


## Itinerary

**Route:** 7-Day Beautiful Greece Tour: Athens + Santorini + Zakynthos + Peloponnese


**Countries:** Greece


### Departure:

 D1 Athens    Departure: 08:00    Meeting Point: Syntagma Square, McDonald's Ermou 2, Athina 10557

### End:

 D6 Santorini    Estimated Arrival: 15:30    Drop Off: Santorini Pier

 D6 Athens    Estimated Arrival: 23:30    Drop Off: Athens Piraeus Pier

 D7 Athens    Estimated Arrival: 13:00    Drop Off: Syntagma Square, McDonald's Ermou 2, Athina 10557

**Accommodation:** 4-Star Hotel Accommodation

**Guide:** Chinese Speaking Guide

**Itinerary:** Athens-Peloponnese-Zakynthos Island-Mycenae-Athens-Santorini-Athens



## Day 1 Athens Peloponnese Zakynthos Island




### Tour Overview

In the morning, gather in Athens and depart for the Peloponnese, where myth meets history. Visit [Corinth Canal], [Palamidi] and [Nafplio]. In the evening, we head to Kyllini port to take a ferry to Zakynthos Island. The reference ferry schedule is: 17:00-18:15 or 17:15-18:30, which takes about 75 minutes. Overnight in Zakynthos.



### Meeting Point

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**Acropolis open-air  
ancient theater**



**Mountain gate**



**Goddess of Victory,  
Athena Niki**



**Parthenon**



**Dionysus  
Amphitheatre**

### **[Acropolis open-air ancient theater]**

The magical effect of the Dionysius Theatre in the Acropolis complex is its acoustics. At the edge of the huge semi-circular theater, the audience can still hear the sighs of the actors as clearly as the audience in the front row. The theater has been in use for 2000 years and is still in use today.

### **[Mountain gate]**

Translated into Propilai, built between 437 and 432 BC, the architect Mnesicles, located on the steep slope of the west end of the Acropolis, is the entrance to the Acropolis, in order to adapt to local conditions, to create an asymmetrical form.

### **[Goddess of Victory, Athena Niki]**

The Temple of Athena Nike was built between 449 and 421 BC. It is also known as the Temple of Athena Victory, the Temple of Niki, the Temple of Wingless Victory, located on the Acropolis Hill. It adopts the Ionian column type. The base is 8.15 meters long and 5.38 meters wide. The front and rear colonnades are exquisitely carved. It is the architectural art of the Dorians and Ionians who lived in Athens. In the eyes of the Greeks, Athena is the goddess who represents wisdom, skill and victory.

### **[Parthenon]**

In the center of the ancient castle in the Greek capital of the Acropolis, on the hills of limestone, there is a winding rectangular building, the temple stands at the highest point of the Acropolis, which is the famous Parthenon in the world art treasure house. Temple, also known as the Parthenon. This temple has undergone more than two thousand years of vicissitudes. Now the temple has collapsed, the statue has disappeared, and the relief has been severely eroded. However, from the colonnade standing still, you can see the richness of the temple. The Parthenon is also translated as "Batnong Temple" and is the most important main building of the Acropolis. The name of the Parthenon is from the Athena's nickname Parthenon, the Greek Παρθενωσ, which means "virgin". On the column, the Parthenon is adopted by the Parthenon.

### **[Dionysus Amphitheatre]**

The Dionysos Theater in Athens is located on the south side of the Acropolis. It has two semi-circular theaters connected by a porch, which fully reflects the ancient Greeks' love of art. The Odium of Herodes Attius Theatre on the west side is still used as a venue for summer open-air concerts and theatre performances, and the Bacchus Theatre on the east side is open to visitors as an attraction. The theater was built in the 5th century BC and was the first place to pray to Dionysus.



**Meal:** Not included



**Accommodation:** Zakynthos Island



## Day 2 Zakynthos



### Tour Overview

After breakfast, we head to explore the [Navagio Shipwreck]. Between steep cliffs, crystal-clear blue waters, and pristine white sands lies an old, rusted ship. In 1983, the Panagiotis, a ship smuggling cigarettes to and from Sicily, Italy, was wrecked and stranded there. In addition, also take a boat to [Blue Cave], where nature's artistry has carved out caverns in the cliffs through the erosive power of the sea. Due to light refraction, the water in the caves presents an incredible blue, as clear as sapphire. The water is so transparent that the marine life, including seaweed and moss on the cave walls and sponges on the seabed, can be clearly seen. In the afternoon, you'll have free time to stroll through Solomos Square in [Zakynthos Town].

