



Best of Greece (Group Tour)

ATHENS – DELPHI - SANTORINI

September 16 - 25, 2027 (Tentative)*

10 days

Cost: \$3995 (total based on double occupancy)

**\$895 for a single supplement if you require a private single room*

Includes: all international flights, nightly 3 & 4-star accommodations, shuttle service from West Michigan to the Chicago or Detroit airport (if Grand Rapids flights are not available for the group), all ground transportation, 2 full-time travel directors, all listed admissions & tours, & all applicable taxes & fees. Other expenses **not included** are: most meals, checked baggage, optional excursions, and travel insurance.

Travel Insurance is available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/insurance>

Signup Deadline: **March 7, 2027** - checks made payable to Percussive Tours, LLC – Cash, Venmo (@percussive), Zelle, & Credit Card also accepted. 3.95% processing fee added to all credit card transactions

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DAY 1, Thursday, Sep 16 – Fly to Greece

Fly from Grand Rapids to the ancient capital city of Athens, Greece!

Enjoy a comfortable flight on a full-service airline where you will have full meal service, complimentary alcoholic beverages, in-flight personal entertainment, and premium comfort.

Overnight: Airplane

DAY 2, Friday, Sep 17 - Arrive in Athens

After arriving in Greece, we will transfer first to our centrally-located hotel in the chic Monastiraki District of Athens to drop off our baggage and freshen up. We will then have time to enjoy a traditional lunch nearby (at our own expense)

This afternoon, we will join our local Greek tour guide for a guided tour of Athens for the remainder of the day!

Our walking tour will visit sights such as:

- The Greek Parliament
- Monument of the Unknown Soldier (watch changing of the guards)
- National Gardens
- Zappeion Hall
- Temple of Zeus
- Theater of Dionysus
- Hadrian's Arch
- The Areopagus (Mars Hill)

After a break, we will continue to the famous Acropolis, where we will see the Dionysus Sanctuary and Dionysus Theater. We'll walk up the famous hill, and admire the ancient Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Pedestal of Agrippa.

After some amazing sunset photos, we will make our way down the hill as we see the Ancient Agora and the National Observatory of Athens.

Overnight: Athens, Greece

DAY 3, Saturday, Sep 18 – Athens Free Day

Today, enjoy a free day in Athens to explore at your own pace,

or opt for one of our fabulous optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ***Mycenae & Epidaurus Day Trip***

Travel along the beautiful Saronic Gulf and into the Peloponnese to the atmospheric hilltop ruins of Mycenae; a fortified city from the second millennium BC. See the famous Lion's Gate, "Tomb of Agamemnon" and Palace, and after a stop in pretty Nauplia, continue to another archaeological treasure: Epidaurus. Pick your way around the Sanctuary of Asclepius and ogle the age-old theater, a wonder of ancient architecture.

- ***Street Food Tour of Athens***

Indulge your inner foodie on this 3-hour gourmet tasting tour and sample the edible delights of Athens. Take to the streets for a walking tour of Athens' cafés, markets, delicatessens, and street food haunts. Uncover the secrets of Greek cuisine and learn more about the city's culinary heritage. Stop along the way to sample local treats like loukoumades (sweet honey donuts), souvlaki skewers, fresh olives, crispy Koulouri bread, and regional cheeses.

Overnight: Athens, Greece

DAY 4, Sunday, Sep 19 – Delphi Day Tour

Follow in the footsteps of ancient heroes and legends with a day tour to mystical Delphi, one of Greece's most iconic places!

Travel past the plain of Boeotia and the birthplace of King Oedipus to the archaeological site of Delphi, with its scenic ancient ruins of the Temple of Apollo, Greek theater, stadium, and the spectacular Delphi Archaeological Museum, all with our local tour guide.

Afterwards, visit a picturesque mountain village to browse woven handicrafts and carpets before returning to Athens.

Delphi is an ancient Greek sanctuary located on the slopes of Mount Parnassus, famous as the home of the Oracle of Delphi. In antiquity, people from across the Greek world traveled here to seek advice from Apollo's priestess, the Pythia. Delphi was also considered the "center of the world" by the ancient Greeks, marked by the sacred Omphalos stone

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

- ***Traditional Greek Evening***

Enjoy a festive night out and indulge in some of the best Greek cuisine in Athens with a marvelous 4-course dinner while listening to traditional live music (w/ optional dancing!)

Overnight: Athens, Greece

DAY 5, Monday, Sep 20 – Athens Free Day

Today, enjoy a free day in Athens to explore at your own pace, or opt for one of our fabulous optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ***Ancient Corinth & Daphni Monastery Half-day Tour***

Visit two of southern Greece's historical highlights on this 6-hour ancient Corinth and Daphni Monastery trip. Admire the interior mosaics of the 11th-century Byzantine monastery of Daphni, and enjoy a photo stop at the Corinth Canal before exploring ancient Corinth. See the crumbled shops, temples, and fountains of this age-old city-state before returning to Athens.

