



Chania



Santorini

## Hellenic Escapade 12 days, 10 nights – Athens, Crete, Santorini

### Your Itinerary Includes

- ◆ All Inter-island transportation (airline and or ferry)
- ◆ 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Athens
- ◆ 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Crete
- ◆ 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Santorini
- ◆ All Round Trip Vehicle Transfers from airport / hotel
- ◆ A Private Half Day Walking Tour of Athens with an Licensed English speaking guide
- ◆ A Full Day Hike of Samaria Gorge including licensed guide and round trip transfers (Hike only on selected days)
- ◆ A Semi-Private Santorini Sailing Excursion including cocktails, barbecue dinner and round trip transfers
- ◆ Breakfast Daily
- ◆ All entrance fees and taxes for your walking tour and hike
- ◆ All Hotel Taxes, Local Taxes and Service Charges



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## Day 1 - Athens

Pack your bags, you are off to Greece!

## Day 2 - Athens

Welcome to Athens! Upon arrival at Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport, you will be greeted by your Hellenic Holidays transfer representative, who will drive you to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of your day exploring Athens. You might stroll the old neighborhoods of Plaka, which mingle old & new Athens or explore the vibrant neighborhoods of Monastiraki and Kolonaki.

## Day 3 – Athens (B)

After breakfast, your day will begin with your private half day walking tour. Along with your English speaking licensed guide, you will visit the Acropolis and the awesome temples of the Parthenon, the Erechtheion and the Athena Nike. Your walk will continue to the Areopagus, or Hill of Mars. Finally, you pass the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, where you can still enjoy concerts and theatrical performances in the summer months. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Acropolis Museum exhibiting the glory of Ancient Athens.

## Day 4 – Athens / Crete (B)

After breakfast, your Hellenic Holidays transfer representative, will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to the airport for your short flight to Crete. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and driven to your hotel. Chania is one of those rare cities in Greece, which is a mosaic of cultures, and history. Venetian influences as well as Jewish and Roman are evident through the various neighborhoods of Chania. Enjoy the rest of your day, walking along the cobblestone paths within the castle walls. Be sure to try our restaurant recommendations and sample some of Crete's finest cuisine.

## Day 5 – Crete (B)

Today you will begin your journey through the plateau of Omalos on your way to one of the longest and most impressive of Europe's limestone gorges. Your hike will last approximately 6 hours and will take you along a breathtaking and constantly changing landscape down to Agia Roumeli, a fishing village by the South Coast accessible only by boat. At the base of the gorge you can enjoy a refreshing swim as well as lunch at one of the local tavernas. After a one hour sail by ferry boat you will return to Sfakia, where your driver will bring you back to the hotel for some well-deserved rest.

## Day 6 – Crete (B)

Your day is at leisure. You might consider a day trip to the Balos Beach lagoon for a day of relaxation. Leaving the port of Kissamos toward Gramvousa exploring the area and then arriving at Balos Beach for a day of swimming in the shallow turquoise waters of the lagoon. Balos Beach is one of the most picturesque and photographed beaches in Greece.

**2016 Prices for this itinerary start from \$ 2,468 per person based on double occupancy.**

## Day 7 – Crete (B)

Today is your last day in Crete. Consider exploring the eastern side of Crete visiting Heraklion. About 15 minutes from the center of Heraklion, is the archeological site of Knossos and its museum. The ruins of the Minoan Civilization are one of the must-see archaeological sites in Greece. If you enjoy wine, you must visit the Boutari winery, one of the biggest in Greece, for a guided tour and wine tasting.

## Day 8 – Crete / Santorini (B)

Off to Santorini! Your Hellenic Holidays transfer representative will drive you to the port of Heraklion where you embark on a 2 hour sail aboard a high speed ferry to Santorini. Santorini is most known for its breathtaking views of the red and brown layers of volcanic ash that makes its famous cliffside. You will be driven to your hotel overlooking the majestic caldera. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the romantic atmosphere of the island. Perched on a cliff with breathtaking views of the sunsets and the sea below creates the perfect setting for the next few days.

