


Family Escape in Athens, Santorini and Crete

 10 Days

 Locations Included

- Athens (2 nights)
- Heraklion (4 nights)
- Santorini (3 nights)

Daily Schedule

Day	Highlights	Location
Day 1	Arrival in Athens, Transfer to Heraklion, Free afternoon / evening in Heraklion	Athens to Heraklion
Day 2	Elafonissi Beach Idyllic Escape & Spirit of West Crete	Heraklion
Day 3	Matala & South Crete Escape with Local Food & Wine	Heraklion
Day 4	Free day in Heraklion	Heraklion
Day 5	Heraklion to Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens	Heraklion to Athens
Day 6	Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour	Athens
Day 7	Athens to Santorini, Free afternoon in Santorini	Athens to Santorini
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Day 10	Depart Santorini	

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Arrival in Athens, Transfer to Heraklion, Free afternoon / evening in Heraklion

Fly to Heraklion, private transfer from Heraklion Airport to hotel

Catch a one hour flight from Athens International Airport to Heraklion Airport in Crete.

Upon arrival your private driver will be waiting for you to transfer you safely and hassle-free to your hotel in Crete.

Overnight: Heraklion



Elafonissi Beach Idyllic Escape & Spirit of West Crete

Elafonissi Beach Idyllic Escape & Spirit of West Crete (8 hours)

Enjoy a personal pick-up with a premium vehicle at your full-day disposal, at any defined time of the day.

On the way to the most amazing pink sand beaches of the world, you will immerse yourself into the beauty of Western Crete: its stunning nature, dramatic panoramas, nutshell mountains, which are split with deep gorges, and honeycombed with caves rise in sheer walls from the sea.

Most importantly, you will get acquainted with the vivid feeling that the sea is everywhere, even if it's not visible! You will connect with quaint villages and their authentic local lifestyle, which is deeply family-oriented and rooted in ancient culture and traditions.

In addition, you will make a stop in one of your favorite villages to enjoy a delicious Cretan breakfast.

Just not so far from Elafonissi beach, we highly recommend visiting the Monastery of Panagia Chrisoskalitissa (Our Lady of the Golden Step), a hilltop Orthodox monastery with a stunning view of the Libyan Sea.

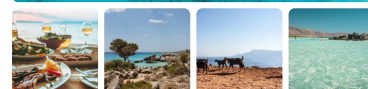
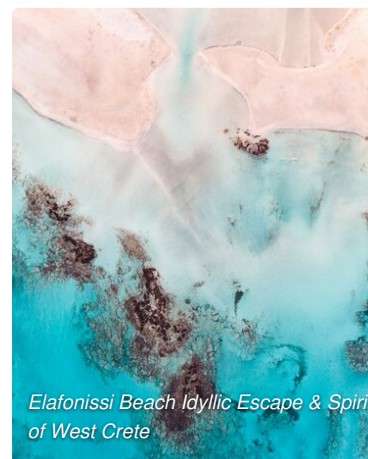
There you will have the opportunity to witness the millennial icon of the Assumption of Virgin - one of the "strongest" relics in the Cretan Orthodoxy.

When you finally arrive at Elafonissi you will notice how harmonically the lagoon is mixed with the Mediterranean and Libyan waters at this South-Western corner of the island.

There you will spark your body and mind by relaxing on the pale pink sands, bathing in azure shallow waters, and admiring the floating nature reserve.

Please note that our team, as original Cretans who tend to take their meals seriously, keeps a unique handpicked collection of authentic Cretan taverns and restaurants. Thus, on your way back, do not hesitate to ask their recommendations for a special dinner at the most unique places!

Overnight: Heraklion



Matala & South Crete Escape with Local Food & Wine

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Enjoy a personal pick-up with a premium vehicle at your full-day disposal, at any defined time of the day. Your private day trip will start with a memorable journey to the heart of the South-Central Crete by following bespoke itineraries off-the-beaten-path.

On the way to the South Crete, your private guide will arrange a stop for coffee and local product tasting at the traditional Cretan village of Mironas. There, you will also visit the sacred Cave of Saint Mironas - the ascetic spot of the Saint - with the ornaments of the pilgrims from all over the world, where still sparkles the fragrance and holy water - the perfect place to ease your mind and soul.

