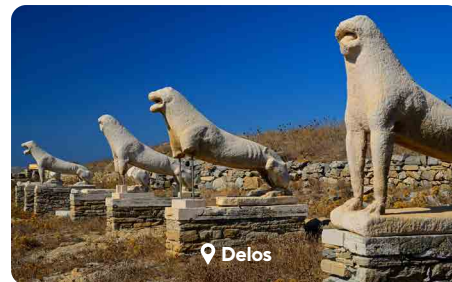
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# See the best of Mykonos in one day

📍 Monastery of Panagia Tourliani in Ano Mera village



📍 Delos



📍 Mykonos

This tour is the perfect way to discover as much as possible about Mykonos in just one day. You'll have a chance to learn about the history, culture, and food, and spend some free time absorbing the beauty of this island.

Your day begins at the pier in Mykonos, where you'll board one of the local ferries to the spectacular island of Delos. Located at the center of the Cyclades island group, Delos is a UNESCO world heritage site. According to Greek Mythology, Delos is the birthplace of Apollo, God of Light, and his twin sister, Artemis, Goddess of the Moon. Considered a sacred island, pilgrims came to Delos from all over Greece, making it a prosperous trading port. Now uninhabited, the entire island is an archeological site, with temples, mosaics, sculptures, buildings and antiquities to explore. It's easy to explore on foot, but remember to wear comfy shoes and bring some water and snacks – there are no stores on the island.

When your ferry returns to Mykonos, you'll then board a motor coach to the traditional village of Ano Mera. Located at the center of the island, the cobbled streets and traditional buildings are enchanting. A typical Greek lunch will be served at a local taverna, and you'll be treated

to a folk show as you dine. After lunch, pay a visit to the lovely 16th century Panagia Tourliani Monastery, dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Next, it's back to Mykonos Town for a guided walking tour. Known as 'Chora' by the locals, Mykonos is a picturesque town with a labyrinth-like maze of tiny streets, white houses with colourful windows and balconies, and red-roofed churches. Cars aren't allowed in the town for most of the day, so it's perfect for exploring on foot.

When your guided tour concludes, you can spend time sightseeing on your own, or head back to the ship on a shuttle service. This full and fascinating day will leave you feeling like you know the real Mykonos.



**Duration:** Full day

**Tour code:** MYK-16

**Prices**



# Transfer to Kalafatis Beach

📍 Kalafatis Beach



This vast sandy beach is the ideal spot to try your hand at watersports, splash about or simply relax with a good book and the sea breeze. You can hire a sun lounger and umbrella to unwind for hours with glittering blue Aegean in view.

Located on the quieter eastern side of the island, Kalafatis Beach generally attracts fewer people than other Mykonos beaches. Yet the good offshore breeze means that windsurfing and other water sports won't disappoint.

With a restaurant conveniently situated at either end of the beach, you can grab an authentic bite of local cuisine whenever the mood calls.

For an even more tranquil visit, you can wander across to the smaller and just as beautiful Agia Anna beach - the perfect place for a swim in the sun.

*Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.*



📍 Kalafatis Beach



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MYK-05

**Prices**



# Transfer to Paradise Beach

📍 Paradise Beach



📍 Paradise Beach

Paradise Beach is a Mykonos icon. Since its hedonistic days in the 60s when its first thrill seekers sought freedom on the sands, it has become the location for many a club, beach bar and party.

With its wide stretch of sand, turquoise waters and close proximity to Mykonos town, Paradise Beach is a hotspot with a buzzing vibe to match.

Beach bars and restaurants border the sands, so there is always a tune to be heard and a delicious meal to be enjoyed. For a taste of the nightlife during the day, head to the western end of the beach for a fruity cocktail in one of the bars.

Dotted with sun loungers and umbrellas, this is the perfect place to soak up the vibrant atmosphere that Mykonos is known for the world over.

*Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.*



📍 Paradise Beach



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MYK-08

**Prices**



# The beautiful art of mosaic making



This is a unique opportunity to learn the fascinating secrets of a skill famed across the area.

The art of the mosaic is making images and designs using small pieces of coloured, glass, marble, stones or tiles.

It's astonishingly beautiful and Greek mosaics are said to be the earliest art form still in existence today. They are an integral part of Greek civilisation and culture.

Our talented artist who has been giving lessons for many years and loves to share her knowledge, will teach you the ancient and contemporary art of mosaic-making in Mykonos.

She also helps you create your own unique work of art which you can take home as a lovely and very personal memento of your visit to the island.

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Mykonos is located across the water from Delos, the iconic island of antiquity, known for its ancient history and wealth of knowledge. It is one of the most important archaeological locations in Greece, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the mythical birthplace of Apollo.


After your wonderful, peaceful, creative mosaic experience, there is time to wander the atmospheric streets of Mykonos Town or sit and enjoy a leisurely, contemplative coffee before returning to the ship.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 5-25 Guests**  
**Tour code: MYK-13**

**Prices**

# Home cooking and hospitality in Mykonos

 Greek spinach pie



 loukoumi

Myconian hospitality is legendary and this tour for a small and select group offers a wonderful taste and flavour of what that means.

We all know food and drink is an important part of any holiday, as you immerse yourself in your destination's culture and lifestyle.

