

BACCHUS (10 days / 9 nights)

FIT Wine Tour in Greece

by DESTINATION GREECE

SUGGESTED ITINERARY



Day 1: Arrival at [Athens](#) International airport. Welcome and short briefing by a [Destination Greece](#) representative; private transfer to your hotel in Athens. Afternoon at leisure to explore one of the most cosmopolitan capitals of Europe. Walk through the narrow streets of [Plaka](#) and enjoy a sip of ouzo in one of the local tavernas. Overnight in Athens



Day 2: After breakfast you will be picked up for a guided Athens sightseeing tour. Our expert, state licensed guides take you to see the center of the city, Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. Driving down Herod Atticus Street, you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniform and the Presidential Palace. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the [Temple of Olympian Zeus](#) and you will make a short stop at the [Panathenaic Stadium](#) where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the [Propylaea](#), the [Temple of Athena Nike](#), the [Erectheion](#) and finally "the harmony between material and spirit",



the monument that "puts order in the mind", the [Parthenon](#). At the end of the tour you will be dropped off at your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure to explore shopping on Ermou street, the place most jet-sets visit while in Athens. Tonight you will have the chance to enjoy typical Greek dishes and taste Greek wine in one of the oldest tavernas in Plaka under the Acropolis. Listen to traditional Greek music and watch the dancers dance for you some of the most popular Greek folk dances. Overnight in Athens



Day 3: After breakfast we start on our guided tour to Ancient Corinth and the wine producing area of Nemea in Peloponnesus. Winery visit and wine tasting in Nemea. Overnight in Athens

Day 4: After breakfast transfer to the port of Piraeus to embark the hydrofoil to Santorini, one of the most beautiful Cycladic islands believed by many to be what remains of Atlantis. Arrival at the island and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Santorini

Day 5: Today you will get to know some of the best well-kept secrets of the island. Our island tour visits, Profitis Elias, Pyrgos, Fira, and a local winery where you can enjoy wine tasting some of the most unique wines in Greece. The unique taste is attributed to the volcanic soil of the island and the microclimate of the area. Overnight in Santorini



Day 6: One more day in Santorini for you to explore the black sand beaches and the extreme vistas of this magnificent island. Overnight in Santorini

Day 7: Transfer to Santorini airport for your flight to Istanbul via Athens. Arrival in Istanbul and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul

Day 8: Breakfast at hotel and then discover the Byzantine and Ottoman treasures of Istanbul. Visit the Royal Topkapi Palace, home of the Ottoman Sultans, the Blue Mosque, unique with six minarets, the Roman Hippodrome Square and the St. Sophia Church, which is considered one of the world's greatest architectural marvels. Then visit the Grand Covered Bazaar with over 4,000 tiny shops. Return to hotel for overnight in Istanbul

Day 9: Breakfast at hotel and then on to visit the Egyptian Bazaar and Galata Bridge for Bosphorus Cruise through the waterway separating the two continents, Europe and Asia. Take the opportunity to shoot some photos of the marble, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture beside the modern residential and luxurious apartments. On to visiting Beylerbeyi Palace, built on the site of an older mansion in the 19th century and used as the summer residence of the Ottoman Sultans. On to Camlica Hill exposing a panoramic view of Istanbul and Bosphorus from the best point of view. Return to hotel. Overnight in Istanbul

Day 10: Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Istanbul International airport for departure

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Arrival at Athens Int'l airport and transfer to Athens
- Accommodation for 3 nights in Athens in a selected, centrally located hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- Organized Athens sightseeing visiting the most important sites of the city and the Acropolis
- Dinner and wine in Plaka. Enjoy typical Greek dishes, wine, folk music and traditional dances in one of the oldest tavernas of Plaka under the Acropolis
- Guided tour to Ancient Corinth and the wine producing area of Nemea in Peloponnesus. Winery visit and wine tasting
- Transfer from Athens to the port of Piraeus
- Economy one way hydrofoil tickets from Piraeus to Santorini
- Transfer from Santorini port to hotel
- Accommodation for 3 nights in Santorini in a selected hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- Island tour visiting, Profitis Elias, Pyrgos, Fira, winery (wine testing)
- Transfer from hotel to Santorini airport
- Economy one way air tickets from Santorini to Istanbul via Athens
- Transfer from Istanbul airport to hotel

- Accommodation in Istanbul for 3 nights in a selected, centrally located hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- Full day city tour with lunch
- Full day Bosphorus tour with lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Istanbul airport
- Entrance fees for the tours listed
- Professional, state licensed, English speaking guide for the tours listed
- All service fees and local taxes
- VAT (in Greece)
- 24-hour assistance telephone service
- Not included: anything not explicitly mentioned in the services included above

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As per our web site at: http://www.DestinationGreece.com/terms_conditions.asp