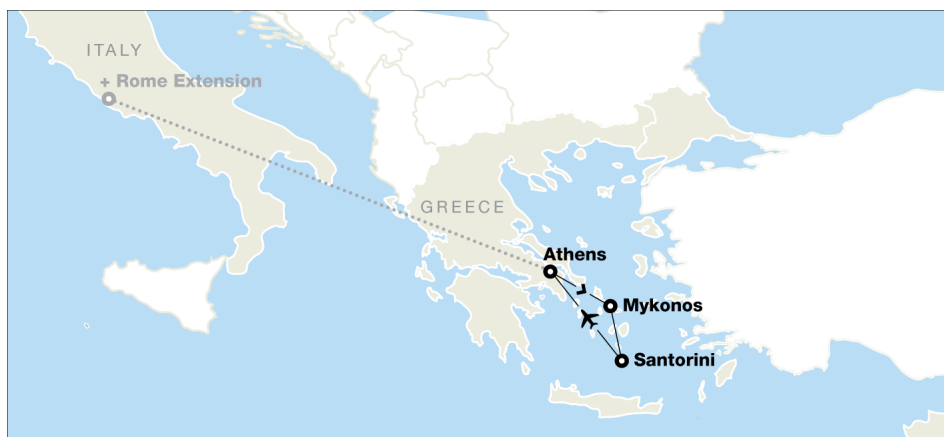




A Week in Greece: Athens, Mykonos & Santorini

9 days | 12 days with Rome extension

Cobblestone streets, arched white facades, ocean-blue roofs, and larger-than-life windmills are just a few of the picturesque Greek landscapes you can expect to find on this tour. Experience ancient history and open-air museums in the capital of Athens. Then, the quintessential, beautiful Greek islands you've been dreaming of come to life on the isles of Mykonos and Santorini.



Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 3 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 ferry transfers
- 1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

- Temple of Zeus
- Acropolis
- Parthenon
- Windmills in Mykonos Town
- Black sand beaches in Santorini
- Akrotiri excavations
- Mount Profitis Ilias

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with steep hills and stairs.

Group size

15-30

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Athens today.

Athens → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Athens

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Greece! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner tonight.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Athens

Included meals: breakfast

A local guide introduces you to the highlights of this bustling ancient capital, home to the world's first democracy.

- Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian
- View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus
- See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district
- Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion

Enjoy a free afternoon in Athens or add an excursion.

+ Greek Cooking Class & Dinner

Mykonos → 2 nights

Day 4: Ferry to Mykonos & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel by ferry to Mykonos and join your Tour Director on a walk through Mykonos Town.

- See the iconic windmills in Mykonos Town, built as early as the 16th century
- View Little Venice, the charming neighborhood right along the Aegean Sea
- Pass the Church of Panagia Paraportiani and admire its unique architecture

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 5: Free day in Mykonos

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Mykonos or add an excursion.

+ Delos Cruise & Temple of Apollo

Santorini → 2 nights

Day 6: Ferry to Santorini

Included meals: breakfast

Take a ferry to Santorini and enjoy a free afternoon on the island or add an excursion.

Please note: For an additional cost, you can book a visit to the village of Oia through your Tour Director. The visit will either take place on the evening of day 6 or the morning of day 8 depending on the ferry and flight schedules.
+ Santorini Winery Visit & Tasting

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Santorini

Included meals: breakfast

Take in the local sights on a guided tour of Santorini, a volcanic isle known for its black sand beaches, cliff-lined shores, and stunning whitewashed architecture.

- Visit the prehistoric settlements that were unearthed during the archaeological excavations at Akrotiri
- Ride to the top of Mount Profitis Ilias for panoramic views of the whole island
- Stop in the small, picturesque village of Pyrgos

Spend a free afternoon in Santorini or add an excursion.

+ Santorini Caldera Cruise & Dinner

Athens → 1 night

Day 8: Flight to Athens

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

This afternoon, fly to Athens and celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner tonight.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to explore Rome.

+ Rome extension

Have your sights on more art, history, and street life? Rome is sure to deliver. Only in the Italian capital can you sip cappuccino in front of the Pantheon and have an audience with the pope all in one morning. After a flight, admire the highlights during guided sightseeing.

