

Athens and Cruise to the Aegean: Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes, Cesme Turkey [9 days]

from €1029

Embark on a journey through the storied landscapes of ancient Greece, where myths and legends come to life. Discover the birthplace of the Greek civilization and delve into its rich history, culture and traditions. Explore the Aegean Sea, home to some of the most beautiful islands in the world, each with its own unique charm and character. Immerse yourself in the local way of life, savor the delicious flavors of Greek cuisine, and experience the vibrant nightlife. This package offers a chance to uncover the beauty and mystery of Greece, where the iconic Apollonius Light guides you through an unforgettable adventure.

>> Departures every Friday from March 17th to September 22nd

Highlights:

Athens (Acropolis, Acropolis Museum, Monastiraki, Theseion, historical centre)

Mykonos (Little Venice, Lower Mills, Matogiannia)

Santorini (archaeological site of Akrotiri, Oia, Fira, Nea Kameni volcano)

Rhodes (The Medieval City of Rhodes, Mandraki, Lindos, Ancient site of Kamiros, the valley of the butterflies, Seven springs, Beaches)

Istanbul (Hagia Sofia, Blue Mosque, Top Kapi, Bosphorus, Fanari)

Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Athens

Upon arrival at Athens airport, our assistant will be there to greet you and transfer you to your hotel. The afternoon is free for you to relax and explore the city at your leisure. For those interested, there is an optional evening tour of Athens by night. The tour begins with a short panoramic drive through the city centre, where you will have the opportunity to see and admire the illuminated Acropolis. Afterwards, take a pleasant walk through the narrow, picturesque streets of Plaka, the old city, and end the night at a traditional Greek tavern where you can enjoy a delicious dinner and live music. This is a great way to experience the city's vibrant nightlife and culture.

Day 2 Panoramic tour of Athens

Departure for a half-day Panoramic tour of Athens, followed by a visit to the Acropolis. This tour offers the opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guide will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium, the Prime Minister's residence, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the Constitution Square (Syntagma).

As we make our way to the Acropolis, we will delve into the rich history of Athens and the significance of the architectural masterpieces that we will encounter. The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and the Parthenon, which symbolize the "harmony between material and spirit", are all architectural marvels of the Golden Age of Athens. We will also visit the New Acropolis Museum, where the statues and artefacts found on the Acropolis have been housed, providing a comprehensive understanding of the wonders of the classical era.

After the tour, you will have the rest of the day to explore Athens further. If you're a fan of shopping, you'll find a wide range of options on the main street of Ermou. And if you're a fan of local food, you'll find various restaurants and small taverns in Plaka, offering special Greek cuisine and wine. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 3 Free Day (Optional tour: One Day to Argolis)

Enjoy your day by strolling along Plaka with its narrow streets, which are full of traditional restaurants and enjoy the atmosphere of this vibrant neighbourhood or do a real shopping expedition to Ermou Street and the Kolonaki area.

If you feel restless you can take an optional tour to Argolis visiting Agamemnon Palace in Mycenae, Nafplion, Epidaurus. On this tour, you will have the opportunity to delve into the rich history and culture of ancient Greece as you visit the palace of Agamemnon in Mycenae, one of the most important centers of the Mycenaean civilization. The palace, built around the 14th century BC, was the residence of the legendary king who led the Greeks in the Trojan War, as described in Homer's epic poem, the Iliad.

Next, you will visit Nafplion, the first capital of Greece after the war of independence from the Ottoman Empire. The charming town, located on the Gulf of Argolis, is known for its well-preserved medieval architecture, including the Venetian fortress of Palamidi, which offers panoramic views of the town and the sea.

Your final stop on the tour will be the ancient theatre of Epidaurus, known for its impressive acoustics and architecture. The theatre, built in the 4th century BC,



could seat up to 14,000 spectators and was used for both musical and dramatic performances.

Return to Athens in the evening, with plenty of time to explore the city further, or to relax and reflect on the day's experiences.

Day 4 Cruise to Mykonos

After your breakfast at the indicated time transfer to the port to embark on the cruise. First stop Mykonos. We arrive at the island of Mykonos at 20:00. Live the Mykonian nightlife. Embark from Mykonos at 03:00.

Day 5 Cruise to Santorini

Arrive in Santorini at 09:00 and have a full day to enjoy the island. Santorini is considered the most seductive place for a romantic getaway in Greece, as there are not many places in the world where you can enjoy beautiful clear waters while climbing the edge of a huge active volcano in the middle of the sea!.Embark from Santorini at 19:00.

Day 6 Cruise to Rhodes

Arrive in Rhodes at 07:00 and have a full day to enjoy the island. Rhodes with rich history, emerges as a spectacular setting, able to exceed the most demanding expectations of every visitor. With natural beauty, dazzling alternation of landscapes, emerald crystal-clear waters and endless beaches with golden sands are harmoniously sculpted with a story taken from a fairy tale and turn Rhodes into a place of incomparable beauty. Embark from Rhodes at 19:00.

