



Calling all adventurous spirits to embark on an odyssey and discover breathtaking sights and ancient legends. Begin where it all began, the ancient city of Athens where the Panathenaic Stadium and the Acropolis proudly preside and where the spirit of athletes and gods, philosophers and poets still fill the air with legendary tales. Set sights on the sea with visits to the islands of Crete, Naxos, and Paros to unveil the mysteries, myths, and marvelous history that awaits you, along with idyllic villages, pristine shores and so much more! You'll find plenty of island time to

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wine, dine, and dream in sidewalk cafés and tavernas, creating a few legendary memories of your own.

## Globus All Access

Special Features Included in this Tour:

- Guided sightseeing in Athens includes an orientation drive to see the main landmarks, plus a visit to the Acropolis
- Guided walking tour in Heraklion, Crete includes the main highlights and a 🍩 bougatsa tasting (traditional pastry)
- Guided sightseeing in Naxos includes complementary 🍊 citrus spoon dessert
- Guided sightseeing in Paros includes a visit to the Panagia Ekatonpiliiani (the “Church of a Hundred Doors”).
- Flight from Athens to Crete
- Ferry crossing between Crete and Naxos, plus Naxos and Athens

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## Variations of this Tour

### Group Size Options

#### TOUR OVERVIEW

8

DAYS

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COUNTRY

#### 🚩 COUNTRIES

Greece

#### 🍴 MEALS

Breakfast 7

Dinner 3

#### 🚢 SHIPS

Greek Island

Adventure

Ferry

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# You Dream. We Plan.

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Globus takes you beyond the guidebooks with more ways to discover each destination.

## Local Favorites

Every Globus tour includes our exclusive Local Favorites, specially included to share the authentic experiences that make each destination unique. Get to know the locals and local flavors you might just miss on your own!

## Tour Highlights

Discover something unexpected and unforgettable in the special way only Globus can share—with sightseeing highlights to off-the-beaten-path surprises to out-of-this world moments you'll remember for a lifetime!

## Freedom. Your Way.

With Globus, freedom is built into your vacation. Perfectly planned itineraries maximize your time. Where available, included Choice Excursions invite you to shape your experience. And insider tips from your Tour Director turn free time into discoveries. With Globus, flexibility is part of the plan.

DAY-BY-DAY

# Itinerary



# Welcome to Athens!

At 6 pm, meet your Globus Host and travel companions for a welcome drink.

## 2 ATHENS–HERAKLION, CRETE

### Marvels & Myths

Wake-up in Athens for the start of your Greek Odyssey! Guided sightseeing is composed of an orientation drive to see Athens' main landmarks, including Syntagma Square, the Temple of Zeus, and the Panathenaic Stadium, plus a visit to the iconic Acropolis. Later, board your flight to the island of Crete, the largest of the Greek islands, and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

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#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

**HISTORIC SPOTS** Explore the heart of Ancient Greece, in the historic empire where 5th-century-BC landmarks, including the Acropolis, never fail to amaze! See the Panathenaic Stadium, one of the venues of the first modern Olympic Games.

## 3 HERAKLION

### Saints & Sweets

Start your Cretian discovery with a guided walking tour of its capital city – Heraklion. Learn about its importance dating back to the Minoan civilization and admire views of its impressive landmarks such as the Venetian Walls, St. Minas Cathedral, and the Church of St. Titus. 🌟 Taste a traditional bougatsa pastry. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to explore more of the island.

 Breakfast

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#### LOCAL FAVORITE

**SIGHTS & BITES** The bustling capital of Crete boasts over 3000 years of history and multicultural influences. While walking along the narrow streets, see the most famous historic

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and cultural sites. Join the locals and taste a traditional bougatsa, one of the most popular Greek sweet treats.

## Make the Most of Your Free Time

While we include select excursions and must-see sights on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour.

### Heraklion and its Ancient Minoan Palace of Knossos

Discover Heraklion on this exciting excursion featuring the Palace of Knossos, where the Minotaur roamed through the labyrinth in mythology.

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$\$



## 4 HERAKLION–NAXOS

## Tempting Traditions

This morning, board a high-speed ferry for a ride across the Aegean to the island of Naxos. Enjoy guided sightseeing to see the highlights of Naxos town with its cobblestone alleys and Venetian castles. Then, a really sweet treat! 🍷 Taste the famous citrus spoon dessert at a local kafenio (café). Later, enjoy some leisure time to explore more of the island.

