



CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

Greece: Athens & the Aegean 2019

10 days

Limited to 24 guests

Experience an unmatched blend of ancient history and modern wonders in Greece, savoring the relaxed pace of island living and the lively bustle of Athens alike, and enjoying the rich variety of Mediterranean cuisine.

Included With Every Connections Boutique Group Journey

- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Internet Access (Where Available)
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

A&K Advantages

Experience the marvels of ancient Greece alongside the bustle of modern-day Athens and the spirited island of Crete

Learn the secrets to great Greek cuisine at a private in-home cooking class in Oropos

Visit some of the most renowned wonders of the ancient world, including the Acropolis, Parthenon and Palace of Knossos

Pay an exclusive visit to an organic cosmetics producer to learn about traditional Greek products

Stroll through the Minoan Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri (reputed to be Atlantis), admiring its beautiful frescoes

Take a private cruise on a magnificent catamaran in Santorini, with a barbecue picnic lunch

18 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome briefing followed by dinner.

NEW Hotel | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 ATHENS | TEMPLE OF ATHENA

Visit the Acropolis and the Parthenon, two great icons of the ancient world. At the Acropolis Museum, marvel at artifacts Athenians used in everyday life, as well as finds from the slopes of the Acropolis. This afternoon, explore Athens' wonders at your own pace.

NEW Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 OROPOS | HANDS-ON CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Depart your hotel for the ancient town of Oropos, where you meet a local family in their home for an exclusive hands-on culinary experience. After lunch, stroll the charming village streets, and peruse its boutiques and shops.

NEW Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAYS 4-6 CRETE | MINOAN TREASURES

This morning, fly to the island of Crete for three days of exploration and discovery. Visit the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, known for the best collection of Minoan art in the world. Continue to the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete and visit its Minoan palace. Later, check in to your seaside accommodations in Agios Nikolaos, a coastal town that blends bustling city life with local art and a leisurely attitude. The next day, visit the island of Spinalonga, a protective outpost for the Cretan mainland built in 1579. Wander the streets of this former community and then explore the picturesque streets of historic Plaka, filled with flower shops, taverns and charming boutiques. Cap off your day with a visit to the Byzantine church of Panagia Kera, a 13th-century structure with impressive fresco decorations. Discover eastern Crete the following day with a visit to the village of Kritsa, renowned for its traditional weaving. Taste the products of a local olive oil producer. Next, visit an organic cosmetics producer, where you learn about how these traditional products are made. Stop to explore bustling Agios Nikolaos before returning to your resort for a relaxing afternoon at leisure.

St. Nicolas Bay | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Day 4); Breakfast, Lunch (Day 5); Breakfast (Day 6)

DAY 7 SANTORINI | MYTHICAL ATLANTIS

Voyage to Santorini by high-speed catamaran. Travel north to Fira to visit the Archaeological Museum, home to the island's finest collection of artifacts from the fourth and fifth century. Check into your hotel, then continue to Akrotiri, a Minoan Bronze Age settlement preserved in volcanic ash from the Thera eruption in 1627 BC. The settlement has been suggested as a possible inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis. Explore the beautiful village of Oia and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

Vedema Resort | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 SANTORINI | CATAMARAN CRUISE

Set out on a private yacht for a cruise around the southern coast of Santorini. Bask in the beauty of the stunning white and red beaches with time to soak up the sun or swim in the crystal waters. Savor an appetizing barbecue lunch prepared by the expert crew just for you. Return to your hotel with the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Vedema Resort | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9 ATHENS | BREATHTAKING CAPE VIEWS

Fly to Athens and visit the Temple of Poseidon, travelling along the shores of Cape Sounion. Take in the gorgeous vistas over the Aegean Sea as you imagine life for the ancient Greeks who constructed the imposing temple. Travel to your waterfront resort, where you settle in and enjoy some time at leisure. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner at an authentic working farm for a meal featuring seasonal, locally grown produce.

Divani Apollon Suites | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10 DEPART ATHENS

Transfer to Athens airport and board your onward flight.



Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$410
Athens/Heraklion, Santorini/Athens

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).