

# Athens, Naxos, Santorini and Crete

📅 14 Days

📍 Locations Included

- Athens (4 nights)
- Naxos (3 nights)
- Santorini (3 nights)
- Chania (3 nights)

## Highlights of your trip



**Crete:** Elafonissi Beach  
Idyllic Escape & Spirit of  
West Crete



**Santorini:** Sunset  
Caldera Cruise with  
Wooden Boat



**Naxos:** Sailing to the  
Neighbor Island: Paros &  
Antiparos



**Athens:** The Ultimate  
Delphi Day Trip from  
Athens

## Daily Schedule

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Day 1	Arrival in Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens	Athens
Day 2	The Ultimate Delphi Day Trip from Athens	Athens
Day 3	A Dazzling Day Trip to Hydra Island from Athens	Athens
Day 4	Ancient Athens (Acropolis & National Archaeological Museum)	Athens
Day 5	Athens to Naxos, Free evening in Naxos	Athens to Naxos
Day 6	Naxos Old Town Flavors	Naxos
Day 7	Sailing to the South side of Paros & Pateronisia!	Naxos
Day 8	Free afternoon in Santorini, Transfer to Santorini	Naxos to Santorini
Day 9	Experience Santorini Picturesque	Santorini
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# Detailed itinerary

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## Arrival in Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

### Private Athens Airport transfer (45 minutes)

Welcome to Athens! Your private driver will be waiting for you outside of your arrival gate 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.

### "Medea and other friends I made in Athens" a unique live theatrical performance in Athens (1hr)

The funniest 60 minutes you will spend in Athens!

Come Watch a Unique, Funny, And Touching Play Right Under The Acropolis!

A 60-minute show of ancient Greek theatre with a twist! Ideal for small kids or big kids!

"During his visit to the Acropolis, a modern-day tourist slips and gets knocked out. When he awakens, he finds himself transported to 5th century B.C, Athens.

There, he will have a talk with Medea on raising children, chase the god of Wealth himself around the Parthenon, and find out how Odysseus solved a Cyclopean problem."

The director Nancy Rigopoulou, has staged a unique show that allows the spectators of every nationality to

meet the deep, omnipotent, and timeless messages of the ancient Greek civilization in the most entertaining and uncomplicating way.

In 60 minutes, without the need for any prior knowledge, the average viewer will become a participant in some of the most important works of the world repertoire. Everything is done with redeeming laughter as their guide, the surest way for anyone to deal with the twists of fate.

A unique product for all visitors to enjoy, offering a complete experience of Greece that will make your trip unforgettable.



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## The Ultimate Delphi Day Trip from Athens

**The Ultimate Delphi Day Trip from Athens** (12 hours)

Ancient glory, natural beauty, mountain living, and local surprises.

The ancient oracle of Delphi, one of the world's greatest archaeological sites sits on the slopes of a beautiful mountain still home to traditional lifestyles and crafts.

Explore past splendors, discover present wonders, and experience local life in this very special corner of Greece, as few travelers do.

- Explore Delphi, the center of the ancient world.
- Discover one of the most interesting villages of Greece, rarely visited by tourists.
- Visit one of the last tanners and bellmakers at work.
- Meet the locals, who let you into their everyday life and share their version of Greece with you.
- Enjoy a traditional Greek lunch, cooked by the women of the village, under the shade of hundred-years old trees.

**Overnight:** Athens



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## A Dazzling Day Trip to Hydra Island from Athens

**A Dazzling Day Trip to Hydra Island from Athens** (11 hours)

A great cosmopolitan island escape, with pristine beaches, stunning architecture, and international cultural allure!

Less than two hours from Piraeus, the island of Hydra is an ideal day-trip destination.

Completely traffic-free (no cars or scooters), the port town is positively charming, thanks to the magnificent 18th-century mansions lining the steep streets that rise up from the harbor's edge. The stunning beaches are tranquil, laid-back locations and the island is full of history and cultural charm.



Enjoy a Scenic horse ride around the island of Hydra.

Water taxi round trip from the center of the island to a secluded beach and back.

Sightseeing in a historic location, an important center of activity during the 1821 Greek War of Independence.

What a way to spend your day away from the crowded city center!

At the port of Piraeus, you'll board the Flying Dolphin for a quick and comfortable hydrofoil ride to the harbor town of Hydra. Once you reach the island you'll be amazed by the local landscape that has made it a favored retreat of jetsetters and rock stars such as Maria Callas, Leonard Cohen, Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones, Picasso and many more.