It's an essential ingredient in the whole experience.

The locals on the Island of Winds are proud of and passionate about their way of life.

They love to share it with visitors and you will be made to feel like one of the family.

We are hosted in a traditional homestead or Spiti, for a fun Greek cooking class and some little gastronomic secrets.

A very warm welcome awaits along with loukoumi, Greece's own version of Turkish delight and a cheery glass of Teta's liqueur.

There is a tour of the kitchen and garden and an informative session on how to cultivate your own vegetables all year-round.

In a corner of the garden will be a small taster of local specialities along with locally-made wine and raki.

There will be a masterclass on how to make delicious Greek spinach pie, stuffed tomatoes and peppers and the famous Greek dip, tzatziki – with your help and using fresh seasonal ingredients.

Afterwards enjoy a tasty lunch and savour the fruits of your labour, accompanied by locally produced wine.

Before saying goodbye, enjoy a photo opportunity at the Spiti, a lovely way to mark a memorable few hours.

You may also have some new recipe ideas to try out when you get home.



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 25-40 Guests**

**Tour code: MYK-14**

**Prices**

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# Milos



# Step Back in Time - (Religious)

📍 Christian catacombs



📍 Plaka



📍 Roman amphitheater

We invite you to step back in time with us on the incredible volcanic island of Milos, one of the most beautiful places on earth. A short drive from the harbour takes us to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. This startlingly beautiful, otherworldly spot is one of the island's many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. We'll walk down to the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach and take photographs. You'll feel as if you've landed on the moon.

We then travel along the picturesque main road along the coast to the cobblestone streets and alleys of Plaka, a classic Cycladic village of white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers 250 meters above the Aegean. Plaka is known for its local pastry shops with the homemade sweets.

Our next stop is the Dorian walls and column fragments. We will visit the site where the Venus de Milo (now residing in the Louvre in Paris), was discovered in 1820, then on to the marble amphitheatre, which is cut into the rocky slope of the hill near the ancient agora.

Fully restored in 2015, it still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay.

Just 1.5km from Plaka, in the village of Trypiti, lie early Christian catacombs, the largest in Greece, and the ruins of ancient Melos. We must walk down 87 steps to reach the catacombs, then back up upon our return.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MIL-02R

**Prices**



# Step Back in Time

📍 Plaka village



📍 Sarakiniko

The incredible volcanic island of Milos is one of the most beautiful places on earth. But don't take our word for that. Come and see for yourself.

We start our tour at the award-winning Mining Museum. The mining history of the island and the fascinating exhibits telling the story gives you an understanding of how the rich geology of Milos has shaped it. You will also see the materials that are still excavated from the island and where we find them in everyday life. A short drive from the harbour takes us to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. It is a startlingly beautiful, otherworldly spot and one of the island's many geological wonders.

It is probably one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. We'll walk down to the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach and take photographs. You might feel as if you have landed on the moon.

You can peer down into clear turquoise waters and you may see adventurous tourists swimming and snorkeling in the caves at the bottom of the ravine. You may be tempted to join them but there won't be any time!

Our next stop along the picturesque coast road is the cobblestone streets and alleys of Plaka, a classic Cycladic village of white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers 250 meters above the Aegean.

We'll stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and its stunning view of the sea.

Very close to Plaka we'll make a stop to admire from above the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheatre which is cut into the rocky slope of the hill. There you'll see large Dorian walls and column fragments. The marble amphitheatre, fully restored in 2015, still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay. We will have the chance to visit the spot where the Venus de Milo, now residing in the Louvre in Paris, was discovered in 1820.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MIL-02

**Prices**

# Nostalgic Milos Cruise - Land & Sea

📍 Kleftiko



📍 Kleftiko



📍 Sarakiniko beach

We drive by coach to the south of the island, passing by Papikinos beach and the Salt fields. We board the boat to start our journey towards Kleftiko, once a pirate lair that has become an absolute must for any traveler. Its greyish rocks come out of the turquoise sea and you have the chance to swim from the boat, through the sea caves. On the way to Kleftiko, the boat will make a shorter swimming stop at Gerondas beach, you may swim to the beach from the boat.

After our boat trip, we head to the picturesque village of Plaka, at the feet of the venetian castle. A love at first sight! We'll stroll through its cobblestone alleys, pass by traditional houses and blooming bougainvilleas. Head to the marble courtyard of Korfiatissa church for the best panoramic views - it's right next to the Folklore Museum, which we can visit optionally.

We then travel on to the famous Sarakiniko beach and its landmark white rocks. Naturally sculpted by volcanic eruptions, the sea and strong Aegean winds, it's the ideal backdrop for your snapshots. No wonder why it is one of the favorite photography subjects in the Cyclades. We'll walk down to the inlet in quest of intriguing photo opportunities. You'll feel as if you've landed on the moon!

*We may have to change the schedule and itinerary for this excursion, without any warning, depending on weather conditions, such as strong north winds.*



**Duration:** Full day

**Tour code:** MIL-06

**Prices**



# The Amazing Beaches Tour

📍 Sarakiniko beach



📍 Paleochori beach

Milos is home to some of the Cyclades' most stunning beaches, including Paleochori, considered the best on the island for swimmers, divers, sun-worshippers and water sports enthusiasts.