Arrive in Kalambaka for dinner and overnight, to be ready to explore more of the Meteora the next day.

Day 7 Cruise to Cesme (Izmir), Turkey

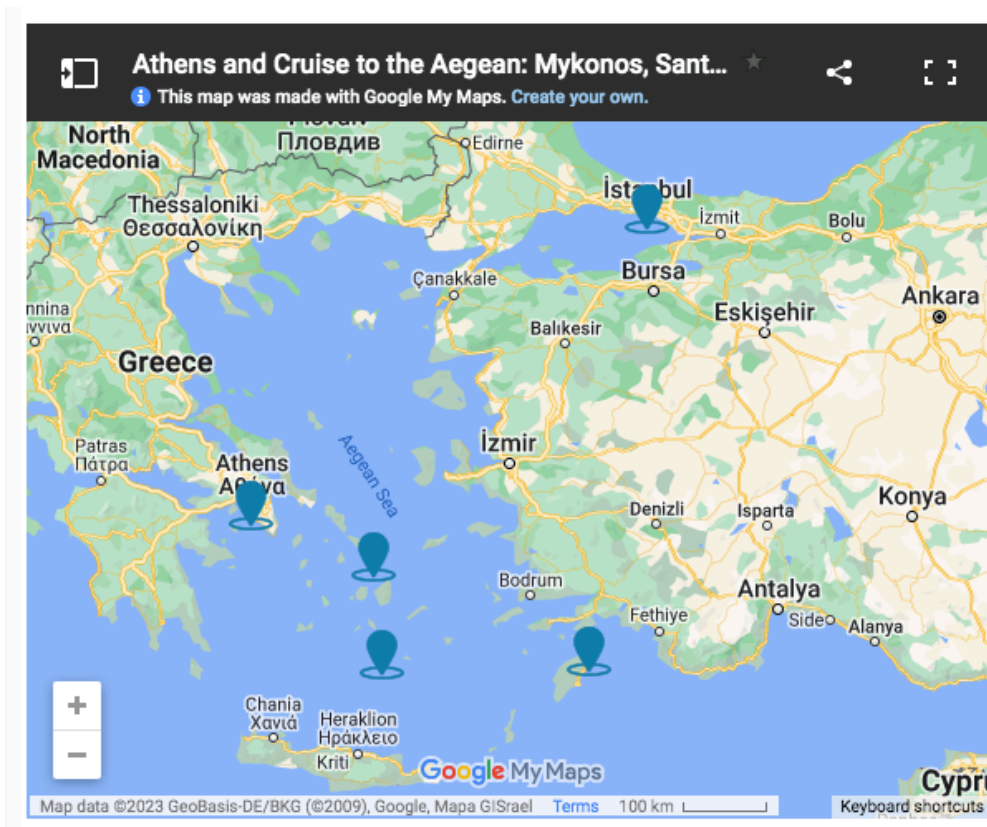
Arrive in Cesme at 08:00 and have a full day to enjoy Cesme. Seaside and manorial, with its aristocratic neighborhoods and a huge coastal front to the **Aegean Sea, Cesme** exudes the dynamism and charm of a city that respects itself and fills every visitor with feelings and emotions that make the trip a special experience. Embark from Cesme at 18:00.

Day 8 Cruise back to Piraeus

At the end of the cruise in the port of Piraeus in Athens you will be picked up and transferred to your hotel. Overnight.

Day 9 Departure

At the indicated time pick up from the hotel and transfer to the airport for the flight back home.



Your package includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers in Athens.
- 4 nights' accommodation with breakfast in 4* hotel in Athens
- Half-day Athens city guided sightseeing tour.
- 5day/4night Cruise in double inside cabins.

Your package excludes:

- City tax.
- Personal expenses (meals, drinks, tips).
- Optional excursions and visits (and shore excursions during cruise).
- Entrances.
- Drinks during meals in cruises.
- Anything that is not mentioned in the included section.



Price List

Departures are from Athens & include 4* Hotels on B&B basis. Full Board on Cruise ship (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Departure Day	Double Per Person	Single Per Person	Child Price (below 12)
17 Mar 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
24 Mar 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
31 Mar 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
07 Apr 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
21 Apr 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
28 Apr 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
05 May 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
12 May 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
19 May 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
26 May 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
02 Jun 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
09 Jun 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
16 Jun 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
23 Jun 2023	€979	€n/a	€n/a
30 Jun 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
07 Jul 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
14 Jul 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
21 Jul 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
28 Jul 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
04 Aug 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
11 Aug 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
18 Aug 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
25 Aug 2023	€1159	€n/a	€n/a
01 Sep 2023	€1329	€n/a	€n/a
08 Sep 2023	€1329	€n/a	€n/a
15 Sep 2023	€1329	€n/a	€n/a
22 Sep 2023	€1329	€n/a	€n/a
29 Sep 2023	€1329	€n/a	€n/a
06 Oct 2023	€1329	€n/a	€n/a

NOTES

** No Single or children reductions, minimum double occupancy.

** Rates are net & non-commissionable

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