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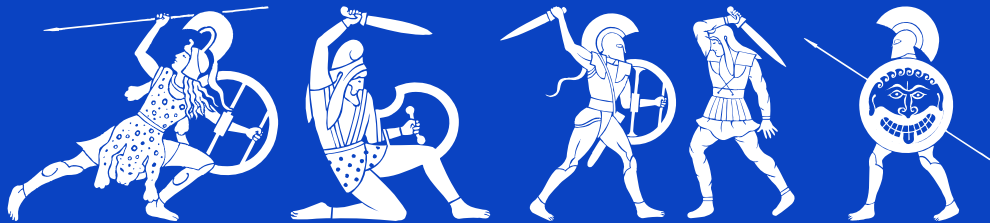


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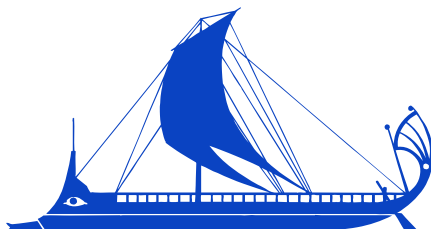
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DAY BY DAY SUMMARY

1	Monday September 2, 2019	Depart DC by car at 11:30 am Arrive at Philadelphia by 2:00, Park Depart PHL at 4:30 pm	Overnight trip to Athens
2	Tuesday September 3, 2019	Arrive Athens at 9:15 am Taxi to Hotel Explore Monastiraki and Plaka Free Night in Plaka	Live in Athens Acropolis Athens Suite with Private Terrace
3	Wednesday September 4, 2019	Meet guide at Monastiraki at 8:00 am Hidden Gems and Acropolis Private Tour Rest in hotel. Lunch. Acropolis Museum Free Night	Live in Athens Acropolis Athens Suite with Private Terrace
4	Thursday September 5, 2019	Free Morning Lunch, Nat'l Archaeological Museum Free Night	Live in Athens Acropolis Athens Suite with Private Terrace
5	Friday September 6, 2019	Check out 6:00. Depart Piraeus Port Ferry to Santorini 7:01 am – 11:55 am Taxi to Hotel. Rest. Lunch Explore Fira	Kamares Apartments Santorini Apartment with Hot tub
6	Saturday September 7, 2019	Free Morning Hotel Pick-up 2:30 Santorini Cruise 3:30-7:30 Sunset in Oia	Kamares Apartments Santorini Apartment with Hot tub

DAY BY DAY SUMMARY

7	Sunday September 8, 2019	Hotel Pick-up 9:00 AM Private Island Tour Relax in Santorini Free Night	Kamares Apartments Santorini Apartment with Hot tub
8	Monday September 9 2019	Check out 11:00. Depart Athinios Port Ferry to Mykonos 12:10 am – 1:55 pm Taxi to Hotel. Explore Mykonos Town Free Night in Mykonos Town	Poseidon Hotel Suites Mykonos Superior Room w/Hot tub
9	Tuesday September 10, 2019	Rent Scooters (arrange with Hotel) Explore Elia Beach, Lunch. Super Paradise Beach Mykonos Night Life	Poseidon Hotel Suites Mykonos Superior Room w/ Hot tub
10	Wednesday September 11, 2019	Check Out. Walk to Old Port / Ferry Delos Tour 10:00–3:30 Pick-up luggage. Taxi to Airport Flight to Athens 5:45 pm – 6:20 pm Free Shuttle to Hotel.	GK Airport Suites Markópoulon One Bedroom Suite
11	Thursday September 12, 2019	Check out by 9:00. Free Shuttle to Airport Flight to PHL 11:35 am – 3:55 pm Pick up Car Drive back to DC	



WELCOME TO GREECE

Greece is located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, with a population of approximately 11 million. Athens is the nation's capital and largest city. Greece has the longest coastline on the Mediterranean, featuring a large number of islands, of which 227 are inhabited. The country consists of nine geographic regions: Macedonia, Central Greece, the Peloponnese, Thessaly, Epirus, the Aegean Islands (including the Dodecanese and Cyclades), Thrace, Crete, and the Ionian Islands.

Greece is considered the cradle of Western civilization, being the birthplace of democracy, Western philosophy, Western literature, historiography, political science, major scientific and mathematical principles, Western drama and notably the Olympic Games. From the eighth century BC, the Greeks were organized into various independent city-states, known as poleis, which spanned the entire Mediterranean region and the Black Sea.

Philip of Macedon united most of the Greek mainland in the fourth century BC, with his son Alexander the Great rapidly conquering much of the ancient world, from the eastern Mediterranean to India. Greece was annexed by Rome in the second century BC, becoming an integral part of the Roman Empire and its successor, the Byzantine Empire, in which Greek language and culture were dominant. Rooted in the first century A.D., the Greek Orthodox Church helped shape modern Greek identity and transmitted Greek traditions to the wider Orthodox World. Falling under Ottoman dominion in the mid-15th century, the modern nation state of Greece emerged in 1830 following a war of independence. Greece's rich historical legacy is reflected by its 18 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



