

### Greece Tinos, Naxos & Santorini Multi-Adventure

**Ancient Wonders of the Aegean Sea & Cyclades Islands** 

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# Feel the difference

with Mountain Travel Sobek

#### **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

#### **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

#### **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.













### Leading the Way

#### **World-Class Local Guides**

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.











# Why take this trip with us?

#### **REASON 1**

Experience Greece like a local with MT Sobek guides who were born and raised in Greece.

#### **REASON 2**

MT Sobek has been operating hiking adventures in Greece for decades, pairing must-see highlights with immersive experiences away from the crowds.

#### **REASON 3**

Our in-house staff have traveled extensively in Greece to personally scout each one of our adventures. We know because we go!

#### At A Glance

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Moderate hiking and kayaking, and some easy touring of ancient sites. Optional visit to a small distillery that produces Kitron.



#### LODGING

Stay in charming hotels with modern comforts and local character, all in prime locations.



#### **CLIMATE**

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



#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK**

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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#### **Ancient Wonders of the Aegean Sea & Cyclades Islands**

Embark on a Greek odyssey brimming with ancient ruins, idyllic villages, soaring peaks, and sweeping coastal vistas. Tour the ancient Acropolis of Athens, a UNESCO Heritage Site, then head south to the Cyclades, a group of islands known for their whitewashed villages, magnificent beaches, and stunning landscapes. Hike village to village on the island of Tinos, and to the top of Mt. Zas, the birthplane of Zeus, on Naxos. Hike beautiful Santorini's caldera and enjoy a sunset kayak. Savor homemade meals in the shade of grapevines and enjoy comfortable hotels full of local character.

#### 8 Days

Start: Athens, Greece End: Athens. Greece

Departing: May, June, September

**Activities:** Multi-Adventure **Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels **Group Size:** 4-16 Guests

**ACTIVITY:** 











The itinerary was excellent, providing a range of hiking, cultural, and historical learning opportunities. Our guide was fun, well organized, and professional. We felt so very fortunate that we had him as our guide and would recommend the trip and MTS tours without reservation.

- Bonnie Z.

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

# The Itinerary



#### **Arrive in Athens**

Welcome to Greece! An MT Sobek representative will meet you and the group at Athens International Airport and transfer you together to your hotel. Meet up this evening for a welcome orientation and a stroll through the historic Plaka neighborhood, famous for its labyrinthine streets and neoclassical architecture, to a local restaurant for your first taste of the flavors of Greece.

**MEALS:** Dinner



#### **Discover Athens and Travel to Tinos**

Explore Athens, once a powerful city-state and today the capital of Greece. Take the millennia-old journey up the hill for a private tour of the Acropolis, the ancient citadel, and admire the Parthenon temple, dedicated to the goddess Athena. Marvel at the archaeological treasures at the New Acropolis Museum, then tour the city on wheels to see the temple of Zeus, the Hellenic Parliament, and the Panathenaic Stadium, which hosted the first Olympic Games. After a lunch in the port of Rafina, hop on a ferry to Tinos, your first stop in the Cyclades.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour vehicle transfer; 2-hour catamaran ride



#### Hike Village to Village on Tinos Island

Today, hike and explore the enchanting island of Tinos. Starting from the village of Volax, which sits nestled in a lunar landscape of large granite boulders, make your way to the tiny hillslope village of Koumaros. Refresh with a traditional Greek coffee that will power your climb to Xobourgo hill with its splendid vistas over the Aegean Sea. Descend to the seaside village of Kionia and relax over a leisurely lunch. Then take a dip next to the remains of the ancient temple of Poseidon, the god of the sea. This evening, enjoy dinner in Tinos.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 50-minute round-trip transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5.5 miles/4 hours hiking with elevation gain of 820' and elevation loss of 1,700'





#### **Discover Kouros Statues on Naxos**

Bid farewell to Tinos and take a morning ferry to Naxos island, the largest of the Cyclades. Settle in at the hotel, then head out for a hike to two monumental statues: 20-foot Kouros of Melanes and the 16-foot Kouros of Potamia. Refresh by a spring in Ano Potamia village, then trek to Apano Kastro (Upper Castle) to admire the marvelous panoramas of Naxos. Wrap up the day with an amazing homestyle dinner under the shade of grapevines.

