

This tour starts in Greece's historic capital city, Athens. Visit to the world-famous Acropolis, House of Parliament in Syntagma Square, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus and the Theater of Dionysus before visiting country's most beautiful islands; Mykonos, Santorini. You will discover the sandy beaches, traditional villages and natural beauty of these sun-drenched islands and get happily lost in its vast and varied landscape and abundant treasures of antiquity.

ISLAND HOPPING IN GREECE

EDMONTON | ATHENS | MYKONOS | SANTORINI | ATHENS | EDMONTON

The beauty of Greece's islands is in full display in this tour that brings you to Athens, Mykonos and Santorini!

9
DAYS TOUR

TOUR PRICES: 19th May 2021

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Edmonton

C\$4174

Single Supplement:

C\$999



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TOUR LODGING INFO: 07 night hotel accommodation + 01 night on board flight

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

LOCATION NIGHTS SUPERIOR HOTELS

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Athens	02 Nights	Polis Grand
Mykonos	02 Nights	Petinos Hotel
Santorini	02 Nights	El Greco Hotel
Athens	01 Night	Polis Grand

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES :

- 07 nights accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Transportation in a deluxe AC vehicle
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- International round trip flights from Edmonton
- Ferry tickets: Piraeus - Mykonos - Santorini
- Domestic Flight tickets : Santorini - Piraeus
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local and applicable taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:**DAY 01: EDMONTON DEPARTURE**

Make your way to your gateway airport to board your flight to Athens. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Overnight onboard the flight.

DAY 02: ATHENS (ARRIVAL)

Upon arrival in Greece's capital city of Athens today you will be met by our company representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Athens

DAY 03: ATHENS (B/-/-)

After breakfast enjoy a morning city tour of Greece's capital city, Athens, that includes a visit to the world-famous Acropolis. The tour begins in front of the House of Parliament in Syntagma Square, where you will see the Monument of the Unknown Soldier before enjoying a walk through the National Gardens to see the Zappeion, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. You will then enter the Plaka neighbourhood of the city as you travel to the Acropolis, the ancient citadel overlooking the city. You will see the Propylaia, the Temple of Nike, the Parthenon, the Athenian Agora, the Observatories, the Hill of Democracy (Pnyx), Mars and Philopappou Hill, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus and the Theater of Dionysus. After the tour, you will return to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Athens

**Optional: Athens by Night tour
CAD 124 per person**

Fuel your appetite with a night tour of Athens and its port and then relax with a Greek dinner show at a typical tavern in the renowned Plaka district. It's the perfect way to spend a night out in the city of Athens!

DAY 04: ATHENS - MYKONOS (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

After breakfast, our representative will transfer you to the

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- See the sights of Athens on a guided city tour
- Tour the ancient Acropolis and learn about Greece's fascinating past
- Sail out into the Aegean Sea and visit the beautiful island of Mykonos
- Explore the picture-perfect island of Santorini

port for your ferry to magnificent island Mykonos. The island boasts splendid beaches, historic churches and quaint narrow streets laced with whitewashed houses, where artists and jet setters alike can mingle. Tall, white windmills give an extra romantic touch to his lovely island, which also hosts a plethora of tavernas offering traditional Greek dishes. It is truly a paradise for you to enjoy the sun, the sandy beaches and incredible nightlife. Upon arrival at the port of the island, you will be met, assisted and transferred to your hotel by our representative. The rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Mykonos

**Optional: Delos Excursion with Transfers
CAD 130 per person**

This half day trip includes the services of a professional guide to the sacred island of Apollo and Artemis, a famous political and religious center in antiquity. The tour includes a visit of the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the sanctuary of Artemis, the old city and the theatre and a walk down the celebrated Lion Street. Also, in the museum of Delos, visitors have the chance to admire Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman sculptures, a collection of vessels from all periods as well as items of everyday use.

DAY 05: MYKONOS (B/-/-)

Today is free, you may explore the many beaches and landmarks of Mykonos and absorb the ambience of this Cycladic Island during this day of leisure. You can visit the Mykonos windmills, Little Venice and the Paraportiani, or spend the day in the Archaeological or Aegean Maritime Museum. Overnight in Mykonos

**Optional: Mykonos Island and City Tour
with Transfers CAD 104 per person**

This half day tour will allow you to explore the town and the island of Mykonos with many learning opportunities. The tour begins in Fabrika square for the start of a walking tour of the town. First you will see the Tria Pigadia, 3 wells which until 1956 was the city's sole water source. Take a walk through Matogianni, the main shopping street and at the harbor front you can see the local fish and vegetable market. See the Paraportiani church, one of the most famous examples of Cycladic architecture and one of the most photographed spots on the island! Also see the famous windmills which were once used to grind wheat, overlooking the view of 'little Venice'. Hop on the bus tour with the first stop being Plati Yialos, a protected and organized beach on the south coast. Continue to the bay of Ayios Ioannis, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of Delos. The tour will make stops for beautiful photo opportunities before arriving to the village of Ano Mera, home to the Panagia Tourliani monastery with a beautiful

marbel bell tower. The tour ends as the bus drives back to Fabrika Square in Mykonos town.

