Greece

Greece Glorious Greece



Officially called the Hellenic Republic, the mainland and islands of Greece lie at the juncture of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Its strategic position and the legacy of ancient Greece, the Byzantine Empire and nearly 400 years of Ottoman rule have shaped a long, colourful history of noteworthy contributions to civilisation as we know it today. Greece

is usually regarded as the birthplace of the first major democracy, the Olympic Games; western philosophy, literature and drama; political science and major scientific and mathematic principles.

A member of the European Union since 1981, modern Greece is a highly developed nation noted for its tourism, popular for its clean beaches and numerous archaeological and historical sites. With more than a thousand islands to explore, Greece offers visitors both history and hedonism in equal measure. Blessed with a natural beauty, all the islands possess the necessary attractions that contribute to a memorable stay. Mykonos, with

its cosmopolitan character and Santorini, with the most romantic sunsets in the world constitute just a few examples of the famed Greek paradises.

This is a land of majestic mountains and sundappled seascapes where stunning historical sites like the Acropolis in Athens vie for attention with Byzantine monasteries, mediaeval churches, crumbling mosques, Turkish mansions and towering castles left behind by invaders who came later. A day spent lazing on pristine beaches like Psarrou beach in Mykonos and Kamari beach in Santorini or exploring stunning museums can be interrupted for a taste of the famed local cuisine at fabulous restaurants.



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After sunset, theatre under the stars at Peloponnese and Athens rivals the famous nightlife on Mykonos. Tourists with adventure in mind will be pleasantly surprised by a wealth of opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, water sports, horse riding, mountaineering and the unusual activity of spelunking or cave exploration. In the winter, between December and April, Greece's slopes offer ski enthusiasts the enviable attractions of stellar views, endless sun and excellent après ski options.

Sightseeing

Athens, steeped in history; Peloponnesus, across the Corinth Canal, a land full of ancient Greek and Roman mementos; Mykonos, with its whitewashed houses and windmills.

Accommodation

City centre hotels, world-class resorts in Athens and luxury beach resorts on the islands.

Shopping

What you can buy - Gold and silver jewellery, folk art, textiles, pottery, leather, enamelware, onyx items and rugs.

Where you can buy – Shopping centres in cities, flea markets and souvenir shops in resorts.

Entertainment

Tavernas offering Greek food and bouzouki music; bars, restaurants and discothèques throughout the country and islands; many seafood and fish restaurants at Piraeus and other ports; major cities offer cultural entertainment, including theatre, museums and galleries.



Sports and leisure

Water sports and beaches on the islands – sailing, windsurfing, snorkelling, scuba diving, parasailing, jet-skiing, boating and cruises, fishing and golf courses; spa and beauty treatments in deluxe resorts; trekking and hiking on all islands.

Events

Athens Cultural Festival (May – September); Athens State Orchestra (November – December).



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Greece

Classical Greece 6 days/5 nights • Overland coach tour

Athens • Mycenae • Olympia • Rion • Lepanto • Itea • Delphi • Kalambaka • Athens

- Discover the architectural delights of Athens
- Discover Delphi, a major site for the worship of Apollo
- See the monasteries of Meteora

This tour unveils the secrets of the passing centuries - from pre-historic times through the classical period, Roman domination, the Byzantine Empire and the Crusades to modern times.

Day 1: Athens

Arrive at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Athens.

Day 2: Athens -- Mycenae -- Olympia (70 kilometres)

Drive along the coastal road to the Corinth Canal and the Theatre of Epidauros, before visiting Nauplion and Mycenae, to see the remains of the Citadel Palace and the Tomb of Agamemnon. Your odyssey continues through central Peloponnesus and the towns of Tripolis and Megalopolis to Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held here in 776 BC. Dinner and overnight in Olympia.

Day 3: Olympia - Rion - Lepanto - Itea - Delphi (210 kilometres) In the morning, visit Olympia and the original stadium where Apollo and Heracles competed and where Nero won a chariot race with a ten-horse team. Then drive through Eliad and Achaia to cross the 2.8-kilometre long Corinth Bridge, before travelling via Nafpactos (Lepanto) and Itea to Delphi. Dinner and overnight in Delphi.



Day 4: Delphi — Kalambaka (Meteora) (170 kilometres) In the morning, visit the archaeological site and museum in Delphi before departing for Kalambaka. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 5: Kalambaka (Meteora) --- Athens (326 kilometres) Visit the monasteries of Meteora, perched on top of 550-metre high sheersided rock pillars containing priceless specimens of Byzantine art. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia and Thermopylae, where you visit the monument of the Spartan warrior hero, Leonidas. Overnight in Athens.

Dav 6: Athens

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. You also have the option of extending your stay.

Total distance: 776 kilometres.

