



# Greek Island Sojourn



10 days  
Athens - Santorini - Mykonos  
\$2,295 land only

## This land package includes:

- ♦ 8 nights at first class and superior tourist class hotels with private bath, per person, double-occupancy
- ♦ Daily continental breakfast
- ♦ 4 three-course specialty dinners [D] as indicated in the itinerary
- ♦ Ground transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach
- ♦ All scheduled sightseeing
- ♦ Thera Excursion
- ♦ Transportation between islands by ship or plane
- ♦ Airport/hotel transfers, if airfare is purchased through AESU
- ♦ Private tour director throughout tour
- ♦ All service charges and local taxes

*Catch the sun and set your course for an enchanted journey to fabled Greece. Delve deep into the myths and legends of ancient Athens and cruise sapphire seas to enchanted Greek Isles.*



### 2010 Land Price

\$2,295 per person/double occ.  
\$ 595 Single Supplement  
Airfare & Taxes not included



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## Greek Island Sojourn Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 – TRAVEL TO ATHENS, GREECE

Sparkling azure seas and endless golden skies appear on the horizon as our overnight flight transports us back to the origins of civilization Ancient Greece. [In-flight meals]

### DAY 2 – ATHENS

Free time to wander amid fascinating temples and shrines to pagan gods, as well as Byzantine monasteries. Become acquainted with your fellow travelers at our welcome orientation and dinner of Greek specialties. [D]

### DAY 3 – ATHENS \* SHIP TO MYKONOS

Echoes of Sophocles expounding his philosophy intertwine with tales from mythology. Classical shrines such as the 2,400-year old Parthenon and Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and the first Olympic Stadium compete for your attention. From Athens' Piraeus harbor we board our ship for exotic ports of call. With seagulls following in our wake, we sun ourselves on deck and sail through fabled cobalt blue waters to the international jet setter's favorite island, Mykonos. Greek tycoons and tourists alike frequent old-fashioned markets and fashionable boutiques. Dine on delicious Greek food at our special Taverna Dinner before the non-stop harbor action beckons us to "walk the wild side" at the countless clubs. [B,D]

### DAY 4 – MYKONOS \* OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO DELOS

Today you are on your own to fulfill your "Summer Lovers" Greek Isle fantasies. Comb the sands or bronze your body on Paradise Beach with exciting opportunities for all types of fun water sports. Feed the friendly pelicans or lose yourself in the maze of alleys and villas that were built to confuse invading pirates. If you are up to exploring the surrounding area you may consider

joining our optional excursion: sail to Delos, the uninhabited island of Apollo's birth, where carved lions dating from the 5th century stand on cliffs overlooking the sea. Various teams of French archaeologist have been excavating here for more than 100 years. Back in Mykonos tonight "go native" and learn Greek dancing at a harbor taverna. [B]

### DAY 5 – MYKONOS \* SANTORINI

Gaze over the sapphire Aegean waters as we continue our journey after a morning of leisure. We approach towering red cliffs rising steeply out of the water. Dock at Santorini – "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Archaeologists have speculated the surrounding waters hold the secret of the lost continent of Atlantis. Enjoy your dinner after a walking orientation and don't miss the breathtaking sunset. [B,D]

### DAY 6 – SANTORINI

Today we ride donkeys up the cliffs and zig zag paths to the island's summit. Here the sparkling white village of Thera is perched atop the rim of an ancient volcano commanding the world's most spectacular panorama. The afternoon is free for basking in the sun, swimming or visiting the 7th-Century B.C. Akrotiri Archaeological Museum. [B]

### DAY 7 – SANTORINI \* OPTIONAL EXCURSION: GREEK WINERY TOUR

Enjoy the uncomplicated pleasures of Greek island life with a pure diet of sun, sea and fun or join us on another optional excursion: Visit this beautiful winery, established by one of the first wine producers in Greece, George Venetsanos. It is built right into the sheer cliff side overlooking port Athinios below. In the years past, this strategic location allowed the wine to be piped down the cliff to the docked merchant ships. The pipes are no longer in use but have been

preserved as a museum. Explore the winery's subterranean caves and enjoy a wine tasting on the terrace overlooking the breathtaking caldera - volcanic crater - and Fira. [B]

### DAY 8 – SANTORINI \* ATHENS

After breakfast we'll travel from Santorini back to Athens where you have plenty of time to hunt for souvenirs. [B]

### DAY 9 – ATHENS

Your free day may find you wandering along the very paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying your bargaining skills at Monasteraki Flea Market. Tonight, we visit the Plaka District to walk along narrow streets lined with lively tavernas where traditional bouzouki music is played. Enjoy our Farewell Dinner at a typical restaurant in Athens' oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis. [B,D]

### DAY 10 – TRAVEL HOME

Our Grecian Odyssey ends with breakfast this morning. Even Ulysses had to come home eventually, so wrap up your memories of a sun-filled Greek Isles. [B, In-flight meals]

**Optional Excursions** (not included in land package price) -

Rates below are PER PERSON:

- Optional Excursion to Delos on day 4
- Optional Excursion: Greek winery tour on day 7