About a thirty-minute drive from the port at Adamas, we arrive at Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. This startlingly beautiful spot is one of the island's many geological wonders.

ISLANDS magazine has named Sarakiniko one of the world's 30 most beautiful undiscovered beaches. You'll feel as if you landed on the moon as we descend for a delightful swim in the bright turquoise waters.

We then travel to Paleochori which is made up of three beaches totalling 800 meters of sandy coastline.



It is known for dramatic cliff faces given dazzling reds and yellows by mineral deposits including sulphur.

There are some wonderful restaurants perched high above the beach including Sirocco, a tavern preparing volcanic food, dishes prepared in the sand using the high geothermal temperature. Drop yourself into one of its comfy chaise longues with a panoramic view of the Sea of Crete. And then relax. Then it's a relaxing drive back to port.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** MIL-03

**Prices**

# A geological wonder 4x4 adventure



This is an intriguing journey of discovery where you will be immersed in the geological treasures of Milos.

It's a tour to stimulate the mind, body and soul.

Milos emerged from the sea during a volcanic eruption so it is little surprise this southernmost island in the Cyclades is a breathtaking geological wonder as well one of the most beautiful places on earth.

We travel by 4x4 and go where conventional vehicles cannot

We can see, feel and hear the real Milos.

You will be awestruck by this experience, based on the Miloterranean Geo Walks, an extensive network of seven stunning paths.

Our tour includes a short guided visit the Milos Mining Museum, an outdoor experience allowing us to learn more about the mining history of the island thanks to a team of cartographers, historians, forestry experts, geologists and mining engineers together with the help of a lecturer from the museum.

There's the chance to see the Obsidian Collection of Zafeiris Vaos. It consists of artifacts made of obsidian, an igneous rock characteristic of Milos and forms a very important chapter in the archeology of early Aegean tool-making.

Then we will experience the abandoned salt fields, the thermal waters of Kanava (weather permitting), the crater of Fyriplaka and the fumaroles of Kalamos.

There's also the famous sulphur mines and Aggeria, one of the biggest open bentonite mines in the world.

This is an exclusive tour with a maximum of four people in each vehicle. And it's a real sensory experience.

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**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 3-8 Guests**

**Tour code: MIL-09**

**Prices**



# Sea Kayaking and the mesmerising Milos coastline

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Fyriplaka Beach



Tsigrado

From our ship to your kayak.

We have an intrinsic fascination with the sea.

So what better way to experience to stunning volcanic island of Milos than leisurely paddling our way along part of the spectacular, mesmerising and mysterious southern coastline.

It's hard to think of a way to get closer to nature than this.

Here we can get up close and personal with the rich geological wealth of Milos including the breathtaking rock formations, deep sea inlets and caves and turquoise crystal clear waters of the Aegean.

The trip with a small group and a qualified guide begins at Fyriplaka heading to Gerakas beach (completely inaccessible from the land) with a 40 minute stop for swimming and exploring a small sea cave. Then we paddle back on our sit-in kayaks towards the famous beach of Tsigrado (the one with the rope ladder) for a snorkelling stop in a small complex of sea caves.

Back at Fyriplaka there is for free time for swimming although this can be omitted to make the tour shorter. Kayaking is said to be one of the best ways to explore the laced outline of the Milos coastline.

On reflection, we think it's the best.

Join us on this beautiful, relaxing and peaceful half day trip and you will find it hard to disagree.

The mysteries will be unlocked during an unforgettable experience.

*We may have to change the schedule and itinerary for this excursion, without any warning, depending on weather conditions, such as strong north winds.*



**Duration: Half day  
limited availability - for 4-14 Guests**

**Tour code: MIL-11**

**Prices**

# Milos food on foot

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📍 Ladena (the local vegetarian pizza)



📍 Karpouzopita (the watermelon pie)

This is an authentic taste of the island of lovers featuring wonderful flavours to bring your taste buds alive in an unforgettable gastronomic experience.

Milos is the southernmost island in the Cyclades and we will be sampling the best of local cuisine on the move, in a tour designed to stimulate and excite the senses.

Sample its gastronomy, a delightful and delicious combination of very traditional fare and the up to the moment, with modern restaurants offering the finest dishes but staying true to local ways of doing things. The two things sit side by side very comfortably.

Just some of the delicacies on our menu are the local vegetarian pizza (Ladena) in Adamas, watermelon pie (Karpouzopita) in Plaka and in Pollonia, dessert (Koufeto) made from honey, pumpkin and almonds at one of the renowned family run pastry shops. Here we will also visit a local cave winery to sample the local specialities and then a family owned establishment producing cheese and other produce.

This is the chance to experience the most mouthwatering delicacies of Milos and drop by some of its renowned restaurants, all the while soaking up the unique atmosphere of

the island as we go. Its beauty is astounding, with turquoise bays, stunning beaches, crystal clear waters, romantic atmosphere and the most enchanting towns and villages. Not bad for an island flung out of the sea by a volcanic eruption a few million years ago. And all this on top of the wonderful food.

The memories are just waiting to be made on Milos.

