


Athens, Classical Greece road trip & Santorini in the most authentic way!

 12 Days

 Locations Included

- Athens (4 nights)
- Santorini (3 nights)
- Olympia (1 night)
- Galaxidi (1 night)
- Meteora (2 nights)

Daily Schedule

Day	Highlights	Location
Day 1	Arrival in Athens, Transfer to Santorini, Free afternoon in Santorini	Athens to Santorini
Day 2	Picturesque Lava Experience	Santorini
Day 3	Unexplored Culture of Santorini 4hrs	Santorini
Day 4	Santorini to Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens	Santorini to Athens
Day 5	Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 1	Athens to Olympia
Day 6	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 2	Olympia to Galaxidi
Day 7	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 3	Galaxidi to Meteora
Day 8	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 4	Meteora
Day 9	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 5	Meteora to Athens
Day 10	Unexpected Athens Orientation Tour	Athens
Day 11	Acropolis Tour & Mythology Storytelling Walk, Greek Cooking Classes in Athens	Athens
Day 12	Depart Athens	

Detailed itinerary

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Arrival in Athens, Transfer to Santorini, Free afternoon in Santorini

Transfer Athens, ferry to Santorini and transfer to hotel in Santorini (5 hours)

Athens → Piraeus

Your private driver will be waiting for you at your hotel to transfer you safely and hassle-free to the port of Piraeus to catch your ferry.

Ferry to Santorini.

Santorini port → Santorini

Your private driver will be waiting for you at the port to transfer you to your hotel in Santorini.

Free afternoon in Santorini

The popular Greek island of Santorini is blessed with all of these attractive features and more. This lovely volcanic island in the Cyclades lies in the middle of the Aegean and is well known for its strikingly white cliff-side homes with their pretty deep blue rooftops.

Visitors will be treated to dramatic ocean views, pristine beaches, traditional Grecian architecture, many fascinating historical sites, fine dining, and numerous, excellent local wineries. With all of this on offer, it is little wonder that this remarkably romantic island has become one of the world's most popular island getaways with numerous points to explore and indulge your senses!

Overnight: Santorini



Picturesque Lava Experience

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Unforgettable experience in the only 9D cinema about Lost Atlantis phenomenon.

Photostop at Prophet Elias Monastery the highest spot of the island.

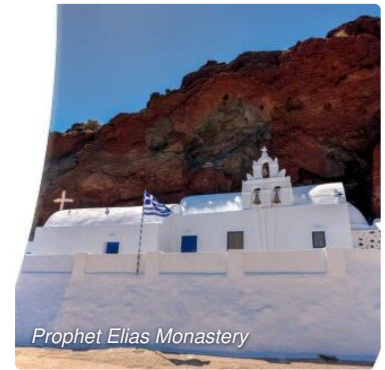
Caldera view photostop at Akrotiri's village.

Visit to Red Beach, one of the most scenic and interesting beaches on the island.

Sample of local wines will offered to a traditional winery.

Sailing with a traditional boat to Volcano and then to the Hot Springs for a comfort swimming in warm waters. Wine on board & Dinner included!

Overnight: Santorini



Unexplored Culture of Santorini 4hrs

Unexplored Culture of Santorini 4hrs (4 hours)

Visit at the historical tomato factory in Vlychada which has been transformed into a modern Industrial Tomato Museum, offering its visitors a journey back to the industrial past of Santorini, by guiding them through the cultivation, processing and production of tomato.

Given that tomato is one of the most famous and traditional products of Santorini, makes this experience a unique one. In the museum the visitor experiences all the traditional methods followed by the tomato producers of Santorini and at the same time, becomes acquainted with the museum exhibits.

Unforgettable experience in the only 9D cinema about the Lost Atlantis phenomenon which promote Greek heritage, culture and mythology

Visit at a local farm where you will walk among the crops, watch and taste the local products at all stages of their processing.

