



Gorgeous Greece

Tour historic sites such as the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and Delphi, the Monasteries of Meteora, plus see the islands of Mykonos & Crete

Sept 19 – Oct 1, 2026

Sat, Sept 19 – We are on our way!

Meet your tour directors Dea and Declan at the Saint Louis Airport for our flight to Greece. We fly on Delta through the night, so try to get some sleep. We wake up in Europe! **(Meals on Plane)**

Sun, Sept 20 – Onward to Mykonos, the gem of the Adriatic

We arrive in Athens & clear passport control before connecting to Mykonos, where we stay in amazing luxury, looking at the beautiful waters of the Adriatic Sea. Unpack and relax before a wonderful dinner, right at the hotel. **(Meals on Plane, D)**

Mon, Sept 21 – Exploring Mykonos.

After breakfast this morning, we enjoy a tour of Mykonos, the city and the island! From the picturesque streets of the old town to the amazing vistas of the surrounding hills and beautiful beaches, you will see the best of this amazing island. Make sure your cameras are charged! The rest of the day is yours to explore, or just enjoy at our fabulous hotel! **(B)**



Tues, Sept 22 – Cruise Rhenia and Delos, the sisters of Mykonos!

Set sail for an exciting day as we cruise the Cycladic Sisters of Mykonos, Delos, and Rhenia. Far less busy than Mykonos, Rhenia and Delos are famous for their beautiful beaches and archeology sites, including the place where it was believed that Apollo himself was born. Plus, enjoy a traditional Greek lunch on board, with plenty of homemade food. A wonderful way to see more of the islands of Greece! **(B,L)**

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Wed, Sept 23 – Island hopping to Crete

After breakfast we transfer to the port to head to Heraklion on the island of Crete. Crete was once home to the Minoans, recognized as one of the earliest civilizations, having built complex cities over 4000 years ago. The name they called their civilization has been lost to time, and so the name Minoan was selected after the mythological King Minos, famous for his labyrinth and its fearsome guardian, the Minotaur. The most populous of the Greek Islands, Crete has been a center for trade for centuries, having sent goods and even artisans to other civilizations such as Egypt. Our home is the Ibis Styles in Heraklion, the capital city of Crete. We enjoy dinner as a group upon arrival. **(B, D)**

Thurs, Sept 24 – Olive Oil Tasting

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning. Today we have a wonderful treat - an Olive Oil Tour and Tasting! The Cretan Mill is a family estate and a traditional olive mill producing wonderful olive oils exclusively from their personal olive groves, some 2000 trees which surround the olive mill. They make extra virgin olive oils by combining both ancient and modern methods of olive oil extraction with amazing results. This passion for olive oil led them to build their state-of-the-art olive mill, which after touring you will enjoy get to taste the results, plus learn tips to recognize the quality of the olive oil. Enjoy tasting 3 extra virgin olive oils along with 2 favored oils, table olives, Cretan sweet vinegar and petimezi with water and bread.



Fri, Sept 25 – Knossos Palace Archaeology Tour

After breakfast at the hotel, we head to Knossos Palace, the ancient capital of the Minoan Kingdom and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spreading over a massive area, it is believed at one point over 100,000 people lived within the walls of Knossos. The palace was first constructed in 1900 BC, and after an earthquake 200 years later it was rebuilt to an even more extravagant structure of over 1200 rooms, the complexity of which might have been the origin of the myth of the Labyrinth. However, the volcano that shattered the island of Santorini in 3500 years ago also laid low this mighty palace due to the subsequent earthquake. Rediscovered in 1878, it was slowly excavated over decades and is still revealing more secrets even today. Stroll through some of the rooms and see the amazing frescos that have been painstakingly restored over the years. **(B)**



Sat, Sept 26 – Arriving in Athens

Today we bid farewell to Crete and head to the airport for our flight to Athens, the capital of Greece. Our hotel is the Hotel Stanley, where you can see the Acropolis from their rooftop terrace, the largest in Athens. We enjoy time to relax before dinner this evening as a group. **(B, D)**