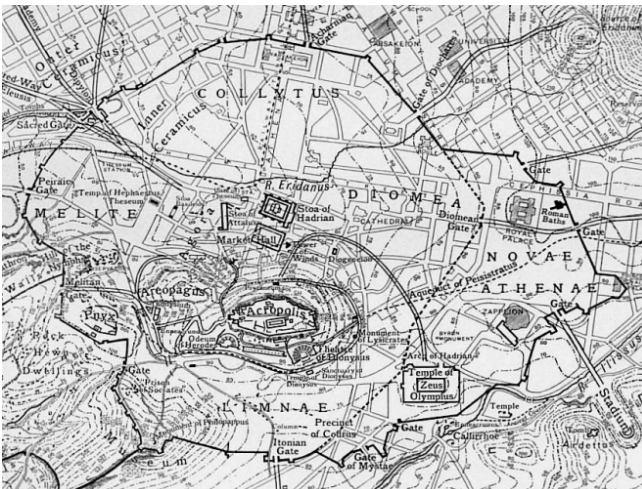


ATHENS

Athens is one of the oldest named cities in the world, having been continuously inhabited for at least 5000 years. Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece. Athens dominates the Attica region and is one of the world's oldest cities, with its recorded history spanning over 3,400 years and its earliest human presence starting somewhere between the 11th and 7th millennium BC. Classical Athens was a powerful city-state that emerged in conjunction with the seagoing development of the port of Piraeus, which had been a distinct city prior to its 5th-century BC incorporation with Athens. A center for the arts, learning and philosophy, home of Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum, it is widely referred to as the cradle of Western civilization and the birthplace of democracy, largely because of its cultural and political impact on the European continent, and in particular the Romans. In modern times, Athens is a large cosmopolitan metropolis and central to economic, financial, industrial, maritime, political and cultural life in Greece.

Athens is a global city and one of the biggest economic centers in southeastern Europe. Its port Piraeus is both the largest passenger port in Europe, and the second largest in the world. The City of Athens had a

population of 664,000 within its official limits, and a land area of 15 sq mi. Greater Athens and Piraeus is the 9th most populous city in the European Union, with a population of 3.8 million people.



The heritage of the classical era is still evident in the city, represented by ancient monuments and works of art, the most famous of all being the Parthenon, considered a key landmark of early Western civilization. The city also retains Roman and Byzantine monuments, as well as a smaller number of Ottoman monuments. Athens is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Acropolis of Athens and the medieval Daphni Monastery. Landmarks of the modern era, dating back to the establishment of Athens as the capital of the independent Greek state in 1834, include the Hellenic Parliament and the so-called "architectural trilogy of Athens", consisting of the National Library of Greece, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Academy of Athens. Athens is also home to several museums and cultural institutions, such as the National Archeological Museum, featuring the world's largest collection of ancient Greek antiquities, the Acropolis Museum, the Museum of Cycladic Art, the Benaki Museum and the Byzantine and Christian Museum. Athens was the host city of the first modern-day Olympic Games in 1896, and 108 years later it welcomed home the 2004 Summer Olympics, making it one of only a handful of cities to have hosted the Olympics more than once.



SANTORINI

Santorini, officially Thira, is an island in the southern Aegean Sea, about 120 mi southeast of Greece's mainland. It is the largest island of a small, circular archipelago, which bears the same name and is the remnant of a volcanic caldera. It forms the southernmost member of the Cyclades group of islands, with an area of approximately 28 sq mi and a population of 15,550. The municipality of Santorini includes the inhabited islands of Santorini and Therasia and the uninhabited islands of Nea Kameni, Palaia Kameni, Aspronisi, and Christiana. The total land area is 34.990 sq mi. The island was the site of one of the largest volcanic eruptions in recorded history: the Minoan eruption (sometimes called the Thera eruption), which occurred about 3,600 years ago at the height of the Minoan civilization. The eruption left a large caldera surrounded by volcanic ash deposits hundreds of meters deep. It may have led indirectly to the collapse of the Minoan civilization on the island of Crete, 68 mi to the south, through a gigantic tsunami. Another popular theory holds that the Thera eruption is the source of the legend of Atlantis. It is the most active volcanic center in the South Aegean Volcanic Arc, though what remains today is chiefly a water-filled caldera. The volcanic arc is approximately 310 mi long and 12 to 25 mi wide. The region first became volcanically active around 3–4 million years ago, though volcanism on Thera began around 2 million years ago with the extrusion of dacitic lavas from vents around Akrotiri.



Santorini's major settlements include Fira, Oia, Emporio, Kamari, Perissa, Imerovigli, Pyrgos, and Therasia. Akrotiri is a major archaeological site, with ruins from the Minoan era.

Local specialties:

- *Brantada* - A local Santorinian fish dish. Cod fillet coated in a mixture of flour, water, salt and sometimes beer, normally served with garlic salad.
- *Koskosela* - a feta, egg, and tomato dish.
- *Santorinio Sfougato* - A traditional Santorini dish with zucchini, onions, rosemary or mint leaves, cheese, sweet peppers, and sesame seeds.
- *Tsounisti* - Orzo with meat.
- *Fava* - A local Santorini dish, originally made with broad beans, now with yellow lentils.
- *Melitinia* - Wedding cookies made of unsalted cheese, yogurt, mastic. - found in traditional bakeries.
- *Tomatokeftdes* -tomato fritters, made with Santorini cherry sized tomatoes.



