



Greece Crete & Santorini Multi- Adventure

9 Days



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➤ Greece Crete & Santorini Multi-Adventure

Embark on a Greek odyssey across ancient ruins, idyllic towns and stunning natural sights from red rock formations to pink, sandy beaches. Tour the ancient Acropolis of Athens, one of the world's greatest UNESCO-heritage sites, then head south to Crete to trek Europe's longest gorge, exploring its azure lagoons and Minoan artifacts. Learn to cook traditional Greek cuisine and explore the pristine shores of Spingola Island. Travel to the breathtakingly beautiful island of Santorini to hike its caldera, and end your journey sailing a catamaran around Thera's most iconic sights.

Details

Arrive: Athens, Greece

Depart: Athens, Greece

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size: 4-16 Guests

Minimum Age: 18 Years Old

Activity Level:



Testimonials

"Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see."

Bob J.

"Traveling with MT Sobek is like gaining a new set of close friends that have shared an incredible experience together."

Mark N.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been crafting unique itineraries for adventure seekers since 1969, working with top local guides to pave new trails.

REASON #02

This journey perfectly blends legendary must-see wonders across Greece with hiking, kayaking and sailing adventures for a refreshing twist.

REASON #03

Immersive insights into the region from expert MT Sobek guides, plus island hopping from Athens to Crete and Santorini.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Tour ancient sites, hike Europe's longest gorge, sea kayak to remote islands and sail around Santorini after hiking along the Caldera.



LODGING

Enjoy charming hotels with global comforts and local character in prime locations for optimal stays.



CLIMATE

Expect mild and sunny weather. Temperatures will range between 55°-75° F. Water temperature is chilly in spring, warmer in fall.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Anastasia holds a degree in Tourism Management from the Technological Educational Institution in Athens. Her passion for travel and adventurous experiences has taken her all over Europe including Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. When she isn't guiding, Anastasia enjoys outdoor activities like jogging, hiking and cycling. Anastasia is fluent in English and Greek, and is tremendously knowledgeable, professional, and friendly.

Anastasia Bagourdi

Archelaos grew up in Athens and his love of the outdoors, particularly plant life, eventually led him to catch the travel bug and explore the world through hiking, rock climbing, and mountain biking. He is fluent in Greek, English and German and keenly lists his top priority as creating safe and joyful experiences for all MT Sobek travelers on their adventures through Greece.

Archelaos Biehler

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN ATHENS

Arrive in the capital of Greece, punctuated by ancient UNESCO-heritage landmarks and temples dating back to 5th century B.C.E. Transfer to your hotel conveniently located in the historic center of the city, only a minute to the monumental Acropolis. Meet for a welcome dinner tonight.

Accommodation: Divani Palace Acropolis, Athens

Meals: D

DAY 2

EXPLORE LANDMARKS IN ATHENS & HEAD TO CRETE

Tour Athens' most important sights with an expert guide, from Constitution Square to the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the House of Parliament. Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and Panathinaiko Stadium, the iconic venue for the first Olympic Games. Marvel at the Acropolis, the ancient citadel on a hill, and its new museum. Stroll in Plaka, the oldest part of Athens, before transferring to Athens airport for a domestic flight to Chania, Crete.

Accommodation: Domus Renier Boutique Hotel, Chania Porto Veneziano Hotel, Chania

Activity: 4 hours/3 miles walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

DISCOVER CRETE & HIKE SAMARIÁ GORGE

"Kalimera!" After breakfast, embark on a hike through Samariá Gorge National Park, and trek Europe's longest gorge through forests of scented pines and its narrow "Iron Gates." Descend 9.5 miles to reach Agia Roumeli Hotel, with its fine pebble beach and sparkling sea to swim the clear turquoise waters of Crete's southern coast. Board a small ferry to Sougia, and transfer to Chania by coach. Return to Chania's Venetian-like harbor with the White Mountains in the distance.

Accommodation: Domus Renier Boutique Hotel, Chania Porto Veneziano Hotel, Chania

Activity: 5.5 hours/9.5 miles hiking with 328' elevation gain and 4,429' elevation loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

SUNBATHE IN BALOS & LEARN TO COOK CRETAN

Depart early morning for Balos in Western Crete, one of the most unique beaches on Earth. Enjoy the azure, still waters of this warm lagoon, with the sounds of goat bells ringing. Sunbathe in the pink-tinged sands created

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by sea shells. Before the afternoon, journey back to Kissamos. Partake in a Cretan cooking class to learn the traditional recipes of the world-famous Mediterranean diet. Afterwards, feast together on a long monastery-style table with local wine and bread as night descends.

