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# CAPTIVATING GREECE



Greek mythology and legendary figures such as Zeus, Hera, Apollo and Athena have inspired art, literature and popular culture for centuries. Visit some of the world's most significant historical and archaeological sites to immerse yourself in the birthplace of western civilisation.

Greece boasts over six thousand islands and islets scattered across the Aegean and Ionian Seas. Each has its unique character and charm. Its rich history, stunning landscapes and warm hospitality make it a top travel destination!

DAY SINGAPORE - ATHENS

**01** Assemble at Changi Airport for our flight to Athens, the birthplace of democracy and the capital of Greece.

DAY ATHENS - KALABAKA

**02** Leaving the airport, we transverse the scenic Greek countryside. Stop at the Thermopylae, a narrow pass flanked by mountains and sea strategically important in ancient times. Today, this historical landmark features a monument commemorating the legendary Battle of Thermopylae. The landscape transforms into a spectacle of towering rock formations crowned by the ancient monasteries of Meteora. These gravity-defying structures, perched atop sheer cliffs, offer a glimpse into centuries-old monastic life and panoramic views.

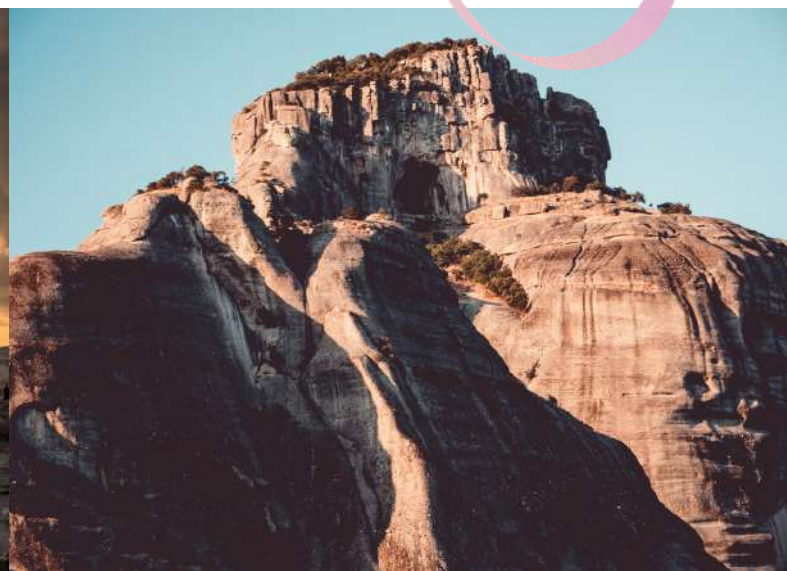
Lunch/Dinner

DAY KALABAKA - DELPHI: Meteora

**03** The name Meteora translates to 'suspended in the air or 'in heavens' and perfectly encapsulate the breathtaking sights these monolithic pillars offer. The monasteries stand as testaments to human resilience and spiritual dedication. Initially, the monasteries were accessible only by means of precarious rope ladders or baskets lifted by pulleys, providing safety from invaders and solitude for deep contemplation. (Note: Shoulders and knees must not be exposed when visiting monasteries)

Drive to Delphi, the navel of the Earth and one of Greece's most important and interesting archaeological sites.

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner



## DAY DELPHI - ATHENS - MYKONOS

04

Located on top of a hill overlooking a valley of olive groves, Delphi was a famous oracle in antiquity.

As Delphi was a sanctuary Apollo, all the monuments are connected to him and the oracle. Visit the Archaeological Museum which hosts findings from the site. The most famous exhibits are the Charioteer and the Sphinx.

From the archaeological site, admire The Balkans' largest olive grove. The oldest tree was planted here 2500 years ago.

Drive to the airport in Athens for our flight to Mykonos, one of the most popular Greek Island in the Cyclades group renowned for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife and charming architecture.

Breakfast/Lunch



## DAY MYKONOS

05

Visit Ano Mera, a charming village in the center of the island known for its tranquil atmosphere and traditional Greek lifestyle. Visit the Panagia Tourliani Monastery to admire the intricate wood-carved iconostasis. The town square is surrounded by tavernas, cafes and shops.

Walk through the labyrinth that is old town Chora. Explore narrow streets lined with traditional shops, restaurants, chic boutiques, and art galleries.

Make a stop at the most photographed church, Panagia Paraportiani, made up of 5 small churches. A short walk away is the iconic windmills of Mykonos and 'Little Venice' where houses perch precariously on the edge of the sea.

Breakfast/Lunch



## DAY MYKONOS

06

This day is designated for us to relax and explore at leisure. Spend the day in town exploring delightful shops, savouring delicious food or just people watch while sipping Greek coffee.

Breakfast

## DAY MYKONOS - SANTORINI

07

Catch a ferry to Santorini where iconic image of whitewashed buildings perched on cliffs against the backdrop of the azure Aegean Sea and sky creates an enchanting picture.

Enjoy a walking tour of Fira which stands on the edge of a 260-meter cliff. Traditional architecture, labyrinth narrow streets, shops, restaurants, bars, and a breath-taking view are some elements which represent this beautiful town. In the evening, visit Oia, located along the rim of the caldera, is widely known as the best spot to view the sunset.

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## DAY SANTORINI

08

Enjoy a leisurely drive around Santorini's dramatic landscapes and see the island's diversity unfold. head for Kamari famous for its stunning Black Beach contrasting against the Aegean's cobalt waters. For contrast, visit the Red Beach to see distinctive red-hued cliffs and crimson sands. The colouring comes from iron-rich volcanic minerals in the rocks and sands.

Continue to Pyrgos, a treasure trove of history. This traditional village stands as Santorini's best-preserved medieval settlement boasting labyrinthine alleyways, picturesque Cycladic architecture and panoramic vistas from its hilltop perch.

Visit Akrotiri, an archeological site renowned for its fascinating Minoan ruins. This remarkably preserved site offers a glimpse into an advanced Bronze Age civilisation that thrived before the volcanic eruption that shaped Santorini.

Breakfast/Lunch



**DAY SANTORINI - ATHENS****09**

Board a flight for Athens. On arrival, check in to the hotel and enjoy the day to explore and shop.

Breakfast/Dinner

**DAY ATHENS - SINGAPORE****10**

Visit the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. Drive around Athens to view the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament, Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library and Constitution Square (Syntagma).

Visit the Acropolis and her architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of (Syntagma)ens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind" - The Parthenon.

Food culture in Athens revolves around the central market, the Varvakios Agora. Nut vendors vie with butchers and fishmongers in a heady, excited atmosphere for the attention of customers. Honey, cheese, and pastry shops lined the perimeter of the market. Enjoy an immersive experience of Greek food and eating.

It is time to bid farewell to Greece and travel home with fond memories of the sights, sounds, and stories we have collected on this incredible journey.

Breakfast

**DAY ARRIVE SINGAPORE****11**

We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday with Dynasty Travel and look forward to our next trip together!

**Note:** The sequence of the itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. During major conferences, fairs & festivals, accommodation may be located outside the city or in an alternate city without prior notice. Booking terms & conditions apply.