Note: When visiting monasteries please dress modestly, ladies should wear a skirt and gentlemen long trousers.



Tour available as:

• Coach tour - Includes 4 star accommodation on half-board basis.

Athens City of antiquity



To visit Athens is to discover the roots of Western civilisation, for it is here that the concepts of democracy, drama, philosophy and scientific investigation were born. In Athens the modern and the ancient stand side-byside – pizza parlours nudge 2,000year-old temples and cocktail bars compete with traditional cafés.

Places of interest: Athens' historic sites are mainly located in the centre of the city. The **Acropolis** and **Parthenon** dominate the skyline; the Theatres of Dionysus and Herodes Atticus have found new purpose as venues of the Athens Festival; the National Archaeological Museum

displays a comprehensive collection of antiquities.

For the family: Attica Zoological Park; Allou Fun Park; The Children's Museum; The 'Archelon' Society's Centre for the Protection of the Sea Turtles.

Best buys: Kolonaki for designer boutiques, Ermou Street offers one of the biggest shopping pedestrian areas off Syntagma Square; Mitropoleos Street for the Greek Handicrafts Organisation selling pottery, onyx, leather goods and hand-woven carpets; Plaka for handicrafts, antiques, souvenirs, clothes and jewellery.



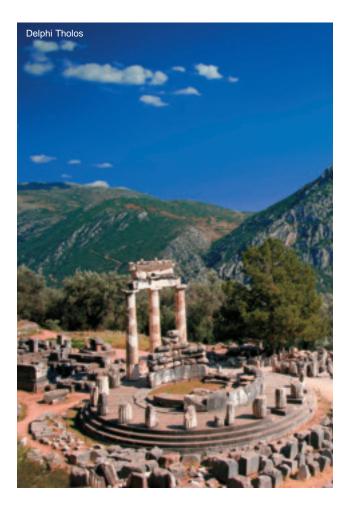
Out and about: Plaka for tavernas and cafés; Kiffisia, Glyfada and Vouliagmeni for elegant restaurants; the coast road in southern Athens for discothèques and nightclubs with Greek music; bars in **Kolonaki** and Exarchion Square, behind the Hilton Hotel, in the Thission area and the suburbs.

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Sporting attractions: You can enjoy a number of activities such as water sports, swimming, sailing and surfing on the beach which is approximately 30 kilometres away from Athens centre.



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Delphi Full-day coach excursion with lunch

Your excursion starts with a drive north-west from Athens across the fertile Boeotian plain – passing through **Thebes**, associated with the tragedy of King Oedipus and into **Parnassus**, a highland region rich in legend.

On the southern slopes of the 2,450-metre **Mount Parnassus** lies the **Sanctuary of Delphi**, antiquity's most celebrated and revered oracle. From here a



priestess would issue authoritative but cryptic pronouncements and the oracle's counsel was sought by heads of state from all over the known world, with kingdoms vying with each other to bring rich offerings.

A succession of mythical deities presided over Delphi, the last being a composite god emerging from the struggle between Apollo and Python. Thus, the **Temple of the Pythian Apollo** occupies the centre of the sanctuary site. **The Sacred Way**, a zigzag path leading up to the temple, passes smaller temples, statue bases and treasuries, including the magnificently restored **Doric Treasury of Athens**.

You also visit the museum, containing masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture. We return to Athens via the picturesque mountain village of **Arachova**, built on the south slopes of Parnassus, famous for its wines, cheese and attractive hand-woven carpets and quilts.

Your excursion includes pick-up and drop-off to the hotel and lunch in Delphi.

Hotel Grande Bretagne \checkmark

Location: Constitution Square.

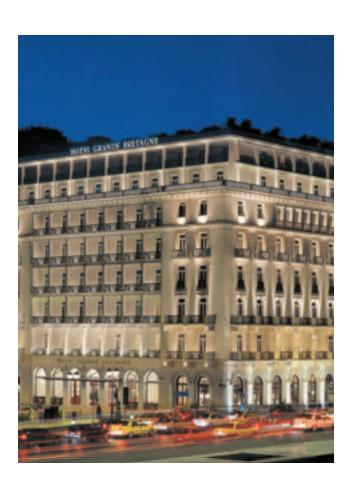
The city's fabled landmark for over 130 years, the Hotel Grande Bretagne is recognised as the 'Royal Box' of Athens, representing the essence of hospitality in Greece. Within a short walking distance from Kolonaki and its exclusive shopping areas, the Acropolis and the old quarter of Plaka, theatres and museums, this hotel enjoys the best location in the metropolis. Reflecting Europe's finest history and hospitality, it is an asset for the legendary hotels of The Luxury Collection. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 27 kilometres away.