MYKONOS / DELOS

Mykonos island spans an area of 33 square miles, rising to an elevation of 1,119 feet at its highest point. There are 10,134 inhabitants, most of whom live in the largest town, Mykonos (also known as Chora), which lies on the west coast. Mykonos's nickname is "The Island of the Winds". In Greek mythology, Mykonos was named after its first ruler, Mykonos, the son or grandson of the god Apollo and a local hero. The island is also said to have been the location of a great battle between Zeus and Titans and where Hercules killed the invincible giants having lured them from the protection of Mount Olympus. According to myth, the large rocks all over the island are said to be the petrified testicles of the giants.

The island of Delos is one of the most important mythological, historical, and archaeological sites in Greece. The excavations in the island are among the most extensive in the Mediterranean. Delos had a position as a holy sanctuary for a millennium before Olympian Greek mythology made it the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, the twin offspring of Zeus by Leto. When Leto was discovered to be pregnant, Zeus' jealous wife Hera banished her from the earth, but Poseidon took pity on her and provided Delos as a place for her to give birth in peace. Delos was a major sacred site for the ancient Greeks, second in importance only to Delphi. There were many people living on Delos, which meant that Mykonos became an important place for supplies and transit. It was, however, during ancient times a rather poor island with limited agricultural resources. Mykonos came under the control of the Romans during Roman Empire and then the Byzantine Empire until the 12th century. In 1204, with the fall of Constantinople, Mykonos was occupied by Venetians.



The island was ravaged by the Catalans at the end of the 13th century and finally given over to direct Venetian rule in 1390. In 1537, Mykonos was attacked by the Ottomans, who imposed a system of self-governance. Until the end of the 18th century, Mykonos prospered as a trading center, attracting many immigrants from nearby islands, in addition to regular pirate raids. The Greek Revolution against the Ottoman Empire broke out in 1821 and Greece became an independent state in 1830. As a result of sailing and merchant activity, the island's economy quickly picked up but declined again during the late 19th century. Many Mykonians left the island to find work in mainland Greece and the United States. Tourism soon came to dominate the local economy, owing a lot to the important excavations carried out by the French School of Archaeology, which began work in Delos in 1873. Mykonos is well known for its vibrant nightlife and for being a gay-friendly destination with many establishments catering for the LGBT community.



W E A T H E R



The climate of Greece is Mediterranean with summers that are usually hot and dry, and the winters that can be quite cold and wet. The upper part of Greece can be very cold during the winter and snow is not uncommon. However, for the south of Greece and the islands, the winters will be milder.

Athens

While the month of September in Athens is still quite warm, the summer heat starts to cool off as the fall season approaches. The average temperature this month is 75°F, while the average low drops to 66°F, and the average high is still a warm 82°F. The beginning of September brings plenty of sun, no chance of rain, and an average daily temperature of 75°F. The middle of the month is still very sunny with virtually no rain, and the average daily temperature drops to 73°F. The average amount of daily sunshine in September is seven hours, which gives visitors plenty of time to enjoy the sun. September sees very little rain. Athens is not a humid city during the majority of the year, but the humidity levels do rise significantly from August to September. The average humidity in September is 60%, which is up from 50% in August. This is still a comfortable level and the humidity should go unrecognized.

The Cyclades

Although temperatures are slightly lower than in the three summer months, September is still very hot in the Cyclades. The average temperature is around 76°F, with average lows around 68°F and average highs up to 82°F. Even on the coldest days the temperatures don't tend to drop below 60°F, and the hottest days rarely exceed 90°F. The Aegean Sea is still pleasantly warm in September, with surface water temperatures around 75 to 77°F. You will be fine with summer clothes, with one light jacket or cardigan for rare cooler evenings. September in the Cyclades is very dry, with the average rainfall of about a quarter to a half inch and only one day per month on average with any rain at all. Sunglasses, hats, cover-up clothing and sunscreen are must-have items for any visitor to the Cyclades in September. The average number of hours of sunshine in the Cyclades in September is 11 hours a day on average, and cloud cover is very low, and sunny, cloudless or almost cloudless days are pretty much guaranteed. Northerlies dominate the wind patterns in the Cyclades in September, at about 60% to 75%. Sailors need to be aware that the Meltemi, a wind that prevails in the Aegean in the summer as a result of air movement between high-pressure areas over the Balkans and low pressure over Turkey, still blows in September in the Cyclades, albeit not as much as in the height of the summer.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Monday –Tuesday

September 2-3, 2019

Live in Athens Acropolis Suites,
2 Agiou Andreou str, 10556,
Athens

Suite with Private Terrace

FLIGHT to Athens:

American Airlines. Confirmation #QQKHEX

Greg's Ticket# 0012362437092

Adrian's Ticket # 0012362437093

American Airlines Flight 758

Depart PHL at 4:30 pm; Arriving in Athens at 9:15 am



Upon arrival at Athens, take an Uber to the apartment, arriving around 11:00am. About 20-30 minutes before arriving at the apartment, call Vassilis at +30 211 401 0924 30. Check-in to the Live In Apartments Acropolis Suites. If an early check-in is not possible, drop off our bags and explore the area, and have lunch.

After lunch, explore Plaka. Plaka is the most scenic, the most popular, the most beautiful neighborhood of Athens – a maze-like Utopia that leads up to the Acropolis. Staying in Plaka means walking by open-air ancient sites, feeling the nostalgic atmosphere of the old embracing the new, experiencing a variety of ethnic cuisines and looking out for another ‘hidden’ alley to walk through. Explore on foot the surroundings of an Ethnic Metropolis, for incredible restaurants around the Cathedral, or in the charming alleys of the touristy ‘neighborhood of the gods’, or the Cycladic district Anafiotika up to Areopagus, or the Roman Agora and the Tower of the Winds. Buzzing with tourist activity Plaka offers easy access to the sites of the Acropolis, to numerous places for entertainment, and to all the surrounding must-see destinations.