*Some foods may not be available due to seasonal ingredients, or suitable for people with allergies or special dietary requirements. And the location of the tastings is subject to change.*



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 15-20 Guests**

**Tour code: MIL-12**

**Prices**



# Trek to the heart and soul of Milos

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This wonderful trek of discovery with an experienced guide takes us along the northern part of the island and one of its most impressive and awe inspiring landscapes.

Of all our excursions, this brings us the closest to the natural environment and you may well feel it to have a real spiritual dimension.

We start our tour from the fishing village of Agios Konstantinos. Here you will see the bouthouses of Milos.

Now our hike begins.

The coastal path gives us four very different landscapes and is relatively flat making it easy for the average hiker.

Part way through there's a stop for water, fruit and a short break (food and drink not included).

There is no shade on the trek so everyone is asked to come fully prepared.

Our walk is around 6.2km and finishes in Sarakiniko where we will be able to swim in the cove and fully appreciate this unique location.

The north winds have shaped the greyish-white volcanic rock into amazing shape.

The dazzling white rocks forming large and small caves in the sea, reflect the sunlight by day and the moonlight at night, creating the impression of a lunar landscape.

The breathtaking tour is around five hours, with the trek taking around 2.5 hours depending on ability.

*We can refuse entry if you are not dressed appropriately or are not in good physical condition. Maximum age 65 years.*



**Distance:** We will hike about 6.2km without stops and Sarakiniko visit.

**Sun protection:** All of this hike is under the sun. There is no shade nowhere along the way so proper sun protection (hat, sun glasses, sun screen) are essential. People who have issues with the sun apparently is not advisable to participate.

**Clothing:** We need light and light colored comfortable clothing offering proper sun protection (not exposed shoulders). A hat. Proper hiking shoes with good grip are critical. Sandals or tennis shoes are not acceptable.

**Mobility and health condition:** We need participants with very good mobility and physical condition which is required for this kind of activity.

**Water:** Each guest needs to carry with him water. The guide carries an "emergency" water bottle. Each guest is recommended to carry 1.5lt of water with him, due to physical activity and sun dehydration comes fast.

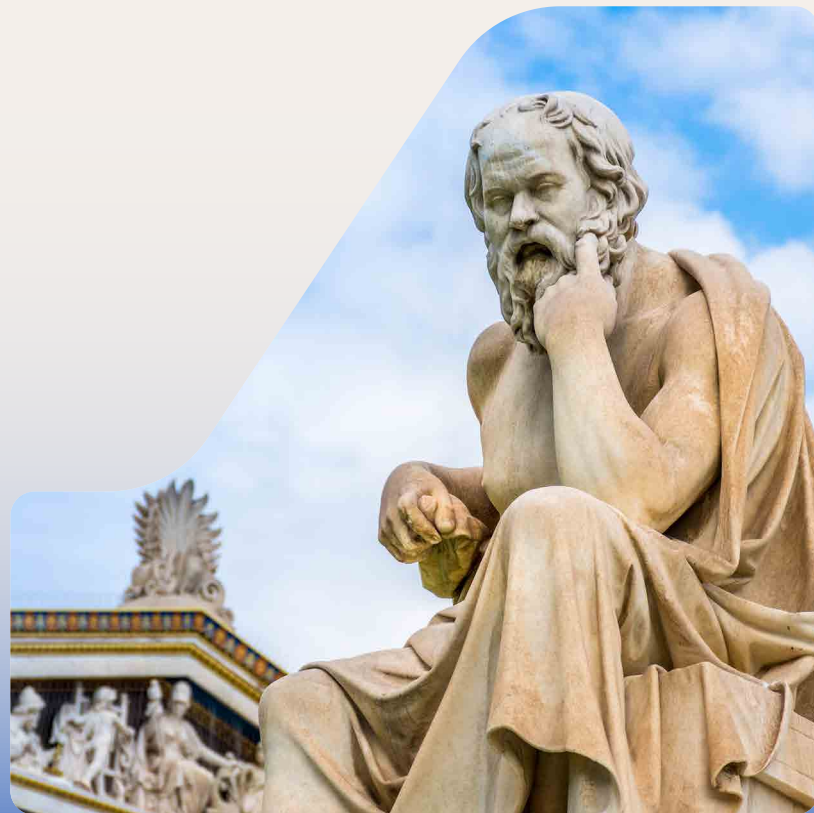


**Duration:** Half day  
limited availability - for 5-15 Guests

**Tour code:** MIL-14

**Prices**

# Athens





# Athens Monuments and the Acropolis

📍 Acropolis



A walk with us through the very heart of Athens brings us to one of the most recognisable, historic and most photographed sites in the world, the famous Acropolis with the Parthenon at its summit.

It is a reminder of Ancient Greece's powerful civilisation and the greatest architectural complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity.

The monuments on the Acropolis (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) have survived for almost 25 centuries.

On this hill that still dominates Athens, democracy and philosophy were born so it is little wonder that a visit to Classical Athens is quite simply awe-inspiring.

The Parthenon is dedicated to the goddess Athena, protector of the city.

At the foot of the Acropolis and its ancient temples lies the oldest neighbourhood of Athens, Plaka. Visitors are mesmerised and charmed by its beautiful houses, cobblestone streets and tiny shops, architecture, elegant atmosphere and neo-classical colours and the well preserved gardens and Byzantine churches.

