

The graceful coastline of Santorini



# Greece: Athens & the Aegean

10 days from \$6,495 | Limited to 18 guests

Experience an unmatched blend of ancient history and modern wonders in Greece, savoring the relaxed pace of island living and the lively bustle of Athens alike, and indulging in the rich variety of Mediterranean cuisine.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Learn the secrets to great Greek cuisine at a private in-home cooking class in Oropos
- ▶ Visit some of the most renowned wonders of the ancient world, including the Acropolis, Parthenon and Palace of Knossos
- ▶ Pay an exclusive visit to an organic cosmetics producer to learn about traditional Greek products
- ▶ Stroll through the Minoan Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri (reputed to be Atlantis), admiring its beautiful frescos
- ▶ Admire the majestic Temple of Poseidon, built during the Golden Age of Ancient Athens

### DAY 1: Arrive Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. NEW Hotel | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Athens | Temple of Athena

Visit the Acropolis Museum, marveling at artifacts Athenians used in everyday life, as well as finds from the slopes of the Acropolis. Next, stroll the Plaka, filled with flower shops, taverns and charming boutiques. Enjoy lunch at leisure. In



the evening, explore the Acropolis, one of the greatest icons of the ancient world, followed by dinner.

NEW Hotel | Meals: B D

**DAY 3: Oropos | Hands-On Culinary Experience**

Depart for the ancient town of Oropos, where you meet a local family in their home for an exclusive hands-on culinary experience. After lunch, stroll the charming village streets, and peruse its boutiques and shops. NEW Hotel | Meals: B L



Learn the art of Greek cuisine with a hands-on lesson offered by a local family in their very own home.

**DAYS 4-6: Crete | Minoan Treasures**

In the morning, fly to the island of Crete for three days of exploration and discovery. Check in to your seaside accommodations in Agios Nikolaos, a coastal town that blends bustling city life with local art and a leisurely attitude. This afternoon, embark on a private cruise to the island of Spinalonga, a protective outpost for the Cretan mainland built in 1579, where you wander the streets of this former fortress community. The island also acted as a leper colony from 1903 to 1957. The next morning, visit the Palace of Knossos, Crete's most famous historic attraction, then enjoy lunch at a winery. Afterward, explore the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, known for the best collection of Minoan art in the world. Discover eastern Crete the following day with a visit to the Byzantine church of Panagia Kera, a 13th-century structure with impressive fresco decorations. Explore the village of Kritsa, renowned for its traditional weaving, and visit an organic cosmetics producer and olive oil maker. St. Nicolas Bay | Meals: B D (Day 4); B L (Day 5); B (Day 6)

**DAY 7: Santorini | Mythical Atlantis**

Voyage to Santorini by high-speed catamaran. Travel north to Fira to enjoy lunch. Check in to your hotel, then continue to Akrotiri, a Minoan Bronze Age settlement preserved in volcanic ash from the ancient eruption of Thera. The settlement has been suggested as a possible inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis. Explore the beautiful village of Oia, and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. Vedema Resort | Meals: B L D

**DAY 8: Santorini | Island Living**

Start your day with the Fira Archaeological Museum, home to the island's finest collection of artifacts from the fourth and fifth centuries. Then, embark on an exploration of the life and sites of Santorini before enjoying time at leisure at your resort.

Vedema Resort | Meals: B L

**DAY 9: Athens | Breathtaking City Views**

Fly to Athens and visit the Temple of Poseidon, travelling along the shores of Cape Sounion. Take in the gorgeous vistas over the Aegean Sea as you imagine life for the ancient Greeks who constructed the imposing temple. Travel to your waterfront resort, where you settle in and enjoy some time at leisure. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner at an authentic working farm for a meal featuring seasonal, locally grown produce. Grand Resort Lagonissi | Meals: B D

**DAY 10: Depart Athens**

Transfer to Athens Airport and board your onward flight.

Meals: B

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**NEW Hotel**  
Boutique hotel designed by Fernando and Humberto Campana, located in the heart of the ancient capital.



**St. Nicolas Bay**  
Intimate, seaside hotel with views of the Gulf of Mirabello Bay and the fishing village of Agios Nikolaos.



**Vedema Resort**  
An all-suite, five-star resort on the cliffs of Santorini with views of vineyards and the Aegean Sea.



**Grand Resort Lagonissi**  
Dreamy, island-inspired resort overlooking the Saronic Gulf, featuring private gardens and pools.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 19-28, Oct 6-15	\$6,495	\$2,395
Jun 2-11, Sep 1-10	\$6,795	\$2,695

**Internal Air:** Economy Class from \$420  
Athens/Heraklion; Santorini/Athens

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.  
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.  
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

*The maximum guest capacity for 2021 Connections journeys has been temporarily reduced to 18 and may revert to 24 at A&K's discretion due to changes in COVID-19-related requirements.*

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