Overnight: Santorini

Optional Activity

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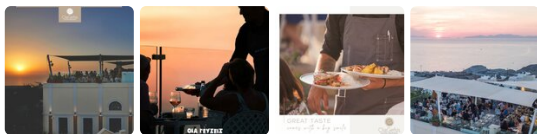
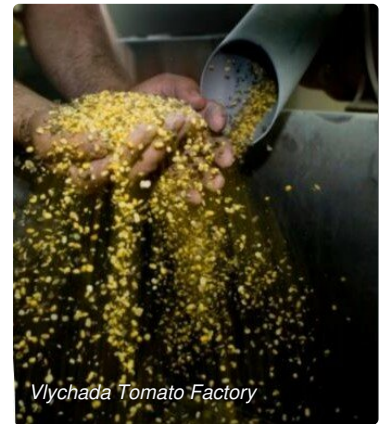
Dinner at Oia Gefsis, Oia

The sublime ambiance of Oia Gefsis perfectly complements your dinner. The restaurant is located in a 19th-century captain's house with the typical Cycladic architecture of that era. The traditional decorating combined with contemporary touches creates a warm and unpretentious place ideal for those who seek an authentic experience.

Dining at Oia Gefsis is more than just a simple meal. Combining local ingredients, imagination, and contemporary techniques, we have created a unique menu that will stimulate all your senses and guide you through the gastronomy of Greece.

The menu included: Two dips with tomato sauce and eggplant sauce, bread, mineral water, Tzatziki, Tomato balls, Santorini fava, Feta cheese saganaki, Greek Salad, Salmon with orange sauce and celery root puree, Chicken souvlaki with pita bread, potatoes, tzatziki, and tomato, Baklava

* if you have special dietary preferences please let us know so we can arrange your menu accordingly.



Santorini to Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

Ferry from Santorini to Athens (4.5 hours)

After breakfast, you'll be taken to the Santorini port, to take a ferry to Athens. Upon your arrival, a driver will await you and take you to your accommodation for the night.

Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

Use the afternoon to scope out some of the museums that you are interested in. The city has a whole slew to be explored, depending on what specialty speaks to you.

For more history and mythology:

- Acropolis Museum
- National Archaeological Museum
- Museum of the Ancient Agora
- Archaeological Museum of Kerameikos

Find some fine arts at:

- Benaki Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- National Gallery

Go off the beaten path at:


- Museum of Cycladic Art, where you can also buy some truly unique souvenirs
- The digital interactive museum at the Platonic Academy, next to the site where the actual Academy stood
- Museum of Ancient Greek Technology in the center of Athens, featuring a working model of the Antikythera mechanism, the first analog computer

Museum tickets and guided tours can be arranged upon request.

Overnight: Athens



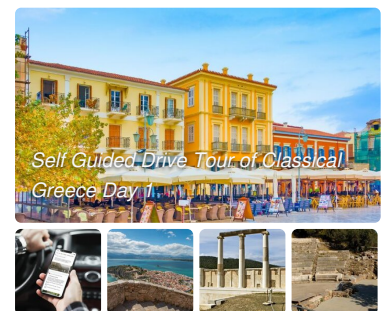
Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 1

 Pick up rental car

Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 1 (10 hours)

This self-drive trip is a journey of discovery towards the origins of Western Civilization.

It combines the most important historical sites of Greece with places of unique natural beauty and cultural interest: Argolis, land of Iliad's heroes, Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, Delphi, the center of the Ancient World, Nafplio, the first capital of the Greek State, Meteora, the world-famous monasteries, but also roads off the beaten path, like the Koziakas mountain range, the Forest of the White River and its villages.



Each day has a theme, to make your trip more fun and insightful!

You will be staying in carefully selected family-run guesthouses and everything you need to know will be arranged in our mobile app:

detailed day per day itinerary & navigation
a great choice of optional stops, local tips & audio storytelling
suggestions for tours, audio guided tours & activities
our favorite restaurant suggestions in each area

Our app will give you the freedom to modify and adjust your itinerary according to your interests and pace, while maximizing your time.

All content is presented in a clear and simple way to give you a deeper understanding of Greek history and culture. The advice of our favorite guide Danae will escort you at each stop, while you will be able to contact our team of travel designers too!

Pick your car at your arranged location in Athens and start your trip to explore the central part of the Peloponnese peninsula.

Nafplio, Mycenae - Olympia | The Land of Legends

Make a stop at the Corinth Canal to admire a masterpiece of engineering, and continue to Epidaurus, the finest and best-preserved theatre of the ancient world.

Then visit the fabled Homeric city of Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the capital of one of the oldest civilizations in the world, where you can enjoy the monuments, the legends, and heroes who marked this land with their deeds and ideas.

