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13 Fascinating Days **Rhodes to Athens**

Leisurely Greek Islands - Rhodes, Crete, Santorini & Mykonos

Explore the iconic Greek Islands

An island hopping journey through the historic sites of Rhodes, Crete, Mykonos and Santorini to the ancient capital of Athens

Spend 10 nights on 4 iconic Greek Islands - Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos, before your finale in Athens. Come with us on a 4WD Cretan Mountain excursion, dine in a Crete Mountain village, enjoy a wine pairing lunch on a cool Santorini winery terrace, and a picnic lunch at an olive oil farm on Mykonos. Visit magical Lindos and Agios Nikolaos, walk with us through the whitewashed alleys on Mykonos, bathe in the golden glow of the famous Santorini sunset.

For guests wishing to add a fabulous tour of Turkey, please explore the 24-night tour here.

Travel in first-class air-conditioned coaches for all transfers and sightseeing tours & inter-island ferries in Greece
Economy class flights Rhodes to Crete, 23 kg checked luggage and 1 piece of hand luggage per person on each flight.

A complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
21 meals including breakfast daily (B), 3 lunches (L) and 6 evening meals (D)
Welcome drink on Day 1

Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
12 nights specially selected hotel accommodation
Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager throughout Greece
Local guides as described in the itinerary

Hand Selected Albatross Inclusions : Visit the Palace of the Knights of St John in Rhodes Old Town and the picturesque village of Lindos, Crete 4WD mountain expedition and lunch, wine tasting lunch in Santorini and Olive Oil farm visit and lunch in Mykonos, and explore Athens with a local guide
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described


Aegean Sea
Greece
2
Athens
2
Mykonos
Santorini
2
3
Rhodes
Lindos
Heraklion
3
Crete
Agios
Nikolaos
Knossos
Mountain
Excursion
Tour commences
3
Nights
Included excursions

Rhodes

Day 1 | **Rhodes Plaza Hotel, Rhodes** | **D**

Your tour commences this evening in Rhodes. Join your Tour Manager and fellow passengers for a welcome drink and dinner in your hotel.

Imagine... 10 glorious nights spent island hopping through the idyllic Greek islands. Spend three nights on both Rhodes and Crete and two nights each on the fabulous islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Using a combination of flights and inter-island ferries you will be introduced to so many of the classical sights as well as ample 'My Time' to relax and savour the atmosphere of the white-washed villages, Greek tavernas and incredible sunsets.

Rhodes, the Knights of St John and 'My Time'

Day 2 | **Rhodes Plaza Hotel, Rhodes** | **B,D**

The first thing you notice about Rhodes city is the massive, perfectly preserved walls and moats that protected the city 600 years ago. After a very leisurely breakfast we are joined by our expert local guide for a walking tour of the Old Rhodes town. First stop will be down at the pretty port where the 'Wonder of the Ancient World', the Colossus of Rhodes, reputably stood astride the harbour entrance. Then we venture into the gorgeous old town with its shady squares, cafes and winding alleys. Highlight of your day will be a visit to the Palace of the Knights of St John. Your afternoon and evening is entirely free – 'My Time' to explore this world heritage listed city treasure. Packed with shops, bars, restaurants oozing character and that laid back Rhodos/Greek style. This is where the fabulous location of our hotel just outside the old city walls really pays dividends.

Picturesque Lindos, the Acropolis and 'My Time'

Day 3 | **Rhodes Plaza Hotel, Rhodes** | **B,D**

Let's go explore the island. After a leisurely start we follow the coast to explore the picturesque, ancient village of Lindos, with its perfectly preserved medieval character, pebble-covered streets and whitewashed houses built overlooking the sea. We have included a visit to its striking Acropolis towering above the town. Returning to Rhodes town mid-afternoon, the rest of your day is 'My Time', at leisure to explore and do your own thing.