Accommodation: Domus Renier Boutique Hotel, Chania Porto Veneziano Hotel, Chania

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

JOURNEY TO HERAKLION

Head east to Heraklion, Crete's modern capital, which dates back to Neolithic times. Settle into the hotel and enjoy a Cretan meal before visiting the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, with the most complete and notable collection of Minoan artifacts in the world. Later, explore Knossos, Crete's biggest attraction and Europe's oldest city, a Bronze Age archaeological site whose 3500-year-old Minoan palace features a maze of royal chambers, grand staircases, storerooms and workshops.

Accommodation: GDM Megaron Hotel, Heraklion

Activity: City and ruins sightseeing

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

EXPLORE SPINALONGA & PADDLE THE LAGOON OF MERMAIDS

Start the day with a scenic boat ride aboard a Caique, a traditional Greek fisherman's boat. Sail to the historic island of Spinalonga, known for being a massive fortress for the Venetians, and later a leper colony. Have some time to explore Spinalonga on your own, before transferring to Elounda and the Plaka, and our launch off point for today's kayak excursion. Have a brief orientation about the correct technique to paddle the two-seated sea-kayaks, then paddle with a gentle slow row to explore the coastal line of Plaka and Elounda.

Accommodation: GDM Megaron Hotel, Heraklion

Activity: 3-5 miles kayaking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

FERRY TO SANTORINI & HIKE THE MAJESTIC ISLAND

Transfer to Heraklion and embark on a ferry to Santorini, the world-famous Cyclades island in the Aegean Sea. With a guide, visit the Minoan Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri, or the "Greek Pompeii," buried under volcanic ash after the Thera eruption in 1600 B.C.E. Check into our hotel in the town of Thera and gather for lunch. This afternoon, we will hike the Caldera trail between the villages Fira and Oia, passing through whitewashed villages

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along the rim and taking in spectacular views of the caldera. Arrive in Oia just in time to take in one of its famous sunsets before enjoying dinner together in town.

Accommodation: Splendour Resort Santorini, Thira, Santorini Rocabella Santorini, Imerovigli, Santorini

Activity: 4.5 hours/6.5 miles hiking with 1,614' elevation gain and 2,030' elevation loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

CRUISE AROUND SANTORINI ON A CATAMARAN

Set sail along the deep blue waters of Santorini, first stopping at the famous Red Beach for a swim. Continue onwards to White Beach, the Black Mountain, the grand lighthouse south of the Caldera and the hot springs. Enjoy a delicious local lunch onboard with fine wine and dessert. Enjoy a free afternoon to rest or shop for souvenirs.

Accommodation: Splendour Resort Santorini, Thira, Santorini Rocabella Santorini, Imerovigli, Santorini

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9

DEPART

Conclude your Grecian journey with a transfer to Santorini Airport for Athens and depart.

Meals: B

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Dates

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Sep 10 - 18, 2022

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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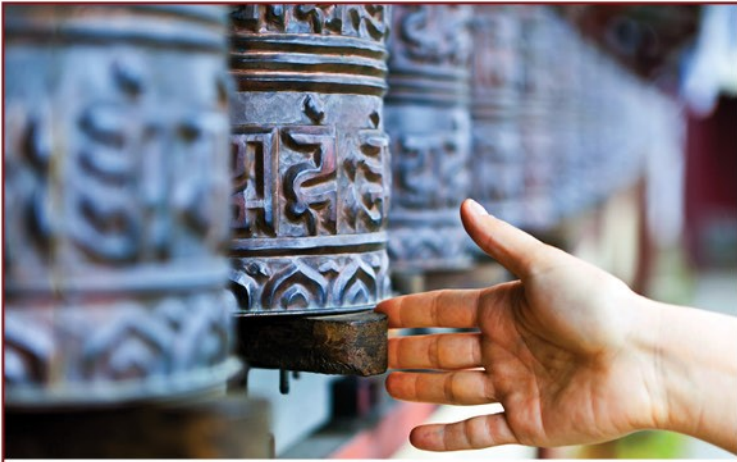
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