The hotel's impressive spa and wellness centre is especially created for discerning travellers from all over the world to relax and refresh. Dining options include the Grande Bretagne Corner, The Roof Garden with an Acropolis view, The Winter Garden and The Cellar for private dining or wine-tasting.

Facilities: 327 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business



centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Classic Rooms: Airconditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar and safe. Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pools, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, solarium and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Athens Hilton



Location: City centre.

This modern, stylish hotel facing the Acropolis, is located on one of Athens' most fashionable avenues, within walking distance of the main business and shopping areas, museums and the Athens Concert Hall. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 34 kilometres away.



Facilities: 524 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, business centre, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Standard Rooms: These rooms offer an Acropolis

or city view. Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. **Sports and leisure:** Indoor and outdoor pool, children's pool, fitness centre, spa, massage, jacuzzi and steam bath. **Check-in:** 1400 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.





Melia Athens 🗹 🗹 🗹

Location: Athens city centre.

This luxurious hotel is centrally located and is within walking distance from Syntagma Square, the Old Town, Plaka and the shopping area which makes it an ideal base to explore the city. The hotel's restaurants offer an excellent choice of dining options. Enjoy the elegant room dècor made of sycamore wood, comfortable fittings and marbled bathrooms. Enjoy spectacular views from the unique outdoor pool overlooking the city with breathtaking views over the Acropolis and Lycabettus Hill. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 35 kilometres away.

Facilities: 136 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour

room service, business centre, Wi-Fi in public areas, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. **Premium Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, DVD, data ports, minibar and safe. **Deluxe Rooms:** Additionally these rooms feature a jaccuzi.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness room, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours/Check-out: 1200 hours.



Athens Ledra Marriott

Location: City centre.

Athens Ledra Marriott is located in the heart of Athens and is only 10 minutes from the port of Piraeus which is the gateway to the islands. With spectacular views overlooking the Acropolis, the hotel is only minutes away from the Parthenon and the famous Plaka area. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 35 kilometres away. Facilities: 258 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour



room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. **Deluxe Rooms:** Balcony/terrace, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi and massage. Check-in: 1500 hours Check-out: 1100 hours.



Grand Resort Lagonissi Athens

Location: Lagonissi Peninsula.

This stunning resort exudes distinction and elegance, surrounded by the clear blue waters of the Aegean Sea offering unsurpassed natural beauty. It is magically located on a beautiful peninsula, 40 minutes away from the heart of Athens and 20 minutes away from the chic, fashionable suburb of Glyfada with its variety of cafés, restaurants, shopping and entertainment centres. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 24 kilometres away.

Facilities: 281 rooms, villas and suites. 12 restaurants, six bars, 24-hour room service, nightclub, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, butler service, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms and helipad.



Mediterranean Bungalows with Shared Pool: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, flat screen TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor heated pool, fitness room, spa, massage, floodlit tennis courts, mini golf course, basketball court, volleyball court and mini soccer court. Water sports and scuba diving are available on request.

Check-in: 1400 hours/Check-out: 1200 hours.



Arion, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa



Location: Athens Riviera, Vouliagmeni. Located on a private penninsula as part of the Astir Palace complex, the Arion hotel offers a superior level of service. Guests can enjoy a relaxing sensory experience in total privacy at the new spa which offers undisturbed views of the sea, making it a perfect hideaway. All rooms, suites and luxurious bungalows with private pool offer the utmost comfort. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 24 kilometres away.



Facilities: 181 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms and helipad.

Arion Grand Deluxe View Rooms: Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, flat screen TV, data ports, minibar and safe. Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, water sports, mini soccer, basketball court and tennis courts.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



The Westin Athens

Location: Athens Riviera, Vouliagmeni.

Ensconced in surroundings that are an artful blend of modern design influences, guests at The Westin Athens can enjoy the best of the Athenian Riviera, just half an hour's drive from the city centre. This fine hotel combines beauty with luxury, relaxation and impeccable services. Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is 24 kilometres away.

Facilities: 160 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, business centre, kids club, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms and helipad.

Westin Grand Deluxe Sea View Rooms: Balcony, air-conditioning,



hairdryer, bathrobe, flat screen TV, data ports, minibar and safe. **Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness room, water sports, mini soccer, basketball court and tennis courts. Access to the spa at the neighbouring Arion, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.



The Greek Islands

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Jewels of the Aegean



The Greek Islands, each with its own character, offer a delightful balance of natural beauty, culture, history and lively entertainment. Mykonos, lying in the heart of the Cyclades, has pretty architecture and a sophisticated lively nightlife that swings with international chic and clubs that never stop. Mykonos has been the Mecca for tourists and adventure seekers and has been visited by nearly every celebrity and political leader. Santorini, also called Thira, is the hottest spot on the Cyclades in more ways than one. The crescent-shaped volcanic island's caldera is considered one of the most romantic spots in the world.