Then it's time to saddle up for a family-friendly ride through the town's different neighborhoods, because the best way to explore Hydra is on the back of a horse, the island's traditional means of transportation (no cars allowed!).

After your ride through town, you'll return to the harbor to board one of the island's famed water taxis, the easiest and the most exciting way to reach the island's best beaches. Foremost among these is Plakes Beach, equipped with sun-loungers and umbrellas, where you'll be heading for hours of fun in the sun and the crystal-blue sea, as well as a delicious lunch at the seafront taverna right at the water's edge.

Following lunch, it's back to Hydra Town for a second trip, this time on foot, down the maze-like side streets and by-ways where you'll spot artists' workshops, stylish boutiques, and a number of well-preserved historic residences, some of which, once owned by important figures in Greece's 19th-century struggle for independence, are now museums. Hydra has evolved into a cultural hub, where innovative exhibits, hip happenings, and events with international appeal attract famous visitors from all over the world each summer.

Your stroll will end at a family-run pastry shop that's famous for the local sweet (made from almonds) known as amygdalota, and for its rich and delicious homemade ice cream. As you finish your treat on the shaded veranda of the pastry shop, you'll be ready to leave the island with more than just a sweet taste on your lips; you'll have the long-lasting memory of a special day spent on this little gem of an island.

Please note that some changes to the itinerary may be necessary between Nov-Mar.



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Cliff Jumping in Hydra is great at Spilia Beach which is 50 meters from the port. So you can either go there together and start jumping from the rocks straight into the sea or you can select to take a horse ride as long

as your husband dives from the cliffs. :)

**Overnight:** Athens

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## Ancient Athens (Acropolis & National Archaeological Museum)

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(4 hours)

With this tour we are going to explore the thrill of the Panathenaic Stadium with its beautiful marbles, the majestic Acropolis coming through the ages of legend and history, and the National Archaeological Museum, encompassing most of the thrilling artifacts of Hellenic Antiquity.

Join us and emerge from our tour renewed with the essential knowledge of the fundamental beginnings of European civilization.



### Highlights

- Panathenaic Stadium
- Syntagma Square / Constitution square
- National Archaeological Museum
- Acropolis

Enjoy a guided tour, of the National Archaeological Museum, which is the largest museum in Greece and one of the world's great museums. Its abundant collections, with more than 20,000 exhibits, provide a panorama of Greek civilization from the beginnings of Prehistory to Late Antiquity.

Continue with a drive through the City center (Syntagma / Constitution square) and we are going to visit Panathenaic Stadium, the marble stadium where were held the first Olympic Games of the modern era and finish your half-day tour by discovering the secrets of the Acropolis, which make it stand as the most important monument of the whole world.

**Overnight:** Athens

### Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

#### Home-Cooked Meals in Athens (4hr)

Eat with the locals!

Meet with real Athenians who open their home and share their table with you!  
Discover authentic cuisine over a 4-course meal and let your hosts share their culture and the contemporary way of life in today's Athens.

See what a Greek home looks like and learn all about life in Greece.

Discover why Greek hospitality is famous around the world!



## Athens to Naxos, Free evening in Naxos

### Free evening in Naxos

Long beaches and mediaeval towers, lush valleys and high mountains... and delicious local produce.

Welcome to the largest island in the Cyclades, Naxos. So fertile, it's self-sufficient. Here you'll find plenty of history, ruins from every era, a kaleidoscope of landscapes, friendly locals and wonderful food in the most beautiful part of the Aegean.

Entering the harbour, you're greeted by the ancient Portara – the massive marble gateway identical to the logo of the National Geographic – and the sight of the mediaeval castle above the town. Inland, you'll find isolated mediaeval villages, untouched by time, like Tripodes, Filoti, Halki and Apeiranthos, that invite you to explore their beauty. You'll find Mt. Zas (another name for Zeus), green valleys, abandoned monasteries, venerable churches, and lofty towers like Bazeos Tower.

An island so worth exploring and sure to amaze you every moment!

