

## Cyclades islands Multi-adventure



### Athens - Naxos - Santorini - Athens

**Duration:** 8 days

**Level:** Moderate

**Tour Pace:** Moderate

**Tour comfort:** Moderate/Superior

**Suitable for:** All travelers

**Available:** April – October



## Description

When you think about Greece, the first things that come to your mind are **white – cub houses, deep blue crystal clear waters, sandy beaches and sun**? Are you looking for an unforgettable **summer getaway with an authentic touch of culture and adventure**? If the answer is yes, then this is the right exploration for you!

Join us to explore the hidden side of the Cyclades islands... go **trekking** in ancient paths, **kayaking** inside Santorini's caldera, **sailing** or **horseback riding** among Naxos' white sand beaches, go for **wine testing**, visit **traditional villages** and **Venetian castles, monasteries** and important **archaeological sites**, taste some **delicious Greek food** and of course, meet the **local people** and immerse yourself in their slow pace way of life!

Whether you are a couple, group of friends or family, this exploration is ideal if you want to enjoy a **unique experience in the Aegean Sea, beyond the beaten path...**

## Tour Highlights

- *Explore the largest of the Cyclades islands, **Naxos***
- *Visit **Venetian castles** and **traditional villages** in Naxos*
- *Visit the **traditional citrus distillery** in Naxos and sample their famous **locally produced liqueurs***
- ***Sail, swim, dive and go kayaking** in the crystal clear waters of **Small Cyclades islands***
- ***Hike on Santorini's volcano** and swim in the hot springs!*
- *Enjoy the worldwide renown **sunset in Oia***
- *Discover the **archaeological site of Akrotiri** and learn more about the myth of "Lost Atlantis"*
- *Hike to the breathtaking city of **Ancient Thera**, built in 9 B.C. century*
- *Take a **wine tour** and taste the marvelous **Santorini wines***

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## Trip Itinerary

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### Day 1: Athens - Naxos



Our first morning, we are free to explore the historical city of Athens on foot!

You can visit **Acropolis** and **Parthenon**, the magnificent **Museum of Acropolis**, the **Ancient Agora**, walk around the picturesque **Plaka**, one of the oldest and most traditional neighborhoods of Athens, **Monastiraki** and **Thisio** for lunch and some shopping!



In the afternoon, we transfer to Piraeus and we board the ferry to **Naxos island**, the largest of the Cyclades islands.



Dinner

\*For a guided Athens walking tour with a licensed guide, please contact us

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### Day 2: Naxos welcome tour



After breakfast, we will enjoy a **welcome tour in Naxos town (Chora)** and we will visit the **Venetian castle** and the **old town**, while our guide will give us a good insight on the history and culture of the island.



In the afternoon, we will enjoy a magnificent **horseback riding on the beach** with our wonderful guide, Linda! For the more adventurous, there is the alternative option of **mountain biking** with our local expert, Yannis!



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## Day 3: Naxos inland hiking



Enjoy a good breakfast today, as we will **explore hiking the best of Naxos inland**, with its fertile valley, olive groves, vineyards and traditional villages.

Starting from the village of **Moni**, crossing **old marble paths** and the **Tragea plateau**, we will end up in the picturesque village of **Chalki**

and we'll visit the **traditional citrus distillery**, where

we will be able to sample their famous locally produced liqueurs.

After lunch, we will visit the villages of **Filoti** and **Apeiranthos**, the most well – known and traditional villages of mountainous Naxos.



Breakfast, Lunch

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## Day 4: Sailing to Small Cyclades



Today we will set off on a **daily sailing tour** with destination **Iraklia and Schinoussa islands**, two secluded earthly paradises in the Aegean Sea that will captivate you for their crystal clear, turquoise waters and their calmness! A day full of surprises, fun and adventure! Snorkeling, diving with a sea scooter, kayaking and much more will definitely give you an unforgettable experience!



Breakfast, Lunch



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## Day 5: Naxos - Santorini

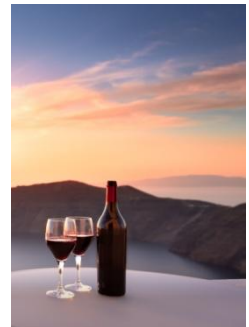


After breakfast, you are free to enjoy your last morning in Naxos as you wish!

