

EXTENSION

ATHENS & DELPHI

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Exploring Ancient Greece

Are you considering extra time in Athens as part of your trip to Greece? What better way to make it happen than with a seamless extension in handcrafted Classic Journeys style. From Santorini, we'll coordinate your flight to Athens and arrange guided visits to the essential sights in the city where democracy was born 2,500 years ago. You'll also see the wonders of Delphi, one of the premier sites of Ancient Greece on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Accommodations are in one of Athens' finest hotels, and our guide will handle all the logistics so you can focus on the some of the world's most iconic wonders.

DAILY ITINERARY
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DAY 1

ATHENS

After breakfast in the village of Oia on Santorini, we'll arrange your transfer to the airport for the brief flight to Athens. While our team whisks your luggage off to the hotel, our guide orients you to the city en route to the New Acropolis Museum. We'll take time for lunch in a café where the glass walls are filled with an unobstructed view of the Acropolis. The exhibits—from remarkable statuary to glass floors that reveal the excavations below—are truly remarkable. But it's the Acropolis itself that you came for, and we'll reach the temple with a gentle uphill walk of 20 minutes or so. Another walk takes us to Filopappos Hill where Theseus battled the Amazons. It's peaceful today with views that are second to none. At the base of the slope in the "Neighborhood of the Gods," you'll have time to explore the historical center of Athens and Plaka Square, and maybe do a little shopping before dinner of one of our guide's favorite restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: ATHENS
MEALS: B, D

DAY 2

DELPHI

As long ago as 1400 B.C., Delphi was the most important of all shrines, the sacred sanctuary of Apollo and the very

center of the ancient Greek world. Today, we visit as countless generations of pilgrims have. The drive into the mountains takes us through villages and farmlands that in some cases seem hardly to have changed in all that time. The splendid ruins only hint at the majesty that once was. But sitting on the slopes of Mount Parnassus, amidst a virtual sea of olive groves, it's still easy to understand the power of the place. You'll pay a guided visit to the site and its museum. We'll also have lunch in one of the neighboring villages, sitting down to a table loaded with local specialties.

On our return to Athens, we all come together for a terrific farewell dinner.

OVERNIGHT: ATHENS
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3

ATHENS

Our time together ends this morning after breakfast. If you're bound for home today, you might want to head out for another walk or some shopping before your flight. If you'd like even more time in Athens, we can help you arrange additional nights in our hotel.

MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



Electra Palace Athens

This stately and aristocratic hotel holds a commanding spot in the city's lively Plaka district. Rooms are decorated in crisp, classic style. The property also offers a rooftop pool with views of the Acropolis as well as a spa and fitness center.

OVERNIGHT: ATHENS | NIGHTS: 2

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
May 23-25, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
June 13-15, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
September 12-14, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
October 2-4, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
October 10-12, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
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June 12-14, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
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INTERNAL AIRFARE

This trip includes 1 internal flight, which is priced separately from the land tour. The total cost for the internal flights is approximately \$195 per person.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 3 Days, 2 Nights

START: Santorini (Thira) International Airport, Athens, Greece Tour starts with flight to Athens at the end of Greek Isles tour

END: 12:00 PM Lobby of Electra Palace, Athens, Greece

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths. At your option, up to 2 to 4 hours of walking per day, with a mini-van in support.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 2 nights
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Invisible Check-In**
- **Wine on Us**

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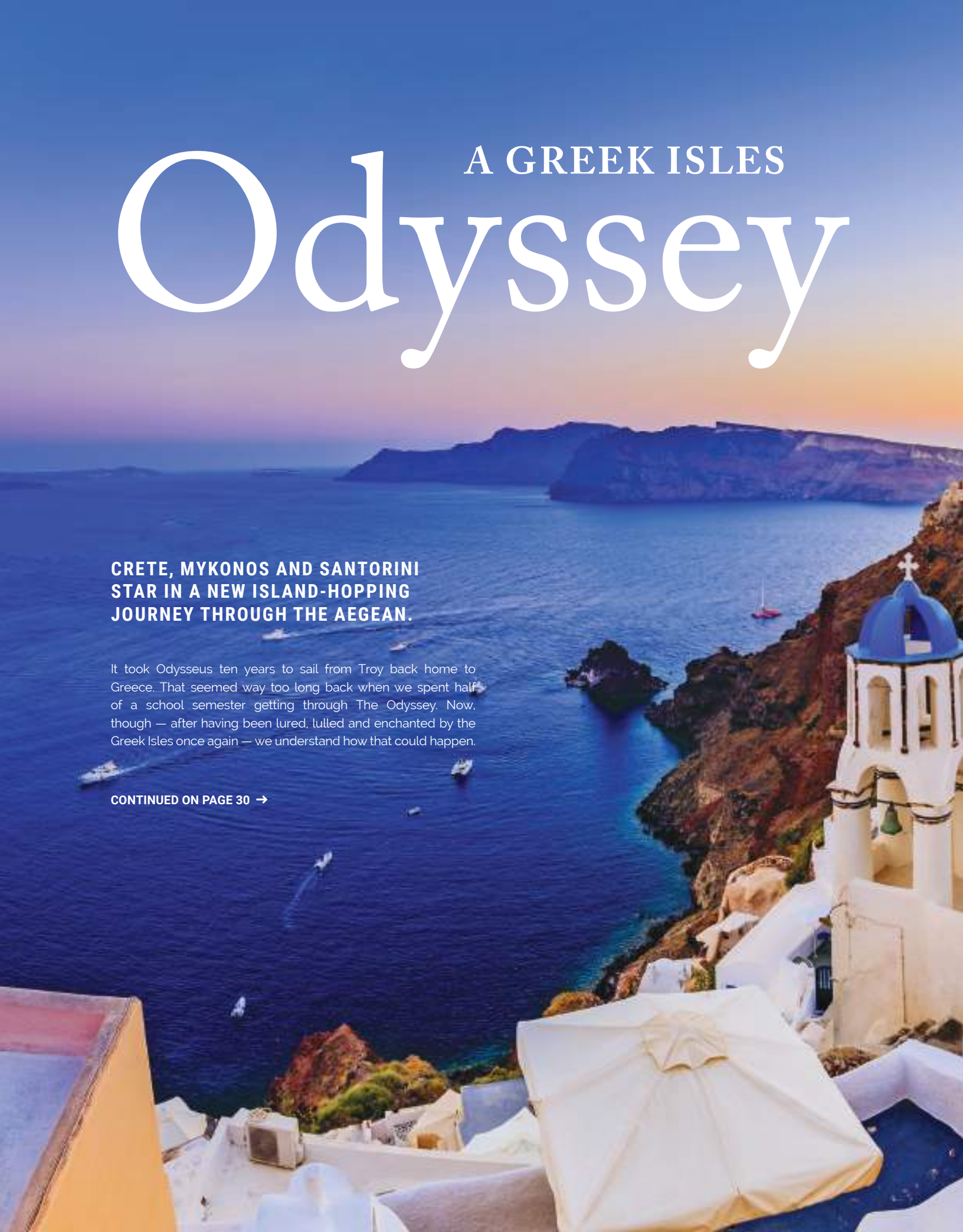
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ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