The next stops will be at two (2) "must-see" iconic archaeological sites of Crete island. The ancient city of Gortyna, where we highly recommend taking a guided tour, and a photosop above the stunning Phaistos Minoan Palace, the place where the worldwide known Festos/Phaistos Disc was found. Then, you will be taken to an authentic Cretan winery with the finest local wine selection, which is produced with the best soil and springs of the Southern Crete!

Then you will explore more hidden gems of Southern Crete by visiting the mountainous ancient Byzantine monastery of Odigitria which hosts Cretan iconography and frescoes of the 15th century. Not to mention that in this monastery the monks still produce natural products with pure raw materials!

When you finally arrive at Matala you will witness the amazing scenery of the Libyan shore which is surrounded by Roman caves. In this Southern corner of Crete, you will experience azure waters with a stunning sunset scenery. After the walk in the village of Matala, you will have the opportunity to savor the authentic seafood tastes of the island, at the best handpicked traditional taverns. Do not forget that your local insider is also a fantastic food advisor expert!

Overnight: Heraklion



Free day in Heraklion

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The cradle of the Minoan civilization.

Heraklion is the largest city of Crete and one of Greece's major urban centers. The city flourished under a multicultural influence throughout the centuries; that's why there is a plethora of Byzantine, Venetian, and Ottoman structures to look out for!

The city's landmark is the 16th c. Koules fortress in the westernmost side of the old Venetian port, which along with the fortification walls



(dating back to the same period) are among the most significant and imposing sights.

What to see in Heraklion:

Start your visit at the old Venetian port where you can see the vaulted tarsands (shipyard) where ships used to be built during the Middle Ages. On its west, you can't miss the 16th c. Koule Fortress whose first walls were built by the Arabs and were later reinforced by the Venetians in the 15th century. The Martinengo bastion, the only one out of seven that is preserved today, is where the renowned writer N. Kazantzakis' tomb is located and overlooks the city. There are only 2 out of 4 entrances to the city that still stand and you can see, Chanioporta (1570) Gate with its marble relief winged Lion of Saint-Marc and the New Gate (1587) on the south side of the fortress.

In the heart of the city, there are many monuments dating back to the Middle Ages, a period in which Heraklion witnessed great prosperity. From the port, ascending 25 Avgoustou (August) street, you will reach the public square, where the church of Agios Titos is found built in 1872 on the site where a Byzantine church once stood. Next to it lies the 16th c. Venetian Loggia, a Venetian building with ornate arcades and walls, sculptures, etc. that served as a meeting place for the Duke and other noblemen during the Venetian period.

Don't miss Heraklion's Venetian and Turkish fountains, scattered around the city. The most famous one is the Venetian-style Morozini fountain (aka the Lions fountain, 1628), a landmark for locals and visitors alike. Other noteworthy Venetian fountains are the Bembo fountain (1552-1554) on Kornaros Square, the Sagredo fountain (1602-1604) built in the northwestern corner of the Loggia building, and the Priuli fountain (1666) located near the port. The most interesting Turkish fountains are: Philanthropic fountain (1776), on Kornarou Square next to Bembo fountain, wherein our days you can enjoy a refreshment as it runs as a coffeehouse; Idomeneas fountain (behind the Historical Museum of Crete), Genitsar Aga Fountain (on Ikarou street) and many more.

Among the churches of Heraklion, the one that stands out is the imposing Metropolis of Agios Minas, on Agia Ekaterini Square, built between 1862-1895. Adjacent to it, stands the chapel of Mikros Agios Minas and on the northeast, you can pay a visit to the 16th c. church of Agia Ekaterini, which runs as a museum housing exhibits from the Cretan Renaissance. The church of Agios Markos (13th century) towers over Venizelou Square. Other significant churches in the city are Panagia Akrotiriani, Panagia ton Stavroforon, the Monastery of Agios Petros and Pavlos etc.

The Heraklion Archaeological Museum, one of the most significant museums in Greece, must be added to your to see list; it showcases unique treasures of the Minoan civilization unearthed from Knossos, Phaistos, Malia, and other sites. Other museums that are noteworthy are the Historical Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and the Cretaquarium (aquarium in the area of Gournes). At a short distance from the city of Heraklion, in the area of Hersonissos, you can enjoy

a golf game on a court ideal for either beginners or advanced players.

