

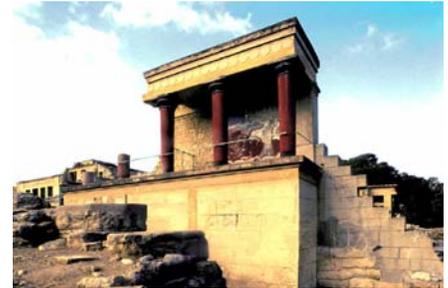


## On a Private Tour of Greece

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Athens – Mykonos – Santorini – Rhodes – Crete

15 DAYS



### ITINERARY

#### **Day 1 – Thursday Arrive Athens**

Upon arrival at the Athens airport you will be met in the arrivals hall by your driver, and privately transferred to your hotel where you will be welcomed to Greece by your local Akorn Guardian Angel, and assisted with check-in procedures.

*Your Akorn Guardian Angel is part of a unique network of over 75 representatives throughout Europe who ensure your vacation operates smoothly and to your absolute satisfaction. Your Guardian Angel is there on the ground to ensure that your travel arrangements run perfectly. He/she is on the end of the phone for you should you have any queries and is there to assist you*

You will be confirmed for three nights at the Hotel Hilton Athens in a double room, inclusive of buffet breakfast.

*Hotel Hilton Athens*

**Day 2 – Friday**  
**Athens**

This morning you will be met by your private vehicle and English-speaking guide for a full day sightseeing tour of Athens (8 hours). Today you will see the principal monuments and sites of the city, including Athens Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and the Theater of Dionyssos. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Ancient Agora, which was the hub of the city from the 6th century BC. After lunch at leisure you will walk through the ancient district of Plaka, one of the most picturesque parts of the city, before arriving arrive at the complex of monuments that most symbolise Athens - the Acropolis. The highlight of your tour to the Acropolis will be the Parthenon, one of the most important ancient monuments in the Western world, which was dedicated to the Goddess Athena and conceived in 447BC. Your tour will end today at the Acropolis Museum, which exhibits sculptures and reliefs from the site.

*Hotel Hilton Athens*

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**Day 3 – Saturday**  
**Athens**

Today is at your leisure.

*Hotel Hilton Athens*

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**Day 4 – Sunday**  
**Athens - Mykonos**

Today you will be privately transferred to the Athens Airport. Upon arrival at Mykonos airport you will be transferred to your hotel. (Please note that transfer is provided by your hotel and should other guests arrive on the same flight, your transfer will be shared.)

You will be confirmed for two nights at the Santa Marina Resort & Villas in a classic double room, inclusive of buffet breakfast.

VALUE ADDED: Special Offer: Complimentary airport/port transfers included in rates; Complimentary shuttle bus to Mykonos town twice daily & Complimentary room upgrade (subject to availability at time of check-in).

*Santa Marina Resort & Villas*

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**Day 5 – Monday**  
**Mykonos**

Today you will enjoy a half-day (4 hours) excursion with your local English-speaking guide and private vehicle. Mykonos is a beautiful island of whitewashed houses and lovely beaches. Wander through the narrow streets in Mykonos Town and visit the fascination Maritime and Archeological Museums. Travel inland to the village of Ano Mera where you will visit the Monastery of the Panayia Tourliani, which was founded by two monks.

This afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities of your hotel.

*Santa Marina Resort & Villas*

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**Day 6 – Tuesday**  
**Mykonos - Santorini**

Early this afternoon you will be transferred to the Mykonos port (Please note that transfer is provided by your hotel and should other guests depart on the same ferry, your transfer will be shared.)

The catamaran journey to Santorini takes approximately three hours and you will be confirmed in the Business Class section.

*Please note there are no porters at the piers so we recommend only bring the amount of luggage that you are able to handle on and off the vessel yourselves. Sailings are subject to cancellation in case of bad weather.*

Upon arrival at Santorini port you will be transferred to your hotel. (Please note that transfer is provided by your hotel and should other guests arrive on the same ferry, your transfer will be shared.)

You will be confirmed for three nights at the Vedema Resort in a Dorian Apartment, inclusive of buffet breakfast.

VALUE ADDED: Special Offers: For a minimum stay of 3 nights, receive one complimentary meal (lunch or dinner) per person per stay; Complimentary airport/port transfers are available to and from the hotel (please note that these are shared transfers, sharing with other hotel guests traveling on the same flight/ferry); Complimentary shuttle bus to Fira town & hotel's beach few times a day (exact time schedule available upon arrival in hotel).

*Vedema Resort*

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**Day 7 – Wednesday**  
**Santorini**

This morning enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour (4 hours) of the island with your private vehicle and local English-speaking guide. Sightseeing will include the magnificent underground Minoan town of Akrotiri, and a visit and wine tasting at a vineyard at Antoniou.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel.

