

# Antonia's Boutique & Gifts

**TAKE ME TO GREECE TOUR – SEPTEMBER 12-25, 2023**

JOIN US ON A 13 DAY/12 NIGHT GUIDED TOUR THROUGH  
SOME OF GREECE'S MOST ICONIC SIGHTS.

**OUR CUSTOMIZED JOURNEY EXPLORES CLASSICAL AND MODERN GREECE  
WITH VISITS TO ATHENS, CORFU, PAXOS, ANTIPAXOS, METEORA, SANTORINI,  
AND MYKONOS.**

DEPARTURE – SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 (WE WILL PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR AIRFARE  
WITH OUR GROUP AT A DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE – PRICING AVAILABLE IN  
LATE MARCH 2023 – GUESTS CAN FLY SEPARATELY AND WILL BE GREETED IN  
ATHENS FOR OUR PRIVATE TRANSFER TO OUR HOTEL AS NOTED BELOW)

## **DAY 1. WELCOME TO ATHENS**

09/13/23

Upon arrival at the Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (Athens) we will be greeted by our driver and transferred in our private Mercedes Sprinter to the InnAthens hotel. The InnAthens Hotel is located in the city center less than 100 meters from Syntagma Square. The main city square houses the Greek Parliament and is located in front of the 19th century Old Royal Palace. The neighborhood is bound by the picturesque neighborhood of Plaka known for its charming walkways and unique architecture. Our Athens by Night tour begins in the evening with a ride around the city center and an included welcome dinner (Taverna Night) at a local eatery. Enjoy your included dinner with our tour group in an authentic setting. Return to our hotel for the evening.

## **DAY 2. ATHENS SIGHTSEEING**

09/14/23

Included breakfast at our hotel and meet our English Speaking Guide (ESG) for a wonderful Athens Sightseeing Tour. You will see the Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Evzones (elite light infantry and mountain units of the Greek army) in their picturesque uniform guarding the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier. Have a short photo stop at the Panathenaic Stadium, the site of the first modern Olympic Games that took place in 1896. The stadium is impressive both for its history and its shape, which was designed to seat more than 70,000 spectators on a surface completely covered in white marble from Mount Penteli; the same used to build the Parthenon. Continue towards the Acropolis, passing by Hadrian's Arch

and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Situated on a rocky hill overlooking the city, the Acropolis is one of the worlds' most famous and iconic monuments of the ancient world. Standing in harmony within their natural settings you will see the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally, the Parthenon. You will also catch a birdseye view of the Herodion Theatre and the Theatre of Dionysus. Next, visit the world-renowned New Acropolis Museum of Athens which houses the Kariatides and many of the original pieces from the Parthenon; one of the wonders of the ancient world. Following our guided tour of the museum, we will enjoy some free time but will walk through Plaka and will be able stop at a local cafe for an open lunch or to enjoy some ice cream and coffee. Enjoy wandering the shops in the oldest section of Athens. Plaka offers some beautiful jewelry and leather stores, clothing boutiques, and shops with unique gifts. For dinner, we will dine at Athens' finest restaurant at the foothills of the Acropolis; Dionysos Zonars. Our included dinner will be a 5 Star dining experience at a jewel sitting among historic monuments. Enjoy spectacular views of the Acropolis and the Parthenon.

### **DAY 3. CENTRAL ATHENS – COOKING CLASS**

09/15/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. Enjoy some free time and a leisurely morning. Interested guests can join us for a 2-hour walking tour which begins with a one stop metro ride from Syntagma Square to Evangelismos station. Upon our exit from the metro, we will walk and view the remains of Aristotle's former school; the Archaeological site of the Lyceum of Aristotle. We will also view the Presidential Palace and the Presidential Palace Garden and will pass through the National Gardens and view Zappeion Hall before returning to our hotel. Approximate time for this leisurely expedition is 2 hours.

Enjoy the rest of your free morning before our late afternoon included excursion. We will meet our local guide and cooking instructor for a stop at the Fresh Food Market. We will explore the Athens Central Market and shop for fresh ingredients before taking a cooking class where we will learn Greek cooking techniques. Our Greek cooking expert will teach us the secrets of traditional cooking as we prepare a delicious range of Greek dishes which we will enjoy as part of our dinner with wine and soft drinks. After concluding our dinner, enjoy some free time in central Athens before being transferred back to our hotel.

#### **DAY 4. ATHENS – CORFU**

9/16/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. Enjoy a relaxing morning before we depart on our private coach to the Athens International Airport for our included flight to the beautiful island of Corfu. Upon arrival we will be greeted by our driver and take our private coach to our hotel; Kontokali Bay Resort & Spa. Enjoy an open evening to relax and dine at the resort or take a short cab ride for a night in charming Corfu Town.

#### **DAY 5. CORFU – PAXOS - ANTIPAXOS – BLUE CAVES**

9/17/23

Included breakfast at our hotel and then depart for our day cruise from Corfu town to Paxos and Antipaxos Islands and the Blue Caves, famous for their emerald waters and nature coasts. Our sailing tour will provide views of the Old Town of Corfu and then travel beyond the rocky coastline and sandy beaches of Paxos. We will enter the crystalline waters of the Blue Caves and then approach the sandy beach of Voutoumi in Antipaxos. We will have time to swim before returning to the island of Paxos. Our cruise will pass the narrow channel to the picturesque port of Gaios Village. Along the way we will enjoy unique views of the twin islands of Panagia and Agios Nikolaos and the old Venetian Castle built in 1423. We will anchor near Gaios Village and take a stroll through the village walkways and enjoy a late included lunch. Upon our return to Corfu town, our driver will greet us and transfer us aboard our private coach to Kontokali Bay Resort and Spa. Enjoy the amenities of our resort in the evening and unwind along the beautiful coastline.

#### **DAY 6. CORFU - METEORA**

9/18/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. Day 6 of our tour will visit one of the most magical places in all of Greece. Meteora (meaning “Suspended in the Air”) is a geological phenomenon on the Greek mainland near the town of Kalabaka. The rock formations of Meteora are comprised of pinnacles towering 400 meters into the sky. Meteora hosts one of the largest and precipitously built complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries. The remaining 6 of original 24 monasteries are built on immense natural pillars and hill-like rounded boulders. Our tour includes a 30-minute ferry ride from Corfu to the town of Igoumenitsa. After landing in Igoumeitsa we will board our private coach and enjoy a ride through the region of Epirus on the Greek mainland. We will pass stunning mountains and lakes and arrive at Meteora where we will visit a studio where Greek iconographers make holy icons by hand. We will see the artists demonstrate their work before continuing to the rock formations to visit two monasteries built into the rock pillars. We will enjoy a guided tour of the monasteries and learn about this holy and historical site. Following our visit to Meteora we

will enjoy an included dinner in a traditional Epirotic restaurant and try many local specialties before returning to Igoumetisa to board our ferry back to Corfu. Upon return we will be greeted by our driver to transfer us back to our resort for an open evening.

### **DAY 7. CORFU - SANTORINI**

9/19/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. Enjoy an open relaxing morning before our included afternoon flight from Corfu to Santorini. We will take our private transfer to Ioannis Kapodistrias Airport and fly Aegean Airlines to the breathtaking island of Santorini. Upon arrival in Santorini, we will be received by our driver who will transport us via private coach to our hotel; Costa Grand Resort and Spa. Costa Grand is located on the beach in the town of Kamari on the eastern side of the island. After check-in, enjoy the amenities of our resort or walk along the Kamari Beach waterfront and dine in one of the many local eateries.

### **DAY 8. SANTORINI – BOUTARI WINERY - FIRA**

9/20/23

Included breakfast at our hotel and enjoy a relaxing morning by the pool or along the black sand beach of Kamari. Early in the afternoon we will meet our driver for our private transfer to the Village of Megalochori and Boutari Winery for our signature food and wine experience. We will learn about the history of Santorini vines and the indigenous grape varieties. We will visit Boutari's wine cellar and learn about wine production and wine aging and enjoy a tasting of Boutari's ambassador variety wines. After our wine tasting we will enjoy a homemade style lunch with Santorini delicacies paired with a glass of wine from your favorite Greek ambassador variety. Following our winery visit we will be transferred to the main town of Fira which sits atop the volcanic rim. Take in great views of Santorini's Caldera and enjoy a short visit to some shops along the "Gold Street" before being transferred back to our hotel. Enjoy the evening along the Kamari Beach boardwalk or at our hotel. Interested guests can join us later in the evening for a walk along the beachfront to some local cafes and lounges.

### **DAY 9. SANTORINI – ISLAND TOUR - OIA**

9/21/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. Enjoy a relaxing morning before we depart for our land tour. We begin our afternoon with a ride on our private coach to Pyrgos Village before travelling to the northern iconic town of Oia. Pyrgos village is comprised of traditional houses built around a Venetian Castle with small streets following the landscape up the hill. Climbing from the square

up to the castle of Pyrgos, the stone houses crowd more densely together and the labyrinth of narrow vaulted lanes become more evident. The town was constructed in this manner to confuse invading armies. The village has many churches, around 33, but the most famous is the Monastery of Profitis Ilias, where a small collection of ethnographic material and old Icons are exhibits. We will enjoy the most fabulous panoramic view of the island from Profitis Ilias yard. The monastery opens only a few days a week during liturgy. Pyrgos is a lovely place, winter and summer alike. We will also visit Kasteli village. The village is on the highest point of Santorini island. Lastly, we will travel to the northern part of the island to visit the town of Oia. Oia is renowned for its world-famous sunsets. In Oia, we will see the cliff side houses built one on top of the other. We will then enjoy an included dinner and return to our hotel for our overnight stay in Santorini.