Last but not least, the food market of Heraklion, is where you will find all sorts of products as well as traditional Cretan ones such the famous Cretan olive oil, raki, local wine, honey, herbs, etc. which you can just as well take back home with you as a souvenir!

Overnight: Heraklion

Optional Activities

Your specialist has selected these for you to consider.

Agios Nikolaos - Spinalonga & East Crete Highlights (8hr)

Enjoy a personal pick-up with a premium vehicle at your full-day disposal, at any defined time of the day. Your private day trip will start with a memorable journey to the East Crete - Lassithi region.

First, you will unveil an authentic Cretan village to excite your senses. There you will explore a family-owned olive oil lab where you will see, savor, smell, and touch the finest quality local olive oil and a plethora of other locally produced products. In the same area, upon request, you can also visit a Cretan zoo.

Next, you will visit an ancient hilltop Byzantine Monastery with panoramic mountainous views. There you will have a unique opportunity to enjoy a cocktail lemonade with rose petals which is made by the nuns of this Monastery. Afterward, you will explore the village of Kritsa, an authentic center of weaving art, which is famous for its textile shops and a unique folklore collection. Your private local insider guide will provide you with the key pieces of information and engage you with the unspoiled local lifestyle.

The next stop will be in the town of Agios Nikolaos, where you will enjoy a guided walking tour to connect with this diachronic place and its memorable attractions, meet with friendly locals, and experience the finest product and wine tasting. Not to mention that you should not miss the chance-taking memorable photos by the ancient lake with the stunning views of the town!

Last but not least, you will visit the small fish village of Plaka from where you will have the opportunity to take a boat to explore the island fortress of Spinalonga. Before the end of the tour, you can receive the best recommendations from your private guide for a delicious lunch or dinner either in the town of Agios Nikolaos by the lake or in the village of Plaka with the breathtaking views of the Spinalonga island fortress.



East Crete Idyllic Escape - Feel & Taste What Only Locals Do (8hr)

Enjoy a personal pick-up with a premium vehicle at your full-day disposal, at any defined time of the day. Your private day tour will start with a memorable journey to the heart of East Crete by following bespoke itineraries off-the-beaten-path.

The first stop will be in an ancient Cretan village, an authentic center of weaving art that is famous for its textile shops and unique folklore collection. There your private local insider guide will provide you with key pieces of information and engage you with the authentic local lifestyle. The next neighbor's village is famous for its traditional Kafenia shops (Café), delicious award-winning oil, abundant fruits, and vegetables. Thus, that would be the right cozy spot to enjoy your coffee with tasty local fruits. You will also have the opportunity to be guided in the historic Church of Panagia Kera.

Afterward, you will explore the ancient forested region of the mountainous South-Eastern Crete. There you will make a memorable photo-stop at the highest peak of the region - an amazing spot for observing both

the Libyan and Cretan Sea at the same time!

Following, you will enjoy an authentic Cretan breakfast in a stunning uncharted place under the shade of ancient plane trees and surrounded by lush green and refreshing springs. This is the spot where only the local shepherds enjoy taking their breakfast.

The next stop will be in one of the most beautiful wild gorges of East Crete. A least-trampled paradise and easy-accessible for relaxed hiking with your private local insider. Inside the gorge, you will explore wildflowers, Cretan Golden eagles and the Cretan wild goat known as the Agrimi or Kri-Kri, and many other hidden gems of Cretan nature. Not to mention that you can also bathe in the breezy fresh-water waterfalls of the gorge!

At the end of the day, in order to relax and regain strength, you will be taken to a quaint beach of the Libyan Sea (South-Eastern region) with its emerald blue waters, craggy coastline, and my coves. There you will receive the best recommendations for a delicious lunch in one of the local fish taverns, with freshly caught seafood.



Cave of Zeus & Knossos Palace with Local Food & Wine Tasting (8hr)

Enjoy a personal pick-up with a premium vehicle at your full-day disposal, at any defined time of the day. Your private day trip will start with a visit to the iconic archaeological landmark Knossos Palace (King Minos/Minoa Palace), where you will receive all the informative highlights with highly personalized attention.

