

DIONYSUS (9 days / 8 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 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: Transfer to Santorini port to embark the hydrofoil to Heraklion, Crete. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Heraklion

Day 7: After breakfast we drive in the direction of Achanes located at the foot of mount Youhtas and surrounded by wine fields. We will stop to see how they make local wine and to also taste it. In the south of Archanes we find the ruins of Vathypetro where an oil-press and a wine-press from the Minoan period were found. We then visit the Peza Union to watch the production of olive oil of the finest quality. Village Thrapsano is our next stop where we visit a pottery where they produce items using old techniques. Finally, we visit the traditional monastery Agaratho and Myrthia the birthplace of Nikos Kazantzakis to taste traditional Greek cooking. Overnight in Heraklion



Day 8: Day at leisure for you to explore the beautiful beaches of the northern coast of Crete. Tonight we will enjoy our evening in a typical Cretan village. Time for a walk, after we offer you a dinner and local wine as much as you like in a Greek tavern. Dancers accompanied by musicians playing the Bouzouki and Lyra. Overnight in Heraklion

Day 9: Transfer to Heraklion airport for your flight to Athens

An extension to Turkey can be added for those interested to combine Greece and Turkey in this itinerary.

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Arrival at Athens Int'l airport and transfer to Athens
- Accommodation for 2 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
- 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 port
- Economy one way hydrofoil tickets from Santorini to Heraklion, Crete
- Transfer from Heraklion port to hotel
- Accommodation for 3 nights in Heraklion, Crete in a selected hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- Peza - Thrapsano - Archanes tour with wine tasting in Archanes
- A-Night-in-Crete tour where you can enjoy typical food and wine from Crete
- Transfer from hotel to Heraklion airport
- Economy one way air tickets from Heraklion to Athens
- Entrance fees for the tours listed
- Professional, state licensed, English speaking guide for the tours listed
- All service fees and local taxes
- VAT
- 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