

# **DISCOVER GEMS AND ISLANDS OF** GREECE With Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce

**EDMONTON - ATHENS DELPHI – KALAMBAKA METEORA – ATHENS MYKONOS – SANTORINI EDMONTON** 

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Discover legendary archaeological sites and breathtaking volcanic islands in the world on this tour of Greece!





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Single Supplement

# TOUR SUMMARY:

Discover ancient landmarks, captivating archaeological sites, and stunning islands on this comprehensive tour of Greece. Start your adventure in Athens, the historic capital of Greece. Next, journey to Delphi, a fascinating city revered by ancient Greeks as the Center of the Earth. On the following day, drive to Kalambaka, enjoying the scenic views of picturesque Greek villages and local towns along the way. Marvel at the dramatic rock formations of Meteora, visit its beautiful monasteries, and explore local handicrafts. Later, return to Athens for a city tour, visiting world-famous landmarks such as the Panathenaic Stadium and the Acropolis. Continue your journey with a ferry ride to Mykonos, renowned for its vibrant nightlife and exquisite cuisine. Finally, experience the turquoise waters, white-sand beaches, and delectable cuisine of Santorini, where your unforgettable tour of Greece will conclude.



# **TOUR LODGING INFO:**

09 Nights Accommodation + 01 Night Onboard Flight Accommodation will be provided on double occupancy basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Athens	01 Night	Titania Hotel/ Polis Grand Hotel
Kalambaka	01 Night	Divani Meteora Hotel
Athens	02 Nights	Titania Hotel/ Polis Grand Hotel
Mykonos	02 Nights	Pelican Art Hotel or similar
Santorini	02 Nights	Afroditi Venus Hotel or similar
Athens	01 Night	Titania Hotel/ Polis Grand Hotel

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Explore Athens and enjoy the breathtaking views of the world-famous Acropolis
- Visit Delphi and see the ancient religious sanctuary dedicated to the God Apollo
- Enjoy the breathtaking views as you drive from Delphi -Kalambaka - Meteora
- Travel to Mykonos, famous for its delicious Greek cuisine and lively nightlife scene
- Discover Santorini, an island with beautiful beaches and breathtaking sunset views

# **TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- International roundtrip flights from Edmonton
- 09 nights accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed hotels or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 01 Special Dinner
- Arrival and departure transfers
- All Transportation in a deluxe AC vehicle
- All Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Services of English-Speaking Local Guides during sightseeing tours
- Ferry tickets: Piraeus Mykonos Santorini
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local and applicable taxes

# **TOUR ITINERARY:**

# DAY 01: EDMONTON - ATHENS

Make your way to your gateway airport to board your flight to Athens. Enjoy inflight meals and services. Overnight Onboard Flight

# DAY 02: ATHENS (ARRIVAL)

Upon arrival at Athens Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport you will be met by our company representative and transferred to your hotel. If you have free time today we suggest visiting Syntagma Square and immerse yourself in the city, enjoy shopping in one of the most popular streets in the Kolonaki area or Ermou, take a walk through the beautiful alleys of the Plaka where you can find a large number of small shops selling souvenirs and other local artifacts as well as many outdoor restaurants and cafes.

Overnight in Athens

# DAY 03: ATHENS – DELPHI – KALAMBAKA (B/-/D)

This morning depart for Delphi considered one of Greece's most important archaeological sites, famous for the Ancient Oracle. Situated between the two towering rocks of Mount Parnassus known as the Phaidriades (Shining) Rocks, Delphi was the most important oracle in the ancient Greek world and pilgrims from all over the Mediterranean would come to ask for the prophecy of god Apollo. This is one of the most important sites in Greece, and in ancient times was considered the center of the known world, where heaven and earth met. Afterwards continue on to Kalambaka, passing through picturesque villages and spectacular towns of central Greece. This evening enjoy a sumptuous dinner.

Overnight in Kalambaka

DAY 04: KALAMBAKA – METEORA – ATHENS (B/-/D)

Travel through one of the most picturesque parts of Greece, passing by breathtaking scenery to Meteora. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Meteora is defined by a series of large pillars of rock with beautiful rock formations, some of which are crowned by Monasteries. Admire the ageless Monasteries, standing between earth and sky, atop huge rocks containing priceless historical and religious treasures. You can purchase traditional items that include hand painted religious icons, embroidered fabrics, and leather sandals. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, and Thermopylae. We will stop to see the Leonidas Monument, an ancient warrior.

