

# Greece – Peloponnese & Santorini Family



## Trip Summary

A family-friendly trip full of history, architecture, authentic food, and gorgeous sea views, this enticing Greece adventure will engage adventurers of all ages. Find inspiration and rejuvenation on this vacation that takes you both seaside and inland through some of the most intriguing places. Hike along the famous Caldera Trail, kayak near Santorini island, and take a cultural and food tour through Naxos' most beautiful village. You'll also have the chance to travel on a cruise around Naxos, a memorable adventure that will reveal the most interesting and unique local locations.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Athens

Arrival in Athens airport and transfer to your hotel conveniently located in the historic center of Athens and next to the most important monuments • Your guide will meet you in the evening for an orientation walk and dinner in Plaka, the old district of Athens • *Overnight at Divani Palace Acropolis (D)*

### Day 2: Athens / Nafplio

Along with a professional guide, tour the town's most important sights • Visit the Constitution Square, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the House of Parliament, which was the royal palace until 1935 • Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and Panathinaiko Stadium, venue for the first Olympic Games • Explore the Acropolis, the vantage point that offered protections of the ancient city-state and the center of ancient Athenian religious and commercial life and the new acropolis museum • After lunch we will have some free time to stroll in Plaka, the oldest part of Athens, an area now packed with restaurants and souvenir shops • After lunch we are leaving the lively city of Athens behind with destination Nafplio • Short stop at the Corinth Canal, the six-kilometer waterway connecting the Ionian and Aegean seas • Nafplion, considered one of the prettiest towns in Greece, is the first capital after independence and a major port since the Bronze Age • Take your time to enjoy a stroll in the alleys of the town and climb the 999 steps to Palamidi fort to enjoy a panoramic view • *Overnight at Perivoli Country Hotel & Retreat or Ippoliti Hotel (B, L, D)*

### Day 3: Mycaenae / Epidaurus

We start our day with sightseeing to Mycenae and Epidaurus • Mycenae, a place intrinsic in the works of Homer, 9th century BCE poet • Enter the Mycenaean citadel through the Lion's Gate and wander through the remaining ruins • Admire the enormous Cyclopean walls – still a wonder how they were created- and enter the imposing Lions gate to the site that dates back to 1350-1200 BC • Continue our visit to the third-century theater of Epidaurus, one of the best-preserved classical Greek structures renowned for its superb acoustics, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage list • Time for some action with a refreshing sea kayak paddling from the first capital of modern Greece, with different fortresses in our view • We visit the famous fort of Bourtzi, built in 1473, on a tiny inlet right in front of the port • Then we paddle towards the old town of Nafplio, under the cannons of the Old Town's first line of fortification, while the UNESCO World Heritage fortress of Palamidi dominates the view right above it • As soon as we exit the port, we paddle along the ancient road of Nafplio, under Akronauplia fortress, and are rewarded with the breath-taking views of the dominant cliffs covered in succulent vegetation with the fortress as its crown at the top • *Overnight at Perivoli Country Hotel & Retreat or Ippoliti Hotel (B, L, D)*



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## Day 4: Naxos Island

Today we are traveling back to Athens to get on a flight to Naxos island • Naxos, the largest and most fertile of the Cycladic Islands, lies almost at the centre of the Aegean • With its long history (Ariadne of Naxos, by Richard Strauss) important monuments, hidden niches to discover, sandy beaches, towers and forts, ancient temples and great villages you can easily spend a week exploring this magic place • Naxos is also renowned for its great potatoes and Naxian gruyere cheese which you will have the chance to taste in delicious recipes that you will taste • After settling to our hotel we will walk to the town to explore the old castle with its amazing view and the Portara, the most famous sunset spot of Naxos • *Overnight at Galaxy Hotel or Porto Naxos Hotel (B, L, D)*

## Day 5: Apeiranthos

Today we will travel in the interior of the island to one of the most beautiful of its villages, for a cultural and food tour • Apeiranthos may be the unique village in Greece which could be proud for its long history, imposing architecture, unique dialect and independence • Find Apeiranthos in every list with the most beautiful villages of Europe and check what Antony Bourdain, experienced during his visit in this area • The big variety of products donate to locals the opportunity to create eclectic recipes based on talented women's inspiration • Following the picturesque marble paths and pass by Venetian Towers we will sample crunchy crust bread, the pork with its rich tomato-garlic sauce and more recipes which are worth to taste • In the afternoon we are free to enjoy swimming or a walk in the town • *Overnight at Galaxy Hotel or Porto Naxos Hotel (B, L, D)*

## Day 6: Naxos Catamaran Cruise

Enjoy a day cruise on a sailing yacht around Naxos, a unique experience you cannot miss • A day cruise lasts nine hours visiting the most interesting and unique locations of Northern or Southern Naxos / Paros and/or Small Cyclades depending on the weather • Ample opportunities for swimming and a delicious meal with local delicacies on board! • *Overnight at Galaxy Hotel or Porto Naxos Hotel (B, L, D)*

## Day 7: Santorini

After breakfast, we take the boat to the queen of the Cyclades, Santorini! • The breath-taking view, upon arrival with the boat, will give us an idea of this volcanic island's spectacular beauty • We arrive in port and transfer to the hotel • After settling to our hotel enjoy one of the most scenic hikes in the world the famous Caldera Trail • This 5.5-mile hike gives you spectacular views of the island, its immense caldera, and the surrounding Mediterranean islands in the distance • An old mule path winds through some of Santorini's most picturesque scenery • As you hike along the trail, enjoy stops at a variety of viewpoints that let you marvel at the blue and white Cycladic chapels, as well as the Aegean Sea and the volcano to the left • Pass by Firostefani, the monastery of St. Nicholas, and the charming settlement of Imerovigli • Sweeping Mediterranean scenery surrounds you at every angle as you pass by the Prophet Elias chapel a unique photo shooting stop • Gaze out at the island of Thirasia in the distance as the village of Oia comes into view • From the top of the last hill of the hike, enjoy a panoramic view at the sunset • End the hike by walking down to Oia, before heading back to your hotel • *Overnight at Hotel Rosebay Santorini (B, L)*

