



The Greek Islands: Undiscovered Paros & Naxos

11 days | 14 days with Crete & Athens extension

The Cyclades island chain is home to both Greece's most beloved and most under-the-radar destinations. Travel from the ancient hub of Athens to the stunning islands of Paros and Naxos, where pristine beaches and traditional whitewashed architecture await. Indulge in delicious Greek cuisine, dive into history that traces back thousands of years, and island hop across the Aegean Sea—all while discovering a new side of the idyllic country.



Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 4 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

- Acropolis
- Parthenon
- Church of Ekatontapiliani
- Paros' Kastro neighborhood
- Marathi Marble Quarries
- Lefkes
- village of Naousa
- Portara
- Temple of Apollo
- Naxos Harbor

Tour pace

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

Group size

14–25

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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 fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

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 free time in Athens or add an excursion.

+ Athens Home-Hosted Dinner

Paros → 3 nights

Day 4: Ferry to Paros

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Take a ferry to the beautiful island of Paros. Enjoy free time to explore before sitting down for an included dinner.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Paros

Included meals: breakfast

Join a local guide and uncover the traditional Greek architecture, multicultural history, and stunning ocean views throughout Paros.

- Head to the capital of Parikia to visit the Byzantine Church of Ekatontapiliani, which dates back to the time of Constantine the Great
- Walk along the charming, cobbled alleyways of the Kastro neighborhood

- Visit the Marathi Marble Quarries to see where Parian marble is excavated
- Head inland to visit Lefkes, the highest village on the island
- End in the picturesque seaside village of Naousa and enjoy free time for lunch

Spend a free afternoon in Paros or add an excursion.

+ Paros Wine Tasting & Dinner

Day 6: Free day in Paros

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day on the island of Paros or add an excursion.

+ Delos & Mykonos

Naxos → 3 nights

Day 7: Ferry to Naxos & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Take a short ferry ride to the neighboring island of Naxos. Then, set off on a guided tour to discover everything the largest island in the Cyclades has to offer.

- Walk along a causeway to reach the Palatia islet and view the Portara, a marble doorway that's part of the unfinished Temple of Apollo
- Pass by the many traditional whitewashed buildings surrounding Naxos Harbor
- Stroll along the cobblestone streets of the Old Town to arrive at the medieval Castle of Naxos
- Enter the castle and learn about the influence that the Venetian empire had over the island of Naxos

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 8: Free day in Naxos

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day on the island of Naxos or add an excursion.

+ Naxos Olive Oil Tasting Cooking Class & Lunch

Day 9: Free day in Naxos

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day to explore Naxos at your leisure or add an excursion.

+ Apeiranthos Village & Tavern Lunch

Athens → 1 night

Day 10: Ferry to Athens

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Board a high-speed ferry back to Athens. Then, celebrate your trip with your fellow group members during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to visit Crete and further explore Athens.

+ Crete & Athens extension

Haven't had your fill of Greece's ancient history and island life? Luckily, Crete has it in spades. Stay a little bit longer to put on your archaeologist hat and uncover the past (and plenty of sea views) in Chania's Old Town alongside an expert. Then, catch a flight back to Athens for one more night in the capital.

Chania → 2 nights

Day 11: Flight to Crete

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Chania, a city located on the western end of the island of Crete. Then, enjoy free time to explore the area.

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Chania

Included meals: breakfast

Join a local guide who will introduce you to Chania's Old Town during this morning's walking tour.

- Step inside the Chania Cathedral Trimartiri and Etz Hayyim, the only synagogue on the island and a symbol of the city's ages-old Jewish community

- Take a walk through the city's indoor market, stopping to try local herbs, cheese, and olive oil
- Pass the Mosque Yiali Tzami as you walk along the old Venetian harbor
- See the famous Egyptian lighthouse Please note: Etz Hayyim and the indoor market are both closed on Sundays.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Chania or add an excursion.

+ Crete Olive Oil Tasting & Dinner

Athens → 1 night

Day 13: Flight to Athens

Included meals: breakfast

Fly back to Athens this afternoon. Then, raise a toast to your trip with a farewell drink this evening.

Flight Home

Day 14: 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.com/GRI | 1-800-597-0350

Day 3: Athens Home-Hosted Dinner

\$79 (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local at their home in Athens to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Grecian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Greek culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 5: Paros Wine Tasting & Dinner

\$105/\$115* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Make your way to a family-owned winery in Naousa. Enjoy a tour of the vineyard, which is located on the hillside overlooking Agioi Anargyroi Beach. Learn about the vineyard's unique type of grape vines, which are trained to grow close to the ground to protect themselves from the strong ocean winds. Then, sit down for a wine tasting and dinner featuring Greek specialties.

Day 6: Delos & Mykonos

\$135/\$145* (10 hours, departs in the morning)

On today's excursion, you'll dive into Greek history in Delos and visit Mykonos, one of Greece's most sought-after destinations. First, take a ferry to Delos. The island is an active archaeological site and is considered one of the most important excavation sites in the Mediterranean. Visit the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo with a local guide. You'll learn about Greek gods Apollo and Artemis, who were born on the island, and discover their connection to Greek mythology. After the tour, enjoy free time to explore the ruins. Then, take a short ferry ride to Mykonos. See the iconic windmills in Mykonos Town, built as early as the 16th century, and view the charming oceanside neighborhood of Little Venice. Enjoy free time to stroll along the cobblestone alleys, eat lunch, or even visit one of the nearby beaches to take a dip in the Aegean Sea. End the day with a ferry ride back to Paros.

Day 8: Naxos Olive Oil Tasting Cooking Class & Lunch

\$129/\$139* (5 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Make your way to Eggares and visit an olive press museum. You'll learn about the different stages of production and enjoy a tasting of locally produced olive oil. Then, head to a nearby village for a hands-on cooking class. Learn how to make traditional Greek cuisine and enjoy eating the meal you crafted for lunch alongside local wine.

Day 9: Apeiranthos Village & Tavern Lunch

\$99/\$109* (6 hour, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Drive into the mountainous region of Naxos to visit the picturesque village of Apeiranthos and join your Tour Director on a walking tour through the marble streets. You'll see Venetian towers, classic white archways, and charming two-story homes as you pass through tiny squares and by quaint cafes. Visit the Apeiranthos Women's Traditional Crafts Cooperative to learn how the women who work there produce traditional woven textiles. This handicraft has been passed from generation to generation and you'll see the loom they use to make the traditional pieces. Then, enjoy an included lunch served with local wine at a nearby tavern.

Extension excursion options

Day 12: Crete Olive Oil Tasting & Dinner

\$99/\$109* (4.5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Head to a local olive oil farm outside of Chania where you'll enjoy an olive oil and wine tasting. Dip into the extra-virgin olive oil with a side of fresh-baked bread, then try five different wine varieties served with a dish of Cretan delicacies. End your night of food, wine, and fun with a dinner overlooking the stunning vineyard and olive groves.

*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.com/terms