As we head away from the Acropolis and Plaka, we pass the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament with the familiar sentries or Evzones, synonymous with the city.

We also see the 'Trilogy of Athens' which comprises the University of Athens, National Library and the Academy of Athens.

Our three hour odyssey through ancient history ends appropriately at the Squares of Omonia and Syntagma, the very centre of modern day Athens.

**We also offer transfers to the airport - see the pricing for ATH-101APT**



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** PIR-01

**Prices**



# Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum

📍 Acropolis



📍 The Hellenic Parliament building



📍 New Acropolis Museum

We head to central Athens for a panoramic tour of the city named after the goddess of wisdom and warfare.

First we see the magnificent Temple of Zeus, standing at the south east of the Acropolis.

The Temple is dedicated to the father of the 12 gods.

We continue past the Greek Parliament to the Panathenaic Stadium which staged the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

We arrive at the "Trilogy of Athens": three 19th century buildings, influenced by classical architecture, on Panepistimiou Street.

A trip through Omonia Square and Syntagma Square, the epicentre of modern Athens, will bring us to the beautiful, picturesque preserved quarter of Plaka, beneath the Acropolis.

Our final destination is the modern, bright and imposing Acropolis Museum.

Opened in 2009 and on multiple levels, it houses a whole host of exhibits of classical antiquity and is thematic.

It's the perfect way to draw everything together and give context to the wonderful structures you have just seen.

At the end of our journey we hope you will have a full appreciation of the glories of classical Athens and a sense of one of the most historically important capitals in the world.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** PIR-07

**Prices**



# The Acropolis & the New Acropolis Museum

📍 Odeon Herodes Atticus



📍 New Acropolis Museum

Our starting point for this truly monumental tour is the Acropolis, which means 'high city.'

At the end of our journey we hope you will have a full appreciation of the glories of the very heart of Athens.

This historic hill is the home of the Parthenon, dedicated to Athena, and a number of other monuments.

They include the Propylaea, originally part of Pericles' great rebuilding programme and the Temple of Athena Nike. This once contained a wooden statue of Athena. It was wingless signifying she would never leave Athens.

Meanwhile, the Erechtheion and its marble edifice is an Ancient Greek temple on the north side of the Acropolis. The eastern part is dedicated to Athena Polias and the western part to Poseidon-Erechtheus.

From the hill you can marvel at the glorious stone theatre structure of the Odeon Herodes Atticus on the southwest slope. To bring us up to date, many of the world's biggest names have performed here including Frank Sinatra, Luciano Pavarotti and of course Nana Mouskouri.

The modern, bright and imposing Acropolis Museum is our next stop. Opened in 2009 it houses a whole host of exhibits of classical antiquity and is thematic. It's the perfect way to draw everything together and give context to the wonderful structures you have just seen.

We leave the high city and pass the Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We make a stop at the site of the first modern Olympiad in 1896, the Panathenaic Stadium and then visit the stylish 'Trilogy of Athens', the old building of the University of Athens, the National Library and the Academy of Athens. We end our day with a trip through the epicentre of modern day Athens, the Squares of Omonia and Syntagma.

This is a monumental excursion of discovery, literally and figuratively.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** PIR-08

**Prices**

# Athens food on foot

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Join us on a very special journey.

Come and share our love for Athens and its cuisine on a tour that brings the senses well and truly alive in more ways than one.

Sharing our passion for Greece and all things Greek is what we do. It's our mission to inspire you and where better to start than Classical Athens, the cradle of civilisation and the birthplace of democracy.

Here we experience together in a panoramic tour, some of the world's most magnificent and historic sites.

The Acropolis and the majestic and magnificent Parthenon. The Changing of the Guard outside Parliament, Syntagma Square.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, National Academy, Academy University, Old Parliament and the Russian Orthodox Church.

There is yet more to marvel at and be inspired by. Panathinaiko Stadium, site of the first modern Olympic Games, the new classical Zappion and the Roman temple of Zeus and Arch of Hadrian.

Then it's time to share the delicious and evocative tastes and smells of traditional Greek cuisine.

We drop into a traditional kafenio - or coffee shop for a Greek coffee and some great hospitality.

Then a stroll through the bustling central market and the spice market.

Once you have taken in the air on Evripidou Street, the distinctive scent will be hard to forget. Breathe in. Scents help make the most wonderful memories too, a proven fact.

The intriguing aromas comes from the mix of foods and spices wafting out from the open-fronted stores.

After this aromatic experience we will most certainly be ready to try the traditional souvlaki in Monastiraki a market neighbourhood in the old town and one of the main shopping districts in Athens.

The area is home to clothing boutiques, souvenir shops, and specialty stores, and is a major tourist attraction bargain shopping.

Then its time to visit a traditional sweet shop for a mouthwatering taste of delicious loukoumades, yeast-risen dough puffs, deep fried to golden brown, drizzled with honey and sprinkled with cinnamon.

Our final stop on this unique tour of history, culture and gastronomy is a visit to one of Athens oldest distilleries in famous Plaka, in the shadow of the Acropolis, to sample the local tsipouro or ouzo.

A perfect end to a day filled with wonderful sights, sounds, smells and flavours.

You won't forget that heady combination.