You'll then head towards the historic seaside city of Nafplio, a romantic, picturesque town, which was the old capital of modern Greece, crowned by Venetian fortifications and embraced by a beautiful seafront.

From Nafplio, your trip will take you through the beautiful Peloponnesian countryside towards ancient Olympia where you can follow our tips and recommendations for a perfect evening.
Overnight in Olympia.

Overnight: Olympia

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 2

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 2 (12 hours)

Olympia - Galaxidi | An "Athlos" for a Good Life

After a traditional breakfast, start your day with a visit to the ancient site and museum of Olympia.

This was the most important athletic, religious, and political center of the ancient Greek world, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, and the ideals of world peace. Here you'll also understand the ancient idea of 'athlos', the struggle needed to achieve a good life.

Continue with the 'sweetest' activity, at a beautiful honey farm, or take part in a simulation of an ancient excavation!

After lunch drive over the Rio-Antirio bridge, the longest fully-suspended bridge in the world, and stop for coffee at a medieval harbor.

Continue your trip along scenic coastal roads till you reach one of the most beautiful seaside villages of Greece, Galaxidi. Overnight in Galaxidi.

Overnight: Galaxidi



The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 3

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 3 (10 hours)

Delphi - Meteora | Mountains and waters, a source of divine inspiration

Enjoy a homemade breakfast with local products at your family-run guesthouse and then go for a swim in the refreshing waters of Galaxidi.

The highlight of the day will undoubtedly be the visit to the ancient site and the museum of Delphi, where you can opt for a guided tour to get a better understanding of the monuments and the mystical role of Kastalia spring's waters.

After Delphi, you can enjoy a traditional Greek lunch under century-old plane trees in a beautiful, abandoned village, followed by a road trip through the mountains and valleys of central Greece. You will pass by villages that will give you a taste of the Greek countryside and you will finish the day with an evening walk, dinner, and overnight in Meteora.

Overnight: Meteora



The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 4

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 4 (8 hours)

Meteora | Between Heaven and Earth

After breakfast start your exploration of Meteora, a stunning natural phenomenon, featuring towering sandstone columns, formed millions of years ago, all pointing heavenward.

These rocks became dwelling-places for Christian Orthodox monks and today you can visit six monasteries that are still functioning. You'll be able to walk and drive around Meteora, to make sure you soak in the sights and the awe-inspiring landscape. You can also visit a prehistoric cave and admire how people lived in the area 130,000 years ago.

Then, explore the town of Kalambaka and learn about local society and how it has developed under the shade of the Great Rocks. If you want to take a deeper dive into local culture choose between a visit to the Greek Education Museum, a Greek language mini-course, or a workshop on Byzantine art with a local artist. You can even go for a truffle hunt and truffle cooking class in the nearby forest with local expert guides and truffle dogs! You will also have the chance to visit the mushroom museum.

For lunch, you can enjoy delicious local food in a nearby village or learn all about local wine by visiting one of the best wineries in the area. Finish the day with a scenic sunset and photo-stop route around Meteora rocks.

Overnight in Meteora.

Overnight: Meteora



The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 5

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 5 (12 hours)

Pindos - Athens | In search of the divine in the Greek mountains

This day is dedicated to a road trip in Pindos, the most scenic mountain range of central Greece.

You will explore the little-known Forest of the White River, a wild area of small mountain villages hidden in the depths of a massive forest.

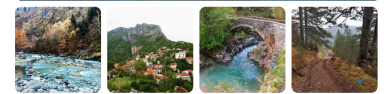
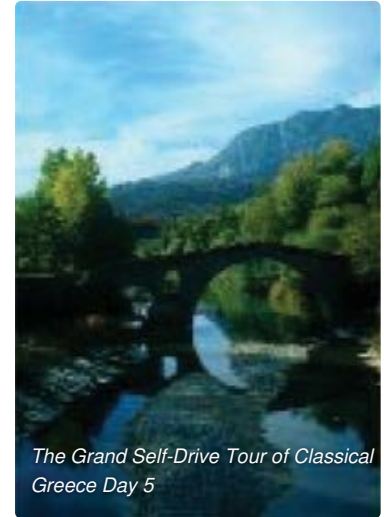
We'll also show you the secret path to one of the most beautiful -but rarely visited by tourists- monastery with thirteen domes, before visiting the spot where three rivers meet. Here you can take a dive in turquoise waters and continue your drive through the gorge to enjoy one of the most scenic routes along with the Pindos Mountain range.

