



## COLOSSUS 13 Days / 12 Nights

Athens, Mykonos, Santorini, Heraklion and Chania in Crete and Rhodes From € 1,852.07

Guaranteed daily departures from April to mid-October.

Free Cancellation up to 31 days before your arrival, except for the air tickets.

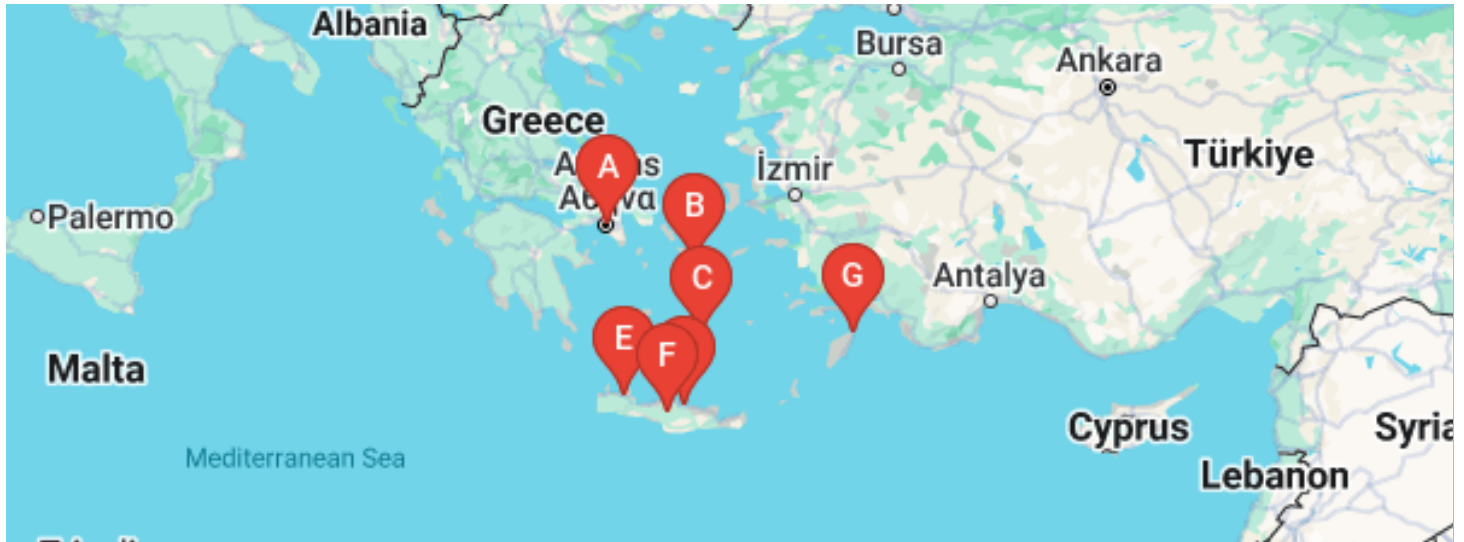
### What is included in this Package

- ✓ 2-night accommodation in Athens.
- ✓ 2-night accommodation in Mykonos.
- ✓ 2-night accommodation in Santorini.
- ✓ 2-night accommodation in Heraklion, Crete.
- ✓ 2-night accommodation in Chania.
- ✓ 2-night accommodation in Rhodes.
- ✓ Athens City tour with an English-speaking escort
- ✓ Evening walking tour through Monastiraki, Plaka and Anafiotika.
- ✓ Ferry ticket with numbered seats Piraeus-Mykonos.
- ✓ Fast ferry ticket with numbered seats Mykonos-Santorini.
- ✓ Ferry ticket with numbered seats Santorini-Heraklion.
- ✓ Air ticket Heraklion-Rhodes.
- ✓ Air ticket Rhodes-Athens.
- ✓ Car rental as per itinerary.
- ✓ CDW insurance, excess amount Eur 900.00.

### Not included Package & Optionals

- + Personal expenses, gratuities & tourist city tax.
- + International air tickets.
- + GPS, snow chains, child seat and additional driver upon request.
- + Book more nights in Athens, Mykonos, Santorini, Crete or Rhodes by clicking on "Customize your Program" or during step 1 of your reservation.
- + Book a fast ferry or flight by clicking on "Customize your Program" or by clicking on "Customize your transportation" during step 1 of your booking.
- + Check our [FAQs](#) for more information, including hotels in this package according to destination and category.

- ✓ Unlimited kilometres.
- ✓ 24-hour Roadside Assistance.
- ✓ All transfers as per description.
- ✓ 24/7 Emergency phone line.
- ✓ Daily breakfast.



## Itinerary Colossus



### 1 ATHENS - CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION

Arriving in **Athens**, we'll smoothly transfer you to your hotel in our comfortable vehicles. Our English-speaking assistant will be with you, ensuring your comfort and care throughout the journey. In the afternoon, at the hotel, our representative will provide you with all the essential trip details. Get ready for an engaging presentation about the city, where you'll gain insights into its vibrant daily life. Feel free to ask questions and clear any doubts, setting the stage for a pleasant and hassle-free experience throughout your trip.