## Day 9 – Santorini (B,D)

After breakfast enjoying caldera views, your morning is at leisure. In the early afternoon, you will be driven to the port of Vlihada or Ammoudi where you will embark on the sailing trip that we have arranged. You will sail to the Red and White beaches, the Venetian Lighthouse and the Sulphur Springs. During these visits, you will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel. You will then sail to a secluded bay where while you swim or relax, a lavish steak and seafood barbecue with many appetizers and salads is being prepared for you to enjoy.

## Day 10 – Santorini (B)

While in Santorini, consider hiking along the cobblestone pathway from Fira to Imerovigli and then on to Oia. You can also take a short ride and visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri, seeing the remnants of this village in its beautiful museum. Wine connoisseurs will enjoy a journey down the Santorini wine circuit through the inland villages of Karterados, Monolithos and Emporio.

## Day 11 – Santorini (B)

Your last day in Santorini. You might consider visiting the famous village of Oia. Some enjoy the day by taking a donkey ride down from Oia to Ammoudi where they swim, eat and then return back to Oia to take in one of the world's famous sunsets. Others explore Oia's local souvenir shops or visit some of the local artists whose display their work of the landscape. What better way to end your stay in Greece, by dining at one of the local restaurants we recommend with those majestic views.

## Day 12 – Santorini / Athens / Home

Your Hellenic Holidays transfer representative will drive you to the airport for your short flight to Athens connecting to your flight home.

**Key: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner**

**Note:** The itinerary we have created above is flexible and can be tailored along with the destinations and activities offered. It represents a sample of the many alternatives that we offer.

**Customize this Journey:** If you would like to customize this itinerary and create a Tailor – Made Journey for you and your companions, please e-mail us or speak to your favorite travel professional.



# Terms & Conditions

## RESERVATION PROCESS

**Your Confirmation of Services:** Once you review and accept our itinerary by letter or e-mail, a per person deposit in the amount of \$750 is necessary to proceed with your booking. Of this deposit, \$ 250 per person is non-refundable. Upon receipt of the required deposit, Hellenic Holidays will immediately book your travel arrangements. If travel dates are within 60 days of this reservation request, full payment is required to proceed with services. The receipt of your deposit and/or final payment will indicate that you have read these Terms and Conditions, and that you have agreed to them. Late reservations (those received less than 30 days prior to departure) will be charged an additional \$95 on the final itinerary to cover addition costs. Applicants residing outside the United States will not be accepted. Wedding requests must be made a minimum of three months prior to departure.

## COSTS / PAYMENTS

**Tour prices:** This tour is based on 2016 prices and tariffs. The foreign exchange rate in effect is (\$1= .94 Euros). It is impossible to foreshadow accurately fluctuations in exchange rates or increases to the cost element of your travel arrangements such as airfare, fuel, airport charges, entrance fees, and other service providers' tariffs. In the event of such fluctuations or increases affecting the prices which we pay for transportation, entrance fees, and services generally, we reserve the right to adjust our prices as may be necessary at any time up to your departure. This tour is based on (2) passengers in double occupancy. If the number of travelers changes, the cost will change also. In addition, if the dollar depreciates more than 5%, we reserve the right to debit your account for additional costs up to 10 business days after receipt of final payment. Further, the price of each travel package is based on the given itinerary and service list, including specific hotels for travel during the time you requested. Note: Services have NOT been confirmed pending your approval of our vacation blueprint. All services are based on availability at the time of booking, thus prices may need to be adjusted as travel dates are determined and services are confirmed. Accommodations in our recommended packages have been chosen in consultation with you to reflect your needs and preferences for charm, service, location and cost.

**Deposit & Payment:** A \$750 per person deposit (\$250 per person is NON refundable) is required to proceed with your booking. Your retainer will additionally be applied toward your trip. This deposit doesn't include your travel insurance premium. Your final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Reservations are subject to cancellation if final payment is not received by the due date. If you wish to purchase additional services from Hellenic Holidays as you travel, your signature on your registration form authorizes us to charge your credit card for the agreed upon cost of those services as well as any change fees that may apply. Payments must be made in U.S. funds by personal or company check, bank check, cash, or credit card (American Express, VISA and MasterCard). Please make checks payable to Hellenic Holidays, Inc.