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Odyssey

A GREEK ISLES

**CRETE, MYKONOS AND SANTORINI
STAR IN A NEW ISLAND-HOPPING
JOURNEY THROUGH THE AEGEAN.**

It took Odysseus ten years to sail from Troy back home to Greece. That seemed way too long back when we spent half of a school semester getting through *The Odyssey*. Now, though — after having been lured, lulled and enchanted by the Greek Isles once again — we understand how that could happen.

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Across every emerald/sapphire/aquamarine strait, we spotted another fine-looking island. Watching sunset on a terrace in Santorini, our friend Manos worried that we hadn't seen Delos. "How could you not see Delos?" On Crete, 80-something George took a break from crafting phyllo dough to half-whisper, "The citron! You must taste the citron of Naxos." Fired up by all of that sound advice and abundant temptation, we've tweaked our itinerary in the Greek Isles to include more islands, the finest sites of antiquity, white beaches beyond compare, and time with our friends everywhere who insisted that we bring you for a visit.

You start in Crete where the aforementioned George is the last baker on the island who makes tissue-thin phyllo dough by hand. He's a marvel, and you appreciate every flaky bite of baklava all the more for what he teaches you. In the heart of her family's olive groves, our friend Joanna waves you in to wander on the farm and taste their prize oils. On the epic side of the equation, Crete is home to magnificently preserved Knossos where expert guide Marinela tells the tales of King Minos and the Minotaur.

Next is Naxos. There is a countryside walk here that is a fantastic amble in landscapes that have hardly changed for millennia. The island is famous for its 2,500-year-old kourou, a sculpture half-hewn from the marble quarry where it still lies. Did that sculptor wash down the dust with some citron liqueur? It's a shame if he didn't. You get your own taste at a small family distillery where they've made the bright green potion from the leaves and fruits of citron trees since the 19th century.

One all-new day on this trip is just the kind that we love best. It begins with a ferry ride to Mykonos, the Greek isle to end all Greek isles. Bustling and hip, it's one of those places that just has to be seen. But even better, it's the jumping-off point for Delos. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Delos was the mythological birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. You can channel

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your inner demi-god on an exclusive exploration of what are regarded as the Mediterranean's most important architectural digs. It's startling — and absolutely typical — to see the faces of ancient civilization and contemporary culture on a single Aegean day, and it's the kind of experience that helps you understand the real Greece.

The grand finale of your trip is a jaw-dropping stay in white-washed, blue-roofed Santorini. Throughout the trip, we draw on local connections to provide you insider access and show you the country at its best. That really matters in Santorini where cruise ships disgorge thousands of tourists all at once. Our itinerary spares you that sight. You actually walk into Santorini on a path through vineyards. During your time here, you take a trip on a small boat into the waters of the volcanic caldera. For the trip back to the top, you can take the gondola or (our preference!) ride a donkey like the locals have for thousands of years. At the end of all of your island-hopping days, you find yourself in luxury 5-star hotels, but the villa-style hotel here is our absolute favorite. It clings to the town's steep slopes, guaranteeing you a ringside seat for views beyond compare. Every evening, we settled there with a glass of wine to watch the sunset. But the show is so gorgeous that we kept forgetting to drink it.

Simply put, this is the best way imaginable to experience the Greek Isles. You get the impossibly blue seas, the rich antiquities and a variety of island cultures that's much more diverse than you ever imagined. Layer in the many chances you have to meet local people and be immersed in the lives they live, and you will wish your odyssey could last a few years longer!