**Overnight:** Naxos



## Naxos Old Town Flavors

### Naxos Old Town Flavors (4 hours)

- Visit the traditional creamery shop of Koufopoulos ( Tyrokomia Naxou - Greek traditional cheese and products ). Tasting a variety of Naxian cheeses
- Walking tour in the Venetian Castle of Naxos town.
- Light dinner on the restaurant's terrace Oniro, inside the old town, with a magnificent panoramic view of the castle and the port by the sunset hour. Clients will have the chance to taste different Mediterranean dishes.
- Visit the candy shop. "Naxia Sweet Home" It is a family business. They produce homemade candies using local flavors like sage, citron, lemon, orange, mastic, ouzo, lime chili, and many flavors for the young children. All the production takes place in front of the visitors who can have a free taste of hot and fresh candies and can discover their favorite flavor.
- Our afternoon walk will end up with a visit to the traditional shop of PROMPONAS. We will taste the "Naxos Citron" local liqueur. With passion, love, and dedication to tradition, they create the local drink of Naxos "Citron Promponas" that consists of citron tree leaves pure essence.

**Overnight:** Naxos



## Sailing to the South side of Paros & Pateronisia!

**Sailing to the South side of Paros & Pateronisia!** (8.5 hours)

Grab the chance to spend a Full Day sailing around the Aegean.

A day cruise on a luxury and a brand new catamaran or our brand new sailing boat is an experience you cannot lose.

Naxos is a place that you should visit in the summer and sail to crystal-clear waters, white-sanded beaches and turn your holidays into an unforgettable experience.

You will have the privilege to enjoy the crystal clear waters of the Aegean Sea, as you make different stops to the magnificent beaches of the islands, where you will be able to go swimming or snorkeling from the boat, while the experienced crew is preparing for you a traditional Greek BBQ to enjoy after, on the boat.

After crossing the Southern coast of Paros island, will arrive at the Blue Lagoon bay, where the boat approaches the beaches and make a stop to give you the chance to dive from the boat and enjoy a relaxing swim in the crystal clear of the Aegean Sea. During the same time, the experienced crew will be preparing for you a traditional Greek BBQ to enjoy.

Visit and swim in the amazing waters of Pateronisia!

A day to out in the sea to remember!

- **NOTE: The route always depends on the weather and the itinerary can change in bad weather conditions! In case of bad weather conditions, the Captain can change the itinerary for the safest and comfortable route for our guests.**

### **The prices include:**

- Coffee/Tea, finger food, lunch on board, refreshments, local wine, fruit salad
- Masks
- Free Wi-Fi
- Small floated boat for exploring the sea coasts

**Overnight:** Naxos



## Free afternoon in Santorini, Transfer to 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!



### Naxos to Santorini transfer & ferry (2 hours)

Your private driver will come to pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the port to catch your ferry to Santorini.

Upon arrival at Santorini, your private driver will be waiting for you to greet you and transfer you hassle-free to your hotel.

**Overnight:** Santorini

## Optional Activities

Your specialist has selected these for you to consider.

### 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.



### «Cheers» Caldera Night Tour 5hrs (5hr)

Stroll around the sparkling caldera lights between Imerovigli and Fira village with your expert local guide.

Unforgettable tastings at Heliotopos Cave Bar and Momix Bar with the unique Molecular Mixology!  
Cocktails included!



## Experience Santorini Picturesque

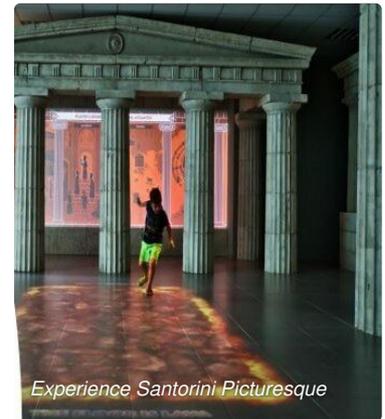
### Experience Santorini Picturesque (7 hours)

Amazing experience between myth and 9D virtual reality at the unique Lost Atlantis Museum.

Exploration around Emporio which is the largest village of Santorini.

Relaxing time with free sunbeds, towels and welcome drink by the sea at Forty-one 41 Bar Restaurant at Black Beach.

