



## GREECE

# ATHENS, MILOS & SANTORINI ISLAND EXPERIENCE (TOUR CODE: 12002)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Athens

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 23 - 03 Oct 23

### EXPERIENCE

Beach  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Unveil Athens, the birthplace of modern civilization and Democracy and marvel at the awe-inspiring beauty of the Milos & Santorini islands.

## Highlights

- Discover **Athens** boasting many modern and ancient monuments like the Temple of Zeus, the Old Stadium, Syntagma Square, the Parliament and the Tomb to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the Library, and the National Gardens
- The combination of history, white-washed Cycladic houses, exotic beaches and of course good food combined with warm-hearted hospitality grants **Milos** the title of one of the top holiday destinations in Greece
- Sail from Santorini and visit its many beaches: **Red Beach in Akrotiri**, with the red rocks and the dark pebbles, **the White Beach**, accessible only by boat and **the Mesa Pigadi**, an incredible swimming spot!
- Be fascinated by **Sarakiniko**, an inlet of pure white rock formations sculpted by volcanic eruptions. The beautiful, otherworldly spot is one of the island's many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades!

Enjoy a full-day tour of Athens and unveil the majestic ruins of the old Acropolis. Then, proceed to Milos where you will be fascinated by the white rock formation unique to Sarakiniko and by the beauty of this island.

Finally, reach Santorini Island and experience a semi-private sunset cruise ride up to 14 pax while admiring the splendid beaches around Santorini.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Athens at Acropolian Spirit Hotel - 4\*
- 3 nights in Milos Island at Milos Breeze - 4\*
- 3 nights in Santorini at Cliff Side Suites - 4\*
- High-speed boat economy ticket from Piraeus Port to Milos Island
- High-speed boat economy ticket from Milos Island to Santorini
- High-speed boat economy ticket from Santorini to Piraeus Port
- Private transfers in Athens, Milos & Santorini Island
- Full-Day Private Tour of Athens including the Acropolis & the Acropolis Museum followed by Walking Food Tour
- Private Bus Tour of Milos Island (6 hrs) with food tasting
- Semi-Private Catamaran Sunset Cruise in Santorini Island (5hrs) with dinner included
- Entrance fees Athens: Acropolis, Acropolis Museum
- Entrance fees Milos: Catacombs

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Athens International Airport Athens

Welcome to Athens the birthplace of Western Civilization, the Capital of Greece!

Upon arrival at Athens International Airport meet with your English-speaking escort and transfer to your hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Athens at the **Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel**.



## Day 2

### Athens

After breakfast, wander **the landmarks of Historic Athens including the Acropolis and the New Acropolis Museum** focused on the findings from the Acropolis.

Ancient yet modern, classic yet creative, traditional yet constantly changing... Athens is a city of memorable contrasts. The past and the present of Athens unfolds before your eyes while we drive around the city's highlight spots and monuments like the Temple of Zeus, the Old Stadium, Syntagma Square, the Parliament and the Tomb to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the Library, and the National Gardens.

On the natural fortress of the **Acropolis**, reinforced by the hand of man, stand the Propylaea, the temple of the Winged Victory, **Erechtheion** with the Porch of the Caryatids and, towering overall, and the majestic Parthenon. A winding path leads to the treasure of antiquity. Visible are the relics of the civilization of which we are the proud inheritors. A few meters away from the Acropolis entrance and the Ancient Theatre of Dionysos, the **New Acropolis Museum**, built on pedestrian walkway of Dionysiou Areopagitou Street, looks like hanging between the past and the present of Athens.

Designed by Bernard Tschumi and Mihalis Fotiadis, the **new Acropolis Museum** has a total area of 25,000 square meters, with exhibition space of over 14,000 square meters. Made of stainless steel, glass, marble and concrete, materials typical of the Athenian environment, the new museum has a direct view of the Acropolis. With bioclimatic planning, which gives ideal lighting and heating conditions, the new Museum offers all the amenities expected in an international museum of the 21st century.

Proceed **on foot** to visit different spots taste local products like **olive oil, honey, cheese, wine, vinegar, liquor, and sweets**, all made by small producers from all over Greece. Next, it's a treat from the street, as you sample a **koulouri**, one of the all-time classic snacks on the go and then a cup of authentic Greek coffee in a wonderful old café. After this, get ready to duck into a boisterous visit to the central fish and **meat market**, where butchers and fishmongers compete for the attention of Athens' serious food shoppers. The old **Central Market of Athens (Varvakios Agora)** is located exactly in the heart of the city, and learn from your guide about the city's culinary history. You'll next visit **specialty food stores to try local produce cold cuts**, and discover some of the hidden stores to purchase tantalizingly **fresh fruit, Greek olives, cheese, ham** and other alluring deli produce, local wine, aged aromatized vinegar, organic olive oil and honey. Around the corner is the famous **spice street of Athens**, lined with traditional herb shops that also carry amazing specialty meats and other traditional delicacies. After that you will end up having lunch, tasting the **famous Greek souvlaki!!** & traditional spinach pie. Finally, a last stop to taste of the Greek specialty **loukoumades (Greek doughnuts with honey syrup and almonds)** and return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Athens at the **Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel**.