Rome → 3 nights

Day 9: Flight to Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Rome, Italy and enjoy a free evening in the Italian capital or add an excursion.

+ Food of Rome: Walking Tour of Trastevere

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire
- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials
- Pass by Palatine Hill to see Circus Maximus, the stadium where ancient Romans raced chariots, and the Baths of Caracalla

Enjoy free time in Rome or add an excursion.

+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

Day 11: Free day in Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/GIT | 1-800-754-5066

Day 3: Greek Cooking Class & Dinner

\$185CAD/\$195CAD* (3.5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Learn the ins and outs of the Greek culinary tradition during tonight's cooking class. Join local chefs in the kitchen to prep three dishes. Then, head upstairs to the dining area where you'll sit down to enjoy the meal you've made along with beer or wine.

Day 5: Delos Cruise & Temple of Apollo

\$165CAD/\$175CAD* (5 hours, departs in the morning)

Journey by boat to the island of Delos, rich with mythological history and once one of Greece's most sacred spots. Your guided tour of the island's ancient city will transport you to the time when it was an important center for trade. You can explore the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Sacred Cave, the Lion Terrace, and the House of Dionysus, where you'll find a breathtaking mosaic of the god of wine. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through the end of October only. It may also take place in the afternoon on some departures.

Day 6: Santorini Winery Visit & Tasting

\$95CAD/\$105CAD* (2 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Discover another side of Greece's culinary scene on today's excursion, which takes you to a beautiful winery on the island of Santorini. Here, you'll join a trained sommelier to learn about Greece's proud grape-growing tradition and the types of grapes that thrive in Santorini's volcanic soil, including assyrtiko. Then, enjoy tastings of different local wines paired with a variety of small bites.

Day 7: Santorini Caldera Cruise & Dinner

\$205CAD (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Board a catamaran and sail in comfort through Santorini's awe-inspiring caldera on this scenic excursion. You'll cruise around the volcanic island of Nea Kameni for views of the picture-perfect cliffside village of Oia (pronounced "EE-ah"). Situated on the western end of the island, Oia was once a maritime center, and stately captains' houses still sit on its high ridges. Spend the afternoon on the open waters as you snorkel in the ocean, sunbathe on the deck of the catamaran, and swim in a natural hot spring that was once the crater of a volcano. You'll enjoy unlimited wine, water, and soft drinks, as well as a buffet-style dinner of home-cooked Greek specialties, on board the boat as you take in the beautiful scenery. Please note: We recommend packing a bathing suit. This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through mid-October only. It is also weather-dependent. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 9: Food of Rome: Walking Tour of Trastevere

\$189CAD/\$199CAD* (3.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour of Trastevere. This historic neighborhood is located across the Tiber River and is home to some of the Rome's best shops, bars, and restaurants. Step inside four handpicked eateries, each of which showcases the area's rich culinary traditions. You'll enjoy tastings of aperitivi, pasta, pastries, and gelato—all quintessential Italian foods. Over an aperitivo and a glass of wine, your guide will talk about the various flavors and cooking techniques that have come to define the local cuisine. Watch locals go about their daily lives as you stroll along the charming trattoria-lined streets during your tour.

Day 10: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

\$125CAD/\$135CAD* (4 hours, departure time varies)

Descend into Rome's ancient catacombs, where early Christians buried saints and popes alongside commoners. A local guide will lead you through the burial chambers before your visit to St. Paul's Basilica, one of the four most important basilicas of Rome. Originally founded by Constantine the Great, the Basilica also houses the tomb of St. Paul.

Please note: Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted within the Basilica. Also, this excursion involves extensive walking and may be challenging for claustrophobic travelers.

Day 11: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$175CAD (3.5 hours, departure time varies)

This guided tour takes you inside Vatican City—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most sacred places in Christendom. This independent city-state within Rome serves as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and is home to the Pope. Upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headset and dive into the Vatican's rich history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are more than 500 years old and house many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoed ceiling is arguably Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known: Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà.

Please note: Should this excursion fall on a Sunday, it'll be moved to another day of the tour. Backpacks aren't allowed in the Vatican, and shorts and sleeveless shirts are strictly prohibited. Due to closures of certain entrances and pathways, wait times may extend to

several hours during busy travel months. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms