

Enhanced! The Aegean Islands, Athens & Istanbul

Greece: Athens, Delphi, Meteora | Greek Islands: Syros, Mykonos, Paros, Santorini, Patmos, Kalymnos | Turkey: Ephesus, Istanbul Small groups of no more than 25 travelers, guaranteed

Weave along the sun-drenched islands of the Aegean during a journey through classical Greece and Turkey. Delve into the sanctuary of Delphi, the clifftop monasteries of Meteora, and ruins of ancient Ephesus-and discover the longstanding traditions of the Aegean Islands modern-day inhabitants. Experience a 7-night voyage aboard the 50-passenger M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena that includes Mykonos and volcanic Santorini. Plus, this trip has been enhanced with an additional day in Istanbul.



17 days starting from \$7,595

including international airfare from New York or Newark *Limited FREE or Low-Cost Single* Supplements Available

Departure Dates: Mar-Oct Activity Le1213 4 5 Moderate

IT'S INCLUDED

- 15 nights accommodation, including 7 nights aboard the privately owned 50-passenger M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- 35 meals: 15 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks
- 16 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All port charges
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

ITINERARY

DAU 1 · Depart U.S.

Fly from the U.S. to Athens, Greece.

DAU 2 · Athens, Greece

At your Athens hotel, meet your fellow travelers, including those from our Athens & the Peloponnese: From Homer to the First Olympics pre-trip extension. Amalia Hotel or similar

DAY 3 · Athens

TRAVEL WITH MARCI

After a Welcome Briefing this morning, enjoy an afternoon of independent exploration. Then, set off for a tour of the Acropolis Archaeological Site and its crowning jewel—the Parthenon—to marvel at the majestic ruins.

Meals: B,D | Amalia Hotel or similar

DAY 4 · Athens · Delphi · Arachova

This morning we'll travel to Arachova to explore Delphi's Archaeological Museum and archaeological site. You will explore the Temple of Apollo, the ancient theater, and the Tholos at the sanctuary of Athena Pronaia. The rest of the day is yours to explore. Meals: B.L. | Parnassia Club Hotel or similar

DAUS · Arachova · A Day in the Life of a Delphi honey farm

Enjoy our A Day in the Life experience at MoKa Honey Farm in the Delphi countryside. We'll meet the owners to learn the secrets of Greek honey, don a beekeeper's suit to walk amongst the hives, help prepare lunch, and sit down with the family for a shared meal together.

This afternoon, we'll arrive in Kalambaka to check into our hotel and explore the city.

Meals: B,L,D | Grand Hotel Meteora or similar

DAU 6 · Kalambaka · Meteora · Home-Hosted Dinner

Today we'll discover the "hanging" cliffside monasteries of Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, perched atop pinnacles that rise about 1,000 feet from the valley floor. This evening, enjoy a Home-Hosted Dinner with a Greek family in Kalambaka.

Meals: B,L,D | Grand Hotel Meteora or similar

DAU 7 · Athens · Embark ship

Today we'll drive to Athens where we'll embark our small ship in the port of Piraeus. Tonight, enjoy a Captain's Welcome Dinner in the ship's dining room. Later, our ship sails to the Greek island of Syros. Meals: B,L,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

DAY 8 · Syros · Mykonos

Explore the administrative capital of the Cyclades Islands on a walking tour of Ermoupolis on Syros. We'll also try loukoumi candy—a Greek version of Turkish Delight. Then, cruise to Mykonos to spend the afternoon and evening exploring the charming Aegean port town. Our ship will set sail for Paros overnight. Meals: B,L,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

DAU 9 · Paros

Today our discoveries in Paros include a visit to the historic capital of Lefkes, the fishing village of Naoussa, and the artistic hub of Parikia. In Lefkes, we'll set off on a walking tour to wander the narrow streets and

pass by the iconic white and blue homes. In Naoussa, admire the colorful fishing boats as we walk down cobbled streets.

Meals: B,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

DAU 10 · Santorini

Spend a full day on the island of Santorini. We'll take a funicular (cable car) to ascend to Fira Town to take in the gleaming white houses that look down to the bay. We'll visit the nearby Akrotiri Archeological Site, before arriving at the cliffside village of Oia for a walking tour. We'll visit local shops, soak in views of the Santorini caldera, and explore the blue-and-white Church of Panagia Platsani.

Meals: B,D | M/V Arethusa or M/V Athena

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHT



On Day 5, visit a local honey farm for A Day in the Life experience and discover Delphi's prized commodity