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CLASSICAL GREECE TOUR

Dates: September 18 – October 2, 2025

Day 1 – Thursday, September 18 - Departure Day
Departure from your gateway to Athens, Greece



Day 2 – Friday, September 19 - Arrive in Greece
Arrive in Athens, meet our guide and bus, then depart for the hotel.
Activity depending on arrival time.
Welcome dinner included at a restaurant.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 3 – Saturday, September 20 - Athens
Breakfast at the hotel
Morning guided sightseeing tour of Athens.
Acropolis including the Parthenon, the Propylea, the temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion, with its Porch of Maidens. Drive to the Roman Temple of Olympic Zeus, the Panathinaikon Stadium (site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896), the Tomb of the unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament House on Constitution Square.

Drive along Panepistimiou Avenue and view the Catholic Cathedral, the Academy, University, National Library. Conclude your tour with a visit to the Acropolis museum.

The remainder of the day is free for you to explore Athens.

Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals: B Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 4 – Sunday, September 21 – Full Day Trip to Delphi

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning departure for Delphi.

We visit the Oracle of Delphi. Dating back to 1400 BC, the Oracle of Delphi was the most important shrine in all Greece. Built around a sacred spring, Delphi was considered to be the omphalos – the center (literally navel) of the world. People came from all over Greece and beyond to have their questions about the future answered by the Pythia, the priestess of Apollo.

We visit the Archaeological site and the Museum of Delphi. Walk the Sacred Way, visit the temple of Apollo, the Athenian treasury, the theatre and the stadium on the mount Parnassos and then on to the Museum housing some masterpieces of the Greek sculpture such as the famous bronze statue of the “Charioteer.”

We continue to the picturesque village of Arachova for lunch and a chance to explore the town.

We return to Athens stopping along the way in Levadia to see the springs of Krya and the Herkyna river. There are numerous waterfalls, stone bridges, huge plane trees and a small gorge.

Arrive in Athens and the evening is free.

Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 5 – Monday, September 22 – Half Day Trip to Saronic Gulf and the Temple of Poseidon

Breakfast at the hotel

Drive up the coastline which offers spectacular views of the Saronic Gulf. Pass the beautiful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza. The highlight of your tour will be a visit to the commanding Temple of Poseidon, the god of the oceans overlooking the Aegean Sea.

Return to Athens.

In the evening we will enjoy dinner and a Greek folklore show.

Meals: B/D Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 6 – Tuesday, September 23 – Full Day Trip to Mycenae and Corinth

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Mycenae. Mycenae was considered the center of power in the Archaic period. The excavated ruins sculpt the top of a rocky hill protected by the famous Cyclopean walls. Mycenaean culture, which dominated Bronze Age Greece, is the source of ancient epics and legends such as the labors of Hercules, the Trojan war, and Agamemnon's tragic life and death.



Next, tour the ruins of ancient Corinth. Corinth was first inhabited between 5000 BC and 3000 BC, but was destroyed in 146 BC by the Romans. Before its destruction it was a thriving city. During its peak, Corinth was a leading maritime power. Its geographical location allowed it access to the Peloponnesus and pretty much the entire country of Greece and other Mediterranean countries. Most of Corinth's wealth was accumulated through trade. This wealth led to influence and this influence caused Corinthian culture to spread throughout the entire ancient world (Methuen). Pay a brief visit to the ancient port of Kecherai. Return to Athens.

Meals: B Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 7 – Wednesday, September 24 - Full Day Cruise

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the port and board our ship.

Day cruise to **Hydra**, **Poros** and **Aegina**, the beautiful islands of the Saronic Gulf. Three islands

overflowed with history, cosmopolitan aura, religious experience along with sounds, colors and images that you want to keep with you forever.

Hydra, one of the most beautiful Greek islands near Athens, so small in size but so big in history. A car free island. Its traditional architectural idiom remains untouched by modern interventions. The picturesque, paved streets, wandered by the donkeys -the traditional means of transport- are one of the most characteristic images of the island. Walking to the streets, you will discover imposing mansions that served as fortresses against pirate attacks and during the 1821's liberation struggle.

Poros is easily identified by the historical clock tower on top of the hill. Built in 1927 is the main landmark and the city's pride. The island is surrounded by thousands of pine trees extending from the rugged coasts to the sandy beaches, it's been characterized "the island of romance."