Wander through the narrow streets of ‘neighborhood of the gods’. Here, one can see most of the neoclassical buildings of the capital city, the small flower gardens at the entrance of some houses give a welcoming note, notice something many houses have their yards laid not with tiles but with glass – for the impressive reason that underneath the glass are displayed remnants of ancient Athens! Step out of Plaka, whether it is towards Makrygianni street and the trendy area of Koukaki, towards the multi-cultural Monastiraki square and the Flea Market, towards Thiseio with its pedestrian routes and magnificent views, or towards Syntagma and the commercial Ermou street.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Wednesday

September 4, 2019

Live in Athens Acropolis Suites,
2 Agiou Andreou str, 10556,
Athens
Suite with Private Terrace



Acropolis Private Skip the Line and Hidden Gems Tour

Meet our tour guide at Monastiraki Square. On foot, explore the area. Head to Hadrian's Library to get some insights about the library. Head to the Church of Panagias Grigorousas to see this great church and find out the history behind from your local host. Next up is the Roman Agora where we will learn about the influence of Roman culture on Greece. Head to the Ancient Agora of Athens to learn about the history of the famous Agora. Pass by the famous Tower of the Winds and visit the Wheat Market together with your host. Pass By the Gate of Medrese, one of Athens' know gems to get historical information from your host. We'll stroll around the heart of Athens, and explore Anafiotika, the most beautiful area of the whole city. We'll see the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates - a freestanding pedestal from Ancient Athens, before heading to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where we'll hear about the battle behind this tomb and why was it fought. Next we'll visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus to hear about Zeus and the greek gods. We'll then visit the church of Saint Dimitrios before head to the Acropolis. We will enter the archaeological site with our guide and explore it's treasures.

After the tour, we can linger at the Acropolis before heading into town for lunch, then a rest at our hotel.

In the afternoon, we can explore the Acropolis Museum. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on the surrounding slopes, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies over the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens. The museum opened to the public in June 2009. Nearly 4,000 objects are exhibited over an area of 14,000 square meters. The "Gallery of the Slopes of the Acropolis" houses finds from the sanctuaries that were established on the slopes of the Acropolis, as well as objects that Athenians used in everyday life from all historic periods. The nine-meter high, "Archaic Gallery" hosts the magnificent sculptures that graced the first temples on the Acropolis. It also displays the votive offerings dedicated by the worshippers, statues of the Goddess Athena, sculptures of male figures, marble reliefs, and smaller bronze and clay offerings. The Museum's exhibition culminates on the third floor, in the glass-encased "Parthenon Gallery". The relief sculptures of the Parthenon frieze depicting the Panathenaic procession are exhibited in continuous sequence along the perimeter of the external surface of the rectangular concrete core of the Gallery.

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Thursday

September 5, 2019

Live in Athens Acropolis Suites,
2 Agiou Andreou str, 10556,
Athens
Suite with Private Terrace



Free Day in Athens

Things to do:

- *Get a Greek coffee*
- *Go back and see Monistiraki Flea Market*
- *Watch the Changing of the Guard*
- *Visit Plaka*
- *Re-visit the Acropolis*
- *National Archaeology Museum*
- *Stroll Through the Roman Agora*
- *Climb Lycabettus Hill*
- *Explore the National Gardens*
- *Dinner in Psiri*
- *See an outdoor movie*



DETAILED ITINERARY

Friday

September 6, 2019

Kamares Apartments
Fira, Santorini
Superior Apartment
(Outdoor Hot Tub)



Journey to Atlantis

Check out by 6:00 AM and depart for Piraeus Port. We board the ferry to Santorini, departing at 7:01 AM.

Seajets, Super Jet. 2 business class seats.

Reservations on Ferryhopper: FH38HK3143ZP

Seajets Reservation # 0198398816

<https://www.seajets.gr/travel-with-us/checkin>

Arrive in Santorini at 11:55 AM. Meet our driver at the Arrivals area for a shuttle to the hotel. Check-in (or drop off our bags and explore Fira).

Rest up in the hotel, and explore Fira.

Fira

Fira is a city of white-washed houses built on the edge of the 1,312 feet high caldera on the western edge of the semi-circular island of Santorini (Thera). It is the capital, located midway along the west coast of the east rim. Walk down the much-photographed, winding staircase that descends from town to the water's edge, and take the spectacular cable car ride back up, marveling at its white, cubical houses clinging to the cliff hundreds of feet above the caldera.

We can spend the day exploring Fira, relaxing in our hotel for sunset views, and then exploring the town at night.

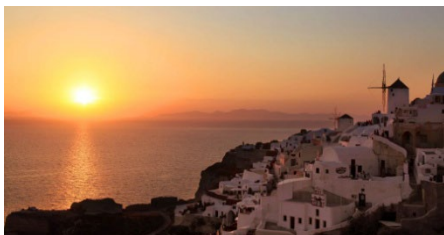


DETAILED ITINERARY

Saturday

September 7, 2019

Kamareas Apartments
Fira, Santorini
Superior Apartment
(Outdoor Hot Tub)



Free morning in Santorini

Free continental breakfast at the hotel. Explore Fira and have a light lunch

Caldera Cruise

Meet at Sklabenitis by hotel at 2:30 for to be picked-up by :. Spiridakos Sailing Cruises . The cruise begins at 3:30.

