



Glorious Greece

Island Hopping with NEPR

May 13-25, 2019

*“Oh the isles of Greece, the isles of Greece!
Where burning Sappho loved and sung...Eternal summer gilds them yet,
But all except their sun is set.”*
Lord Byron

Stunning whitewashed villages gaze over blue seas and the ruins echo with the voices of ancient philosophers. Join NEPR on an unforgettable journey to the cradle of Western civilization. This tailored-made public radio adventure to Greece promises to be filled with mouth-watering Greek specialties, music, sun-drenched beaches and historic walks through romantic ruins. We'll sleep among the blue domes on Santorini, sail in the Cyclades and immerse ourselves in archeological treasures.



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YOUR JOURNEY...

- 3 Nights Athens, Greece
- 2 Nights Nafplio Seaside Village
- 3 Nights Isle Mykonos
- 3 Nights Isle of Santorini



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Private guided walks through the Parthenon & Acropolis, the National Archeological Museum of Athens ♦ Plaka district markets ♦ The ancient archeological sites of Delphi, Argos, Mycenae and Epidaurus ♦ Glamorous Mykonos and stunning Santorini ♦ A visit to an island winery and the excavation site of Akrotiri on Santorini ♦ A sunset cruise on Santorini ♦ Opportunities for morning or afternoon hikes and/or walks ♦ An excursion to the isle of Delos ♦ A small group of soon to be friends!

IT'S INCLUDED!

- › With NEPR host _____
- › Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide.
- › A special musical performance (TBD)
- › Eleven nights in charming, centrally located hotels (*all rooms with private bath*).
- › All breakfasts and eleven additional lunches or dinners (*two thirds of all meals*).
- › Transportation by private air-conditioned motor coach & ferries.
- › All entrances listed in the trip highlights section above.
- › Private guided tours of each archeological site visited.
- › Gratuities for driver, guides and other persons assisting you while participating in a group activity.
- › Country & city maps. Plus a reading and video list.
- › Alumni appreciation discounts applied toward future Expeditions.



TRIP FACTS

12 Days / 11 Nights (not including intl. air travel)
\$4,495 per person double occupancy land
\$979 single supplement
May 13, optional group air flight departs Boston, USA
May 14, 2019 Trip begins in Athens at 6:00pm
May 25, trip ends in Santorini after breakfast

GROUP AIR: \$1,195.00 on Delta Airlines

NOT INCLUDED: Travel insurance, international flight and any items not listed.

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"Wine gives strength to weary men"

Homer

YOUR NEPR ADVENTURE BEGINS!

Day 0: Depart for Athens

A group flight will be available from Boston. Or, arrive a day or two early and take some time to enjoy this bustling cultural hub before joining your fellow travelers. You may wish to visit some of Athens' sights not included in the tour. *Note: If you are departing from North America, you will arrive in Europe the following day.*

Day 1: Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the birthplace of Western Civilization. After settling into our centrally located hotel, your guide will host a welcome orientation followed by a feast at a nearby local taverna. *Sleep in Athens*

Day 2: The Acropolis and the National Archeological Museum

The Acropolis was the political and religious center of the ancient Greek world. The Temple of Athena (*better known as the Parthenon*) proudly crowns the Acropolis. Today, we visit the Parthenon and Temple of Nike to see how the development of western civilization was unthinkable without the contributions of the Greeks. After a tasty lunch in a local taverna, our hunt for ancient treasure continues with an excursion to the National Archeological museum of Greece. There your guide will escort you through endless rooms, all bursting with powerful bronze statues, beautifully carved marble statues and priceless artifacts. The evening is yours to explore the back alleys of the Plaka market. *Sleep in Athens*

Day 3: North to Ancient Delphi

We leave today for the region of central Greece known as Roumeli, to visit the classical site at Delphi. Most people come to this region for this purpose only and it is worthwhile. Delphi is the only ancient site that combines a unique wealth of monuments from all over the country with the natural beauty of the landscape. Tucked right under the cliffs, Delphi is one of the places many travelers find most memorable. The steep climb is rewarded with spectacular vistas and incomparable treasures. *Sleep in Athens*



