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## Custom Tour of Greece

### Day 1 Depart USA

Depart USA on international flights to Athens, Greece.

### Day 2 Arrive Athens, Corfu

Welcome to Greece! Upon arrival at the Athens airport, transfer for your quick flight to Corfu Island. When you land in Corfu, retrieve your luggage and continue to the arrivals hall. Here meet your private driver in the arrivals hall, holding a sign with your name, for transfer to your hotel. Check in, relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace. Please note that official check in time is usually between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Overnight in Corfu. **Flight \*DEPENDING ON INTERNATIONAL ROUTE/PT/H**

### Day 3 Corfu

Corfu



Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private driver and private bilingual guide for a four-hour tour of the island. The Old Town of Corfu is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and provides you with many opportunities to stroll the streets or shop. Today you will have the opportunity to see the picturesque sights in Corfu. From the Achilleion Palace and Kanoni Peninsula, you will have stunning views over the Ionian Sea. Mouse Island (Pontikonissi) is a small remote island just south of Corfu town. According to mythology, this rocky island is where the god Poseidon stoned the ship of Ulysses. Visit the Monastery of Vlacherna, one of the most tranquil places on the island, constructed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. You will also see the Old Corfu town as you head towards the Old Fortress. The Venetians originally built the town with narrow streets between the houses, which are known as 'Kandounia'. In the heart of the town, you can visit the 300-year old church, St Spyridon, the town's most famous monument. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace. Overnight in Corfu. **B/PD/G/H**

## Day 4 Corfu

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy the Ionian island of Corfu. Corfu has a very diverse landscape, with heavy forests, mountains, greenery and sandy beaches. The lush forest center of Corfu will allow plenty of opportunities for hiking and exploring, or you could spend your day relaxing on the Grecian beaches along the coast. The island is known for being a high producer of olives and olive oil, which you can experience in the local cuisine. Overnight in Corfu. B/H + Oil Tstg/PD 3h

\*If you would like, we can arrange a tour to a local olive oil producer where you can learn about the tradition and taste the oils. Kindly let us know your preferences!\*

## Day 5 Corfu, Athens

### Athens



Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Corfu airport. Here you will board a quick flight to Athens (1h). Upon arrival, retrieve your luggage and continue to the arrivals hall. Here meet your private driver in the arrivals hall, holding a sign with your name, for transfer to your hotel in the city center. Check in, relax and enjoy the remainder of the day free. If you would like, you can independently visit the National Archeological Museum of Athens, filled with ancient treasures. Be sure to try some local "Agiorgitiko" wine while in the city. Overnight in Athens. B/PT/Flight/PT/H

## Day 6 Athens

### Athens



Breakfast at hotel. This morning in the hotel lobby, meet your private bilingual, certified guide for a three hour tour of ancient Athens. Your tour will begin with a stroll through the historical part of town. From here, you will continue on to the House of the Greek Parliament and the Monument of the Unknown Soldier where you will be able to watch the changing of the guards. You will also experience the National Gardens and continue on to the beautiful neoclassical Zappeion Hall, the front of which has towering

columns of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. From there, you will walk through the famous Plaka District. You will then enter the Acropolis from the south slope to avoid the crowds and visit the Sanctuary and Theatre of Dionysus built in the 5th century BC. We will take care of arranging the tickets so that you can skip waiting in line. As you begin to ascend the sacred hill, a breathtaking view of the city below will unfold. Your guide will give you a detailed explanation of the glorious monuments of the Acropolis such as the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Propylaia, the Nike Temple, the Agrippa Monument and the surrounding monuments such as the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Ancient Agora, the Observatory as well as the Philopappos, Mars, and Pnyx Hills. After your tour, enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace. Overnight in Athens. **B/G/ET/H**

### Day 7 Athens, Santorini

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Athens airport. Here you will board a quick flight to Santorini (1h). Upon arrival, retrieve your luggage and continue to the arrivals hall. Here meet your private driver in the arrivals hall, holding a sign with your name, for transfer to your hotel. Check in and begin the most relaxing leg of your journey. Overnight in Santorini. **B/PT/Flight/PT/H**

### Day 8 Santorini



Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy the entire morning at leisure. In the afternoon, you will board a catamaran sunset cruise. Note that the catamaran's itinerary can be subject to change due to weather, at the discretion of the captain. Along the way, you will stop for a short hike at a volcano on Nea Kameni. It takes approximately 20-30 minutes to reach the main crater. This is an active volcano and the last eruption took place in 1950 AD. It consists of 2 islands, the bigger called Nea Kameni and the smaller Palea Kameni. Entrance to the volcano is not included and costs €2.50 per person. You will also have a chance to swim in the hot springs (please note that Sulphur in the hot springs can stain light colored clothing). You will continue southwards to Akrotiri cape, where you can see the lighthouse and the Indian Rock. Your second stop is in the White Beach for 30 minutes for swimming, snorkeling and barbeque on board. Snorkeling gear is available for all the guests of the catamaran. Finally, you will partake in a delicious Greek meal in the bay of Caldera at sunset. Your last stop is in the Red beach for 30 minutes for swimming and snorkeling, weather permitting. Return to the port with your boat where you will make your way back to the hotel. Overnight in Santorini. **B/semi-BR/D/H**

## Day 9 Santorini

### Santorini



Breakfast at hotel. Today is yours at leisure. Santorini island in the Aegean Sea is home to some of the most famous and picturesque homes in Greece. The stark white buildings and blue roofing against the coastline will dazzle you. Relax and unwind, and be sure to try some of the locally made wines. You may choose to rent 4-wheelers to explore the island or snorkel on the red beaches. Prepare for international flights. Overnight in Santorini. **B/H**

## Day 10 Depart Santorini

Breakfast at hotel. Check out and meet your driver to head to the Santorini Airport. You will board international flights back to the United States. **B/PT**

**CODES:** B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner H=Hotel G=Guide ET=Entrance Ticket  
PD=Private Driver PT=Private Transfer TRTK=Train Ticket BR= Boat Ride WT=Wine Tasting

Once the “flow” of the itinerary is perfect for your journey, we are happy to provide a package price, per person, for the land portion only. Due to confidential and exclusive contracts with our suppliers, we are unable to accommodate requests for price breakdowns. Kindly note that your final quote for the land portion of this journey does not include international airfare, tipping, meals where not indicated and a city tax required by the European governments to be paid upon check out of each hotel. The tax is to be paid in cash and is approximately 1.50-5.00 euro per person per day.