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## Day 8: Akrotiri

Dorians, Venetians, and Turks occupied Santorini, but its most influential early inhabitants were Minoans • They came from Crete sometime between 2000 BC and 1600 BC and the settlement of Akrotiri, dubbed as the Greek Pompeii, dates from the peak years of their civilization • Alongside with a guide, you will have the opportunity to walk along the streets and squares of the city, which was buried in volcanic ash after the eruption of the volcano and frozen in time • Finishing the walk it is time for kayaking, a 5-mile paddling adventure • We will explore the south side of the island as few people do • Seeing Santorini from the sea level is a real treat, plus paddling gives your upper body a bit of exercise • We will paddle by the Red and White beach with stops on the way for swimming and snorkeling • *Overnight at Hotel Rosebay Santorini (B, L, D)*

## Day 9: Athens

Today, our lovely trip ends with a short transfer to Santorini airport and a domestic flight to Athens International Airport • *No overnight*

*\*\*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

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## Activities

**Kayaking:** 4-5 miles, equipment provided, no experience necessary.

**Snorkeling:** Equipment provided, no experience necessary.

**Hiking:** 5 miles in various terrain.

**Discovery:** Visit the Constitution Square, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the House of Parliament, which was the royal palace until 1935. Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and Panathinaiko Stadium, venue for the first Olympic Games. Explore the Acropolis, the vantage point that offered protections of the ancient city-state and the center of ancient Athenian religious and commercial life and the new acropolis museum. Visit the Constitution Square, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the House of Parliament, which was the royal palace until 1935.

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## Distinctive Accommodation

### Night 1: Divani Palace Acropolis

Revitalize your adventurous soul in this comfortable hotel meters away from the world-famous Acropolis, an ancient Greek site with a fascinating history. This sleekly modern accommodation provides access to a beautiful outdoor swimming pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, a breakfast buffet and even a pillow menu for an ultimately luxurious experience. And of course, the view of the majestic Acropolis is just outside your window.

### Nights 2 & 3: Perivoli Country Hotel & Retreat

A naturally relaxing accommodation, this hotel and retreat is surrounded by orange groves and olive trees and nestled in the hilly village of Pyrgiotika. Located not far from the romantic coastal city of Nafplio, Perivoli offers elegant décor in luxurious rooms featuring a fireplace and amenities. A pool, massage services, and locally-grown breakfast food is also available.

### Ippoliti Luxury Hotel

This neo-classical mansion built in the 19th century has been renovated to fit a modern, deluxe era. Earthy tones and touches of leather features compliment the elegant traditional exterior. Rooms are fitted with grand decorations and hydromassage baths or jacuzzies, perfect for a relaxing night after a day of activity.

### Nights 4-6: Galaxy Hotel

A whitewashed authentically Cycladic-style hotel lavishly surrounded by palm trees and featuring an outdoor pool, the Galaxy Hotel is located in Naxos not far from Saint George beach. Enjoy modern comforts and excellent, hospitable service at this accommodation that also provides garden, sea, or pool views from the rooms.

### Porto Naxos Hotel

This romantic and friendly hotel offers cozy rooms with a clean, chic style and a terrace or balcony for outdoor views. Enjoy the luxuriously simple comfort that Porto Naxos provides. Porto Naxos is nestled in Chora, the capital and main harbor of the Naxos island which features authentically traditional Cycladic architecture and elements.

### Nights 7 & 8: Hotel Rosebay Santorini

A comfortable getaway centrally located, this peaceful hotel features balconies in every room that provides charming lookouts. A gym, pool bar, large pool, and small library are available for guests to relax on the property. Outdoor dining is also available with traditional Greek food served.

### Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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## Arrival & Departures

Prior to your trip, arrive at your own convenience in Athens. On Day 1, we will meet you in the lobby of Divani Hotel Acropolis at 5:30 p.m. After a briefing, your guide will meet you in the evening for an orientation walk and dinner in Plaka, the old district of Athens. After breakfast on Day 9 we take you to Santorini airport and a domestic flight to Athens International Airport.

## Trip Price

Adult \$6,348  
Single Supplement \$1,280  
Child \$5,948

## Trip Length

9 days/8 nights

## 2022 Dates

June 26- July 4, 2022

## Host City

Athens, Greece (ATH)

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*With a mix of natural and manmade  
beauty, Greece is a treasured  
destination*

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## Trip Reservations

### Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540

**Phone:** 406-655-4591

**Online:** [austinadventures.com](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto:reservations@austinadventures.com)

**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

\* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

\*\* We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

### Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms in four-star hotels with breakfast.
- Meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable English-speaking local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation including internal flights and ferries during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

### Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities not listed on itinerary.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

### Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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## Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

## Solo Travelers

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement". If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. We at Austin Adventures will do our best to match you with a suitable roommate of the same gender before departure. If you book 90 days or more before the trip and we cannot find you a roommate, 50% of the private room cost will be due at final payment time. If you book within 90 days of departure and we cannot find you a roommate, the full private room charge will be applied. If we do find you a roommate between final payment and before the trip departs, we will refund the single supplement amount paid. Some exceptions apply.

## Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

## Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

\*\*\*As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

**Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure** – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

**Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure** – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

**Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure** – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

**Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure** – No refund is given

## Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.