*This tour is not recommended for people with walking difficulties.*



**Duration: Half day**  
**limited availability - for 9-15 Guests**

**Tour code: PIR-11**

**Prices**





# The history of the Olympic Games

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## DAY TOURS

Meet a National Geographic-trained guide and set off on a tour of the Panathenaic Stadium, a marble stadium that hosted ancient Greek athletes as well as those who competed in the 2004 Olympics. Originally built for sporting competitions and official events in the fourth century B.C., the stadium was neglected for millennia before being resurrected by a wealthy benefactor for the first modern Olympics in 1896. These games saw competitions of fencing, gymnastics, weightlifting, and more, with some 240 athletes from 12 countries competing. They also marked the world's first marathon, conceived by a Frenchman but based on the tale of an ancient Greek courier, who is said to have run across the plains of Marathon to Athens to announce the defeat of Persian invaders.

Continue to the new Athens Olympic Museum, where a state-of-the-art exhibition traces the history of the games from their birth in ancient Olympia to their revival in 1896, to their return to Greece in 2004. Through dynamic digital and interactive displays, as well as tangible artifacts from ancient to modern times, delve into the stories of celebrated athletes and the important role of sports and the Olympics in the evolution of Athens.

Your final stop is the Athens Olympics Complex, the city's main modern sports facility, which was given a thorough redesign by



famed Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava in preparation for the 2004 Summer Olympics. Here, by special arrangement, you'll meet with a former Olympic athlete for a tour of the site and a personal perspective on the games. As you walk along Calatrava's soaring Wall of Nations and into arenas and halls where the world's top gymnasts and sprinters competed, gain insight into the daily life of an Olympic athlete and what it is like to participate in the games. Take home your very own Olympic medal for participating in this experience as well as a commemorative photograph to remember it!



**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-25 Guests**  
**Tour code:** PIR-110N

**Prices**

## Kusadasi

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
KUS-01	House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus	116	72
KUS-02	Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman	101	66
KUS-03	Walk in the Footsteps of Legends	116	72
KUS-06	Adventure, Spills and Thrills at Adaland Water Park	75	61
KUS-07	Ancient Ephesus & Terrace Houses	116	72
KUS-08	Ancient Ephesus & Miletus	149	112
KUS-10	Thrill of the ride Buggy Safari	93	-
KUS-11	Ancient Civilisations with an expert archaeologist	162	-

## Agios Nikolaos

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
AGH-02	A Delectable day in Crete	85	64
AGH-05	River Trekking	89	69
AGH-06	Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion	99	75
AGH-03	Crystal Clear Waters of Elounda and Spinalonga	99	75
AGH-10	Escape the crowds in the Cretan countryside	99	75

## Santorini

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
SAN-01	Spectacular Oia village perched on the Caldera rim	86	65
SAN-02	Cruise to Santorini's islands and volcanoes	86	65
SAN-08	Akrotiri Village excavations	100	75
SAN-06	The Essence of Santorini	102	75
SAN-13	Transfer to Perissa beach	SOB	SOB
SAN-15	A taste of wine and tradition	157	-
SAN-16	Music, myths and history	135	-
SAN-17	Hiking Trails	115	-

## Milos

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
MIL-02	Step back in time	92	74
MIL-02R	Step back in time - (Religious)	97	74
MIL-06	Nostalgic Milos cruise - land & sea	141	89
MIL-03	The amazing beaches tour	SOB	SOB
MIL-09	A geological wonder 4x4 adventure	153	-
MIL-11	Sea kayaking and the mesmerising Milos coastline	183	-
MIL-12	Milos food on foot	146	-
MIL-14	Trek to the heart and soul of Milos	137	-

## Mykonos

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
MYK-03	Delos - Sacred island & Apollo Sanctuary	92	74
MYK-04	Myconeian Dinner	93	67
MYK-06	Mykonian Countryside Tour with Chora and Little Venice	82	65
MYK-07	Cycladic Tastes (Food on Foot)	93	67
MYK-05	Transfer to Kalafatis Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-08	Transfer to Paradise Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-13	The beautiful art of mosaic making	137	-
MYK-14	Home cooking and hospitality in Mykonos	194	-
MYK-16	See the best of Mykonos in one day	170	125

## Rhodes

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
RHO-01	Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights	99	75
RHO-02	Philerimos church and the Palace of the Knights	114	75
RHO-06	Beauty of butterflies and ancient Kameiros	98	75
RHO-08	Transfer to Tsambika Beach	SOB	SOB
RHO-11	Walking tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes	75	40
RHO-17	Making pottery fit for the Gods	130	-
RHO-18	A kayak adventure discovering pirate coves	183	-
RHO-19N	Rhodes Uncharted Discovery	169	-
RHO-20N	Blutopia: A Marine Biology Experience	362	-
RHO-21N	The fascinating world of Bees	120	-

## Athens

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
PIR-01	Athens monuments and the Acropolis	110	92
PIR-01APT	Athens monuments and the Acropolis - <b>including airport transfer</b>	189	129
PIR-08	Athens Monuments, Acropolis and the new Museum	133	92
PIR-11	Athens Food on foot	145	-
PIR-07	Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum	102	71
PIR-10N	The history of the Olympic Games	119	-