**Cancellation and Refund:** All cancellation and refund requests must be received in writing by Hellenic Holidays. Cancellation or refund dates are computed from the date of receipt of written notification. All cancellations are subject to an administration fee of \$175 per person if received 90 days or more prior to departure or sailing date, \$350 per person if received between 89 to 29 days, 75 % of tour price if received 28-10 days and non refundable if 9 days or less. Additionally, any cancellation fees imposed by the respective hotels, airlines, tour companies and cruise lines will be charged. The travel insurance premium is non-refundable. Hellenic Holidays must normally make substantial payments to suppliers far in advance of the scheduled departure date. In the unlikely event that a trip must be canceled due to force majeure (acts of God, war, labor strikes, earthquakes, flooding etc.) we will promptly refund the portion of the trip cost not advanced to suppliers and use our best efforts to recover and refund the balance as promptly as possible. Hellenic Holidays does not guarantee recovery of any or all of the advance payments made and our best efforts to recover these payments will not include the institution of any legal proceedings in foreign jurisdictions. In addition, Hellenic Holidays is not responsible and will not refund any additional expenses you may have incurred should a trip be canceled (i.e. purchase of non-refundable airline tickets, visa fees, equipment or additional accommodations). We are not responsible for any costs incurred to travel delays, flight cancellations, or sickness.

**Change of Service Policy:** All requests for deviation from the given itinerary and services must be submitted in writing. In addition, once services are booked any requested changes will incur a minimum fee of \$75 plus any cancellation fees charged by suppliers. For example, once Domestic Greek or Turkish Air and ferry tickets have been issued, changes may incur penalties imposed by the carrier.

**Extension:** If you wish to extend your travel at the beginning or end of the stated itinerary, we would be happy to assist you with those arrangements. Contact us for information.

**Cruises:** All cruise cabins have private facilities. All tours are based on minimum inside cabins with two lower beds. Supplements for higher category cabins than provided are available. Port charges and shore excursions are additional. Shore excursions may be purchased at time of reservation.

**Insurance:** Tour participants are strongly recommended to purchase insurance for trip cancellation, trip interruption, accident, sickness and/or loss of baggage and personal effects.



## Terms & Conditions - Continued

**Itinerary Changes:** As travel arrangements are made far in advance and unforeseen circumstances may require last minute adjustments, we reserve the right to change the itinerary for any reason at any time. In addition, all sailing itineraries are weather permitting.

**Luggage Requirements of Domestic Greek and or Turkish Airlines:** If your itinerary includes domestic flights in Greece or Turkey, be aware that the baggage allowance for international flights is generally greater than the allowance for domestic flights. Contact us for additional information.

**Travel Documents:** U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. For U.S. Citizens, no visa is required for travel in Greece. For U.S. citizens, a visa is required for travel in Turkey. Your visa can be obtained at the airport or port of entry. It is the responsibility of each individual participant to make sure of all of his/her legal documents necessary for travel is valid. It is generally necessary for your passport to be valid for six (6) months beyond the date of your return to the United States.

**Excursions and Sightseeing:** All excursions are specified in respective tour packages and will be provided with deluxe motor coaches and locally escorted by English speaking guides. Most entrance fees to places visited are included.

**Gratuities:** Tipping to guides, drivers, transfer personnel, and hotel staff is left to the discretion of the participants and is not included. Gratuities for cruise staff is pooled and suggested gratuities can be advised.

**Concerns:** As you travel, if you should encounter any difficulty with any of the arrangements that Hellenic Holidays has made for you (i.e. hotel, transfers, excursions etc.) please address your concerns first to on-site personnel (e.g. the hotel manager, car rental company representative). If your concern is not dealt with to your satisfaction, please then contact our in country representative. It is very difficult to assist you if you have not reported your concern immediately at the time that a problem has occurred.