Aegina is the largest island of the Saronic Gulf, named after the nymph Aegina, who fell in love with Zeus, the father of all Gods. In 1826 Aegina became the first capital of the newly founded Greek state. Aegina is well known for its culture, its antiquities, its religious sites as well as its world known pistachios. The temple of Aphaia is considered as one of the wonders of the ancient era architecture. According to the myth, the nymph Aphaia vanished at the same spot where the temple is located.

Arrive back to the port and return to the hotel. Evening free.

Meals: B Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 8 – Thursday, September 25 - Santorini

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to the airport.

Depart Athens this morning by air for Santorini Island.

We will meet our bus and enjoy a guided tour of Santorini.

Essentially three islands, Santorini features the lovely caldera on one side with the villages of Thira, Imerovigli, Firastefani and Ola which are perched high above the sea. These locales are so stunning; you could easily mistake them for a painting. On the other side are the towns of Perissa and Kamari which attract thousands of people to their black sand beaches. These lovely towns are chock full of restaurants, cafes and shops. The third section of Santorini features Megalochori and Emborio which are agricultural communities that have only recently embraced the tourist trade of the island.

Arrive and transfer to the hotel. (rooms may not be available for immediate occupancy).

Lunch included at a restaurant then the remainder of the day free to explore the island on your own or relax at the resort.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Santorini, Greece Hotel: TBA



Day 9 – Friday, September 26 - Santorini

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning we depart for a local olive oil and wine producer for a tour, tasting and lunch.

Spend the afternoon on Santorini Island enjoying the relaxed beach culture.

Days at leisure to enjoy the sun, the unforgettable view and the most romantic sunset in the world. Santorini is the essence of a Greek island, where sea meets weather-beaten rock and colors are bold and elemental. Blue-domed chapels stand on hilltops; houses are simple white cubes, sunsets flamboyant orange. The half-moon island, with its rearing cliffs and dramatic outlooks, is all that remains of a huge volcanic explosion. Inland, fertile soils provide a softer landscape of silvery olive trees, fields of tomatoes and neatly pegged vineyards that produce sweet amber-colored wine.

Meals: B, T/L Overnight: Santorini, Greece

Hotel: TBA



Day 10 – Saturday, September 27 - Santorini to Crete

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out is at 11:30.

Enjoy the morning on the beautiful Island of Santorini.

In the afternoon we transfer to the sea port by bus.

Take the ferry from Santorini to Crete (2 hours)

Arrive in Heraklion, meet your bus and check in to the hotel

Crete is the largest and most populous of the Greek island. Located in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, the island has a coastline of 1,046 km and features a mountainous terrain with its highest point being Mount Ida. Crete was home to Europe's first advanced civilization, the Minoans, from around 2700 to 1420 BC. It has been ruled by various powers throughout history including Rome, Byzantium, and the Ottoman Empire. Crete achieved independence in 1898 and officially joined Greece in December 1913.

The afternoon is free for you to explore Heraklion.

Dinner at the hotel or a restaurant.

Evening free

Meals: B, D Overnight: Heraklion, Greece

Hotel: TBA



Day 11 – Sunday, September 28 - Heraklion, Crete

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for the Palace of Knossos, just outside the city.

Enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Palace of Knossos archaeological site. See the semi-ruined and partially reconstructed palaces and courtyards of the Minoan capital of Crete between 3400 and 2100 BC. Explore King Minos' treasures and chambers, and learn the legend of the mythological Minotaur, the weird beast said to be housed in the palace's secret underground labyrinth.

Lunch included at a restaurant

After lunch we have a guided tour in Heraklion to see the Venetian walls, the fortress, the St. Minas Cathedral, Morozini's fountain, the old market and more.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free in Heraklion.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Heraklion, Greece

Hotel: TBA



Day 12 – Monday, September 29 – Heraklion & Rethymno, Crete

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out of the hotel.

Morning free in Heraklion to explore the city or to relax.

Afternoon departure for Rethymno.

Stop in picturesque Rethymno to enjoy its beautiful old harbor and famous lighthouse. We will have free time to have lunch on our own right on the waterfront. Explore narrow streets in the old town and shop for local products.