With the rest of the day at your leisure, embrace Athens at your own pace. Immerse yourself in the captivating sights, sounds, and flavors of this remarkable city.

**Greca Tip:** Enhance your experience by easily extending your stay. Add more nights during the booking process!

### 2 AFTERNOON CITY TOUR & ATHENS BY NIGHT!!

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning at your own pace—sleep in, explore nearby areas, or simply unwind—before meeting your assistant at Syntagma Square at 15:40 to witness the Changing



of the Guards in front of the Hellenic Parliament at 16:00. Shortly after, we will board our vehicle together and begin a panoramic city tour, offering a comprehensive introduction to Athens and its most important landmarks. During the tour, we will see:

**The Athenian Trilogy (National Library, University of Athens, and Academy of Athens), the Presidential Residence, the Kallimarmaro Stadium (Panathenaic Stadium), the Zappeion, and the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Gate**, while making short stops to take in the beauty of these landmarks and capture memorable photos.

Our tour will come to an end at the top of **Philopappou Hill**, offering stunning views of the city. Here, our assistant will provide recommendations for those who wish to continue exploring independently, whether visiting the Acropolis, discovering Monastiraki, or enjoying a meal in Plaka.

This tour is conveniently designed to finish at around 19:30, allowing you some time to rest before making your way to Mornastiraki to join the **Athens by Night Walking Tour**, and see another side of the city under the moonlight.

**Greca Tip:** If you wish to visit the Acropolis, you can do so at your own pace, in the morning or after the afternoon tour, keeping in mind that the site closes at sunset. You can purchase your tickets for the Acropolis in step 2 of your reservation.



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### FROM ATHENS TO MYKONOS - NAVIGATING AS ODYSSEUS

Embark on an exciting journey as we transfer you to the **Port of Piraeus**. From there, you'll set sail on a ferry bound for the famous island of Mykonos. Bask in the perfect timing of the crossing, enjoying the sun-drenched deck and immersing yourself in the captivating shades of the Aegean Sea.

**Mykonos**, known as the "heap of stones" or the "rocky place," holds a rich history. According to legend, it was named after Mykonos, the heroic son of King Anius of Delos. As you arrive on this cosmopolitan island, our friendly English-speaking representative will warmly welcome you. They'll assist with your hotel transfer and introduce you to the enchanting charms of Mykonos.

The remainder of the day is yours to unwind and embrace the laid-back island lifestyle. Immerse yourself in the unhurried pace embraced by the locals, allowing yourself to truly relax and soak in the beauty of Mykonos.

**Greca Tip:** For a swifter journey, consider selecting a fast ferry during the reservation process.



#### 4 MYKONOS: RELAX, SUN, BEACH, AND HISTORY

Free day to spend a delightful time exploring the stunning **island of Mykonos**. Known as a favorite destination for the international "jet set," it offers a wealth of attractions including beautiful beaches, glamorous shops, and vibrant nightlife.

When it comes to food, Mykonos offers Mediterranean cuisine that incorporates fresh vegetables, flavorful olive oil, and a variety of aromatic spices such as oregano and basil. You can also indulge in delicious fish and seafood dishes.

Remember to visit the nearby historic island of Delos, just a short ferry ride away. According to Greek mythology, **Delos** is the legendary birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. This ancient island has been inhabited since 3000 BC and holds immense cultural significance from ancient times.

**Greca Tip:** For an authentic experience, we suggest renting a car or motorcycle to explore the island, immerse yourself in local customs, and truly feel like a part of Mykonos.



#### 5 FROM MYKONOS TO MAGICAL SANTORINI

Start your day with a delicious breakfast, embracing the Greek way of life. Our private vehicle will pick you up at the agreed time to take you to the port.

Get ready to captivate as **Santorini's port** comes into view. The first revelation is the stunning capital city, Fira. You'll witness white houses perched on the cliffside, gazing at the volcano. Once you arrive, our friendly English-speaking representative will welcome you warmly. Then, he'll escort you to your hotel. He'll also provide insights into the remarkable features of this picturesque island.

Take the rest of the day to wander through the charming narrow streets. Immerse yourself in the incredible Santorini.

**Greca Tip:** Relax and savor one of the world's most beautiful sunsets from a coffee shop in the fashion town of Oia.



#### 6 DISCOVERING SANTORINI

Free day to explore, at your own pace, the magical island of **Santorini**, considered to be the lost continent of Atlantis. Venetian Giacomo Barozzi gave the name of the island. He was inspired by the presence of a chapel dedicated to Saint Eirini.

Optionally, you can go on a [dazzling sailboat tour](#) that will take you over to the small islands of Santorini **Caldera**, **Nea**, and **Palea Kameni**, with the hot springs of green and yellow waters.

**Greca Tip:** On this free day, we recommend exploring the island, tasting its wine and its excellent local cuisine. We cannot miss tasting the tomato keftedes (a kind of tomato balls), the fava dishes (a vegetable smaller than a pea), and the cheese called Chloro. Here is a [catamaran cruise with wine tasting in Santorini](#) you may want to take.