Here you can taste the charged air of the quiet volcanic nights and enjoy the views and the nightlife of the outer coast. The terraced ruins





overlooking the sea, dating back to the third century BC must not be missed.

Places of interest: Mykonos - Archaeological Museum of Hora for sculptures, vases and figurines; Santorini - Akrotiri, an ancient town of Minoan origin that was buried when the volcano erupted 3,500 years ago and Ancient Thira, located right at the top of the south-east peak of the highest mountain of Santorini in Profitis Helias, offering breathtaking views over the eastern coast of the island.

For families: Great beaches for families with kids.

Out and about: Waterfront cafés in Mykonos, as well as many discothèques, bars and nightclubs; The picturesque main town of Fira in Santorini with its blue and white architecture is beautiful.

Sporting attractions: Most island resorts offer a good variety of water sports as well as spas and fitness centres.

Please note the Greek Island resorts featured in this brochure are closed during the winter months.

Mykonos

Grecotel Mykonos Blu

Location: Psarrou beach area, Mykonos.

This romantic resort is designed in the typical blue and white colours of the island. Boasting one of the finest restaurants on the island, this spacious resort's location on a hill offers stunning views of the Aegean Sea and has its own private beach which guests can walk down to. Mykonos Airport is four kilometres away.

Facilities: 102 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shop, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes,



babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Waterfront Bungalows: Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, DVD, data ports, minibar and safe. Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pool and fitness room. Sauna and massage are available at an additional charge. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





Saint John Hotel Villas & Spa

Location: Ioannis beach, Mykonos.

This luxurious resort is located on one of the finest spots on Mykonos Island, in the picturesque area of Agios Ioannis. It is close to Mykonos town with its shopping areas and world-renowned nightlife and only 200 metres away from its own private sandy beach. Mykonos Airport is four kilometres away.



Facilities: 148 rooms and suites. Three restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Deluxe Garden View Rooms: Balcony or terrace,

air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. **Sports and leisure:** Indoor and outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage and tennis court. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Hotel Petinos Beach

Location: Platgy Gialos, Mykonos.

This elegant and intimate oasis of peace and calm is directly located on one of Mykonos' most beautiful beaches. The hotel's dècor reflects the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the Cycladic architecture and culture. Hotel Petinos Beach offers impeccable service and excellent dining options. Enjoy a candlelight dinner at the Blue Myth Restaurant with spectacular views of the bay and the sea. Mykonos Airport is three kilometres away.

Facilities: 24 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room



service, safety deposit boxes, babysitting and non-smoking rooms. Sea View Rooms: Balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, DVD, minibar, washer and dryer, tea and coffee and safe. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool and fitness room. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Santorini

The Majestic Hotel

Location: Outside Fira, Santorini.

Standing over the astounding volcanic caldera, at the entrance of the town of Fira, this modern and fashionable property with its minimalist style, blends elegantly with the landscape along the coast of the vast Aegean Sea. Santorini Airport is six kilometres away.

Facilities: 60 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, limited hours of room service, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.



East Rooms: These rooms offer a sea view. Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, DVD, data ports, minibar and safe. West Volcano Rooms: Additionally these rooms offer a volcano view. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pools, children's pool, fitness room, spa, sauna, Turkish bath and massage. Check-in: 1200 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





El Greco Hotel Apartments

Location: Fira, Santorini.

Located minutes away from the town of Fira in beautiful, natural surroundings, this charming hotel blends heritage and culture with traditional and colourful architecture. It overlooks the ridge of the caldera and is one of the most popular spots for fun-loving tourists. Santorini Airport is eight kilometres away.

Facilities: 92 rooms and suites. Restaurant, two bars, limited hours of room service, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Standard Rooms: These rooms offer a pool view. Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar

and safe. Suites: Additionally these rooms offer a partial volcano or sea view, are larger with a separate seating area and have bathrobes. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool,

fitness room, sauna and jacuzzi. Check-in: 1300 hours Check-out: 1100 hours.



Hotel Aressana Spa Hotel & Suites 🗹 🗹 🗹

Location: Fira, Santorini.

This elegant boutique style resort is centrally located in the Old Town of Thira, within walking distance of all sights of interest, shopping and restaurants. The islands' caldera is within easy reach, one of the most romantic spots in the world, offering magnificent views. The hotel combines traditional architecture with contemporary design, providing a welcoming atmosphere and excellent services. Santorini Airport is six kilometres away.

Facilities: 48 rooms and suites. Restaurant, two bars, limited hours



of room service, babysitting and non-smoking rooms. Standard Rooms: Balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar and safe. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, jacuzzi, steam bath and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1100 hours.