Your last stop will be at an impressive stone bridge and lunch at an unexpected, middle-earth fantasy tree-tavern!

After a full day in one of Greece's most impressive mountain scenery, it's time to head back to Athens following the National Highway.

 **Drop off rental car**

Overnight: Athens



Unexpected Athens Orientation Tour

Unexpected Athens Orientation Tour (4 hours)

A fascinating walk to the heart and soul of Athens.

Explore a very old modern city and see how it evolved into one of Europe's most interesting urban spaces.

See Athens the way Athenians see it, beautiful and yet often messy!

- See five different neighborhoods, ranging from working-class havens to boutique boulevards.
- Learn how Athens transformed from a small town into a modern city, all in the shadow of its ancient glory
- Uncover hidden spots with stories to tell
- Stop for coffee in a secret courtyard right in the middle of one of the city's busiest spots
- Catch up with what the city's doing now – its street art, its new hotspots, its creative scene



This is a tour of the true heart and soul of Athens. It's a tour of its people, its habits – old and new, its everyday life and its secrets.

During this walk, you will witness some of Athens' greatest contrasts: From the Old Royal Palace and the city's posh areas, where the rich and famous have always settled, to the hotbed of rebellious young thinkers, that has been associated with forward-thinking and social experimentation, where students gather to argue the issues of the day.

You'll see buildings of amazing architecture, that reflect the vision of modern Athens as a successor to the glory that was Ancient Athens, as well as architecture that represents the Modernist and inter-war movements. As you are slowly discovering the city you will learn that there are many secrets that lie beneath the surface and that the past is always just a few steps from the present...

You'll also get a chance to explore some gentrified neighborhoods that are devoted to small businesses, but now they're all interspersed with trendy eateries and funky little bars. This is where you can see some of the city's best street art, come across a new jewelry designer, or shop for vintage clothing at one of the retro boutiques.

And as modernity coexists with tradition, you'll find out how the Ottoman past is still alive in Athens' flea market, one of the liveliest neighborhoods of the city, where the old and the new generations still meet today.

By the end of our tour, we hope that you'll have seen the true soul of Athens and its people, a city with a thousand stories still standing, as it has since ancient times, right on the border between the East and the West.

Overnight: Athens

Acropolis Tour & Mythology Storytelling Walk, Greek Cooking Classes in Athens

Acropolis Tour & Mythology Storytelling Walk (3 hours)

Taste the real history and experience ancient Greek culture in a relaxed and fun walk full of surprises.

Start your visit with the world-famous Acropolis and uncover what hides behind the universal myths at Athens' greatest landmark.

Continue with a uniquely entertaining storytelling experience where professional storytellers pop up unexpectedly and bring ancient myths to life just for you in the streets of Athens!

Each story is accompanied by live music, traditional Greek songs, and food tastings.

Get deep insights into the past and their link to the present by uncovering the myths behind the monuments!

Greek Cooking Classes in Athens (5 hours)

Greek cuisine made easy! The secrets of Greek cuisine unravel in a simple and fun way under the patient guidance of contemporary home cooks. Learn how to make famous Greek dishes such as tzatziki, Greek salad, pies, and more!

A class designed by home cooks like yourself, that will let you cook the same dishes at home and take back a memorable slice of Greece that you'll always remember.

Learn how to cook real food for real people - your home cooks keep it simple.

Cook in the warm and authentic atmosphere of a real Greek home.

Enjoy a meal based on the freshness of the ingredients and the seasonality of the products.

Suitable for beginners but also for foodies that want to explore the Greek cooking philosophy.

Overnight: Athens



Depart Athens

Private Athens Airport transfer (45 minutes)

Time to say goodbye full of memories and stories to tell back home!
Your private driver will be waiting for you at your hotel to transfer you safely and hassle-free to the airport for your flight out.