Setting sail from the Southern Port of Vlychada at 15:30 and following the coastline we reach the Red Beach in Akrotiri, one of the most beautiful beaches of the island with a distinct red coloration caused by the rich minerals and iron soil and that's where the first swim stop will take place. Towels and snorkeling gear are provided on board, on a complimentary basis. Then we head to the White Beach, where you can gain access only by boat. A stop for a swim and snorkeling is highly recommended since it is difficult to resist the crystal clear blue waters with the rich underwater environment and reefs. As you enjoy yourself, the attentive crew will prepare a delicious dinner on board consisting of a meat and seafood variety on the barbecue, Greek salads and appetizers, accompanied with local wine, beers and soft beverages.

Leaving the White Beach and heading to the Venetian lighthouse, we sail below the Indian Rocks through caves and rock formations, characteristic to the Aegean landscape. After sailing below the lighthouse the sailing yacht will turn and enter the Caldera of Santorini. There you will see everything opening in front of your eyes. The picturesque white houses hanging from the cliffs like grapes, the cliff formations and the volcanic islands of Palea and Nea Kammeni. There you will have the chance to sail below the traditional villages of Fira and Imerovigli and the overwhelming rock formations consisting of basalt and pumice. From there you will head to the crater of the volcano, you will sail around it to have a full view of it and stop at the thermal springs for a swim in the sulphurous waters, that offer a natural spa.

After swimming at the hot springs the catamaran will sail below Oia to the open sea for you to enjoy a magnificent sunset with a cool complimentary cocktail in your hand, offered by our crew. Our experience will be concluded in Ammoudi Bay, right below Oia.

The cruise ends around 8:30. We can explore Oia, or shuttle back to our hotel and enjoy our hot tub.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Sunday

September 8, 2019

Kamares Apartments
Fira, Santorini
Superior Apartment
(Outdoor Hot Tub)



Ancient Thera



Akrotiri



Akrotiri Lighthouse



Santo Winery

Private tour of Santorini

Free continental breakfast at the hotel. Our tour guide, Chrisos, will pick us up at 9:00 AM for a 3 hour tour of Santorini's sites. Head to Ancient Thera - the site was named after the mythical ruler of the island, Theras, and was inhabited from the 9th century BC until 726 AD. Visit the Akrotiri archaeological site - one of the most important prehistoric settlements of the Aegean. It's been called the "Greek Pompei" because you can see a whole civilization covered by lava. This is a flexible, private tour so we can do and see anything on the Island. Other sites include:

- Canava Santorini Distillery an amazing distillery that is untouched by time
- Estate Argyros - a winery with a long history, producing outstanding boutique wines based only on the indigenous varieties of Santorini.
- Santo Winery - the Union of Santorini Cooperatives is hosted here, allowing both a visit to a winery but also a wine tasting at the terrace on the cliff side.
- Lignos Folklore Museum - the tradition of Santorini kept alive in a cave built a half century ago approximately. The restored house displays old furniture and utensils, family heirlooms.
- Prophet Elias Monastery - a great photo moment on the highest peak of the island, while exploring the medieval house of Pyrgos.

Our tour ends around noon, and we'll have the rest of the day to explore anything we'd like to see on our last day in Santorini. Options include:

- Go the beach: Kamari or Perissa beach on the south coast
- Explore Oia: If we're energetic, we can do the three hour walk along the rim from Fira to Oia (best at sunset), then dine in Oia.
- Firostefani and Imerovigli: for an easier hike, walk along the rim from Fira to Firostefani then onto Imerovigli (30 minute hike). Imerovigli is the highest point on the caldera's rim - a quiet, traditional village.
- Visit Megalochori: a picturesque, half-abandoned town with a main square that is still lively in the evening.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Monday

September 9, 2019

Poseidon Hotel & Suites
Mykonos Town, Mykonos,
Superior Room, Sea View
Outdoor Hot Tub



Ferry to Mykonos

Free continental breakfast at the hotel, then check-out and take a shuttle or taxi to Athinios Port. We board the ferry to Mykonos, departing at 12:10 PM.

Seajets, Super Jet. 2 business class seats.

Reservations on Ferryhopper: FH38HK3143ZP

Seajets Reservation # 0198398816

<https://www.seajets.gr/travel-with-us/checkin>

Arrive in Mykonos at 1:55 PM. Meet driver at bus area, transfer to hotel. Check-in. Rest up in the hotel, and explore Mykonos Town.

Mykonos Town (Chora)

With its beautiful, traditional, cycladic blue and white houses and its tiny streets full of shops, churches, and windmills, Mykonos Town is a pleasure to the eye. Mykonos Town offers a bunch of things to do. Sites to see include:

Panagia Paraportiani - Taking its name from the small gate (paraporti) of the medieval wall of Mykonos, this two-storey complex of five churches - four on the ground floor and one elevated, is one of the most photographed sights of Greece. The church began construction in the 16th century - an important monument due to its unique architectural heritage.

Mykonos windmills - the windmills are among the most famous monuments of the Cyclades. The "Kato Mili", stand in a row overlooking the sea. Built by the Venetians in the 16th c. to mill flour, they remained in use until the early 20th c. Today, 7 windmills, extensively renovated, remain. Some are museums perfect for discovering the past as well as the windmill interiors.

