

LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Tailor Made Greece: Jewel of the Mediterranean

13 days from \$13,795 per person

Private Journey

Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.

Experience the riches of Greece on a customizable private journey of must-see sights, including whitewashed Mediterranean villages; ruins that mark the birth of Western civilization; and the sun-drenched islands of Santorini and Mykonos, where you taste local wine and pastries, and absorb the beauty of the rugged, coastal setting.

Included with Every Luxury Tailor Made Journey

- One-of-a-Kind Itinerary Designed for You
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Exclusive Insider-Access Opportunities and Inspiring Sightseeing
- English-Speaking Local Guides
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

A&K Advantages

Experience the best of Greece, from ancient sites to stunning coastal landscapes on some of the country's most picturesque islands
Visit impressive ancient sites like the Acropolis and the Temple of Poseidon as well as the archaeological excavation of Gournia on Crete
Take in the incredibly scenic views on Santorini and Mykonos
Enjoy a food walk in Athens to discover the rich culinary side of the city
Relax and enjoy your hotel facilities during time at leisure on each of the islands

Itinerary

Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.

DAY 1 ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens, where you are met by your Guardian Angel, transferred by private vehicle to your hotel and assisted with check-in.

Hotel Grande Bretagne

DAY 2 ATHENS | EXPLORING THE ANCIENT ACROPOLIS

Accompanied by your private guide, start your day with a tour of the Acropolis — a complex of monuments that symbolize Athens, highlighted by the Parthenon. Conceived in 447 BC and dedicated to the Goddess Athena, it is one of the most important ancient monuments in the Western world. At the foot of the Acropolis Rock, visit the museum and, on its top floor, view the 2,500-year-old frieze created by the legendary sculptor Pheidias — an impressive sequence of carved stone reliefs depicting ancient rituals, sacrifices, athletic contests and musical performances — and then look out on to the majestic Parthenon itself. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure.

Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 ATHENS & CAPE SOUNION | CULINARY DELIGHTS & POSEIDON'S TEMPLE

Begin with a guided walking tour of the city to observe Athenians in their everyday lives and experience Greece's rich and varied culinary tradition. Visit specialty food stores to sample olive oil, cheese, honey and other locally sourced delicacies, such as *pastourma* (cured meat). Stroll through local neighborhoods and visit pastry shops serving Greek sweets. Immerse yourself in the colors and smells of local spices and stop at Varvakios, a picturesque food market. This afternoon, drive to Cape Sounion, where you tour the ruined Temple of Poseidon, believed to date to the fifth century BC. Enjoy stunning vistas from the temple's clifftop position and see where it has been marked with the carved signatures of many travellers over the centuries, including that of Lord Byron. Later, return to Athens.

Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 CRETE | A MYTHIC ISLAND IN TIME

Fly to Crete, where you are met by your guide and private vehicle. Depending on your arrival time, visit the Palace of Knossos, which belonged to King Minos and was the center of the Minoan civilization. Evidence has been unearthed of mosaic floors, the grand staircase and the throne complex. Time permitting, after sightseeing, you may opt to visit a local winery to enjoy a tasting of locally produced wines. Afterward, privately transfer to your hotel in eastern Crete.

Blue Palace | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 CRETE | REMOTE VENETIAN FORTRESS

Rise early to join your guide on a drive to Plaka, where you board a local fishing ferry to the island of Spinalonga, to see the remains of the Venetian fortress built in 1579 to defend the city of Elounda. The island was also a leper colony from 1903 until 1957. Wander along the ruined streets of this former community, learn about the people who lived in isolation in this remote place and visit the burial ground. Upon your return to Crete, take a stroll through the picturesque streets of Plaka, filled with flowers, tavernas and shops selling handmade wares. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure.

Blue Palace | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 CRETE | A DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day in this Mediterranean paradise completely at your leisure, free to relax, enjoy the many amenities of your luxurious accommodations or explore on your own.

Blue Palace | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 SANTORINI | JEWEL OF THE CYCLADES

Today, board a ferry to Santorini, part of the Cyclades island group and one of the most popular destinations in Greece, where you are met on arrival and privately transferred to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure.

Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 SANTORINI | WHITE HOUSES & WINE TASTING

The essence of Santorini is not simply its stunning whitewashed houses and chapels offering uninterrupted views across the Aegean Sea; it also has an extraordinary ancient past. Together with your expert local guide, explore the impressive Akrotiri excavation site. After the sudden and successful evacuation of its inhabitants in the 17th century BC, the Minoan town of Akrotiri was buried by a widespread Thera eruption. Subsequently, Akrotiri's buildings and their contents were naturally preserved under the thick layer of volcanic ash that covered the entire island. To some, this significant archaeological site is a fascinating Minoan center of commerce; to others, it's a Greek version of Pompeii, but true romantics believe it to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. Finish with a visit to one of the three best wineries on the island, which produces a truly unique white wine using the Assyrtiko grape, grown here in some of the oldest vineyards in the world.

Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 SANTORINI | A DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at leisure in this dreamy setting, relaxing and enjoying your hotel's many amenities and taking in unfettered views of the volcano caldera and the



rich blue Aegean Sea.

Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 MYKONOS | PICTURESQUE PARADISE

Board a ferry to the island of Mykonos, where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel. This evening, your local Guardian Angel reveals the charming town of Mykonos, pointing out the finest shops and nightlife hotspots.

Katikies Mykonos | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 DELOS | SACRED ISLAND

This morning, join your guide for a public cruise to the island of Delos. Now uninhabited, the sacred island features prominently in Greek mythology as the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Learn the captivating history of this UNESCO World Heritage Site as you tour the archaeological ruins of its former port.

Katikies Mykonos | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12 MYKONOS | RELAXING ON THE AEGEAN

Enjoy the last full day of your personal Greek odyssey at leisure, perhaps indulging in your hotel's spa and other amenities or basking beside the vivid blue Aegean.

Katikies Mykonos | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13 DEPART MYKONOS

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board your departing flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

DINE HIGH ABOVE ATHENS

Enjoy an extraordinary culinary experience high above Athens as your unique table is hoisted and suspended from a crane. Savor a five-course, gourmet meal and spectacular views spanning the Acropolis, mountains and sea from your perch 165 feet above the ground.

HIKE THE HILLS OF SANTORINI

Begin your exploration at the summit of Mount Elias, visiting the Acropolis of ancient Thera. Then, descend the historic Spartan Trail to the ancient Dorian settlement of Mesa Vouno (Hidden Mountain) and the 1,000-year-old church of Episkopi, concluding your hike in the main square of Megalochori.

Dates & Prices

Jun–Sept; Priced from \$15,195

May, Oct; Priced from \$13,795

Internal Air from \$525

Athens/Crete (Heraklion)

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