**MEALS:** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour ferry transfer; 1-hour private transfer

ACTIVITY: 4.5 miles/4 hours hiking with elevation gain of 912' and elevation loss of 666'



#### **Conquer Mount Zas, the Birthplace of Zeus**

Journey to the small hilltop chapel of Aghia Marina, the starting point of today's hike to the top of Mt. Zas. As well as being the highest peak in the Cyclades at 3,290 feet, Zas is also the legendary birthplace of Zeus! Take in the splendid views of Naxos from the top then descend to the village of Filoti for lunch. Return to Naxos for dinner this evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 40-minute bus transfer and 30-minute taxi ride

ACTIVITY: 5 miles/4.5 hours hiking with elevation gain of 1100' and loss of 2000'



#### Travel to Santorini & Paddle along Volcanic Cliffs

After breakfast, take a high-speed ferry to stunning Santorini, an island created by a volcanic eruption and one of the most photogenic places in all of Greece. Unwind over lunch in the hotel, then embark on a kayaking tour at sunset, a one-of-a-kind way to see Santorini's cliffs and beaches. Savor a local dinner at a beachside restaurant before returning to the hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 70-minute ferry ride and 30-minute hotel transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 2-hour sunset kayaking tour



#### **Take the Ultimate Santorini Hike**

Start the day by exploring the Bronze Age village of Akrotiri, one of the most important archaeological sites on the Aegean coast and famed for its well-preserved frescoes. Re-energize over lunch, then begin your hike from Fira to Oia along the rim of the caldera. With vistas of blue domes and whitewashed facades, this hike is a quintessential Santorini experience. Take in the resplendent sunset at Oia, then toast to your journey over a farewell dinner.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6.5 miles/4.5 hours hiking with elevation gain of 1100' and loss of 1800'



#### **Depart from Santorini**

After breakfast, fly from Santorini to Athens for connecting afternoon flights.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 50-minute flight transfer



# Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

#### **Royal Olympic Hotel**

The five-star Royal Olympic is an elegant hotel in the heart of Athens. Its comfortable rooms are stylishly decorated and come with modern amenities. Guests can enjoy access to the swimming pool, gym, and to the Roof Garden Restaurant & Bar, which offers an ultimate dining experience with a spectacular view of the Acropolis.

#### **Onar Hotel and Suites**

Overlooking the old port, Onar Hotel and Suites is the perfect spot to soak up the vibe of Tinos' seaside. Featuring clean lines and Cycladic decor, the 15 well-appointed apartments all open to a balcony or the courtyard patio, with a pool that boasts views of the Aegean Sea. All units are air-conditioned, most have a kitchenette, and some come with a fireplace.

#### **Porto Naxos Hotel**

Guestrooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as minibars, safes, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. All feature private balconies or terraces. There is a wine cellar, and a chic restaurant with a terrace. Other amenities include an outdoor pool and a tennis court, in addition to a gym and a sauna. Spa treatments can be arranged.



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#### **Naxos Resort Beach Hotel**

Conveniently located a short distance from old town, Chora Castle, and Apollo's Temple, Naxos Resort offers 88 elegant rooms with views of the gardens, pool, or sea. Each features a private balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, and cable TV. Guests can splash in the swimming pool or enjoy the outdoor Jacuzzi. There is also a sauna, fitness center, and massage services.

#### **El Greco Resort and Spa**

Near the center of Santorini, El Greco Resort & Spa is the perfect place to unwind. Opportunities for poolside lounging abound; there are five outdoor pools, an indoor one, two open-air Jacuzzis, and an adult-only spa. The traditional whitewashed buildings have more than 200 bedrooms, all showcasing minimalist Santorinistyle decor, as well as amenities like A/C, satellite TVs and mini-fridges.

#### **Splendour Resort**

Splendour Resort offers Cycladic 5-star accommodations in the picturesque town of Firostefani. Eighty-three rooms feature amenities such as a flat-screen satellite TV, free Wi-Fi, a complimentary set of bathrobes and slippers, and private balconies that face the stunning views of the eastern Aegean Sea. The on-site restaurant serves an a la carte menu and a delicious buffet breakfast, and there is a pool bar in a swimming pool area where guests can sip on refreshing cocktails.

#### Santorini Palace

The Santorini Palace, a perfect stop on your Santorini Island adventure, is 10 minutes from the capital of Santorini. Enjoy the hotel's spacious rooms, featuring air conditioning, a satellite, flat-screen TV, private bathroom, balcony, and much more. While you are there, dine at the onsite restaurant or head to the onsite gym. Relax and re-energize at the pool.

# **Departure Dates**

This trip is available to run in: May, June, September

#### Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 17-24, 2025

June 7-14, 2025

June 28-July 5, 2025

September 6-13, 2025

September 27-October 4, 2025

## What's Included

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure quides
- 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 porterage

#### **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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