Optional: Jeep Safari Tour
CAD 104 per person

See the hidden corners of the island of Mykonos where many of them are un-accessible unless by jeep. Enjoy breathtaking views, rural areas, beautiful beaches and the unique feeling of driving in a jeep! The tour takes you first along the coast to Houlakia beach and from there up to the Light House. From there you drive through the area of Marathi past the dam and Panormos beach to the bay of Ayios Sostis. Then, drive to the area of Ano Mera where there is a stop at Paleokastro, the ruins of a Venecian Castle. Stop for lunch (at own cost) in Ano Mera before a visit to Agrari Beach where there is time for a snack break (at own cost) and a swim! You will head back to Mykonos town where the last highlight of the day is a photo stop at the old castle above the city.

Optional: South Coast Cruise
CAD 124 per person

Starting from Ornos Beach, you will cruise along the south coast and see all the beautiful and famous beaches. If possible, cross over to Dragonissi island to see the caves. Stop at 3 beaches for swimming and snorkelling, snacks and pic-nic at Frangias, lunch in a seaside restaurant at Kalafatis, stop at Super Paradise. Return stop at Platis Yalos and Ornos.

Optional: Food Tour in Mykonos
CAD 143 per person

Enjoy this food tour from Chora, a marvelous settlement on the western coast of Mykonos where about 4000 people live. This charming area has over 500 stores including restaurants, taverns, bistros, bakeries, bars and clubs to meet the needs and interests of growing tourism! Your guide will take you to famous monuments, hidden gems that each excite your taste buds and spark interest for the local culture.

Food inclusions (subject to change):

1st stop: Greek coffee with delight.

2nd stop: Tsipouro & Raki, variety of Greek cheese, variety of olives, sun dried tomatoes, variety of bread sticks.

3rd stop: Herb Pie

4th stop: Pork Souvlaki, Mykonian sausage, Greek salad, Pitta bread.

5th stop: Cheesecake with cheese spread locally made, called Tyrovolia.

Optional: Luxury Sail Excursion
CAD 176 per person

As you arrive at Agios Ioannis Bay, you are welcomed with a complimentary drink as the crew informs you about the vessel and its facilities along with introduction to safety measures on board. Sail for approximately 45 minutes to Rhenia Island and enjoy an ice cold coffee, or other drinks as prepared by the barman on board. Soft drinks and mineral water are also included on board.

Once docked on Rhenia Island, you can do as your please: swim in the beautiful waters, sunbathe, enjoy a beverage, or take photos with the yacht! After an hour of leisure time, you will be brought a platter of cheese and breadsticks. Then enjoy numerous main dishes that have been prepared by the chef for this day. Lunch is served on board the vessel as you make your way to Delos Island, reachable within 30 minutes. Have leisure time before making your way back to Agios Ioannis, and if weather permits, pass Little Venice, a picturesque area of Mykonos.

Sample of the lunch menu (subject to change):

1) Mini sized Cypriot pitta bread with a choice between the following:

Chicken fillet, carrot and cabbage, parmezan flakes and mayo.

Chicken fillet with lettuce, diced tomato, yogurt and herbs.

2) Salmon roll in flour tortilla with herbs.

3) Mini Ntakos with tomato, feta cheese and capers.

4) Traditional home made herbs pie.

5) Choice of Seasonal fruits

DAY 06: MYKONOS - SANTORINI (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to the the port for your ferry to Santorini, the precious gem of the Aegean. Apart from the fabulous caldera villages, Santorini Greece is also famous for the romantic sunset, the volcano and the luxurious resorts. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy free time for you to enjoy this beautiful island at your leisure.

Overnight in Santorini

Optional: Volcano, Hot Springs, Thirassia, Sunset in Oia
CAD 91 per person

Start the day in the Athinios port in order to embark on the traditional boat (caiique). The first stop is at the islet of Nea Kameni, which is the volcano of Santorini. Here, you can have the opportunity to climb the crater of the active (but dormant) volcano which sits 127 meters above sea level. After some leisure time, you sail towards Palaia Kameni, hot springs which were formed centuries ago by Volcanic eruptions. You have some time to swim in the warm waters, which are often considered to have healing powers. Stop in Thirassia, the second largest island after Snatorini in the Caldera. The island, located opposite of Santorini, is quiet and unaffected by the large numbers of tourist arriving every day. Here, you will have 2 hours free time to explore the island, have lunch in one of many small taverns (at own cost), or swim in the crystal clear waters. Finally, you head to the traditional port of Armeni, where you climb the stairs to Oia village. Here you can explore the traditional settlement, wander in the narrow streets, admire the unique architecture, blending large Venetian houses and small cave homes, and of course watch the world famous sunset of Oia. After sunset, the bus will take you back to your accommodation.