Rental Car

Day 5 - 9 · Pick up: Athens, Drop off: Athens

Rental of category K car in Athens for Road Trip

Rental of category K car for 5 full days (Toyota Corolla or similar), with Unlimited Mileage, Third Party Cover, Collision Damage Waiver, Vehicle Theft Cover, Airport surcharge, 24h road assistance(for accidents or mechanical breakdowns), Local Taxes.

What's Included

Activities

- Day 2: Picturesque Lava Experience (small group)
- Day 3: Unexplored Culture of Santorini 4hrs (private group)
- Day 10: Unexpected Athens Orientation Tour (private group)
- Day 11: Acropolis Tour & Mythology Storytelling Walk (private group), Greek Cooking Classes in Athens (private group)

Transportation

- Day 1: Transfer Athens, ferry to Santorini and transfer to hotel in Santorini
- Day 4: Ferry from Santorini to Athens
- Day 12: Private Athens Airport transfer
- Day 5 - 9: Rental of category K car in Athens for Road Trip

Accommodations

Your specialist has not yet selected any hotels for you.

Please ask your specialist to select hotels with availability for your travel dates.

Other details

- Rental of category K car for 5 full days (Toyota Corolla or similar), with Unlimited Mileage, Third Party Cover, Collision Damage Waiver, Vehicle Theft Cover, Airport surcharge, 24h road assistance(for accidents or mechanical breakdowns), Local Taxes
- Four accommodations at traditional guesthouses on the 4* scale
- Four traditional Greek breakfasts
- Customized trip app featuring: thematic detailed itinerary & navigation
- Enriched content, audio storytelling & advice from a top-rated guide at each location
- Optional stops, local tips & points of interest
- Suggestions for tours, audio guided tours & activities
- Restaurant recommendations in each area

Excludes

- International flights
- The meals not mentioned in the trip plan
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance, and repatriation insurance
- Optional excursions, activities, and optional tours
- Reservations marked as "reserved by traveler" are reservations that the traveler is responsible for directly. These items are not reserved or supported by kimkim and are included in the trip plan just for completeness.
- Car delivery and collection (stations available at Athens airport, Athens city center, Halandri & Metamorfofi)
- Gas & tolls
- Site entry fees
- Meals
- (Optional) local guided tours / audio guided tours/ activities

About your local specialist



We are a leading Greece destination management company (DMC).

A professional services company with in-depth local knowledge, expertise, and resources, working in the design and implementation of events, activities, tours, transportation, and travel packages covering each and every corner of this amazing country named Greece.

Here at Greece Adventure Trips (G.A.T.) we organize and implement travel packages and one day tours in selected areas of Epirus, from the dreamed Zagorohoria to the imposing Tzoumerka and the unique beauty of Thesprotia (Acheron River), Western Macedonia, from the magical Prespes to the unique national park of Pindos, of the Peloponnese, a huge outdoor museum, of the Ionian Islands with the crystal clear turquoise waters, the dazzling Mykonos and Santorini, the cater of western civilization and vibrant Athens, Crete that simply has it all, but also in "hidden gems" all over Greece.

Our network of guides and partners around the country excels at "introducing" their region and its people through a dynamic program tailored to the natural environment, culture, history, and gastronomic products of each region.

From one-day excursions to multi-day explorations we provide participants with a unique opportunity to open "closed doors" and experience "hidden secrets" in the land of Gods and people.

We promote Greece's nature & culture through adventure activities, organized trips & tours, that will give the real feeling of what Greece is all about.



Angela

Based in Athens, Lefkada and Kalamata

Hi everyone! I am Angela (or as my Greek friends call me, Aggeliki). Let me introduce myself: I am a travel and adventure lover just like you! I work in the travel industry, for a quiet few years now, and I love creating new exciting trips, tours, and above all,...

Why travelers love kimkim

Custom trips for independent travelers who are too busy to plan



Customize your trip with the help of a local travel specialist

Kimkim has handpicked the world's top local travel specialists so you will have peace of mind and an unforgettable trip that meets your exact requirements.



Authentic travel experiences

Kimkim's local specialists ensure that you will have the best experience based on up-to-date local insights. On top of that, the vast majority of your money will go straight to support and grow local economies.



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Once you are happy with the trip, you can easily book via kimkim's secure payment platform.



Local support during your trip

You can always reach your local specialist with a quick message or call in case you hit a snag during your trip, or simply want some great local recommendations.

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