

CYCLADIC ART Athens - Andros - Tinos (9 Days / 8 Nights)

Day 1: Athens Arrival

Upon arrival at Athens International Airport the Destination Greece representative will welcome you and escort you to your hotel

Day 2: Athens - Cycladic Art and Benaki Museums



After breakfast we start with a visit to the Museum of Cycladic Art (MCA). The Museum of Cycladic Art is dedicated to the study and promotion of ancient cultures of the Aegean and Cyprus, with special emphasis on Cycladic Art of the 3rd millennium BC.

It was founded in 1986, to house the collection of Nicholas and Dolly Goulandris. Since then it has grown in size to accommodate new acquisitions, obtained either through direct purchases or through donations by important collectors and institutions.

Today, in the galleries of the MCA the visitor can approach three major subjects; the Cycladic Culture of the Early Bronze Age (3,200 - 2,000 BC), the Ancient Greek Art, from the Bronze Age to Late Roman times (2nd millenium BC - 4th century AD) and the Cypriot Culture from the Chalcolithic Age to the Early Christian period (4th millenium BC - 6th century AD).

We continue with a visit to the Benaki Museum. Its group of collections comprises many distinct categories totaling



more than 40,000 items, illustrating the character of the Greek world through a spectacular historical panorama: from antiquity and the age of Roman domination to the medieval Byzantine period; from the fall of

Constantinople (1453) and the centuries of Frankish and Ottoman occupation to the outbreak of the struggle for independence in 1821; and from the

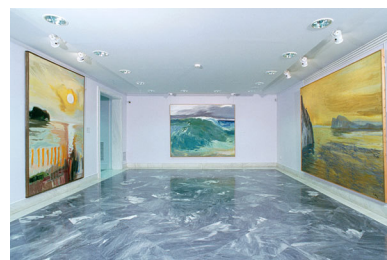
formation of the modern state of Greece (1830) down to 1922, the year in which the Asia Minor disaster took place

Day 3: Athens - Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum

Enjoy breakfast and then start on a journey in the ancient past of Greece. We visit the most important sites of the city and the pinnacle of the ancient Greek state of Athens, the Acropolis and Parthenon. Conclude the day with a visit to the unique, world-known, Museum of Acropolis

Day 4: Athens - Island of Andros

Morning transfer to the port of Rafina to embark the ferry boat for the 2-hour voyage to the island of



Andros. Arrival in Andros and transfer to Chora to visit the Goulandri Museum of Contemporary Art.

The Museum's Old Wing houses the entire collection of works by the Andriot sculptor Michael Tombros. In the same space works by some of the most important representatives of modern Greek sculpture are permanently exhibited (Zongolopoulos, Takis, Sklavos, Chryssa, Benglys, Nikolaidis, Pappas, etc.)

During the winter period (October-May) the galleries of the New Wing house part of the Foundation's permanent collection, mostly works of contemporary Greek artists (Chryssa, Fassianos, Pavlos, Kounellis, Tsoklis, Psychopedis, Tetsis, etc.), but also a number of works of important international artists (Rodin, Richier, Cesar, Hepworth, etc.)

Day 5: Island of Andros

Enjoy the unique beauty and architectural style of the northernmost Cycladic island. Day at leisure for you to explore the nice, secluded beaches and the unique blue of the Aegean sea

Day 6: Island of Tinos

Morning transfer to the port of Tinos to embark the ferry boat to the island of Tinos. Arrival at Tinos and visit the Picture Gallery and the Archaeological museum. Overnight in Tinos

Day 7: Island of Tinos

Morning visit to the Tinian Artist museum and the Yannoulis Halepas Museum. Rest of the day at leisure for you to explore the island



Day 8: Athens

Transfer to port to embark the ferry boat to Piraeus. Arrival in Piraeus and transfer to your hotel. Day at leisure for you to explore one of the most cosmopolitan capitals of Europe. Enjoy last minute shopping in Ermou Str. and coffee in one of the numerous cafes at the historical center of Athens

Day 9: Athens - Departure

Transfer to Athens International airport for departure

SERVICES INCLUDED

- ✓ Arrival at Athens Int'l airport. Welcome and briefing by Destination Greece representative. Transfer to your hotel in 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
- ✓ Guided tour to the Cycladic Art and Benaki museums
- ✓ Guided tour to the Acropolis and the New Archaeological Museum of Athens
- ✓ Transfer from Athens to the port of Rafina
- ✓ Economy one way ferry tickets from Rafina to the island of Andros, from Andros to Tinos and from Tinos to Piraeus
- ✓ Transfer from Andros port to hotel
- ✓ Accommodation for 2 nights in Andros in a selected hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- ✓ Transfer from hotel to Chora to visit to the Goulandri Art Museum
- ✓ Transfer from hotel to Andros port
- ✓ Transfer from Tinos port to hotel
- ✓ Accommodation for 2 nights in Tinos in a selected hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- ✓ Visit the Picture Gallery and the Archaeological museum
- ✓ Visit the Tinian Artist museum and the Yannoulis Halepas Museum
- ✓ Transfer from hotel to port
- ✓ Transfer from Piraeus to hotel
- ✓ Accommodation for 1 night in Athens in a selected, centrally located hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- ✓ Transfer from hotel to Athens International airport
- ✓ All service fees and local taxes
- ✓ VAT
- ✓ 24-hour assistance telephone service

NOT INCLUDED

anything not explicitly shown in the services included above