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Greek Island Hopping – 11 Days, Price on request.
(Athens, Mykonos, Santorini & Crete -Transportation by Ferry)

9 Nights Greece at 4 star Hotels, Breakfast & Dinner with wine daily, Air Crete-Athens, Ferry Tickets between Islands, Airport Transfers, English-speaking representative on each island, All Taxes. **1 Free Air and Land with every 16 paying travelers**

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Round trip Airfare from JFK (add-ons available from other cities)
- Meeting and assistance upon arrival in Athens.
- **9 Nights accommodations in Greece at 4 star hotels:**
 - 2 Nights Athens, PRESIDENT hotel.
 - 3 Nights Mykonos, MYKONOS PALACE hotel
 - 2 Nights Santorini, SANTORINI PALACE Hotel
 - 2 Nights Crete, HERSONISSOS MARIS Hotel
- Buffet Breakfasts & Dinner with wine daily.
- Sightseeing city tour of Athens including the Acropolis.
- Ferry tickets Piraeus-Mykonos.
- Ferry tickets Mykonos- Santorini
- Ferry tickets Santorini-Heraklion, Crete.
- Airfare between Heraklion and Athens.
- All Airport and Island Transfers in Greece.
- Services of a local English-speaking representative on each island.
- All hotel taxes

GREEK ISLAND HOPPING DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: USA-ATHENS, GREECE

Overnight flight to Athens. Dinner, movie, and breakfast on board.

DAY 2: ATHENS

Our representatives will welcome you to Athens upon arrival after clearing customs, and you'll be transferred to your centrally located hotel. Welcome Dinner with wine and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

DAY 3: ATHENS-MYKONOS

After breakfast at your hotel in Athens, you'll be transferred to Piraeus port to embark in the high-speed ferry to the Greek island of Mykonos. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Dinner with wine at your hotel.



This cosmopolitan and picturesque island is well known for its graphic paved streets with hundreds of boutiques and Cycladic art shops. Beneath the sophisticated surface of Mykonos lies a quintessential Greek Island. Hundreds of tiny chapels dot the island and sheep graze in the shadow of white-washed windmills. Find a table on the waterfront and bask in the serenity of sunset over the picturesque harbor.

DAYS 4 & 5: MYKONOS

Mykonos is the most famous island in the Cyclades. Its reputation has spread during the last years due to its unique landscape, its archeological sites, its cosmopolitan environment and its magnificent seas. Mykonos is an island that is full of contradictions. The contradicting elements that are apparent in this small stretch of land give the island a distinct eccentricity. Mykonos sways between the traditional and the contemporary, from the simple to the complex, and from the accustomed to the unexpected elements. The touching of the whitewashed homes with the blue sea creates a dominant factor and enforces a color motif that gives a special coherence and harmony to the area. It has charmed many anonymous and famous travelers that have written valuable descriptions of the island. Nikos Kazantzakis even wrote that, "Jerusalem, Mykonos, and Moscow are the three cities that amazed him ". The terrain is scenic and rugged, winters are mild, and the summers are cool. Dinner with wine each evening at your hotel.

DAY 6: MYKONOS-SANTORINI

After breakfast at your hotel in Mykonos, you'll be transferred to the port to embark in the high-speed ferry to the Greek island of Santorini. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Dinner with wine at your hotel.



The island of Santorini is perhaps the most breathtaking and beautiful of all the Greek Islands - it is the ideal place for enjoying the most romantic sunsets. The town of Thera's white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliff, accessible by cable-car or donkey. To the south is Akrotiri, where recent Minoan excavations support the theories that Santorini might be the fabled lost continent of Atlantis.

DAY 7: SANTORINI

Santorini has one of the most spectacular landscapes not only in Greece but also in the world. The traditional villages of the island, built on tall cliffs, offer breathtaking views over the submerged volcano. **It** has been said that the sunsets in Santorini are the most spectacular in the world. Be sure to visit Santorini's very unique, black sand beaches like those found in Perissa and Kamari. The center of town is awash with color by day as shoppers find bargains, while at night the bars pulsate with fun-loving tourists and locals who enjoy the beautiful views of the coast. Everywhere, one sees small domed churches and remnants of days gone by. Santorini is a must-see island that has it all - from hypnotic sunset views of volcanoes rising out of blue seas, to beautiful beaches, warm people, and amazing cuisine. Dinner with wine at your hotel.

DAY 8: SANTORINI-CRETE

After breakfast at your hotel in Crete, you'll be transferred to the port to embark in the high-speed ferry to the Greek island of Crete. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Dinner with wine at your hotel.

CRETE



Crete lies at the point where the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa meet. It is the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean with an area of 8,335 square kilometers. The climate of Crete is probably the mildest in Europe. The strong northwesterly wind, the meltemi, moderates even the hottest months of July and August. Rainfall is rare during the summer months. Autumn is Crete's mildest season, when temperatures are often higher than in spring. The mountains that run across the island act as a barrier to the weather, often creating different conditions in northern and southern Crete. Three mountain ranges form a sort of spine stretching across the island. In western Crete, the Lefka Ori or White Mountains occupy a large area within the prefecture of Chania and contain more than 40 peaks over 2,000 meters high. The highest peak in this area is Pahnés, at 2,452 meters above sea level. Some of the most characteristic natural beauties of the Cretan scenery consist of the famous Cretan gorges which begin at the mountainous areas of the island and

end to the sea. The green gorges abound with rare species of flora and fauna which are protected by strict rules, as they are unique throughout Greece. Among them, one can admire rare species of cypress-trees, platans, pine-trees and wildflowers.

