

Epic Journeys, LLC presents...

# Exploring Greece and Its Islands

with Optional 3-Night Istanbul Post Tour Extension

April 30 – May 15, 2026



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**16 Days • 25 Meals:** 14 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 8 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Athens, The Acropolis, Parthenon, Metéora, Delphi, Olympia, Greek Farm Visit, Cooking Class, Greek Dance Class, Choice on Tour: Mycenae or Nafplio, Mykonos, Santorini, Ancient Akrotiri

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1      Overnight Flight  
Days 2, 3    Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens  
Day 4      Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka  
Day 5      Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova  
Days 6, 7    Europa Hotel Olympia, Olympia  
Days 8, 9    King Minos Hotel, Tolo  
Days 10, 11   San Marco Hotel, Mykonos  
Days 12 – 14 El Greco Hotel, Santorini  
Day 15      Holiday Inn Athens Attica, Athens

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Thursday, April 30, 2026 Overnight Flight** Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

**Day 2: Friday, May 1, 2026 Athens, Greece** Arrive in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring Greek specialties at a local restaurant in Athens. (D)

**Day 3: Saturday, May 2, 2026 Athens** Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, May 3, 2026 Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka** Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries\* situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

**Day 5: Monday, May 4, 2026 Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova**

This morning, continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

**Day 6: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 Arachova - Olympia** Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life in rural Peloponnese. Following the tour, enjoy a light lunch including a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 Olympia** Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Thursday, May 7, 2026 Olympia - Tolo** Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains on your way to the picturesque seaside village of Tolo. En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. (B)

**Day 9: Friday, May 8, 2026 Tolo - Nafplio - Tolo** Today head to the coastal city of Nafplio where **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -OR- linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)



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**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Washington, Inter-flights from Santorini Thira Is., Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

\*\*\*Please call for rates from other gateways

\*\*\*\*\*An Epic Journeys host will escort this tour with a minimum of 15 travelers.

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS

### Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,490; Business Class \$4,290

• \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

### Day 10: Saturday, May 9, 2026 Tolo - Athens - Mykonos - Chora

Early this morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry\*\* ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. Spend time in Chora (Mykonos Old Town), where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B, D)

**Day 11: Sunday, May 10, 2026 Mykonos** Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Or join an optional

excursion to the nearby island of Delos,\*\*\* the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. (B)

**Day 12: Monday, May 11, 2026 Mykonos - Santorini - Oia** Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels, and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. (B, D)

**Day 13: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 Santorini - Akrotiri - Wine Tasting** Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found

### Experience It! Santorini

Santorini came to be after a massive volcanic eruption destroyed the earliest settlements on what was originally a single island located in the southern Aegean Sea. The history of the island can be seen at the Minoan site of Akrotiri. Santorini is also known for its modernistic wineries, breweries, Cyclades dining, accomplished artists, and multicolored beaches.

### EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

#### Optional 4 Days 3-Night Istanbul Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,399.00 USD single, land only

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anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. End your morning with a tasting and light lunch at a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B, L)

**Day 14: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 Santorini** Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town center, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. Perhaps you'll join an afternoon optional tour of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island, followed by a dinner of flavorful regional cuisine. (B)

**Day 15: Thursday, May 14, 2026 Santorini - Athens** Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 16: Friday, May 15, 2026 Athens - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Book Now rates valid until Nov 01, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces that may be slippery, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation. You can climb three flights of stairs easily. Expect leisurely mornings with some late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

For those on the Ancient Delos optional tour, this will require a flat walk of up to 3 hours, and 1 mile, in the sun (weather-dependent), with no shaded areas.

Accessing one of the two monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

Luggage handling is **not** available when getting on and off the public ferries between Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini. You will need to carry your own luggage for approximately 200 feet each way. As the ferry is the main connection between the mainland and several islands, you can expect large crowds and personnel directing passengers to their destinations with a very quick turnaround.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings.

\*\*Due to ferry schedules on some departures, you may be required to depart the hotel as early as 3:30 a.m. Should this be the case, a boxed breakfast will be provided in place of the regular hotel breakfast.

Due to a limited number of tickets for the Acropolis, travelers booking within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

\*In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered. Women are highly encouraged to wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees, however, if you choose to wear pants, you will be given a scarf to tie around your waist. Men must wear long trousers.

