



Greece Naxos & Santorini Private Adventure

8 Days



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➤ Greece Naxos & Santorini Private Adventure

Experience the wonders of Greece, from its ancient ruins to its idyllic islands, on this spectacular one-week private adventure! Marvel at the Acropolis and stroll through historic lanes in the heart of Athens. Feast your eyes on dazzling snow-white villages perched on rugged volcanic islands as you journey across the Aegean Sea. Discover the picturesque island of Naxos on a village-to-village trail, and savor sumptuous Greek fare and a boutique beachside stay. Then immerse yourself in the beauty of Santorini, with its iconic blue-domed chapels and azure waters, as you explore on foot and by sea kayak.

Details

Arrive: Athens, Greece

Depart: Athens, Greece

Duration: 8 Days

Group Size: 2-6

Minimum Age: 16 Years Old

Activity Level:



Testimonials

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy."

Kathy J.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been crafting unique private adventures for over 50 years, working with top local guides for an immersive experience.

REASON #02

This journey perfectly blends the ancient wonders of Athens with island-hopping and active adventures in Naxos and Santorini.

REASON #03

After days spent hiking, sea kayaking, cultural touring, cooking and wine-tasting, you'll enjoy comfortable evenings at superb hotels.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Hiking, sea kayaking, and cultural touring for 4-5 hours per day on idyllic Greek islands. Also includes Athens city tour, a hands-on cooking experience, and wine tasting.



CLIMATE

Expect mild and sunny weather with temperatures between 55-75°F. Water temperatures are chillier in spring and warmer in fall.



LODGING

Enjoy comfortable accommodations in spectacular locations, from a luxury hotel with Acropolis views to a beachside haven in Naxos and a charming resort in Santorini.

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 at Athens airport and transfer to your hotel, perfectly located in the heart of the ancient city. Your guide will meet you in the evening for an orientation walk and welcome dinner in Plaka, Athens' historical neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.

Accommodation: Divani Palace Acropolis, Athens

Meals: D

DAY 2

EXPLORE ANCIENT ATHENS & FLY TO NAXOS

Rise for an expert-led tour of Athens' most cherished sights including the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and Panathinaiko Stadium — the venue for the first Olympic Games. Explore the Acropolis, the impressive ancient citadel built in the 5th century BC, and the fascinating Acropolis Museum. After lunch, take a stroll in the narrow cobblestone streets of the old Plaka neighborhood. Next, it's off to Naxos! Catch an afternoon flight to the largest and lushest of the Cycladic Islands, with its marvelous array of ancient sites, hilltop forts, atmospheric villages, and stunning sandy beaches. Settle into your hotel before exploring Chora's old castle and enjoying sunset views from the ancient Portara (Temple of Apollo).

Accommodation: Galaxy Hotel Naxos, Naxos

Meals: B

DAY 3

SAVOR FLAVORS IN NAXOS WITH A FOOD TOUR & COOKING CLASS

Today you'll head to picturesque villages in the heart of Naxos to sample the island's unique tastes and flavors. Inhale the smell of bread baking in the flower-filled village of Kinidaros, where you'll have a chance to make Greek pies with a local baker. Next, take a short ride to Kaloxylos, known for its century-old olive trees, classical architecture, and cats! Enjoy a warm welcome and roll up your sleeves for a hands-on Naxian cooking experience. Savor Mediterranean culinary delights as you sample four delicious courses. Return to your hotel by the beach tonight.

Accommodation: Galaxy Hotel Naxos, Naxos

Meals: B, L

DAY 4

WALK THE NAXOS VILLAGE TRAIL

Explore the heart of Naxos on a pretty trail that links together picturesque mountain villages. Starting at Kouros of Melanes, an age-old statue lying under trees, follow paths to Kouros of Potamia and the old village

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of Ano Potamia. After a refreshing stop at the village spring, hike on to Apano Kastro (Upper Castle) and enjoy panoramic views of Naxos and the surrounding villages. Continue through Tsikalario to Halki, where you'll visit a small distillery that produces Naxos' specialty citron liqueur — Kitron. End your hike in Chalkio before returning to your hotel.

Accommodation: Galaxy Hotel Naxos, Naxos

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

Meals: B

DAY 5

TAKE A BOAT RIDE TO SANTORINI & GO WINE TASTING

After breakfast, embark on a boat ride to the stunning crescent-shaped island of Santorini. As you pull into port, you'll be awestruck by the spectacular beauty of this volcanic island, with its dazzling whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches. After settling into your hotel, discover Santorini's legendary wineries and traditional cellars on a unique wine-tasting journey

Accommodation: El Greco Santorini, Santorini

Meals: B

DAY 6

DISCOVER SANTORINI BY SEA KAYAK

Experience the wonders of Santorini from the water on a full-day sea kayaking adventure! From the serene black-sand beach of Mesa Piglia you'll paddle along the coast passing interesting rock formations and cave houses. Enter the iconic sea caves of Black Mountain and pass the Akrotiri Lighthouse — one of the oldest lighthouses in Greece. Paddle east, passing the vibrant cliffs of White Beach and Red Beach. Take a break at secluded Kampia Beach, where you can snorkel and explore marine life in the Aegean's crystalline waters. Return to Mesa Pigadia and enjoy a delicious traditional Greek lunch at a local taverna. Gather again tonight for a special farewell dinner.

Accommodation: El Greco Santorini, Santorini

Activity: 5 hours/5 miles sea kayaking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

HIKE THE CALDERA TRAIL & RETURN TO ATHENS

Follow paths along the rim of a volcanic caldera on today's epic Caldera Trail hike. Along the way you'll pass the stunning whitewashed village of Imerovigli and the iconic Prophet Elias chapel, perched high atop a mountain. Delight in panoramic views of the Aegean Sea and Mediterranean islands. Get ready for Instagram-worthy

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pictures as you approach Oia, a splendid village — possibly the most beautiful one on the whole island! Enjoy the 360-degree views of nearby villages and the sea as you catch a spectacular sunset.

Accommodation: Sofitel Athens Airport, Athens

Activity: 4-5 hours/7 miles moderate hiking

Meals: B

DAY 8

DEPART FROM ATHENS

Bid farewell to Greece as you transfer back to Athens airport.

Meals: B

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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, 2 lunches and 2 dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Airport transfers on day-1
- 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
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted in the Trip Planner)
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Internal flights and ferry crossings (\$600 subject to change)
- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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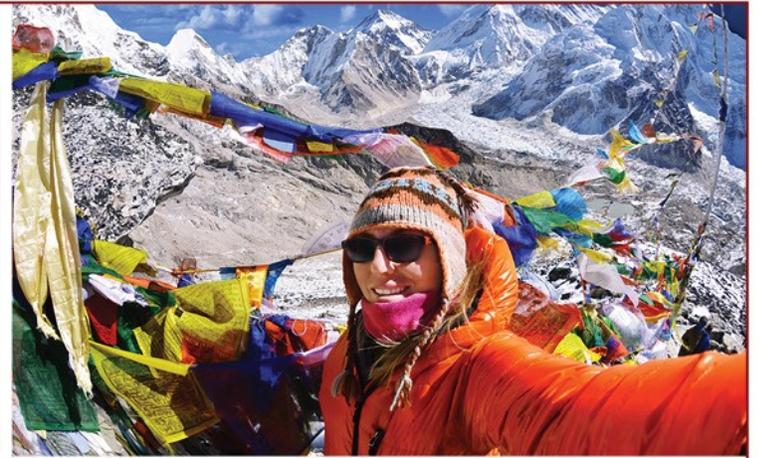
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