Flight to Heraklion in Crete

Day 4 | **Hotel Megaron, Crete** | **B,D**

Today we fly to Heraklion in Crete where we stay the next three nights. Crete is the largest of the Greek Islands and a crossroads of many civilisations. Crete is teaming with glorious beaches, impressive mountain villages where customs and traditions remain unchanged, and fertile valleys that boast a rich gastronomic culture. On arrival we transfer to our 5-star hotel which is ideally located in the centre, overlooking the old Venetian harbour. Dinner is included in your hotel.

Minoan Knossos, pretty Agios Nickolaos

Day 5 | **Hotel Megaron, Crete** | **B**

To the cradle of an ancient civilisation – we visit the Minoan city and Palace of Knossos. Dating back 3,000 years the ruins of this bronze age city are dominated by the Royal Palace which covers a massive 3 acres. Capital of the Minoan civilisation, it was also made famous by the Greek story of Theseus, a Prince from Athens and the Minotaur. In around 1350 BC it was all destroyed, likely from a tidal wave from the enormous earthquake that devastated Thira, Santorini, our next island visit. Lunchtime will be enjoyed relaxing in the pretty port of Agios Nikolaos. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore Heraklion's medieval old town. There are some fantastic walks from the castle and the old fishing port, and up through this Cretan capital.

4WD adventure, lunch in the Cretan mountains

Day 6 | **Hotel Megaron, Crete** | **B,L**

What a special day we have planned deep in the Cretan Mountains! Splitting into groups of 5 or 6 we board a series of large 4WDs for our 'safari' into the wild and rugged hinterland. First visit will be a small family run shepherd's farm where goats are to be milked, cheese tasted and home-made raki (clear brandy) mixed with honey and cinnamon will be sampled. Delicious! Next stop will be the sunken village of Sfendili, before driving right over the wild mountains, past lines of old and battered windmills into the fertile plateau at the top. Stepping back to the time of myths, we may have the opportunity to visit a cave which is the fabled birthplace of the God Zeus*. Now for lunch, which will be enjoyed on the terrace of a taverna in a little Greek mountain village. What fun! Mid to late afternoon we will arrive back at Heraklion and our late afternoon and evening will be completely free. Maybe stroll into the lively old town, packed with cafes and bars and restaurants or relax in one of the waterside restaurants opposite our hotel. What a brilliant and unique Cretan day!

**Cave of Zeus visit subject to caves reopening following closure for renovation.*

Fira, Akrotiri, sunset in Santorini

Day 7 | **Santorini Palace Hotel - Firostefani, Santorini** | **B,L**

This morning, we catch a high-speed ferry from Heraklion to Santorini. As we near the island you will you wonder at the rising volcanic cliffs and understand why Santorini has become known as perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. On arrival we are met by a local guide who will take us to the cliff top ruins of the old capital town of Akrotiri. Time to eat, so we have included a wine tasting and lunch. Afterwards we settle into our superb hotel on the edge of town.

The rest of the day, the evening and most of tomorrow is 'My Time' - yours to soak up the ambience of this unique island. Nearby our hotel is the town of Fira, with its white-washed houses, narrow streets, and open-air cafes, all of which cling to steep cliffs. The evenings in Santorini are made for sitting atop the 'Caldera' enjoying the serenity of the spectacular Santorini sunset.

Oia, 'My Time', another Santorini sunset

Day 8 | **Santorini Palace Hotel - Firostefani, Santorini** | **B**

This morning, we have included a brief guided walking tour of the other, smaller cliff top town of Oia. Then the rest of the day is all yours, here in Oia, back in Fira or relaxing around the pool in your excellent hotel. 'My Time' in a truly spectacular location. Tonight... another famous Santorini sunset!

The white-washed alleys and windmills of Mykonos

Day 9 | **Petasos Beach Resort, Mykonos** | **B,D**

Mid-morning we board another high-speed ferry to the picturesque island of Mykonos. In the afternoon we will enjoy a locally guided walking tour of the iconic, white-washed alleys, blue painted windows and doorways set against vibrant, climbing bougainvillea, and photogenic 16 century windmills that has made this island so famous.