Stop at a winery on the way for a tour, tasting and dinner.

Arrive in Chania and check in to the hotel.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Chania, Greece

Hotel: TBA



Day 13 – Tuesday, September 30 Chania, Crete

Breakfast at the hotel.

Chania, located at the foot of the majestic White Mountains, is the second-largest city in Crete and one of the most scenic spots on the island. On our walking tour we discover this former Venetian city including its charming 14th-century harbor, narrow streets with winding alleys, and colorful architecture influenced by Venetian, Ottoman, Byzantine and Greek cultures.

The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore the city.

Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

Meals: B Overnight: Chania, Greece

Hotel: TBA



Day 14 – Wednesday, October – Athens

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Transfer to the airport.

Depart Chania by air and return to Athens

Arrive in Athens and check in to the hotel.

The afternoon is free for you to enjoy in Athens.

Enjoy a “Farewell Dinner” this evening at a restaurant

Meals: B Overnight: Athens, Greece Hotel: TBA

Day 15 –Return Home

Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
Depart for the airport and check in.
Return home.



CLASSICAL GREECE TOUR

Tour information, cost, and insurance

Classical Greece Tour Includes

- Return flight from Edmonton or Calgary to Athens
- Flight from Athens to Santorini and flight from Crete to Athens
- Ferry from Santorini to Crete
- 13 nights hotel accommodation in single or double occupancy
- All transfers included in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily plus lunches or dinners as listed in the itinerary
- English speaking guide

Classical Greece Tour Included Sightseeing

- Guided tour of Athens including the Acropolis
- Acropolis Museum entrance fee
- Guided tour of Delphi including entrance fees to the site and museum.
- Visit to the Temple of Poseidon
- Greek Folklore show with dinner
- Visit the ruins at Mycenae and Corinth
- Day cruise to Aegina, Hydra and Poros
- Guided tour of Santorini
- Olive Oil and Wine tasting in Santorini with lunch
- Guided tour of the Knossos archaeological site
- Guided tour of Heraklion
- Guided tour of Chania
- Chania dinner with wine tasting
- Farewell dinner in Athens

Classical Greece Tour Does Not Include

- Travel Insurance (Medical and Trip Cancellation)
We recommend that all passengers purchase insurance at the time of registration.
- Drinks at meals are not included.
- Optional free time activities
- Tips for guides or bus drivers

Classical Greece Tour Proposed 4 Star Hotels

These are proposed hotels for reference purposes and may change in the final itinerary.

Athens – [Hotel Titania](#) or similar

Santorini – [Hotel Santo Mira Mare](#) or similar

Heraklion – [Hotel Astoria](#) or similar

Chania – [Hotel Kydon](#) or similar

Classical Greece Tour Cost Per Person

Double or Twin room cost - **\$7295.00**

Single room cost - **\$8195.00**

Tour Payment Schedule

Initial deposit to guarantee your spot on the tour - \$ 500.00

Please complete the tour registration form and email with an image of your passports.

Second payment by April 15, 2024 - \$ 1500.00

Final Payment and final name list by June 15, 2024

Payments can be made by check, bank draft or e-transfer. Contact us for e-transfer details.

Azorcan does not accept credit card payments for our tours.

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Tour No Flight Discount and Extended Stays

Receive a **\$1900** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe. Economy seats are reserved for the group.

If you want to extend your stay Azorcan can change your return flight and the gateway. There may be an additional cost to do this and on a group file we are limited by the number of passengers we can do changes on either the outbound or return flight.

Optional Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance

Azorcan Global offers an all-inclusive insurance policy or just a trip cancellation policy with Allianz Insurance. A copy of the insurance booklet and coverage is available on the tour webpage. It is up to each passenger to review the coverage and understand exclusions. We are not insurance agents so please call Allianz for any clarification on coverage. It is each passenger's responsibility to ensure they have proper coverage.

Azorcan will get a quote for **all-inclusive insurance** and for just **trip cancellation insurance** based on your age, tour cost and length of your trip once the tour is close to being full. Passengers over 65 will need to fill out a medical questionnaire to get quotes. After we get the quotes, Azorcan will have an insurance form where passengers can select their coverage option or they can decline our insurance.



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