Little Venice - rows of fishing houses line the waterfront with balconies hanging over the sea & basement doors with direct sea access. Constructed in the 18th c., they originally belonged to rich merchants, converted into bars, cafes, and shops.

Matoyianni Street - the busiest alley in Mykonos and the island's most well-known market, lined with luxury stores, cafes, jewelry, art, and souvenirs. All the shops retain traditional Cycladic architecture.

Cine Manto - an open-air Cinema located inside the Garden of Meletopoulos in Matoyianni, a unique green area full of palm trees and cactuses, where you can enjoy a movie under the beautiful Aegean sky. There are two screenings every day, one at 9 pm and one at 11 pm.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Tuesday

September 10, 2019

Poseidon Hotel & Suites
Mykonos Town, Mykonos,
Superior Room, Sea View
Outdoor Hot Tub



Free Day in Mykonos

After having breakfast at the hotel's breakfast buffet, we have the day to explore Mykonos' famous beaches and nightlife. We can either travel by taxi or rent scooters nearby the hotel. The best, gay-friendly beaches and clubs are :

- Elia Beach - one of the largest beaches with clear, safe waters. The right-hand end (looking at the sea) is gay & nudist. If you rent a sun bed & shade, then you can expect an 'at seat' drinks and snacks service. It's not cheap, so bring your own drinks. The large open-air beach restaurant offers an extensive menu. The gay section is generally quiet in the morning with people arriving around lunch time and leaving around 5 to 6pm.
- Super Paradise Beach - hugely popular with both gay and straight sunbathers looking for a bit of fun in the sun, the beach has a 'vibe' and is busy every day during the summer. The beach is well-organized with sunbeds and shades available for rent. Like Elia, the beach gets busy from lunch time, and as the afternoon progresses a mostly straight party atmosphere develops around the large beach bar.

After a day at the beach, exploring the South coast, we can head back to the hotel to rest up for an evening out in Chora. There are a number of gay restaurants, bars, and night clubs scattered around Little Venice.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Wednesday

September 11, 2019

GK Airport Suites
Markopoulo Mesogaias
One Bedroom Suite



Royalty Delos Tour from Mykonos Island

After having breakfast at the hotel's breakfast buffet, we can check-out, leave our bags at the hotel, and walk to the old pier in Mykonos Town to meet our guide and catch the 10:00 AM Ferry to Delos. Only a 45 minute boat ride away, Delos was the centre of the Cyclades of the ancient world, the island of light, birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Having been inhabited between 2500 and 69 B.C. Delos boasts of many treasures remaining from these times like the ancient market place Agora, the famous terrace of the Naxos lions, the holy lake, the ancients living quarters and theatre that give you a lively vision of the daily life then; especially the houses of Dionysus, Kleopatra, the Trident, the Masks, the Dolphins with their mosaics are a fantastic experience of art not to be missed. On our guided tour will return at 2.30 pm. We can remain a little bit longer and take the last boat back at 3 pm in order to have some time at leisure or maybe climb on Mount Kynthos to enjoy the view over all the surrounding Cycladic islands.

Upon arrival back at the old pier in Mykonos town, we can stroll back to our hotel to pick up our luggage, before arranging a shuttle to the airport around 4:30.

FLIGHT to Athens:

Olympic Airlines. Confirmation # JUAMHO

Expedia Itinerary #7448547632671

Booking ID: N1477UB9F

Olympic Airlines Flight 379

Depart Mykonos at 5:45 pm; Arriving in Athens at 6:20 PM

We will be met by a shuttle to take us to our hotel.

We can lay low and rest up, or explore the nearby town of Markopoulo, a suburb of Athens. The town has its own windmill (Markopoulo Windmill) and a number of restaurants.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Thursday

September 12, 2019

Farewell Athens

We should be up and check-out of the hotel by 9:00 AM to be shuttled to the nearby airport.

FLIGHT to Philadelphia:

American Airlines. Confirmation #QQKHEX

Greg's Ticket# 0012362437092

Adrian's Ticket # 0012362437093

American Airlines Flight 759

Depart Athens at 11:35 am; Arriving in PHL at 3:55 pm

Upon arrival in the States, we will take a shuttle to our parked car, and drive back to DC. We should arrive back in DC by 7:00 PM