Overnight in Athens

DAY 05: **ATHENS** 

(B/-/-)

This morning enjoy a half day city tour of Athens. Visit the Panathenaic Stadium, the unique marble stadium initially built on the site of a simple racecourse by the Athenian statesman Lykourgos to hold the Panathenaic Games in 330 BC. The first Olympic Games of modern times were held here in 1896. Then pass by the Prime Minister's residence (the ex Royal Palace) guarded by the Euzones in their colourful uniforms. See the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch constructed in 131 AD by the Roman Emperor Hadrian as part of a wall separating the old and new cities of Athens, the Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and Constitution Square. You will then visit the Acropolis with the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historical significance, 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. Afterwards you will visit the Acropolis Museum. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure. **Overnight in Athens** 

#### DAY 06: ATHENS – MYKONOS (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the port for the ferry to the magnificent island of Mykonos. The island boasts splendid beaches, historic churches and quaint narrow streets laced with whitewashed houses, where artists and jet setters alike can mingle. Tall, white windmills give an extra romantic touch to his lovely island, which also hosts a plethora of tavernas offering traditional Greek dishes. It is truly a paradise for you to enjoy the sun, the sandy beaches and incredible nightlife. Upon arrival at the port of the island, you will be met, assisted and transferred to your hotel by our representative. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Mykonos

#### DAY 07: **MYKONOS**

(B/-/-)

Your day is free to explore the many beaches and landmarks of Mykonos and absorb the ambience of this Cycladic Island. You can visit the Mykonos windmills, Little Venice and the Church of Panagia Paraportiani, the Townhall and the castle situated above the harbour or spend the day in the Archaeological or Aegean Maritime Museum. Wander around the pedestrian shopping streets of the Chora. The most glamorous of all is Matoyanni Street, lined with brand name stores, charming cafés and stylish restaurants. On the lively waterfront, admire a fleet of fishing boats casting colourful reflections in the azure waters. This is where you will find the Kazarma building, which served as accommodation for the soldiers of Manto Mavrogenous, a heroine of the Greek Revolution. The first floor served as her personal residence. If you prefer, enjoy some of the most famous beaches of the island like Kalafatis, Agios Stefanos and Agios Giannis with the perfect view of Delos. Or you can pre book a tour to the Island of Delos. Overnight in Mykonos

### **Optional:** Half Day Delos Tour: CAD 149 per person

Discover the sacred island of Apollo and Artemis, in the company of a professional, knowledgeable local guide. The whole territory of the deserted Delos is one of the most important archaeological sites of the eastern Mediterranean. Visit the remains of the Temples of Apollo, the sanctuary of Artemis, the old city and the theatre and then, walk down the celebrated Lion Street. As the night approached, the islands springs to life boasting of the best party scene in the Cyclades, with modern vibrant clubs.

(Includes roundtrip boat ticket to Delos Island, shared professional English-speaking guide, roundtrip shared transfers from/to hotel, entrance fee to Delos archaeological site).

# DAY 08: MYKONOS – SANTORINI (BY FERRY) (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred back to the port for the ferry to Santorini, the precious gem of the Aegean. Apart from the fabulous caldera villages, Santorini is also famous for the romantic sunsets and the volcano. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Today one can only look and wonder at the beauty created by natural destruction. The island of the lost civilization of Atlantis, where you can see unforgettable sunsets and panoramic views... a lover's paradise. The town of Fira's whitewashed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to a steep cliff, accessible by cable-car or by donkey ride. Overnight in Santorini

### DAY 09: SANTORINI (B/-/-)

Today is free to explore this magical island with its great beaches, local restaurants, and breathtaking views. You can visit the Red Beach, the contrasting colours of the red lava cliffs and the clear blue waters combine to make a perfect setting and the nearby White Beach. Santorini is famous for its sunset views, we suggest walking the cliffs paths to Oia village, situated on top of an impressive cliff. It offers the most magical and spectacular views over the volcano and the island of Thirassia.

Overnight in Santorini

# DAY 10: SANTORINI – ATHENS (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to the Santorini airport for flight back to Athens. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at Athens.

# DAY 11: ATHENS – EDMONTON (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to the international airport in Athens to check in for your flight homeward.

### TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Baggage fees may apply, and vary by carrier
- Optional Tours
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Arrival and departure transfers for the land-only option
- City Taxes in Greece– EUR 7.5 per room/per night: collected by hotels directly at reception on arrival
- Items not mentioned as included