**Overnight:** Santorini



*Experience Santorini Picturesque*



## Sunset Caldera Cruise with Wooden Boat

### Sunset Caldera Cruise with Wooden Boat (5 hours)

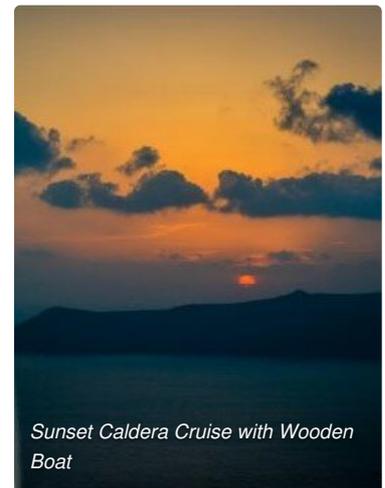
Boarding of our sailing boat takes place at the main port of Santorini "Athinios". From there we sail around the volcanic islands of Nea Kameni and Palea Kameni from where most of the volcanic layers are visible on the impressive steep inner walls of the Santorini caldera. During the remainder of our voyage, our sailing boat docks close to Thirassia, the second largest of the complex of islands forming the Santorini caldera, giving you the opportunity to escape into its crystal clear and refreshing blue waters. For the "daring" passengers on board our Santorini sailing boat we provide snorkeling equipment.

While you're enjoying the refreshing waters the captain and his crew prepare a delicious BBQ on board, served along with Santorini white wine.

Next we depart for the northern tip of Santorini and the town of Oia with its two small fisherman ports Ammoudi and Armeni. From our sailing boat, we have a unique vantage point for viewing and photographing the lovely traditional settlement of Oia. Here you can relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery. At this point, we set sails into the beautiful sunset and head back to the port.

Menu: Greek salad, Tzatziki, and Aubergine salad, chicken skewers, shrimps in tomato sauce, mussels with rice, bread, and fresh fruits.

**Overnight:** Santorini



*Sunset Caldera Cruise with Wooden Boat*



## Santorini to Chania, Self-guided exploration of Chania

### Travel from Santorini to Chania, Crete

Your driver will pick you up from your hotel in Santorini, and take you to the port of the island. It's time to say goodbye to this beautiful island, and travel to your next destination. By ferry, you will head to Chania in Crete.

Upon your arrival at the port, another driver will welcome you and take you to your accommodation in Chania.

### Self-guided exploration of Chania

Chania itself is the second largest city in Crete and one of the most scenic spots on an island with stiff competition for that title. Life in this former Venetian city revolves around its charming 14th-century harbor, narrow streets with winding alleys, and colorful architecture influenced by past Ottoman and Egyptian eras.

While you're exploring the area, don't miss some of these spots:

- The elevated neighborhoods of Topanas, Splantzia, Kolombo, and Kasteli for panoramic harbor views, Cretan taverns, and architectural history. You can see the ruins of the Minoan city of Kydonia and high walls of former Venetian moats integrated into the city.
- The Municipal Market of Chania and neighboring Municipal Garden to enjoy a coffee amid the shade of the trees or garden clocktower.
- The Botanical Parks and Gardens of Crete to enjoy Cretan nature at its finest. The special micro-climate formed at this specific area allows plants from three different climate zones to grow in the park.
- The olive-oil-producing region of Vouves, to the west of the city, complete with a museum and one of the oldest olive trees in existence.
- Falassarna and Elafonissi beaches, also to the west, where you can find solitude on the sands.

Top it all off with a sunset drink on the rooftop at trendy Pallas or visit Cafe Koukouvaya for a pastry and a view of Chania town and harbor.

**Overnight:** Chania



## Samaria Gorge with a Local Insider

### Samaria Gorge with a Local Insider (10 hours)

By arriving at Samaria, you will be guided through the majestic gorge by your private guide, while your private chauffeur, with the vehicle on disposal, will be waiting for you at the end of Samaria Gorge, in Agia Roumeli village.

The Gorge contains 450 species of plant and animal life. In addition, Samaria Gorge is a UNESCO-protected Biosphere Reserve. You will pass through Cretan forests of pine, cypress, and ancient holly trees, and by 22 drinking water springs, as well as abandoned villages and churches you can pop into.

If tackled from Xyloskalo to Agia Roumeli, by the sea, it is downhill all the way. And although you will crisscross a river multiple times – sometimes over wooden bridges, sometimes hopping from rock to rock – it's not a difficult or technical hike. Just don't expect to pass as effortlessly as the gorge's real residents – the Cretan 'kri-kri' mountain goats!



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After Samaria Gorge, we can arrange for you to be transferred to Imvros gorge, but you won't be hiking through it due to limited time plus the fact that you will already be tired from walking through emblematic Samaria Gorge!