## **DAY 10. SANTORINI – MYKONOS**

9/22/23

Included breakfast at our hotel and meet in the lobby for our private transfer to Athinios Port for our Sea Jets ferry ride to Mykonos. Enjoy views of Santorini and the cliffside homes and structures from the water as we sail north of Oia. Upon arrival in Mykonos we will be greeted by our driver and transferred to our hotel; Rochari Hotel in Mykonos Town. Enjoy some down time before our evening stroll to Little Venice. We will enjoy the sunset with an included cocktail at a waterfront establishment in the most picturesque spot on Mykonos island. Following sunset, we will walk to Nikos Taverna for an included dinner; a well-known and established 40+ year old restaurant. Enjoy the narrow walkways in Mykonos town and the vibrant nightlife and interesting shops before returning to our hotel.

## **DAY 11. MYKONOS – ORNOS BEACH – CATAMARAN CRUISE TO DELOS**

9/23/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. We will then meet our driver for our private transfer to Ornos Beach to board a catamaran for our private half day cruise to Delos. We will enjoy a day on the Aegean and stop at one of the most important mythological, historical, and archaeological sites in Greece. Delos, near the center of the Cycladic archipelago, had a position as a holy sanctuary for a millennium before Olympian Greek Mythology made it the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. UNESCO inscribed Delos on the World Heritage List in 1990. Our sailing tour includes stops for swimming and water activities. We will enjoy included beverages and a freshly prepared 4-course lunch. Upon return to Ornos Beach, enjoy a walk along the beach before our private coach transfers us back to our hotel for an open evening. Interested parties can join us for an a la carte dinner (not included) at Kalita Restaurant in Mykonos town.

## **DAY 12. MYKONOS – ATHENS**

9/24/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. We will then meet our driver for our private transfer to the new port of Mykonos where we will board Sea Jets Ferry and sail back to Athens. Upon arrival at the port of Piraeus, we will meet our driver and board our private coach for our transfer to the InnAthens hotel for our overnight stay. Enjoy some time browsing the shops in Plaka or resting at our hotel. Interested parties can join us in the evening for an open dinner at a local eatery.

## **DAY 13. ATHENS**

9/25/23

Included breakfast at our hotel. Depending on departure time, breakfast may include box items. We will then meet our driver for our private transfer to the Athens International Airport for our return flight home.

\* Hotel Accommodations are as follows:

- Athens InnAthens (or similar 4\* Hotel);
- Corfu Kontokali Bay Resort & Spa (or similar 4\* Hotel);
- Santorini Costa Grand Resort and Spa (or similar 4\* Hotel);
- Mykonos Rochari Hotel – Mykonos Town (or similar 4\* Hotel).

\* Ferries and times are subject to change.

\* 12 night tour includes daily breakfast and meals as indicated (3 lunches and 6 dinners including 5 star dining experience at Dionysos Zonars)

\* Sunset Cocktail in Mykonos Included

\* Transfers and Private Tours Aboard Private Deluxe Air-Conditioned Coach Buses Included

\* Sailing Tours in Corfu and Mykonos Included

\* Professional Licensed Coach Drivers

\* Professional Accredited Tour Guides

\* Ferry Transfers between Santorini and Mykonos / Mykonos and Athens - Included

\* Airfare between Athens and Corfu / Corfu and Santorini – Included

\* Entrance Fees to Museums and Sites Visited During Tours Included

\* Tips are not included

\* An overnight tax will be due by tour guests at each hotel at the rate of 4 Euro per room

\* Roundtrip Airfare from the U.S. to Athens not included

(We are working on obtaining a group rate for discounted round trip airfare from Tampa, Florida to Athens which may be available for purchase in the near future)

**THIS TOUR WILL SELL OUT. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE (16 PASSENGERS)**  
**MODERATE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY – WALKING AND STEPS/UNEVEN SURFACES**  
**AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

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### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

PER PERSON RATE IS \$3,999 US DOLLARS (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

- SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANT SUPPLEMENT IS \$1,200
- LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
- RESERVE WITH A REFUNDABLE INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$500.00
- ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT OF \$1,500.00 DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2023
- BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2023
- CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO A 3% SURCHARGE

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

FULL REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2023.

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