The most famous and significant gorge of Crete is the infamous gorge of Samaria, which impresses with its size and unique natural beauty, while on its slopes, one can admire the famous wild goat of Crete which is found nowhere else in Greece. Other significant gorges are the gorges of Imbros, Aradena, Agia Eirini, Kourtaliotis river and Tipoliano.

Crete is well known for the Cretan goat, otherwise called **<kri - kri>** which is found mainly in the Gorge of Samaria. The archaeological excavations, which have brought to light many a wall paintings of the **<kri-kri>**, testify to the view that this animal was worshiped on the island during antiquity. Its rareness is one of the reasons that led to the Gorge of Samaria becoming a national park. However, **<kri - kri>** have been spotted in the nearby islands of Dia, Theodoros and Aghioi Pantes. From the Cretan countryside, there could not be absent animals less rare, which are found in many parts of Greece. Among them, the rabbit, the wild cat or fourgatos and a unique kind of mouse. Among the birds, in the Cretan mountains we distinguish the golden eagle and the eagle Gyps Fulvous, while there are many kinds of traveling birds which make a stop on the island as they travel to the south. Crete is a different world compared to other parts of Greece. Crete is a place with its own tradition, its own character and its own dialect. Local people are very proud of their Cretan origin. This island played a very important role throughout Greek history. It was the first area in Greece which developed advanced civilisation, the famous Minoan Civilisation. Even in these days visitors experience the historical atmosphere of Crete, as you can find monuments and traces of foreign civilisations scattered all over the island. Nowadays, Crete has a flourishing economy which is based partly on tourism. It has giant hotel resorts where you can enjoy splendid facilities. In the south of the island, you will find hundreds of exotic beaches, some crowded and some isolated which can satisfy any taste. Crete is famous for the fruits and vegetables production. So by visiting Crete, you have the chance to taste the world-known Cretan diet based mostly on pure olive oil!

DAY 9: CRETE

Crete offers many surprises in its changing nature... forests of palm trees meet tall mountains, and majestic plateaus leading to the sea. But it is a sea such as you have never seen before. Its tranquil blue waters bring memories of a rich cultural past, of ancient travelers and mythological legends. Crete also carries a long history that goes back to the 7th millennium BCE. It is the island that brought us the Minoan civilization with buildings of perfect architecture, and where later came the religious Byzantium years from which many monasteries are still preserved today. Crete also cultivated a rich culture that offered us great painters such as El Greco, and writers such as Nikos Kazantzakis. Its people developed unique customs,

dances and music visible even in the present modernized life. The land of history, culture and feasts offers you its smile and welcomes you in the mysterious yet familiar world of the Cretans. Dinner with wine at your hotel.

DAY 10: CRETE-ATHENS

Flight Heraklion-Athens. Enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Athens. You will see the center of the city, Constitution Square (Syntagma), the Houses of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, and the National Library. As we drive down Herod Atticus Street, you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniforms and the Residential Palace. On our way to Acropolis you will see the Panathenaic Stadium. This is where the first Olympic games of the modern era were held in 1896. You will also visit the Temple of the Olympian Zeus and Adrian's Arch, and then finally the Acropolis including the famous Parthenon. Farewell Dinner with wine and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

DAY 11: ATHENS-USA

After breakfast, transfer to Athens airport for your return flight, arriving later today.

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS:

Athens: President Hotel



This hotel is located in the heart of Athens and 220 yards from Panormou Metro Station, with comfortable rooms and a beautiful rooftop terrace with a seasonal swimming pool. The President provides spacious stylishly decorated rooms, most offering lovely views of Athens. They come with air conditioning, satellite TV, refrigerator and safe. Hotel President is conveniently in Kifissias Avenue with easy access to shops, museums and archeological sites.



Mykonos Palace Hotel

The Mykonos Palace Hotel is located on the Platis Yialos Beach (4 km from Mykonos Town with 24-hour bus service) It offers full continental breakfast buffet. Pool Bar, Room Service, Internet access, Laundry, and dry cleaning. Massage, manicure & pedicure by appointment.

Santorini: Santorini Palace Hotel



Santorini Palace is an 4-star Hotel in Fira, the island's capital. It is within walking distance from the breathtaking caldera, fine restaurants, and the main shopping center. The hotel is equipped with all the modern comforts you would expect from a first class establishment and maintains an attentive staff dedicated to serve your needs. 106 impeccably furnished rooms and suites, fully air-conditioned, an outdoor 300 sq meters swimming pool, a deluxe restaurant, main bar and pool bar.

Crete Hersonissos Maris Hotel



Hersonissos Palace is a great choice for your leisure trip. It's located 25kms east of Heraclion, the capital of Crete, in the most attractive tourist resort of the island, the city of Hersonissos. It is a sea front hotel by the main beach of Hersonissos. The hotel consists of a main building designed and built in a postmodern style with elements of the Greek neoclassic buildings rooms have a great view of the sea or the spacious gardens. Rooms are air conditioned and have balcony or terrace, bath or shower, color TV, telephone, music, refrigerator, and hair dryer.

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