**Overnight:** Chania



## 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:** Chania



*Elafonissi Beach Idyllic Escape & Spirit of West Crete*



## Depart Chania

### Transfer from Chania to Chania Int. Airport

Your driver will pick you up at your accommodation in Chania and drive you to the Chania Int. Airport (CHQ) in time for your flight.



*Photo taken by Victoria P*

## What's Included

### Activities

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### 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

### Athens

4 nights



Monastiraki Square and Sunset over Plaka

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.

# Naxos

3 nights



The largest Cycladic island, **Naxos** combines long sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters with a beautiful inland featuring lush nature, quaint traditional villages, and historical sites, all with fewer tourists than its Cycladic neighbors. Take it all in on a food tour that will introduce you to the fertile island's agricultural scene and varied cuisine. Or embark on an adventure hiking along medieval paths past pretty rural churches and monasteries. If you'd rather experience Naxos aquatically, a catamaran sail will bring you to some of its smaller neighboring islands and natural caves perfect for enjoying the wide **Aegean** seas and skies.

To delve further into island life, kimkim travelers have participated in a cooking class delivered by a longtime resident who can teach you traditional Naxian cooking styles. Alternatively, you can take a historic tour of sites including the ancient **Temple of Demeter**, the **statues of kouros**, remarkable Byzantine churches, and the **Bazeos** and **Zevgoli** towers. Or follow a guide on a food-themed odyssey introducing you to the production of local *kitron* liquor and island cheeses whilst you learn about their accompanying history and the area in which they are produced.

Suggested things to do:

- Take a sunset walk out to the talismanic **Portara**, once the doorway of the **Temple of Apollo** and now its only section left standing, on an islet out from the port.
- Rent a car and road trip out to the island's eastern coast to visit its mostly untouristed villages and beaches.
- Pedal around on a bicycle past the island landscapes.
- Relax on one of the island's many beaches. **Plaka**, **Agios Prokopios**, and **Agia Anna** are ideal for families, while those looking for a more active afternoon should head to **Mikri Vigla** or **Orkos**.
- Discover stretches of sand you can enjoy all to yourself at the likes of **Panormos**, **Psili**, **Ammos** or **Moutsouna**.

# Santorini

3 nights



Sunset in Santorini

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.

# Chania

3 nights



*Chania's Old Town Harbor*

A charming 14th-century harbor and lighthouse, a Venetian old town, and Ottoman and Egyptian influences make **Chania** one of the most scenic spots on **Crete**. A walking tour of the old town will introduce you to the Minoan city of **Kydonia**, the Venetian walls, and the bustling **Municipal Market**. If you want to get out into nature, day trip out to the famous **Elafonisi** beach or **Gramvousa** and **Balos** beaches, or trek the **Samaria Gorge** all the way out to sea and the sleepy coastal village of **Agia Roumeli** that's only accessible through the Gorge or by boat.

Delve deeper into Cretan history and culture on kimkim experiences that explore the beautiful surrounding countryside. Take a tour of nearby villages with stops at producers of highly-regarded local food and drink, or a farm-to-table lunch and cooking class at the **Botanical Park & Gardens of Crete**, where three climate zones coexist on the slopes of the plateau of **Omalos**. Or tailor your tour to one of the specialty local products: an olive tour through **Kolymvari** will take you through ancient groves and out to the **Olive Tree Museum of Vouves**, where you'll learn about the many applications of the olive, one of the most celebrated Greek exports, including a soap-making demonstration.

Suggested things to do:

- Stroll the seafront promenade away from the crowds and out to the neighborhoods of **Halepa**, full of beautiful neoclassical mansions, and **Tabakaria**, the old tannery district is now dotted with small, atmospheric tavernas.
- Enjoy the area's beautiful beaches. **Balos** and **Gramvousa** (accessible only by boat) are some of the best in the world, or stay closer to town and hang out at the sandy, shallow **Kiani** and **Almyrida** beaches.
- Day trip out to **Kournas Lake**, Crete's only freshwater lake and a protected ecosystem full of bird life. Horseback ride, try out a water-cycle ride, or just enjoy the views.
- Get up early to walk through the old port and enjoy the colorful architecture without the crowds.
- Browse the craft shops within Chania or venture out to the arts and crafts village of **Verekyntos** to find signature Cretan products like "versed" knives with inscribed poems, leather boots, musical instruments and much more.

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## 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,...

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