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### Note:

After assessing the risk of landslides and seismic activity, the Greek government has decided to close Navagio Bay for safety reasons, meaning it will not be open to tourists this summer. As a result, landing on the beach will not be possible. However, we can still take a cruise into the bay and take photos from a safe distance offshore.

If the weather is good, we will enter the Blue Cave and Navagio Shipwreck Bay by boat. If the weather is bad and sailing is not permitted, we will instead visit scenic spots in Zakynthos town or participate in other tour activities arranged by the guide according to the actual situation. Please listen to the notice from the guide on the day, and thank you for your understanding.



Nafplio



Corinth Canal



Palamidi Fortress

### [Nafplio]

One of the most beautiful towns in the area of Argolis (in eastern Peloponnese) as well as one of the most romantic cities all over Greece, Nafplio was the first capital of the newly born Greek state between 1823 and 1834. According to mythology, the town was founded by Nafplios, the son of god Poseidon and the daughter of Danaus (Danaida) Anymane.

### [Corinth Canal]

The Corinth Canal is an artificial canal in Greece that connects the Gulf of Corinth in the Ionian Sea with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. It cuts through the narrow Isthmus of Corinth and separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland, making the peninsula an island. The canal was dug through the Isthmus at sea level and has no locks. It is 6.4 kilometres (4 miles) in length and only 24.6 metres (80.7 feet) wide at sea level.

### [Palamidi Fortress]

Palamidi is a fortress to the east of the Acronauplia in the town of Nafplio in the Peloponnese region of southern Greece. It is a typical baroque fortress based on the plans of Venetian engineer Antonio Giancix and built by French military engineer Pierre de la Salle. When the Greeks overthrew the Turks the bastions were renamed after ancient Greek leaders and heroes.



**Meal:** Breakfast included



**Accommodation:** Zakynthos Island



## Day 3 Zakynthos 🚗 Mycenae 🚗 Athens



### Tour Overview

After breakfast, take a boat back to Kyllini port, where you will then head to Mycenae, named after one of the greatest prehistoric civilizations in Greek - the Mycenaean civilization. The archeological site of Mycenae was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1999 and preserves the magnificent remains of the city that ruled the eastern Mediterranean from the 15th century BCE to the 12th century BCE, playing a crucial role in the development of classical Greek culture. Explore the [Ancient Mycenae], known for the city of Agamemnon in mythology of the Trojan War. Overnight in or near Athens.

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### Shipwreck Bay

#### [Shipwreck Bay]

Zakynthos Island is a shipwreck bay on the Mediterranean coast of Greece, known as the world's most beautiful coast. The filming of "The Descendants of the Sun" was smashed by the smuggling ship Panagiotis in 1983 when it was transporting cigarettes. Shipwreck Bay". Steep cliffs and clear blue waters, the vast white sand, the white sand reflects the sun's rays, and the crystal clear water is intoxicating. There is a "blue hole" nearby that is very famous for its perfect combination of rocky seaweed and sunlight.



**Meal:** Breakfast included



**Accommodation:** Athens or nearby



## Day 4 Athens Santorini



### Tour Overview

After breakfast, take a ferry from Piraeus Port in Athens to Santorini Island (the sailing time usually ranges from 07:25 to 14:50, depending on the specific schedule of the ferry company). Upon arrival at [Santorini Island] in the afternoon, head to [Oia] to enjoy the sunset. The blue sky and ocean create a vast backdrop, while white houses perched on towering cliffs stand silently, waiting for every sunrise and sunset over the Aegean Sea.

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### Mycenae

## [Mycenae]

The Archaeological Sites of Mycenae and Tiryns, located in the Regional unit of Argolis in the North-East Peloponnese, are the imposing ruins of the two greatest cities of the Mycenaean civilization, renowned for its technical and artistic achievements but also its spiritual wealth, which spread around the Mediterranean world between 1600 and 1100 BC and played a vital role in the development of classical Greek culture. The palatial administrative system, the monumental architecture, the impressive artefacts and the first testimonies of Greek language, preserved on Linear B tablets, are unique elements of the Mycenaean culture; a culture that inspired the great poet Homer to compose his famous epic poems.