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Day 4: Delphi to Nafplio

After lunch, we cross the peninsula where the lovely seaside village of Nafplio awaits your arrival. In the 1700's, this seaside gem was intimately linked to the prospering sea power, Venice. This is your home for the next two nights so you'll have plenty of time to stroll through Nafplio's well-preserved elegant old town and soak up the ambiance of the Aegean Sea. *Sleep in Nafplio*

Day 5: Excursions to Ancient Mycenae and Epidaurus

We begin our day with two of the oldest Greek settlements, Mycenae and Epidaurus. The ancient city of Mycenae gave its name to the entire Bronze Age. By 1,500 BC, Mycenae merchants and military had come to dominate Greek lands. Legend has it that the powerful enemy of Troy, King Agamenon ruled Mycenae.

After lunch, we continue our journey through time by visiting the 4th-century BC amphitheater of Epidaurus. The theatre's perfect acoustics and elegant lines are astonishing. In the late afternoon, we'll return to Nafplio. *Sleep in Nafplio*

Day 6: Evening ferry to the glamorous island of Mykonos via Corinth

As we make our way to the Port of Piraeus, we stop first to wonder at ancient Corinth and its famous canal. Occupied by the Romans in the 146BC, the city under Roman domination became the Imperial capital of Greece. What remains, despite powerful earthquakes, is the most complete Greco-Roman town plan. Side Note: Corinth once had the well-deserved reputation for luxury and vice, which predictably exercised Saint Paul when he arrived in AD 52 for an 18-month sojourn. In the early evening we escape from the mainland in search of the serenity of Greek isles. By boat we cruise blue waters to the glamorous sun-drenched island of Mykonos. Boasting one of the prettiest and most solicitously preserved towns in the cyclades, Mykonos is a great place to unwind. *Sleep in Mykonos*



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Day 7: Relax in Mykonos

Relax today on the stunning island of Mykonos. Spend your time dining in seaside cafes and stroll through flower decked alleyways, take in the countless white washed houses and walk up to the famous windmills of Mykonos. Sleep in Mykonos

Day 8: Enjoy an outing to the isle of Delos

After breakfast, enjoy a short boat trip to nearby Delos. This sacred island was amongst the three most important religious centers of ancient Greece. Athens considered Delos and its' God Apollo so important that in the 5th century BC, it decreed that no one could be born or die on its sacred soil. Upon your return to Mykonos enjoy dinner with your host and guide. Sleep in Mykonos

Day 9: Ferry to Santorini

Our exploration on the Greek Cyclades continues today with a boat trip to the picturesque island of Santorini. Note: Depending upon the ferry schedule you may be stopping at the Island of Naxos for several hours where you will have time for a leisurely lunch before re-boarding your ferry to Santorini.

It's a spectacular approach to Santorini as the ship enters a vast, almost landlocked circle. On the upper rim cling whitewashed, blue-domed buildings of Thira, the island's capital village, where in the following days you'll enjoy splendid views of the port below. Some believe Santorini to be the legendary Atlantis. In 1,500 BC the Island exploded in a powerful volcanic eruption creating the now existing caldera. Sleep in Santorini



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Day 10: An excursion to the village of Oia: Get into the rhythm of island life and sift your way through the whitewashed village of Santorini or make your way to a black sand beach where you can partake in an ancient Greek ritual, sun bathing.

Looking for some afternoon activity? For those interested, your guide will bring you to the town of Oia. Located on the islands northernmost peninsula, Oia is perhaps the

most stunning and photographed village in all of Greece. For those wishing, you can make your way to Oia by way of a dramatic seaside-hiking trail. Sleep in Santorini

Day 11: Another day of leisure on Santorini and an evening sunset cruise

Today let's take in a nearby winery, where we will learn how wine, the nectar of the Gods is produced. After our tour, we make our way to the southwest tip of the island to Akrotira. Once an important Minoan outpost, Akrotira was discovered in 1866 by a French archaeologist and now is an impressive site for all visitors interested in this ancient civilization. Tonight you'll be treated to a farewell dinner and sunset cruise.

Your guide is available today to assist you with any post tour plans you might have. Sleep in Santorini

Day 12: Depart for USA

Tour over after breakfast. Bon Voyage!

(Santorini is well connected to Athens. There are daily direct flights (45 minutes) to Athens airport. You may also choose to return to Athens by high speed or slow boat.

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