Sun, Sept 27 –The Oracle at Delfi

Enjoy breakfast in our hotel before we head to **Delphi**, home to the famous Oracle and considered by the ancient Greeks as the navel of the earth. Many of the myths and legends of Ancient Greece were connected to the Oracle, as it was customary to visit before making major decisions or to start a long journey. As we visit the archaeological site of Delphi and will see important monuments such as **The Apollo Temple**, the **Treasury of the Athenians**, the **Sacred Way**, the **Altar of Chios**, and many more! You will also pass by the **Castalian Spring**, where the visitors cleansed themselves in the sacred waters before they were presented to



the Oracle. After lunch on our own, we will continue to **Kalambaka**, a town built at the foot of the majestic Meteora and their famous Monasteries. We arrive at the Amalia Hotel, our home for the next two nights and enjoy dinner as a group. **(B, D)**

Mon, Sept 28 – Free time in Kalambaka

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before having a free day to wander this quaint town, with time to stretch your legs and just enjoy the day. **(B, D)**

Tues, Sept 29 – Up and Away to Meteora

Pack your bags and enjoy breakfast in our hotel before another day of adventure, beginning with the famous **Monastery of Meteora**. Once home to 24 monasteries perched on top of the sandstone cliffs, 6 of these monasteries are still active, one home to a community of nuns and five with monastic orders still managed by Eastern Orthodox Church, where visitors will be awarded a bird's eye view of the fertile plains below. The monasteries, or holy fortresses, were inaccessible for years to the outside world and provided a secluded sanctuary for monks. Meteora is considered one of the most unique attractions and beautiful areas of mainland Greece. We enjoy a visit to a Byzantine-style icon factory to take some replicas of the places we visit home with us. During our journey back to Athens we will pass by Thermopylae, the site of one of the most important battles of Greek antiquity in 480 BC. We see the monument of the heroic Spartan King Leonidas up close during a photo stop then arrive at our hotel, Athenian Callirhoe. **(B)**

PLEASE NOTE: Appropriate clothing is required for entrance to the monasteries of Meteora. Women are not allowed to wear short skirts or shorts and must wear long-sleeved shirts. Men are not permitted to wear shorts.



Wed, Sept 30 – Ancient Athens, including the Acropolis and Parthenon!

After breakfast in hotel we enjoy an exciting **city tour of Athens** this morning. Athens is a fascinating blend of the ancient and modern, and with a history extending back over 5,000 years, it is one of the oldest named cities in the world. This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Follow our expert guide as they take us to see the **Panathenaic Stadium** where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. We pass by the former royal palace which now serves as the Prime Minister's residence, guarded by the Evzones in their colorful uniform. We'll also have photo stops of the **Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the Constitution Square, Syntagma.**



During the **Acropolis** stop we visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: **The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and finally Athen's most famous landmark of all, the Parthenon.** Built in the 5th century BCE to commemorate the Greek victory over the Persians, it has served as a treasury, a church, a mosque and even a munitions dump for the Ottoman Empire until 1687, when the Venetians bombed it during the Siege of the Acropolis. Our last stop is the brand-new Acropolis Museum! **(B,D)**

Thurs, Oct 1 – Homeward Bound

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel before heading to the airport for our flight back to Saint Louis, arriving back in the US on the same day. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

Tour includes:

- Round trip airfare from St. Louis to Greece on Delta Airlines
- Wonderful accommodations across Greece, Crete and Mykonos
- Tour of Delphi, once home to the Oracle
- Tour the Monasteries of Meteora, perched high upon the cliffside
- Knossos Palace tour, where the legend of the Labyrinth and the Minotaur arose
- Tour of the Acropolis, home to the Temples of Athena Nike, the Propylaea, and the Parthenon
- All other Activities as indicated
- Baggage Handling Round-Trip from the coach to your hotel room
- Professional Tour Directors
- All gratuities including step-on guides, waitstaff at included meals, driver and director

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As this tour is an **Are We There Yet? Select Tour**, we will take no more than 30 travelers, and we have had many requests for this itinerary. If you want to go, please call our office and you can also email you want to go. We will allow 7 days for your check to arrive, or you can pay with credit card at the first listed above rate. Once this tour is filled, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your name, address, phone number, and all roommates' names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions. Final Payment is due Jan 8, 2026.

Airfare is based on current tax rate/fuel surcharges. A supplement may be assessed if they increase before final payment or if you book after the deadline. Call us if you want to fly from another location!

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