*Vedema Resort*

*B*

**Day 8 – Thursday**  
**Santorini**

Today is at your leisure.

*Vedema Resort*

*B*

**Day 9 – Friday**  
**Santorini - Rhodes**

Today you will be transferred to the Santorini Airport (Please note that transfer is provided by your hotel and should other guests depart on the same flight, your transfer will be shared.) Upon arrival at Rhodes airport you will be privately transferred to your hotel.

You will be confirmed for three nights at the Rhodos Park Suites Hotel at double room, inclusive of buffet breakfast.

*Rhodos Park Suites Hotel*

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**Day 10 – Saturday**  
**Rhodes**

Your private vehicle and English-speaking guide will meet you today for a tour (7 hours.) Enjoy a beautiful drive along the East coast of Rhodes, passing through picturesque villages until you reach Lindos and its famous Acropolis. You get to the Acropolis wither on foot or by donkey. Here you can admire the ruins of the castle of the Knights and the Byzantine church of St. John covered with eighteenth century frescoes. The view is truly panoramic and at the foot of the Acropolis is St Paul's Bay, where the Apostle is said to have sought shelter during a storm. Return to Rhodes Town for lunch (payable locally,) and then your guide will take you on a walking tour through the cobblestone streets. See the Palace of the Grand Masters, the most imposing building of medieval Rhodes which was started in the early14th century, the Palace was destroyed in 1856 and rebuilt in 1939. At the end of the tour your driver will meet you again and transfer you back to your hotel.

*Rhodos Park Suites Hotel*

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**Day 11 – Sunday**  
**Rhodes**

Today is at your leisure.

*Rhodos Park Suites Hotel*

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**Day 12 – Monday**  
**Rhodes - Crete**

Today you will be privately transferred to the Rhodes Airport. Upon arrival at Heraklion airport you will be privately eastwards to your hotel located in the village of Elounda.

You will be confirmed for two nights at the Elounda Bay Palace at superior double room with mountain view, inclusive of buffet breakfast.

*Elounda Bay Palace*

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**Day 13 – Tuesday**  
**Crete**

This morning is at your leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel and the facilities of the Elounda Beach Hotel, sister hotel to Elounday Bay.

This afternoon you will be met by your local English-speaking guide and private vehicle for a half-day sightseeing tour (6 hours). The highlight of your tour today is the Palace of Knossos which belonged to King Minos and was the centre of the Minoan civilisation. Evidence has been unearthed of mosaic floors, the grand staircase and the throne complex. You will also visit the Archaeological Museum, where the exhibits of the Minoan culture can be admired. After your sightseeing tour you will be privately transferred back to your hotel.

*Elounda Bay Palace*

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**Day 14 – Wednesday**  
**Crete**

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel and the facilities of the Elounda Beach Hotel, sister hotel to Elounday Bay.

This evening you will be privately transferred to Heraklion airport for your flight to Athens. Upon arrival at Athens Airport, make your own way across on foot to the Hotel Sofitel Athens Airport, the hotel is a 1-2 minute walk opposite the arrivals hall and is very clearly signposted.

You will be confirmed for one night at the Athens Sofitel Airport Hotel at superior double room, inclusive of buffet breakfast.

*Athens Sofitel Airport Hotel*

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**Day 15 – Thursday**  
**Depart Crete**

Make your way the short distance by foot back across to the airport terminal today for your departure flight.

## Silver

### Inclusions:

- Buffet breakfast
- Accommodation in a double room at the Hotel Hilton, Athens
- Accommodation in a classic room at Santa Marina Resort & Villas, Mykonos
- Accommodation in a Dorian apartment at Vedema Resort, Santorini
- Accommodation in a double room at Rhodos Park Suites Hotel, Rhodes
- Accommodation in a superior room with mountain view at Elounda Bay Palace, Crete
- Accommodation in a superior room at Athens Sofitel Airport Hotel, Athens
- Private transport by Mercedes taxi / Mercedes E class or similar. Please note that the vehicle provided allows for one piece of luggage per person. For additional luggage, larger vehicles can be provided for a supplementary cost.
- Domestic air travel – economy class tickets
- Catamaran service from Mykonos to Santorini – business class tickets
- Basic English-speaking driver for arrival/departure transfers
- Expert local English-speaking guides for stated sightseeing
- Entrance fees to all sights and museums
- The services of an **Akorn Guardian Angel** including hotel meeting upon arrival in Athens, telephone monitoring at each hotel and reconfirmation of arrangements with all service providers.
- Welcome packs
- All taxes
- 24 hour emergency contact service based at Akorn Europe

### Exclusions:

- All International air travel and associated costs
- All meals except breakfast unless stated otherwise in the itinerary
- Porterage
- Gratuities
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" list above.