**Please note there is a fee of 2.5 euros to be paid in person, on the day of tour*

Optional: Santorini Wine Tour
CAD 273 per person

This 5 hour tour can begin in the morning or afternoon, depending on arrival time in Santorini. You will be picked up from your hotel and taken on 3 visits to family estate wineries, where you can taste distinct volcanic wines. There will be a guide and presentation by an experience sommelier. While tasting the wines, cheeses and local bites will be offered as pairings. As you enjoy this tour around the island of Santorini, you will certainly learn about the unique viniculture and indigenous grape varieties.

**Please note that children under 14 years old are not permitted on this tour*

**Optional: Akrotiri Guided Tour
CAD 59 per person**

From 11:00 am you will be picked up for a 3 hour tour of Akrotiri. You will see sophisticated multi-story dwellings, an elaborate draining system, amazing wall paintings, buildings, furniture and other aspects of a highly developed civilization of the ancient Akrotiri. This is considered as the Pompeii of the Aegean and has been referred to by some as the historical basis for the mythic civilization of Atlantis.

**Please note there is a fee of 12 euros to be paid in person, on the day of tour*

**Optional: Dinner on board Afroditi Caique
CAD 150 per person**

This 7 hour tour will begin at 2:00pm from the Athinios port, after you are picked up from your hotel. Start by visiting the active volcano of Santorini in Nea Kameni Island, where you will have the opportunity to climb on the top of the volcano, see and take photos of the active crater and walk on its rims. Then, go for a swim in the hot sulphur springs of Palia Kameni created by the underwater powers of the volcano. The boat will then anchor close to the island and you will have the time to sip wine and enjoy a buffet dinner. The tour ends at sunset, as the boat sets sail as the sun retreats into the sea.

DAY 07: SANTORINI (B/-/-)

You are free to explore Santorini on your own. Today one can only look and wonder at the beauty created by natural destruction. The island of the lost civilization of Atlantis, where you can see unforgettable sunsets and panoramic views... thus the lover's paradise. The town of Fira's whitewashed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to a steep cliff, accessible by cable-car or by donkey ride.

Overnight in Santorini

**Optional: Island Bus Tour and Sunset in Oia
CAD 91 per person**

This full day tour will begin at 10:30 after you have been picked up from your hotel. There are many highlights to your day as you tour the island such as exploring the quaint village of Emborio, boasting wonderful windmills on the hilltops, fortified medieval castles, and blue domed churches. Discover one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, the historic settlement of Akrotiri, buried by the volcanic ashes during the 17th century BCE yet remained intact for 3500 years beneath the lava. Enjoy free time for photos at the famous Red Beach, well known for the unique color of the sand and soaring red lava

cliffs which drops right to the sandy shore and into the clear blue sea. Then, visit Perivolos Beach, one of the longest beaches in Cyclades and the most popular sandy beach of Santorini. Here you have free time for swimming and good food in one of the restaurants, taverns, cafes or beach bars of the area (at own cost). See the beautiful panorama view from the highest mountain of Santorini, Prophet Elias and take pictures of this striking view of the entire island. Later, you can visit a traditional winery and taste the unique local wines as you admire the spectacular view of the Caldera. To end the day, see the fantastic sunset from the beautiful and picturesque village of Oia, the most photographed place in Greece, known throughout the world for its quiet life, unique architecture and inspiring ambience.

**Please note there is a fee of 12 euros to be paid in person, on the day of tour*

**Optional: Snorkelling Safari
CAD 85 per person**

This 4 hour tour occurs in both the morning and afternoon, as you are picked up from the hotel. Take a guided snorkelling safari by speedboat along the volcanic coastline of Santorini. You can swim freely in the clear waters of the Aegean amongst the unique scenery and marine life of the island.

**Optional: Catamaran Cruise
CAD 221 per person**

This 5 hour tour occurs both in the morning and afternoon, as you are picked up from the hotel. Enjoy a luxurious time at sea, sailing the coast of Santorini from the south, passing the Red, White and Black Beaches. There are 3 different stops for swimming and you can even bathe in the hot springs of the Palia Kameni volcanic island. Depending on the cruise departure time, lunch or dinner with drinks will be served on board. For those who wish to snorkel, gear is provided on board.

**Optional: Seaside Mountain Bike Tour in Santorini
CAD 234 per person**

This 5 hour tour begins at 10:00am, as you are picked up from the hotel. Enjoy the services of professional and highly qualified guides as they take you on your full suspension electric AMT mountain bike (Bosch engine). You will visit Megalochori village and stop for wine tasting, along with a short tour at the old family winery of Gavalas Winery. Snapshots of your tour will be taken with a professional action camera and you will be provided with mineral water and an energy bar throughout the day. At the end of the tour, enjoy a private sunbed with umbrella for swimming at the black sandy beach of Perivolos.

DAY 08: SANTORINI - ATHENS (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-)

After breakfast you will be transferred to your flight terminal for your ferry to Athens. Arrive in Athens and transfer to hotel. Rest of the evening is at leisure.

DAY 09: ATHENS - EDMONTON (B/-/-)

Morning is free at leisure. You be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

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