- ***Sunset at Cape Sounion (Half Day)***

Enjoy a visit to one of Greece's most picturesque coastal viewpoints: Cape Sounion! Travel along south Attica's scenic shoreline roads to reach the ancient Temple of Poseidon, built atop a towering sea cliff with fantastic views of the Aegean Sea. Explore the ruins of this temple dedicated to the Greek god of the sea, and admire a beautiful sunset.

Overnight: Athens, Greece

DAY 6, Tuesday, Sep 21 – Ferry to Santorini

Early this morning, we will transfer to Piraeus Port to take the famous Blue Star Delos ferry across the Aegean Sea to beautiful Santorini! The ferry is similar to a cruise ship, with many restaurants, bars, shops, and comfortable seating onboard. It's even possible to upgrade to a stateroom with comfortable bed and private bathroom for this 7.5 hour journey if you're looking for some peace and quiet.

The ferry will take us past the charming local islands of Paros and Naxos before arriving to what many say is Greece's most beautiful island of Santorini.

Upon arriving in the afternoon, we will transfer to our beach-side hotel in charming Monolithos to relax and unwind.

The rest of the day will be free to do as you wish!

Santorini is famous for its whitewashed villages, blue-domed churches, dramatic cliffs, and sunsets. Its distinctive crescent shape was formed by a massive volcanic eruption around 3,600 years ago, leaving a flooded caldera surrounded by steep cliffs. The main towns, Fira and Oia, cling to the caldera rim and offer sweeping views of the sea and volcanic islands. Santorini is also known for its black- and red-sand beaches, volcanic landscapes,

wineries, and archaeological site at Akrotiri, a Bronze Age settlement preserved beneath volcanic ash.

Overnight: Santorini, Greece

DAY 7, Wednesday, Sep 22 – Santorini Highlights Tour

Today, we will have the complete Santorini experience, combining the island's spectacular natural beauty, traditional villages, and volcanic landscape! We will experience this both by private bus and also by boat!

Our first stop is the 16th-century Monastery of Prophet Elias, located at the highest point of Santorini, approximately 1,854 feet above sea level. The monastery offers breathtaking panoramic views across the entire island.

We continue to the village of Pyrgos, known for its Cycladic architecture, Byzantine churches, and Venetian Castle. Situated high on the island, Pyrgos offers beautiful views over the northwestern part of Santorini.

We then board the King Thiras boat and sail to the volcanic island of Nea Kameni, where we can follow a walking path toward the crater of Santorini's still-active volcano and experience the unique volcanic landscape up close.

The boat continues to Palea Kameni, the second volcanic island, where it stops approximately 165 feet from the famous Hot Springs. We can swim in the green sulfur waters or relax and enjoy the spectacular views of the surrounding caldera.

Next, we visit the island of Thirasia, which was once part of Santorini before the massive volcanic eruption that shaped the islands. We have approximately two hours to swim, enjoy lunch by the sea, or explore the traditional village of Manolas, with its winding steps and charming houses.

Our final destination is Oia, one of the most famous villages in the world, renowned for its whitewashed buildings, stunning caldera views, and spectacular sunset over the Aegean Sea.

Later, we will return to our hotel for a free evening

Overnight: Santorini, Greece

DAY 8, Thursday, Sep 23 – Santorini Free Day

Today, enjoy a free day relaxing in Santorini, or opt for one of our fabulous optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ***Luxury Catamaran Cruise w/ Greek Buffet & Drinks***

Experience the coastline of Santorini from the water during this luxurious 5-hour catamaran cruise including a full buffet meal, open bar, and access to snorkeling equipment as the boat takes us around to some of the most scenic spots, where we can either lay out on the sundeck, or go for a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear waters.

- ***Santorini Wine Tasting & Vineyard Tour***

Sip on Santorini's best wines during this 4.5-hour, small-group tour of the island, and 2-3 of its wine estates. Explore a vineyard with a local sommelier, and walk around ancient wine cellars in between tasting sessions. You will visit both traditional and modern wineries and have the chance to witness how Santorini's wine making has grown throughout time.

Overnight: Santorini, Greece

DAY 9, Friday, Sep 24 – Athens

This morning, fly non-stop back to Athens for one last day in

Greece. Enjoy free time or join us on one of the best cooking classes you will ever experience!

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

- ***Greek Cooking Class w/ Market Visit***

Immerse yourself in the culinary history and practices of Greece during this half-day traditional cooking class in Athens! Tour Athens' Central Food Market to purchase produce, then head back to the kitchen with your guide to prepare dishes using the local, fresh ingredients.

Sample Menu

- ***Dolmades:*** rolled grape leaves stuffed with fragrant rice and beef
- ***Tzatziki:*** thick Greek yogurt infused with garlic and cucumber
- ***Spanakopita:*** coil pies made from phyllo and stuffed with spinach and feta
- ***Imam Bialdi:*** roasted eggplants topped with a sweet and sour feta sauce
- ***Portokalopita:*** sticky orange pie

Drinking water and soft drinks are included.

Overnight: Athens, Greece

DAY 10, Saturday, Sep 25 – Travel Home

Transfer back to the airport for our flight back to Grand Rapids, including meals, beverages, and entertainment.

***Percussive Tours reserves the right to modify this itinerary if certain activities become unavailable**