Next, you will experience an authentic journey to the mountainous East Crete (Dikti mountains), with your private local insider guide. You will visit ancient Cretan villages, engage with locals and their authentic lifestyle, and you will deeply connect with East Crete's stunning landscape.

Furthermore, you will take a memorable coffee stop under an ancient plane tree at the traditional village of Krasi.

Your journey will continue deeper into the heart of the ancient fertile Lassithi Plateau by exciting more and more your senses on what you will see, feel, and savor. At the entrance path to the Cave of Zeus (Diktaean Cave), you will have the opportunity to reach the Cave on donkeys!

Do not forget to take as many unique photos as possible of the dramatic panoramas that will unveil in front of your eyes!

On the way back, you will visit a family-owned traditional ceramic workshop and a Byzantine monastery, renowned for its beautiful frescos and the "miraculous" icon, where you will deeply engage with the history of Byzantine Christianity.

Last but not least, don't forget to receive the best recommendations from your local insider guide for a delicious traditional lunch in the mountains, and let your personal chauffeur take you to an authentic Cretan tavern, which will be away from mass tourism and big crowd buses.



Heraklion to Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

Transfer to Heraklion Airport & from Athens Airport to hotel

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your flight to Athens.

Upon arrival your private driver will be waiting for you to transfer you safely and hassle-free to your hotel in Athens.

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

Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

Plaka Sunset Walking Tour (2hr)

At the foothill of the Acropolis Rock stretches the old neighborhood of Plaka.

With its alleys – some of them continuously inhabited for thousands of years – and its mosaic of monuments dating to various eras, it is one of the most picturesque, historically important and, inevitably touristy districts of Athens.

Let's discover the district of Plaka on foot while enjoying a picturesque sunset and the vibes of this lively neighborhood.



Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour

Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour (3 hours)

Come, chase gods and heroes!

This is a golden opportunity for families to explore the true roots of Greek mythology with a unique activity tour. You'll visit the city's most significant sites: the Acropolis (including the Parthenon, the Theater of Dionysus, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion) and the Ancient Agora (birthplace of democracy and a hangout spot for Socrates and Plato) while learning about Greek gods and heroes in a fun and engaging way!



- Explore top historical highlights and landmarks in Athens with a tour designed for families
- Visit the world-famous Acropolis and the ancient Agora through a mythological perspective
- Learn about Greek gods and heroes and discover what really hides behind the universal myths.
- Have FUN inside the ancient Agora with an interactive activity inspired by ancient Athens
- Enjoy spectacular views of the city

Overnight: Athens

Optional Activities

Your specialist has selected these for you to consider.

The Delicious Athens Food Tour (3.5hr)

Eat your way through Athens! Discover Greek flavors and their history, with a walk through some of the city's most interesting neighborhoods, rarely visited by tourists.

Awaken your senses with the aromas and flavors of specialty food shops, tavernas, and open-air markets.

Stroll through off-the-beaten-path residential areas.

Learn about the famous "Mediterranean" diet and the history behind each family-owned business visited.

Taste olive oils, Greek cheeses, tsipouro drink, honey, souvlaki, tapenades, baklava, Greek coffee, sweets, and a variety of Greek tapas!



Greek Cooking Classes in Athens (5hr)

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.



Athens to Santorini, Free afternoon in Santorini

Transfer to Athens Int. Airport & Transfer from Santorini Airport to hotel (1.5 hours)

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to Athens Int. Airport for your flight.

Upon arrival in Santorini, your private driver will be waiting for you to transfer you hassle-free to your accommodation.

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

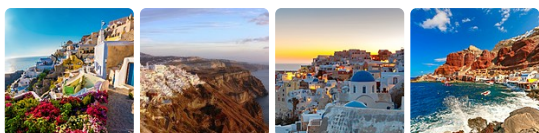
Optional Activity

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Caldera Day Hike

You'll really get those postcard views with today's hike. Lace up your sneakers and depart for one of the best walks on the island. Circle the caldera from Fira to Oia, taking in the picture-perfect surroundings. The full hike takes roughly five hours, but can be broken up with stops in the towns or tavernas along the way.

Start early if you'd like the trail to yourself or go out in the late afternoon to arrive in Oia just in time for the sunset views the town is known for, but try to avoid the heat of the midday sun. Stroll through Oia's alleyways and art galleries once you arrive, or head down into **Amoudi Harbor** if you want seafood on the shore.



