



## GREECE: ATHENS, CRETE & SANTORINI – A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Europe, Greece



10 days from AU\$18,710 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Learn the secrets to great Greek cuisine at a private in-home cooking class on the Athenian Riviera
- Visit some of the most renowned wonders of the ancient world, including the Acropolis, Parthenon and Palace of Knossos
- Pay an exclusive visit to an organic cosmetics producer to learn about traditional Greek products
- Stroll through the Minoan Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri (reputed to be Atlantis), admiring its beautiful frescoes
- Behold the majestic Temple of Poseidon, built during the Golden Age of Ancient Athens



## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrive Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner.

***Electra Metropolis Athens / Meals: D***

### Day 2: Athens | Temple of Athena

Visit the Acropolis Museum, marvelling at artifacts Athenians used in everyday life, as well as finds from the slopes of the Acropolis. Next, stroll the Plaka, filled with flower shops, taverns and charming boutiques. Enjoy lunch at leisure. In the evening, explore the Acropolis, one of the greatest icons of the ancient world, followed by dinner.

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### Day 3: Athens | Hands-On Culinary Experience

Set out on a panoramic tour of the Athenian Riviera, taking in the gorgeous seascapes that provide a year-round playground for Athenians. Arrive at a home, where you are invited in for a private, hands-on cooking class and enjoy lunch. Bask in the sun at scenic Lake Vouliagmeni, before returning to Athens for an evening at leisure.

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### Day 4: Crete | Private Cruise to a Former Fortress

Fly to the island of Crete and check in to your seaside accommodations in Agios Nikolaos, a coastal town that blends bustling city life with local art and a leisurely attitude. Embark on a private cruise to the island of Spinalonga, a protective outpost for the Cretan mainland built in 1579, where you wander the streets of this former fortress community.

***St. Nicolas Bay / Meals: BD***

### Day 5: Crete | Palace of Knossos & Lunch at a Winery

Discover the Palace of Knossos, Crete's most famous historic attraction, then enjoy lunch at a winery. Next, explore the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, home of the world's best collection of Minoan art.

***St. Nicolas Bay / Meals: BL***

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## Day 6: Crete | Visits with Local Artisans

In eastern Crete today, visit the Byzantine church of Panagia Kera, a 13th-century structure with impressive frescoes. Call on an organic cosmetics producer, and then explore Kritsa, renowned for its traditional weaving, and visit an olive oil maker for a tasting.

***St. Nicolas Bay | Meals: BL***

## Day 7: Santorini | Mythical Atlantis

Journey to Santorini by high-speed catamaran. Travel north to Oia to enjoy lunch. Check in to your hotel, then continue to Akrotiri, a Minoan Bronze Age settlement preserved in volcanic ash from the ancient eruption of the island. The site has been suggested as a possible inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis. Explore the beautiful village of Oia and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

***Andronis Arcadia | Meals: BLD***

## Day 8: Santorini | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Hike With an Expert Guide** to the summit of Mount Helijah, and onward to visit the Acropolis of ancient Thira.
- **Savour a Sommelier-Led Winery Visit** featuring five premium local wines paired with chef-selected dishes.
- **Visit the Museum of Prehistoric Thera**, home to the island's finest collection of artifacts from the fourth and fifth centuries.

The rest of our day is at leisure, free to relax or explore Santorini on your own.

***Andronis Arcadia | Meals: B***

## Day 9: Athens | Breathtaking City Views

Fly to Athens and visit the Temple of Poseidon, travelling along the shores of Cape Sounion. Take in the gorgeous vistas over the Aegean Sea as you imagine life for the ancient Greeks who built the temple. Travel to your waterfront resort, where you settle in and enjoy some time at leisure. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner in the hotel's restaurant overlooking the sea.

***Cape Sounio | Meals: BD***

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## Day 10: Depart Athens

After breakfast, transfer to Athens Airport and board your onward flight.

***Meals: B***

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## Journey Details

Internal Air Included: Athens/Heraklion; Santorini/Athens

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

## Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

## Customise this Journey

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

## Map



## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### May 21, 2025 - May 30, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$18,710 pp</b>	AU\$6,115	Included	Available

### May 28, 2025 - Jun 6, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,490 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

### Jun 11, 2025 - Jun 20, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,490 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

### Jun 25, 2025 - Jul 4, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,490 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

### Sep 3, 2025 - Sep 12, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,490 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

### Sep 10, 2025 - Sep 19, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,490 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

### Sep 17, 2025 - Sep 26, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,490 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

Sep 24, 2025 - Oct 3, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,490 pp	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

Oct 8, 2025 - Oct 17, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$18,710 pp	AU\$6,115	Included	Available

Oct 15, 2025 - Oct 24, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$18,710 pp	AU\$6,115	Included	Available



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