**Meal:** Breakfast included



**Accommodation:** Santorini or nearby



## Day 5 Santorini



### Tour Overview

Enjoy the stunning scenery of Santorini all day. [5-Hour Sailing Cruise with Meals Included](Optional) Sail across the crystal-clear waters of Santorini to reach the famous Red Beach, known for its breathtaking and dramatic scenery, and then head to the beautiful White Beach. Visit the unique Black Mountain, formed naturally after a volcanic eruption. After sailing close to the Venetian Lighthouse, the next stop will be the Volcano of Nea Kameni and the hot springs, where you can enjoy swimming, fishing, and dining while taking in the wild scenery and the volcanic atmosphere. You can also try diving or snorkeling in the clear blue waters. Snorkeling equipment is available on board. Afterwards, a fresh meal will be served, featuring local seafood and barbecue. An open bar will also be available, offering beverages. Before heading back to port and ending the tour, enjoy the mesmerizing views of Santorini and the clear waters of the Aegean Sea. (In winter, if swimming is not possible, the tour will typically arrange a visit to the volcanic island.) [Black Beach] Santorini's unique volcanic geology has created the distinctive black sand beach at Kamari. The long black sand beach was formed from volcanic ash deposited after eruptions and is a popular vacation spot on the eastern side of Santorini. [Active Volcano](Optional) Take a boat tour to the active volcano, where you can hike up to see the smoking crater and enjoy the natural hot springs in the volcanic sea before returning. Those who choose not to participate can enjoy free time in Fira. [Fira] Enjoy your free time wandering around Fira, a town full of restaurants, bars, and various shops. You can visit the blue-domed churches or relax in a café while enjoying the sea breeze and the fairy-tale scenery. Overnight in Santorini.

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**The order of the tours will be arranged according to the situation.**

**Note: When participating in the volcano tour:** It is recommended to bring a bath towel and wear swimwear in advance, as there are no changing rooms on board. Guests who cannot swim should stay on the boat to enjoy the scenery and avoid jumping into the hot springs. Do not wear slippers, as the volcanic rocks on the island are hot and rough. The temperature on the island is high and there are no shops, so please bring bottled water.



**Santorini OIA**

**[Santorini OIA]**

Built on the cliffs by the sea, Oia is the second largest town in Santorini and is considered to be the most beautiful place in the world to watch the sunset. Every day, thousands of tourists from all over the world gather here to enjoy the sunset. At the moment when the sun sets, time seems to be stagnant, the sun slowly disappears into the horizon, and the town suddenly becomes quiet and serene. . Everyone suddenly smiled with a smile on his face, quietly sending away the last glimmer of the sunset. Everyone was enchanted by the beauty of this world. Everyone could not help but applaud. They were convinced by the beauty of nature.



**Meal:** Breakfast included



**Accommodation:** Santorini or nearby



## **Day 6** Santorini Athens



### **Tour Overview**

After breakfast, head to the highest point on Santorini, where the island's first monastery is located, offering breathtaking views. Then visit [Pyrgos], which was the capital of Santorini until the early 19th century and is home to many exquisite Byzantine buildings and magnificent churches. After lunch, take a ferry back to Athens. (The sailing time is generally from 15:30 to 23:25, depending on the ferry company's specific schedule).



**Drop Off \*For reference only, the actual arrangement is subject to the tour guide**



📍 D6 Santorini Estimated Arrival: 15:30 Drop Off: Santorini Pier

📍 D6 Athens Estimated Arrival: 23:30 Drop Off: Athens Piraeus Pier

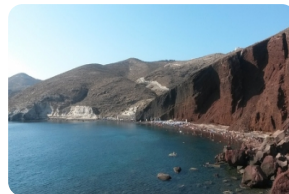
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**\*Note:** The ferry from Santorini to Athens is a large and slow one, which is less likely to cause seasickness and takes about 8 hours. If you mind the long travel time, you may choose to leave the group in Santorini and return by flight.

**\*Note:** Ferry services are subject to various factors, including weather conditions, sea conditions, military regulations, diplomatic events, strikes, or ferry malfunctions. In the event that the ferry service is canceled, we will refund the ferry ticket price, and guests will need to purchase their own flight tickets to Athens.



**Santorini black sand beach**



**Santorini Red Beach**



**Santorini Winery**

#### **[Santorini black sand beach]**

The black sands of Santorini are actually formed by magma stones during the eruption of the volcano. Kamari Beach is the best place to swim, the sea is clean and clear, and it is said to have a cosmetic effect. However, there are stones on the beach and it is not convenient to walk. The night here is the reason why this beach is famous. In the evening, the bars and restaurants are very lively. Many bars have live bands, dance floors and huge screens to watch the game.

#### **[Santorini Red Beach]**

The red sand beach is next to Acrotiri on the southern tip of Santorini, a beautiful and isolated beach. There are a large expanse of red bare rock, which is rich in iron and therefore has a fascinating red color that is more magical and dazzling under the sun. During the tourist season, the beach is always full of loungers, and the hot blonde is sunbathing here.