Your hotel for the next two nights, the Petasos Beach Hotel and Spa stands on a private peninsula, with its own private beach. From its elevated position it has stunning panoramic sea views across the Aegean. An amazing hotel experience. Dinner is included in your hotel.

Olive oil farm, wine tasting and lunch

Day 10 | **Petasos Beach Resort, Mykonos** | **B,L**

Rather than have a whole day free we thought we would go somewhere special for lunch. So, we have included a visit to an olive oil farm with tour and tasting & a light lunch. What a delightful way to interrupt the day! The rest of the day is free to relax and savour this iconic island Mykonos - Queen of the Cyclades Islands.

Athens – another 'Cradle of Civilisation'

Day 11 | **Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens** | **B**

Your morning is at leisure. Mid-afternoon we take the high-speed ferry from Mykonos to Athens. On arrival we are transferred to our hotel, where we stay for the final two nights of this extraordinary tour. Your evening is at leisure.

The Acropolis, Olympic Stadium and Farewell Dinner

Day 12 | **Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens** | **B,D**

There are so many incredible sights that we take in today on our guided tour of Athens. Highlights will be visits to the Olympic stadium, a walking tour of the Plaka area, and naturally a visit to the incredible Acropolis, perched high above the city on the rocky hill. Dominating the skyline is the massive Parthenon. Truly a 'Cradle of Civilisation'! Your afternoon is at leisure to explore at your own pace. Tonight, we have included a Farewell dinner in the rooftop restaurant of our hotel.

Tour ends

Day 13 | **Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens** | **B**

Your tour ends today after breakfast in your hotel.

Hand Selected Inclusions

These are just a few of the very special hand selected inclusions that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Palace of the Knights
A journey through the Street of the Knights



Village of Lindos
The Historical Contrast



Crete
4WD Adventure



Santorini
Cliff Top Towns, Wine Tasting & Sunsets



Mykonos
Lunch at an Olive Oil Farm



Athens - birthplace of Western civilisation
The Mighty Acropolis!

Dates and Prices

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Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
15 May 2027	27 May 2027	AUD$17,487	AUD$22,487	✓	Space Available
18 Sep 2027	30 Sep 2027	AUD$17,487	AUD$22,487	✓	Space Available
13 May 2028	25 May 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
16 Sep 2028	28 Sep 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register

* The itinerary, inclusions and hotels featured are based on 2027 tour departures and may be subject to change. Any questions, please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- In mid-summer, the heat may be energy sapping.
- There are a number of beautiful towns and historic sites we visit which require exploring on foot.
- You will be required to hop on and off 4WD vehicles
- Between the Greek Islands we will be hopping on and off superfast ferries. 3 of them, plus a more standard ferry. Porterage or assistance is unavailable. Whilst not actually very difficult to do I do need to point out that you must be able to wheel your own bags on and off the ferries without assistance
- During your 3-night stay in Crete we have included an exciting 4WD adventure deep into the Cretan mountains. During the day, one of the many stops will be so you can visit the cave where the Greek God Zeus was reputably born. To access the actual cave entrance is reasonably physically challenging and you will require both fitness and mobility. If you choose not to visit the cave there are several typical Cretan cafes and restaurants in the village for you to enjoy a relaxing coffee or beverage. For those of you that do wish to visit the cave, there is an 800 metres uphill walk from the village (and back down again!) to the entrance of the cave, the majority of which is a well paved sloping walkway. The last section of the pathway is rough stone stepped. The decent into the cave is via 240 concrete steps with secure iron railings. Please note that the cave air can be damp, some steps may be a little slippery, and so surefootedness is a necessity. The choice to visit the cave is entirely yours and whether you decide to do so or not, it is only one part of an incredibly thrilling day out in the Cretan Mountains. As a note, knowing some travellers will opt not visit the cave, the modest entrance fee into the cave is not included.

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

Terms & Conditions

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