Breakfast





Day **3** Athens Piraeus Port Milos

After breakfast, transfer to Piraeus Port for embarkation to the high-speed boat for Milos Island.

Upon arrival around 10 in Milos, meet with your English-speaking escort and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Milos at **Milos Breeze Boutique Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **4** Milos

After breakfast, enjoy a 6-hour **Private Bus Tour of Milos Island**.

The trip begins from **Papafragas**, a cluster of deep-sea inlets and sea caves. It is located at the base of a pristine ravine that was shaped by volcanic activity. Wonder for a while at this picturesque location, where you can look down into clear

turquoise waters and watch some rather adventurous tourists swim and snorkel in the caves at the bottom of the ravine. Milos played a crucial part in the pre-history of the Cyclades and specifically **Phylakopi**, a settlement dating back to the Neolithic Period (9000 to 4000 BC approx.). While excavating the site in the late 1890s, British archaeologists discovered tools made out of obsidian, a volcanic glass similar to granite and the nicely decorated clay figurine of the “**Lady of Phylakopi**”. Introducing this prehistoric position which remained an active settlement until 1000 BC from the adjacent site of Papafragas overlooking the city's western fortification wall.

A short drive from Phylakopi takes you to **Sarakiniko**, an inlet of pure white rock formations sculpted by volcanic eruptions. The beautiful, otherworldly spot is one of the island's many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. Take a walk down the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach and take photos. Here, you'll feel as if you've landed on the moon. From there we will travel the road along the northern coast towards *picturesque Plaka* and its cobbled streets and alleys. Plaka is a classic Cycladic “Chora” with white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers, at 250m, above the level of the sea. Walk through the village to admire its traditional architecture and its stunning view of the sea from the veranda of Panagia Korfiatissa church, and you'll taste some homemade sweets at the village's famous local pastry shop.

Next stop, in the outskirts of **Trypiti**, lay the Catacombs, a sacred place for Early Christianity, a Necropolis and resting place of estimated 2500 souls. Close to the Catacombs is the marble Roman Amphitheater which you can only see from above because reconstruction works take place. There are still seven intact seat rows with a lovely view of the bay. Not far from this location, the site of discovery of Venus de Milo in 1820 (now residing in the Louvre in Paris).

Overnight stay in Milos at **Milos Breeze Boutique Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **5**

## Milos

Day at leisure to relax and recharge.

Overnight stay in Milos at **Milos Breeze Boutique Hotel**.

Breakfast





## Day 6 Milos Santorini

After breakfast, transfer to port for embarkation to the high-speed boat for Santorini Island.

Upon arrival in Santorini, meet with your English-speaking escort and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Santorini at the **Cliff Side Suites**.

Breakfast



## Day 7 Santorini

After breakfast, the morning is at leisure to relax and discover what Santorini has to offer.

In the afternoon around 15.30hrs, transfer from your hotel to the port and depart for a **Semi-Private Catamaran ride up to 14 pax**. Your Sunset Cruise includes:

- Welcome drink
- Snorkeling gear
- Towels
- Dinner on board: Seafood, chicken fillet, salads, open bar with local white wine, beers, beverages, fruits (Vegetarian meal available upon request).

Set sail from the picturesque Marina of Vlychada and enjoy sailing along with the magnificent coastal scenery of Santorini. Your first photo shooting stop is at the Red Beach in Akrotiri, one of the most beautiful beaches of the island with the red rocks and the dark pebbles. Move on and reach the White Beach – accessible only by boat – and the Mesa Pigadia swimming spot and snorkel in the crystal-clear blue waters with the rich underwater environment and reefs.

Then sail past the Indian Rock, the Venetian Light House of Akrotiri. Pass by the Aspronisi Island and marvel at the glorious views of the Caldera and the cliff-hanging white houses. Sail around the must-see Volcano coast and stop at its' hot springs, where you can treat yourself to a natural spa in the thermal mixed volcanic mud waters. One more stop follows up, this time to a secluded private bay and plunge in the majestic waters as our attentive crew prepares for you a delicious meal.

At the end of this unique sailing experience, you'll head back to the Marina of Vlychada.

Overnight stay in Santorini at the **Cliff Side Suites**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8

## Santorini

Day at leisure to discover what the stunning island of Santorini has to offer.

Overnight stay in Santorini at **Cliff Side Suites**.

Breakfast





THE BREATHTAKING ISLAND OF SANTORINI

Day **9**

## Santorini Athens

After breakfast, the morning is at leisure.

Transfer to Santorini Port for embarkation to the high-speed boat for Athens. Upon arrival at Piraeus Port around 17.00hrs transfer to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Athens at the **Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel**.

Breakfast



SANTORINI PORT

Day **10**

## Athens Athens International Airport

After breakfast, transfer to Athens International Airport for your departure flight back home.

Breakfast



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Greek

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro(€)

- Ferry times are subject to change and they will be re-confirmed with documentation.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package