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## Kusadasi

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
KUS-01	House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus	103	64
KUS-02	Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman	90	59
KUS-03	Walk in the Footsteps of Legends	103	64
KUS-06	Adventure, Spills and Thrills at Adaland Water Park	67	54
KUS-07	Ancient Ephesus & Terrace Houses	103	64
KUS-08	Ancient Ephesus & Miletus	133	100
KUS-10	Thrill of the ride Buggy Safari	83	-
KUS-11	Ancient Civilisations with an expert archaeologist	144	-

## Agios Nikolaos

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
AGH-02	A Delectable day in Crete	76	57
AGH-05	River Trekking	79	61
AGH-06	Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion	88	67
AGH-03	Crystal Clear Waters of Elounda and Spinalonga	88	67
AGH-10	Escape the crowds in the Cretan countryside	88	67

## Santorini

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
SAN-01	Spectacular Oia village perched on the Caldera rim	77	58
SAN-02	Cruise to Santorini's islands and volcanoes	77	58
SAN-08	Akrotiri Village excavations	89	67
SAN-06	The Essence of Santorini	91	67
SAN-13	Transfer to Perissa beach	SOB	SOB
SAN-15	A taste of wine and tradition	140	-
SAN-16	Music, myths and history	120	-
SAN-17	Hiking Trails	102	-

## Milos

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
MIL-02	Step back in time	82	66
MIL-02R	Step back in time - (Religious)	86	66
MIL-06	Nostalgic Milos cruise - land & sea	125	79
MIL-03	The amazing beaches tour	SOB	SOB
MIL-09	A geological wonder 4x4 adventure	136	-
MIL-11	Sea kayaking and the mesmerising Milos coastline	163	-
MIL-12	Milos food on foot	130	-
MIL-14	Trek to the heart and soul of Milos	122	-

## Mykonos

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
MYK-03	Delos - Sacred island & Apollo Sanctuary	82	66
MYK-04	Myconeian Dinner	83	60
MYK-06	Mykonian Countryside Tour with Chora and Little Venice	73	58
MYK-07	Cycladic Tastes (Food on Foot)	83	60
MYK-05	Transfer to Kalafatis Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-08	Transfer to Paradise Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-13	The beautiful art of mosaic making	122	-
MYK-14	Home cooking and hospitality in Mykonos	173	-
MYK-16	See the best of Mykonos in one day	151	111

## Rhodes

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
RHO-01	Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights	88	67
RHO-02	Philerimos church and the Palace of the Knights	101	67
RHO-06	Beauty of butterflies and ancient Kameiros	87	67
RHO-08	Transfer to Tsambika Beach	SOB	SOB
RHO-11	Walking tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes	67	36
RHO-17	Making pottery fit for the Gods	116	0
RHO-18	A kayak adventure discovering pirate coves	163	-
RHO-19N	Rhodes Uncharted Discovery	150	-
RHO-20N	Blutopia: A Marine Biology Experience	322	-
RHO-21N	The fascinating world of Bees	107	-

## Athens

Tour Code	Title	GBP	
		Adult	Child
PIR-01	Athens monuments and the Acropolis	98	82
PIR-01APT	Athens monuments and the Acropolis - <b>including airport transfer</b>	168	115
PIR-08	Athens Monuments, Acropolis and the new Museum	118	82
PIR-11	Athens Food on foot	129	-
PIR-07	Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum	91	63
PIR-10N	The history of the Olympic Games	106	-

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## Kusadasi

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
KUS-01	House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus	135	84
KUS-02	Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman	117	77
KUS-03	Walk in the Footsteps of Legends	135	84
KUS-06	Adventure, Spills and Thrills at Adaland Water Park	87	71
KUS-07	Ancient Ephesus & Terrace Houses	135	84
KUS-08	Ancient Ephesus & Miletus	173	130
KUS-10	Thrill of the ride Buggy Safari	108	-
KUS-11	Ancient Civilisations with an expert archaeologist	188	-

## Agios Nikolaos

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
AGH-02	A Delectable day in Crete	99	74
AGH-05	River Trekking	103	80
AGH-06	Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion	115	87
AGH-03	Crystal Clear Waters of Elounda and Spinalonga	115	87
AGH-10	Escape the crowds in the Cretan countryside	115	87

## Santorini

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
SAN-01	Spectacular Oia village perched on the Caldera rim	100	75
SAN-02	Cruise to Santorini's islands and volcanoes	100	75
SAN-08	Akrotiri Village excavations	116	87
SAN-06	The Essence of Santorini	118	87
SAN-13	Transfer to Perissa beach	SOB	SOB
SAN-15	A taste of wine and tradition	182	-
SAN-16	Music, myths and history	157	-
SAN-17	Hiking Trails	133	-

## Milos

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
MIL-02	Step back in time	107	86
MIL-02R	Step back in time - (Religious)	113	86
MIL-06	Nostalgic Milos cruise - land & sea	164	103
MIL-03	The amazing beaches tour	SOB	SOB
MIL-09	A geological wonder 4x4 adventure	177	-
MIL-11	Sea kayaking and the mesmerising Milos coastline	212	-
MIL-12	Milos food on foot	169	-
MIL-14	Trek to the heart and soul of Milos	159	-