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## FROM SANTORINI TO HERAKLION, HOME OF MINOTAUR

At the appointed time, we will transfer you to the new port of Santorini, Athinios. There, you will board the ferry bound for **Crete**, the largest island in Greece.

You will arrive at the port of Heraklion. This city is the capital of Crete and home to the legendary King Minos and his Minotaur. Heraklion was the most important city of the Minoan civilization. It means the glory of the goddess Hera. The Palace of Knossos, the oldest palatial complex in Europe, is in Heraklion.

Upon your arrival, you will collect your rental car and drive to your hotel.

**Greca Tip:** Before renting a car, please review the [car rental requirements](#).



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## FROM HERAKLION TO CHANIA

Thanks to the **rental car** we have arranged for you in this program, you can set out on your adventure the way you have planned it and at your own pace. **Chania** is located in the western part of this incredible island and on your way there you will drive on well-maintained roads.

We suggest that you make your first stop at the **Palace of Knossos**, home to the legendary King Minos and the ferocious Minotaur. We also recommended visiting **Rethymnon**, a city nestled between breathtaking mountains and the deep blue of the Mediterranean.

During this trip from **Heraklion** to **Chania** you will have the chance to explore and get closer to the majestic interior of the island. Upon your arrival in Chania, you will check in at your hotel and enjoy a good night's sleep.

**Total distance:** 140 kilometers.

**Greca Tip:** You can visit the picturesque and traffic-free old town of Chania for some jewelry and pottery, local crafts, traditional Cretan knives, olive wood, and natural products made with local herbs, oils, and plants.

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## CHANIA TOWN AND COUNTRYSIDE

On this **free day** we recommend that you make the most of your **rental car** to discover the wonders and hidden gems that have ranked this city amongst the main European holiday destinations. Not to be missed are the stunning **beaches of Balos, Elafonissi, or Falassarna** and if you love trekking, then a visit to **Samaria Gorge** is obligatory.

**Greca Tip:** Explore the town of Chania, its Venetian Harbor, the narrow shopping streets, waterfront restaurants and discover the "inner Crete" through its mountain villages.



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## FROM CHANIA TO HERAKLION, THE RETURN

Your **day in Chania** isn't finished yet! Take some time to relax, go shopping, or continue exploring the places of interest and beaches you didn't have a chance to visit.

In the afternoon, prepare for your **return to Heraklion**. Check into your hotel, savor a delicious dinner, and enjoy a refreshing drink at one of the fantastic restaurants at the Cretan capital.

**Greca Tip:** Try dakos, a traditional dish made with paximadi (rusks), chopped tomato, fresh cheese, herbs, and a drizzle of olive oil on top.



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## FROM HERAKLION TO RHODES

At the time indicated, you will arrive at Heraklion airport and return your car to the hire company's station.

You will then board your flight to **Rhodes**. This island was the proud host of one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, "the Colossus of Rhodes."

Upon your arrival, one of our English-speaking representatives will welcome you at the airport. He'll escort you to your hotel and comment a little more on the highlights of this beautiful island. The rest of the day is free to explore Rhodes at your own pace.

**Greca Tip:** Visit the medieval Old Town of Rhodes. There you'll find the Palace of Grand Master, the Street of the Knights, the old port of Mandraki, and Hippocrates Square.

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## RHODES - HOME OF THE COLOSSUS

After a rich breakfast, you will have a whole day to enjoy this incredible island at your own pace.

We suggest a visit to **Lindos** one of the three major towns of



ancient Rhodes, thanks to its great naval power. The remains of the **Acropolis of Lindos**, a natural watchtower facing the open sea and built on a steep rock 116 meters above sea level, is an eloquent witness to the town's long standing power and wealth. After your visit you can relax in the azure sea at Saint Paul's Bay. **Greca Tip:** You can also visit the Valley of the Butterflies, a habitat of unique value and incomparable beauty with lush vegetation and streams along cleverly laid paths.



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## **GOODBYE RHODES...FAREWELL GREECE!**

At the agreed time, our representative will transfer you to **Rhodes airport**, where you will board your **flight** back to **Athens**.

Upon your arrival you will connect to your international flight, which ideally should depart after **12:30 pm**.

Having spent a few fantastic days with Greca Travel, we hope to see you again soon to create new and extraordinary moments that will be lovingly etched in your memory.

Have a nice trip! or as Greeks say: "Kalo taksidi!"

**Greca Tip:** Before you leave Rhodes make sure you try some of the island's traditional delicacies, such as Pitaroudia, chickpea fritters and melekounia, a healthy dessert with sesame and honey.

## What other travelers say about us



### Excellent Personal Service

I went on a tour of Delphi and Meteora with GRECA VIAJES and my experience was exceptional. The tour took place according to plan, very punctual, our guide Maria was in charge of making the trip very pleasant with her stories and anecdotes about Greece and especially all the information she gave us about the sites themselves, highly recommended.

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