#### **[Santorini Winery]**

You can enjoy a glass of wine at your own expense, and it is also a great place for wedding photography for many newcomers.



**Meal:** Breakfast included



**Accommodation:** Athens or nearby



## Day 7 Athens




### Tour Overview

After breakfast, visit the [Acropolis], an ancient citadel located on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens. It contains the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historical significance, including the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Theatre of Dionysus Eleuthereus, and the Erechtheion. Afterward, visit [Syntagma Square] [Hellenic Parliament] [Tomb of Unknown Soldier], and witness the [Changing of the Guard Ceremony]. And finally you can enjoy some free time in the old town [PLAKA], incorporating labyrinthine streets and neoclassical architecture. It is known as the "Neighborhood of the Gods" due to its proximity to the Acropolis and its many archaeological sites.



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**Santorini volcanic island**



**Fira (FIRA) town**

### [Santorini volcanic island]

The crater of Santorini is a large, largely flooded crater located in the southern Aegean Sea, 120 km north of Crete, Greece. It is visible above the water ring of Santorini archipelago, including the largest island of Santorini (Thera), surrounded by Therasia, Asp Ronnie West Island, is the center of Nea Kameni.

### [Fira (FIRA) town]

Fira (also known as Thira) is the capital of the Greek island of Aegean, Santorini, a traditional residential settlement. The town has convenient transportation and many hotels. From here, there are direct buses to the towns of Oia, Black Beach and Red Beach. It can be said that it is the transit bus stop of Holy Island. Every season in July, August and September is basically crowded with tourists, many of whom are just married newcomers, come here for honeymoon, super romantic. The town is not big, it is very suitable for walking slowly. The layout of the town's alleys is exquisite, criss-crossing, up and down. The alleys are full of small shops selling traditional costumes, handicrafts, gold and silver jewellery, as well as many family-run small restaurants and cafes.



**Meal:** Breakfast included



**Accommodation:** Not included

## Price Explanation

### What's included

- (1) Accommodation: 3 or 4-star hotel (shared twin/double room)
- (2) Vehicle: coach or car (Note: depending on the number of applicants)
- (3) Driver/Guide: driver + tour guide (Note: If a car with 9 seats or less, there will be only driver)
- (4) Meals: breakfast
- (5) Ticket: Acropolis
- (6) Luggage: 1 piece of luggage weighing 23 kg and 1 piece of carry-on luggage
- (7) Others: Economy class round trip ferry tickets between Athens and Santorini (if you choose to leave the group in Santorini on the fifth day, the ferry ticket from Santorini to Athens is not included), round trip ferry tickets between Athens and Zakythos

## What's Excluded

- (1) Entrance Tickets: Guests can choose whether or not to participate according to their own wishes. The tour guide will arrange the tickets during the tour.
- (2) Lunch and Dinner
- (3) Tips to driver and guide
- (4) Single room Supplement
- (5) Additional costs due to force majeure such as traffic delays, strikes, weather, aircraft, machine failure, flight cancellation or change time.
- (6) In-house laundry, hairdressing, telephone, fax, pay TV, drinks, alcohol and other personal consumption.
- (7) Other items not included in the above "What's included".

## Good to Know

- (1) Special price for children:

2 adults with a child under 3 years old sharing a double room, children can get 35% off on the bed. Children occupy the bed at the same price as adults. An adult has a child who is the same price as an adult.

- (2) Bus front-row seat reservation, first come, first served:

There are only 16 seats in the front five rows of buses and 6 seats in the front two rows of minibuses. If we change to a 9-seat car, the fee will be refunded.

## Recommended activity reference (at your own expense)

Must pay	
Tourism Tax	40 €
Attraction tickets	
Volcanic island tour (tickets, round trip bus fees, hot springs, boat tickets)	60,00 €
Palamidi Castle	20,00 €
Mycenaean Ruins	20,00 €
Additional optional items	
5 Hours Santorini Sailing Cruise	Morning Cruise 150€ Afternoon Cruise 180€
Shipwreck Bay + Blue Grotto round trip boat ride	35,00 €
Lunch and dinner fee	

Group meal, six dishes and one soup	15,00-20,00 €
Greek local specialties	30,00-35,00 €
<b>Driver and guide tip</b>	
Tips per person per day for Guide	3 € From May 5€
Tips per person per day for Driver	3 € From May 5€
<p>The above is only the reference price, if the price is adjusted, it will be subject to the announcement at that time.  For self-funded projects, please cooperate with and obey the tour guide's itinerary.</p>	