

Greece and 4-Day Island Cruise

Day One

Board your overnight flight to Athens!

Day Two

Arrive in Athens

Leisure Time to Explore Athens

After meeting your tour guide, the afternoon is yours to familiarize yourself with your new historic surroundings. Enjoy the sights of the **Plaka** area and take in some Athenian culture at your own pace.

Overnight in Athens

Day Three

Coach Tour of Athens

Featuring the city's most significant landmarks, this guided tour gives you the full scope of this ancient landmark. You will experience the **Acropolis**, possibly the most important ancient monument in the western world, and tour its accompanying **Acropolis Museum**. Your next stops provide more ancient Athenian flavour, including the **Theatre of Dionysus**, **Agora**, and the **Temple of Zeus**.

Guided Tour of the National Archaeological Museum

This museum is one of the most in depth in the world on its subject, featuring collections ranging from the prehistoric era to surrounding cultural exhibits and Egyptian art.

Enjoy the Monastiraki Flea Market

Take in the area, haggle with a Greek merchant or two, and enjoy some light shopping to conclude your day.

Overnight in Athens

Day Four

Transfer to Piraeus

Begin Cruise of Aegean Sea

Leaving from the Port of Piraeus, you will embark on a four day cruise of the **Aegean Sea** to discover some of its beautiful surrounding islands. All of your meals throughout the trip will either be provided on ship or during your island visits.

Visit to Mykonos

One of the most beautiful Greek islands, it is believed to be named after a local hero who was seen as an offspring of the god Apollo and worshipped locally in antiquity. Long considered one of the world's most desirable tourist locations, Mykonos is an essential place to visit while in the Greek provinces.

Overnight on Cruise

Day Five

Visit to Kusadasi

This Turkish island features a guided tour of the marble ruins of the ancient city of **Ephesus**. This city was a center of power for both the Ottoman Turks and the Persians, serving as a primary location of trade in antiquity.

Visit to Patmos

Home to the Monastery of St John the Divine, this pristine location sits close by the **Grotta** where St John wrote the famous Book of Revelations during his exile from the Roman Empire. The book claims that it was here on **Patmos** where John received a vision from Jesus inspiring his writing. As such, Patmos is a destination for Christian pilgrimage and several monasteries on the island are dedicated to St John.

Overnight on Cruise

Day Six

Visit to Rhodes

This island has historically been famous across the globe for the **Colossus of Rhodes**, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. In addition to this spectacle of size and engineering, you will also enjoy a guided tour of the area and have the chance to see the **Acropolis of Lindos** with its incredible **Temple of Athena**.

Overnight on Cruise

Day Seven

Visit to Crete

This island, Greece's largest island and a popular holiday destination, is highlighted by a stop at **Knossos**, the centre of the ancient Minoans. This site features the **Royal Palace of King Minos** and the legendary **Labyrinth of the Minotaur**, the location that serves as the backdrop to some of the most enchanting myths in Greek culture.

Visit to Santorini

A more relaxing experience is in store for you on the gorgeous island of Santorini. You will be given time to explore the winding streets and charming villages lined with shops, restaurants and open-air cafes of this cultural beacon of the Greek islands.

Overnight on Cruise

Day Eight

Return to Piraeus

Visit to Delphi

This full day excursion to the site of the **Delphic oracle** awaits you, an experience that should not be missed. According to mythology, the **oracle at Delphi** was one of the most important figures both religiously and politically in the classical Greek empire. Her temple became a major site for the worship for the god Apollo, after legend claims he slew the Python, a deity who lived there and protected the navel of the Earth.

Transfer to Athens

Overnight in Athens

Day Nine

Transfer to Airport for Return Flight

Your tour guide assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