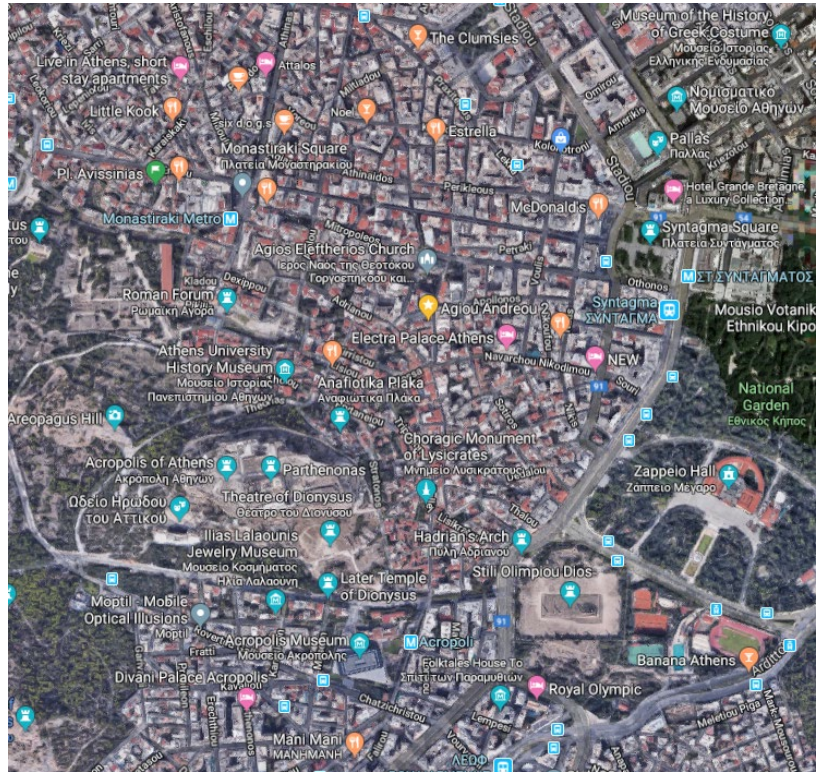


ACCOMMODATIONS

Live
in
Athens

Live in Athens Acropolis Suites
2 Agiou Andreou str, 10556, Athens
One bedroom suite with private terrace

Our one-bedroom apartment is one of eight in this brand new building located behind Metropoleos Square, in the heart of old Athens. It is located in Plaka, the most picturesque neighborhood of the city. From iconic attractions to secret spots and local hangouts Plaka is ideal for walks in its numerous narrow streets and alleys day or night! We're close to all places of interest: next to the Metropolis, a couple of minutes from Syntagma, and a 5-minute walk to vibrant and multicultural Monastiraki. The building boasts a shared rooftop terrace with views of the traditional red tiled rooftops and the Acropolis. The ample terrace is beautifully furnished to be enjoyed at any time of the day. A long stone table, comfortable cushions, sun-bathing beds, a marble sink, and even an outdoor shower will make this terrace your favorite spot to be!



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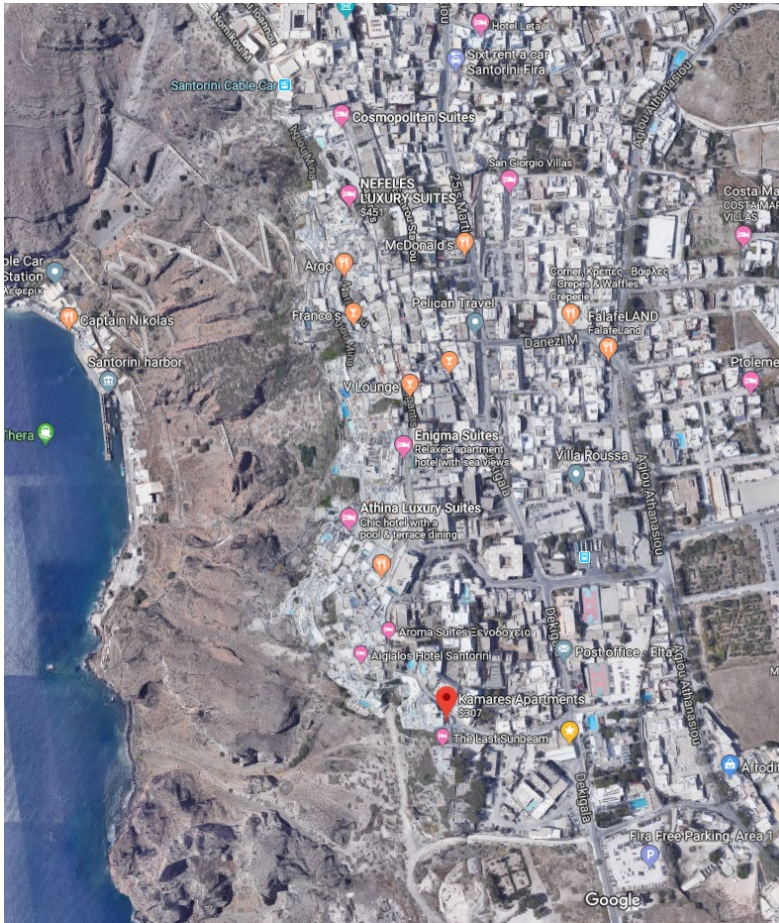
This is a sunlit suite of 50 sq. m with two rooms and one bathroom. The kitchen benefits from all modern appliances you would expect at home. Plenty of space in the living-room kitchen area allows for easy cooking, dining, entertaining, or just relaxing. In the bedroom, you will love the handmade double bed and the décor details. The bathroom boasts form and function. You will love your sun-exposed, welcoming balcony, with a view to the Dome of the Metropolis, ideal for moonlight dining or al fresco lunch at the shade of the awning. The decorations have all been chosen very carefully in this light and elegant apartment. The bed, the bedside table, and the desk, all designed and made by the Live in Athens team, combine perfectly with the restored furniture from antique shops. The light colors and the inviting balcony add to the homey feeling of your apartment.