You can relax at the hotel's swimming pool, go to Chora for shopping or simply walk around the narrow alleys and enjoy your coffee in one of the charming cafes across the side front.



In the afternoon, we will take the ferry to **Santorini**. Get ready to admire for yourself this striking, magical, **volcanic island** and feel its unique and inspiring aura! The views from the boat once we enter the caldera are simply stunning and captivating...



Our first evening in Santorini includes a **wine tour**, including wine testing, while enjoying the sunset..



Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 6: Santorini – Hiking from Fira to Oia



This morning, we will visit the **monastery of Prophet Elias**, located on the highest hill of Santorini, offering **360 views** of the island! Later on, after we visit the Archaeological museum



of Fira, we will take the **hiking trail** that leads **from Fira to Oia**, all the way along the Caldera cliff edge. It is a scenic route with no particular difficulties, offering **spectacular views over the caldera**.



Once in the picturesque village of Oia, we will enjoy the **sunset**, which is considered to be one of the best sunsets worldwide! We will end our day with dinner in one of Oia's beautiful restaurants.

Tip: make sure to bring your camera, as every single view looks like a painting that you don't want to miss!



Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 7: Santorini archaeological sites



Today the day is dedicated to learning more about **Santorini's history and archaeology**.

In the morning, we will hike towards **Ancient Thera** (about 30' walking), an ancient city, linked to the second important period of Santorini's history. Definitely a must see!



Following the downhill footpath, we will reach **Perissa** beach in about 30min, where we will have some rest by the sea and lunch in a local tavern. Do not forget to bring your swimming suit with you!



The **archaeological site of Akrotiri** comes next. Our professional guide will show you around the excavations that have revealed one of the most important **prehistoric settlements** of the Aegean.

A stop at the Red Beach follows, before we head back to relax after a day full of history!

If you are still full of energy, you can opt for a **kayak exploration** around the Red and White beaches.



Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 8: Santorini volcano tour – return to Athens



This morning we will sail inside the caldera to visit the island of **Nea Kameni**. There we will **hike along the rim of the volcano's crater**, see the spots where steam is still rising from the crater and where we can feel the heat from the stones. Athletic shoes are necessary, since, particularly during the summer months, the soil is hot.



Then our boat will take us to the next island of **Palia Kameni**, where we can swim in the **Hot Springs**. The water's temperature is approx. 5 degrees higher than in the rest of the sea. Soon after that, we will arrive at

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Tonight we fly back to Athens.



Breakfast, Lunch (BBQ on board)

the picturesque islet of **Therassia** and visit the beautiful church of Agia Irini, shining white on the hill above the port.

We will enjoy local delicacies and unlimited drinks while on the boat. In the afternoon, the boat will sail along the impressive **Caldera** passing below Oia, dropping us off at **Ammoudi**.



### What is included:

- Trails Beyond tour leader for the whole trip, local guides & activity instructors
- 7 days of accommodation in 3\* (superior) hotels, based on double occupancy (for 4\* accommodation, please contact us)
- All meals, as indicated on the trip notes
- Boat transfer from Athens to Naxos and from Naxos to Santorini
- Airplane tickets from Santorini to Athens
- Car rental for the whole trip (for groups 2-8 people) and/or all necessary car transfers (for groups 9-18 guests); fuel consumption
- Entrance fees to sites listed in the tour itinerary
- Cost for all activities included in the tour program
- All taxes

### What is not included:

- International airfares
- Travel insurance, mandatory
- Hotel transfers to/from airports other than Athens International airport
- Any meals not specified in the itinerary
- Any beverages or alcoholic drinks during meals
- Additional hotel nights that may be necessary due to airline schedule changes or other factors
- Optional activities that are not included in the day-to-day itinerary
- Other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, and so on) and tips

### Prices 2015 for private groups:

	Price per person (euro)		
	Low season	Medium season	High season
For 2 guests	2.150,0 €	2.380,0 €	2.550,0 €
For 4-5 guests	1.750,0 €	1.870,0 €	1.990,0 €
For 6 & more guests	1.580,0 €	1.670,0 €	1.780,0 €
Single Supplement	150,0 €	185,0 €	255,0 €
Low season: April & October			
Medium season: May, June & September 15th -30th			
High season: July, August & September 1st - 14th			

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