Santorini Traditional Villages winter tour

Santorini Traditional Villages winter tour (6 hours)

Photo stop for Panoramic view from Prophet Elias mountain, the highest point of the island. (approx. 20min)

After that you will visit Pyrgos village, the oldest village on the island.

You will stroll around the alleys between the whitewashed houses and enjoy the shadow of pink bougainvillea like the post cards. (approx.

1hr)

Visit the Red Beach, one of the most scenic and interesting beaches on the island. (approx. 20min)

Free time for lunch and swimming in the longest black beach of the island. (approx. 2hrs)

Amazing view to the capital and sea from Blue Dome and walking tour on the caldera side from Firostefani to Fira town towards to the caldera (approx. 25min).

Overnight: Santorini



We guide you in the Past winter tour, Catamaran Cruise (all year)

We guide you in the Past winter tour (2.5 hours)

Our licensed guide will give you the chance to discover the prehistoric town which destroyed by the huge eruption of 1612BC.

You will have the impression that the past is unfolding ahead walking around the paths and very well maintained buildings.

Catamaran Cruise (all year) (5 hours)

Starting your cruise from picturesque Ammoudi Bay and your first stop will be at Hot Springs for swimming.

Continue with Sailing past Aspronisi, Ancient Lighthouse, Akrotiri and Indian Rock.

Next stop at the Red Beach for swimming and snorkeling.

Your last stop will be at the White Beach for swimming & barbeque onboard (Greek menu BBQ with pork or chicken skewers, roasted vegetables, stuffed vine leaves, salad), Drinks (local white wine, soft drinks, water)

Sail below Caldera and end your tour back at Ammoudi port.

No, trip to Santorini is complete without sailing in the Caldera!

Overnight: Santorini



Depart Santorini

Santorini to Santorini Airport private transfer (45 minutes)

After breakfast, you will be transferred by private car to Santorini International Airport for your flight out, full of memories, making you dream about the day you will be back and see more of Greece!

What's Included

Activities

- Day 2: Elafonissi Beach Idyllic Escape & Spirit of West Crete (private group)
- Day 3: Matala & South Crete Escape with Local Food & Wine (private group)
- Day 6: Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour (private group)
- Day 8: Santorini Traditional Villages winter tour (private group)
- Day 9: We guide you in the Past winter tour (private group), Catamaran Cruise (all year) (small group)

Transportation

- Day 1: Fly to Heraklion, private transfer from Heraklion Airport to hotel
- Day 5: Transfer to Heraklion Airport & from Athens Airport to hotel
- Day 7: Transfer to Athens Int. Airport & Transfer from Santorini Airport to hotel
- Day 10: Santorini to Santorini Airport private transfer

Accommodations

Your specialist has not yet selected any hotels for you.

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

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.

Places you will visit

Heraklion

4 nights



Crete's capital is a city of colossal historical significance, as attested to by the hugely impressive **archaeological museum** that is second-richest in all Greece, and city landmarks like the **Agios Titos Church**, an originally Byzantine place of worship made a Catholic church in the city's Venetian period and a mosque during the Ottoman period, and Orthodox since the 1920s. Centuries of history blend with modern life in the city center and along the vibrant and recently reconstructed seafront.

The **Minoan Palace of Knossos**, one of Europe's most ancient cities and the home of the mythical minotaur, is the star attraction close to the city, along with the **Diktaean Cave**, also known as the **Cave of Zeus** due to its history as one of the possible birth sites of the deity, when Rhea hid from the titan Kronos.

Journey further into the island on kimkim experiences like a countryside tour with a visit to an olive farm, a traditional Greek meal and wine tasting in the village of **Archanes**, or day trip to the uninhabited island of **Chryssi**, south of Ierapetra, where golden sand beaches without the crowds await.