Due to the nature of this itinerary, both 3- and 4-star hotels that may be located in the vicinity of historic centers will be utilized.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.



\*\*\*The "Ancient Delos: Apollo's Sacred Island" option must be purchased at least 10 days prior to departure. This option is subject to weather and sea conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

*Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>*

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of October 25, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 30, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until November 01, 2025.**

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DEPARTURE DATE: April 30, 2026

TOUR: Exploring Greece and Its Islands *featuring*  
*Classical Greece, Mykonos & Santorini*  
GROUP NAME: Epic Journeys, LLC

### Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

#### Athens



##### Athens Local Food Tour

**\$129** USD

Experience Athens as a local! Join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting the cuisine of Athens. You'll make your way through three neighborhoods in the city, full of hidden gems that few travelers ever get to see. Be welcomed into several local restaurants, bakeries and markets to sample some of the area's best culinary specialties and wine. Your guide will explain the significance each dish serves to the culture and region. You'll learn about common grocery items found in the markets and the importance of spices used in Greek cooking. Along the way, view the traditional architecture and see historic artifacts from ancient Athens that were recently discovered. This option does not operate on national and religious holidays when most venues are closed. *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



##### Walking Tour in Megalochori and Santorini Dinner

**\$115** USD

Travel to the southern side of Santorini to the small traditional village of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island, dating back to the 17th century. Embark on a walking tour through the narrow alleys and peek into the small shops, markets and churches for a taste of the local life. After your walking tour, make your way to a local restaurant. Savor regional cuisine during your delicious 3-course dinner in an open setting with breathtaking views of the rich, blue Aegean waters. Sit back and relax as you toast to your incredible experience. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Mykonos

##### Ancient Delos: Apollo's Sacred Island

**\$149** USD

Take a step into the past with a half-day excursion to the island of Delos, the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. After a quick 30-minute boat ride, allow your guide to introduce you to this sprawling UNESCO site. See how the Greek myths intertwine with prehistoric ruins, passing through narrow streets from the Hellenistic age. Tour the awe-inspiring House of Dionysus, a relic from the 4th-century BC containing ancient mosaics and preserved columns. Peruse the Temple of Apollo, the Sacred Lake, and the guardian Naxian Lions with your guide before enjoying time to explore independently. Take in views of the Sacred Island of Delos as you ferry back to Mykonos. Duration of guided tour is 90 minutes and is subject to favorable weather conditions. This option needs to be pre-purchased at least 10 days prior to departure. Availability for purchase while on tour is not guaranteed. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Extend your vacation with

### Optional 4 Days 3-Night Istanbul Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,399.00 USD single, land only  
4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### **Day 16: Athens - Istanbul, Turkey**

Fly to Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West, Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. The city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires – which is seen through its blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity. This evening, kick-start your exploration of Istanbul by sampling Turkish cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 17: Istanbul**

Discover the city with a local guide. Start your day at the Blue Mosque,\* where vibrant blue tiles line the building's opulent interior walls. Then, visit Topkapi Palace, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. After free time for lunch, continue exploring Istanbul with your local expert and visit Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Wisdom. Make your way through the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, surrounding yourself with artisan crafts, buzzing energy, and exciting vendors. Enjoy an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **Day 18: Istanbul**

This morning, take in the high-rises and minarets of Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The remainder of the day is yours to spend however you choose! Explore the local boutiques or maybe taste the culture through Turkish favorites. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional excursion to a Hammam Turkish bath, where you'll enjoy an authentic scrub and foam bath. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **Day 19: Istanbul - Extension Ends**

Your extension ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **Please Note:**

**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3.** This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

**Fully-guided** extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

This extension is offered on select dates and subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Please inquire at time of booking.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*No shoes are allowed when entering any mosque. Shoes are to remain outside and socks are recommended during this visit. Women will also be required to wear a head scarf; these are available at each mosque at no charge. Modest clothing is also required for mosque visits.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

All flights should arrive into Istanbul Airport (IST) and **not** at the Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (SAW).

Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive in Istanbul no later than 12:30 p.m.

A visa for Turkey is no longer required for USA and Canada passport holders.

Other passport holders need to obtain an E-Visa for travel to Turkey **in advance** at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Please consult with your embassy/consulate for proper documentation.