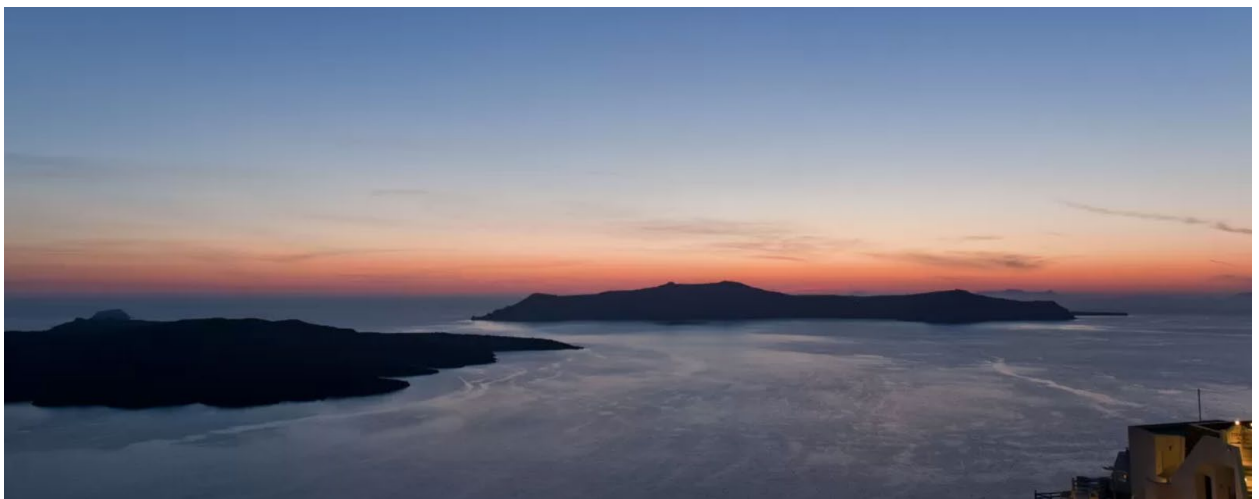
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kamares
APARTMENTS



Situated on the cliff of Caldera in Fira, one of the most picturesque settlements of Santorini, Kamares Apartments provides an accommodation of authentic Greek hospitality complimented by a breathtaking view while the spectacular sunset creates a timeless experience. Aged more than a century, a complex of traditional dwellings and “canaves” caves typical of the islands unique architecture, have been transformed into the stunning accommodation of Kamares Apartments. The whitewashed apartments, caves dug into the rock, are all in traditional Cycladic style located on different levels on the cliff, with balconies facing the volcano and superb surroundings. Kamares Apartments harmoniously blends the aesthetics of traditional Santorinean living within one of the most magnificent natural settings in the world.

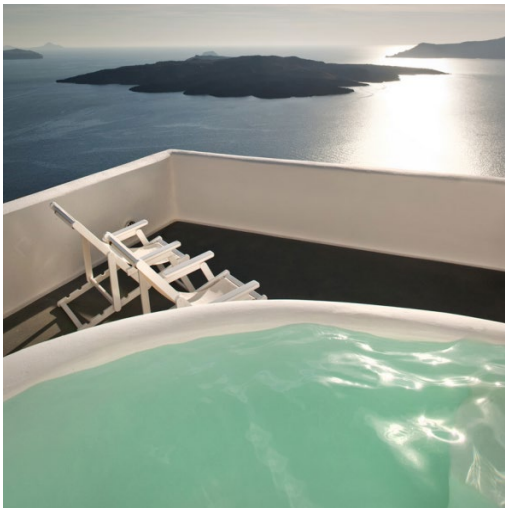


ACCOMMODATIONS

Kamares Apartments
Thera 847 00, Greece



The accommodations merge classic & romantic island living with spacious interiors and careful attention to classical Aegean details. Our apartment consists of a master bedroom with a king bed, bathroom with hydro massage bathtub, living room with build or antique style sofa bed and equipped kitchenette. The apartment also locates its own terrace with magnificent Caldera and sea views while also an outdoor hot tub is provided.



ACCOMMODATIONS



Poseidon 4 Star Hotel Suites is a picturesque Sea view Mykonos Town Hotel, located next to the sea and only a breath away from the vibrant Mykonos town. The traditional Mykonos Island architecture make this hotel the ideal choice for those seeking an unforgettable stay in the renowned Mykonos Island. The hotel has the best sea view in Mykonos town, but also offers an astonishing view of the mesmerizing Delos and the famous Mykonos town windmills. A breath away from the entrance of the hotel, you will discover a small beach, where you can enjoy the Greek sun as you splash around the crystal blue waters. If a nearby beach, or a sea water pool is not enough, then prepare to be astonished by the Megali Ammos beach, a mere 150 meters from the hotel. The hotel has 12 recently renovated rooms and suites, 46 standard and deluxe rooms, friendly service and the beautiful scenery of Greece.



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Poseidon Hotel Suites

Axioti 310, Mikonos 846 00,
Greece

The hotel features a restaurant, an outdoor pool, and a poolside bar. Free buffet breakfast is provided, as well as free WiFi in public areas, free self parking, and a free airport shuttle. Other amenities include a coffee shop/café, a snack bar/deli, and coffee/tea in a common area. All 58 soundproofed rooms feature free WiFi and minibars. Guests will also find furnished balconies, plasma TVs, and refrigerators.

Explore your senses as you gaze the Mykonian sunset, from the comfort of your balcony, in this sublime hotel at the heart of Mykonos town.

The spacious and carefully decorated superior rooms are the perfect getaway from the cosmopolitan lifestyle of Mykonos Town. The magnificent view from the balcony with the outdoor jacuzzi is truly an unforgettable experience.