Suggested things to do:

- Visit the **Archaeological Museum of Heraklion**, one of the finest of its kind in Greece, with an impressive collection of artifacts second only to the National Museum's.
- If you're in a more earth-centric mood, visit the **Natural History Museum** to learn about the eastern Mediterranean environment, with its exhibits especially suited to kids.
- Stroll from the old town to the lively seafront, stopping in some of stylish cafes for refreshments and seeing one of the city's spectacular fountains like **Morosini Lion's Fountain**, along the way.
- Walk for over 1.25 miles (2 km) along the **Venetian Harbor**, passing the 16th-century **Koules Fortress** on the way out to Heraklion lighthouse, getting great views of the nearby coast

Athens

2 nights



Feel the echoes of 3,000 years of history as you explore the streets of **Athens** under the gaze of the **Acropolis** and its iconic **Parthenon**. The modern city wraps around the Acropolis hill, along with imprints left by Byzantine, Ottoman, and neoclassical influences. Whether you're touring some of Europe's greatest ancient monuments, walking alongside a guide through the trendy modern streets of **Koukaki**, **Pangrati**, or **Keramikos** and sampling the mosaic of food and drink along the way, or relaxing in the quietude of gorgeous green spaces like the **National Garden**, there's always something to delight you.

Previous kimkim travelers have found their own ways to interpret the city on photo tours with professional photographers. Other tour options are sure to delight the smaller members of your traveling party: a Painting the Parthenon experience with a professional artist, for example, or doing an Olympic Games workout at the **Panathenaic Stadium**, the world's only 100% marble stadium.

Just outside the city, do not miss the coastline of the up-and-coming **Athenian Riviera**, taking a dip in saltwater **Lake Vouliagmeni**, and watching the sunset over the impressive **Temple of Poseidon** on **Cape Sounion** at the tip of the **Attica Peninsula**.

Suggested things to do:

- Visit the Acropolis at sunset to avoid the crowds and take in the views during the golden hour.
- Stroll down from the Acropolis to the **National Observatory** in the early evening, where the telescope is open to the public three times a week.
- Ride the funicular up to the top of **Lycabettus** hill for panoramic views, then take a walk back down through the park to the posh neighborhood of **Kolonaki** for some quality cafe time.
- Attend a concert or play at the **Odeon of Herodes Atticus**, the ancient theater right beneath the Acropolis.
- Wind your way through the flea market of **Monastiraki** and all the artisan shops in the neighborhood of **Psyrri**, where you'll find handmade sandals, jewelry, pottery, and other unique souvenirs.

Santorini

3 nights



You may feel like you've already seen **Santorini** and its postcard-perfect white cliffside houses, but “wish you were here” pales in comparison to visiting in person, even with the crowds that regularly flood off the ferries and cruise ships. The island got its distinctive crescent shape due to a volcanic eruption thousands of years ago that spread ash as far afield as Egypt and is partially responsible for inspiring legends of Atlantis, the legendary lost continent. Today, you can **hike along the caldera rim**, crossing through all five towns and getting some of the best views along the way, or see the caldera coastline by hopping aboard a **catamaran cruise** that will take you down around the caldera and its volcanic hot springs. Relax on some truly remarkable beaches, many of which get vivid red or black colors from the island's volcanic activity, or taste the island's flavors through vintages like fruity white *Assyrtiko* and sweet red *Vinsanto*. Whatever you decide to do, cap it all watching one or 101 of the island's famously fabulous sunsets, so stunning you can never tire of them.

Get an insider's perspective with kimkim experiences like a guided visit to **Akrotiri**, the prehistoric city that was buried under volcanic ash for 3,000 years, or a tour of an **anhydrous farm** to learn how residents grow Santorini's famous little tomatoes, fava beans, and other specialties—without using water! Then, follow a guide on a tour from the island's pretty sunset-watching hotspot at **Oia** all the way to Santorini's lesser-known medieval settlements such as **Pyrgos**.

Suggested things to do:

- Lounge on the island's volcanic beaches that come in black, red, or white sand to suit any preference.
- Visit the archaeological site of ancient **Thera**, perched cliffside to protect its inhabitants from pirate invasions.
- Have an early dinner at a fish tavern in the small port of **Ammoudi**. The red rocks along the coast here are shown off at their fiery best at sunset.
- Dodge the crowds at the beautiful caldera rim village of **Oia** by visiting early in the morning or later into the evening once the sunset-spotters have receded.
- View sunset from the one of many vantage points along the caldera: **Akrotiri Lighthouse** is a good spot to avoid the crowds at Oia but just what place has the best angle changes every month.

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.



Secure & easy booking

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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