## Mykonos

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
MYK-03	Delos - Sacred island & Apollo Sanctuary	107	86
MYK-04	Myconeian Dinner	108	78
MYK-06	Mykonian Countryside Tour with Chora and Little Venice	95	75
MYK-07	Cycladic Tastes (Food on Foot)	108	78
MYK-05	Transfer to Kalafatis Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-08	Transfer to Paradise Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-13	The beautiful art of mosaic making	159	-
MYK-14	Home cooking and hospitality in Mykonos	225	-
MYK-16	See the best of Mykonos in one day	197	145

## Rhodes

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
RHO-01	Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights	115	87
RHO-02	Philerimos church and the Palace of the Knights	132	87
RHO-06	Beauty of butterflies and ancient Kameiros	114	87
RHO-08	Transfer to Tsambika Beach	SOB	SOB
RHO-11	Walking tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes	87	46
RHO-17	Making pottery fit for the Gods	151	-
RHO-18	A kayak adventure discovering pirate coves	212	-
RHO-19N	Rhodes Uncharted Discovery	196	-
RHO-20N	Blutopia: A Marine Biology Experience	420	-
RHO-21N	The fascinating world of Bees	139	-

## Athens

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
PIR-01	Athens monuments and the Acropolis	128	107
PIR-01APT	Athens monuments and the Acropolis - <b>including airport transfer</b>	219	150
PIR-08	Athens Monuments, Acropolis and the new Museum	154	107
PIR-11	Athens Food on foot	168	-
PIR-07	Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum	118	82
PIR-10N	The history of the Olympic Games	138	-

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## Kusadasi

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
KUS-01	House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus	188	117
KUS-02	Ancient Ephesus through the ages - Hellenistic and Roman	164	107
KUS-03	Walk in the Footsteps of Legends	188	117
KUS-06	Adventure, Spills and Thrills at Adaland Water Park	122	99
KUS-07	Ancient Ephesus & Terrace Houses	188	117
KUS-08	Ancient Ephesus & Miletus	241	181
KUS-10	Thrill of the ride Buggy Safari	151	-
KUS-11	Ancient Civilisations with an expert archaeologist	262	-

## Agios Nikolaos

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
AGH-02	A Delectable day in Crete	138	104
AGH-05	River Trekking	144	112
AGH-06	Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion	160	122
AGH-03	Crystal Clear Waters of Elounda and Spinalonga	160	122
AGH-10	Escape the crowds in the Cretan countryside	160	122

## Santorini

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
SAN-01	Spectacular Oia village perched on the Caldera rim	139	105
SAN-02	Cruise to Santorini's islands and volcanoes	139	105
SAN-08	Akrotiri Village excavations	162	122
SAN-06	The Essence of Santorini	165	122
SAN-13	Transfer to Perissa beach	SOB	SOB
SAN-15	A taste of wine and tradition	254	-
SAN-16	Music, myths and history	219	-
SAN-17	Hiking Trails	186	-

## Milos

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
MIL-02	Step back in time	149	120
MIL-02R	Step back in time - (Religious)	157	120
MIL-06	Nostalgic Milos cruise - land & sea	228	144
MIL-03	The amazing beaches tour	SOB	SOB
MIL-09	A geological wonder 4x4 adventure	248	-
MIL-11	Sea kayaking and the mesmerising Milos coastline	296	-
MIL-12	Milos food on foot	237	-
MIL-14	Trek to the heart and soul of Milos	222	-

## Mykonos

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
MYK-03	Delos - Sacred island & Apollo Sanctuary	149	120
MYK-04	Myconeian Dinner	151	109
MYK-06	Mykonian Countryside Tour with Chora and Little Venice	133	105
MYK-07	Cycladic Tastes (Food on Foot)	151	109
MYK-05	Transfer to Kalafatis Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-08	Transfer to Paradise Beach	SOB	SOB
MYK-13	The beautiful art of mosaic making	222	-
MYK-14	Home cooking and hospitality in Mykonos	314	-
MYK-16	See the best of Mykonos in one day	275	203

## Rhodes

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
RHO-01	Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights	160	122
RHO-02	Philerimos church and the Palace of the Knights	185	122
RHO-06	Beauty of butterflies and ancient Kameiros	159	122
RHO-08	Transfer to Tsambika Beach	SOB	SOB
RHO-11	Walking tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes	122	65
RHO-17	Making pottery fit for the Gods	211	-
RHO-18	A kayak adventure discovering pirate coves	296	-
RHO-19N	Rhodes Uncharted Discovery	274	-
RHO-20N	Blutopia: A Marine Biology Experience	586	-
RHO-21N	The fascinating world of Bees	194	-

## Athens

Tour Code	Title	AUD	
		Adult	Child
PIR-01	Athens monuments and the Acropolis	178	149
PIR-01APT	Athens monuments and the Acropolis - <b>including airport transfer</b>	306	209
PIR-08	Athens Monuments, Acropolis and the new Museum	215	149
PIR-11	Athens Food on foot	235	0
PIR-07	Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum	165	115
PIR-10N	The history of the Olympic Games	193	-

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## Guide to Symbols



Short or no walking involved.



Easy walking: General walking over an even surface.



Moderate walking: Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties.



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Meal included on this excursion.



Refreshments included on this excursion.



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