☕ Breakfast    🍽️ Dinner

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### LOCAL FAVORITE

**LOCAL TASTES** The “glykó tou koutaliou” or “sweet of the spoon” comes from an old Arabic custom that was later adopted by the Byzantines. A gesture of hospitality offered to welcome guests. They are what the name suggests, a dessert served on a spoon. Normally made from fruit, the concept may sound simple, but there is a lot of pride and tradition involved; recipes are handed down through the generations together with the special presentation silverware.

## 5 NAXOS

### Mediterranean Magic

Enjoy a full day at leisure on this idyllic island, why not admire the stunning scenery of the pristine waters while you relax on one of the beautiful beaches. Alternatively, choose an optional excursion to explore further afield.

☕ Breakfast

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### ENHANCED FREE TIME

**EXPLORE MORE** of this lush green island. Stroll the charming streets shopping for souvenirs; sample the locally produced olives, grapes, figs, and citrus fruit. Discover more of the ancient Greek ruins; or head to the beach for a refreshing dip in the sparkling waters of the Aegean!

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## Island of Naxos in Depth

The wonders of Naxos come to life in a remarkable way on this fantastic introduction to the Cycladic Island that has been inhabited continuously since the 4th millennium BC!

5h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



## 6 NAXOS-PAROS

### Sun, Sand & Sea

Today, hop on a high-speed ferry to reach the island of Paros. Explore delightful Parikia, the capital of Paros, during a guided sightseeing tour which features a visit to Panagia Ekatonpilianni the “Church of a Hundred Doors.” Enjoy some free time to browse. This evening, enjoy some authentic tastes with dinner at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast    Dinner

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### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

**NATURAL WONDERS** Historically known for its fine white marble, used to construct some of the most important Greek structures, including the Acropolis and the Temple of Zeus in Olympia, Paros nowadays captures the imagination as an idyllic Greek island - dotted with traditional villages, framed by stunning beaches, and surrounded by pristine waters.

## 7 PAROS-ATHENS

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## Back to Future of Civilization

Today, take a ferry back to Athens. Enjoy free time later this afternoon and evening, perhaps visit a museum or take the tram to the coast. In the evening, enjoy the lively atmosphere of the tavernas in the old Plaka district with its narrow streets and sound of bouzouki music.

 Breakfast

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### ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE with countless ways to enjoy free time in the birthplace of democracy, arts, science, and the philosophy of western civilization! Explore the urban landscapes and lively restaurants in this historic capital and enjoy the sunny slopes of this iconic city. Stroll in the shadow of the Acropolis in the village atmosphere of Plaka. Walk along the narrow cobblestone streets to browse jewelry stores and ceramics shops, then linger in a sidewalk café or taverna to celebrate your Greek adventure.

## 8 ATHENS

Safe travels until we meet again!

Your Vacation ends with breakfast in the morning.

 Breakfast

## Notes

This tour requires walking on uneven terrain, especially at archaeological sites which may pose a challenge to guests with physical limitations or reliant on mobility devices such as wheelchairs. Guests are required to manage their own luggage when embarking and disembarking the ferry portions of this tour.

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# Tour Director

HAND-PICKED

## Hotels

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

### ATHENS

#### Stanley Hotel

1 Odysseos St, at Karaiskaki Square Athens Greece

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Located in Athens city center and just few steps away from Metaxourgeio Metro Station, this hotel offers 380 air-conditioned rooms with free Wi-Fi, and a balcony. The hotel features a roof garden with a nice pool area, an open-air lounge bar and a restaurant, from where guests can also enjoy lovely views of the Acropolis, Mount Lycabettus and the Saronic Gulf. Among its amenities you can also find a well-equipped fitness center and a sauna. Free Wi-Fi access is available throughout.

#### Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Beauty Salon
- Bar/Lounge
- Spa Services
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

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## Room Features

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- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- In-Room Safe
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Disabled Access / Rooms

## HERAKLION

### Galaxy Hotel Iraklio

Leof. Dimokratias 75 Heraklion Greece

 Deluxe Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

This Hotel is centrally located in an upscale and convenient area of Heraklion. The 127 contemporary and elegant guest rooms are equipped with anatomic mattresses, espresso machines, USB sockets, flat screen TV and complimentary bathroom amenities. Two restaurants, a café and a lounge bar are at Guest's disposal. A gym, hammam and seasonal outdoor swimming pool are available free of charge, there are power banks in the public areas and Free Wi-Fi internet access is available throughout the property.

## Hotel Amenities

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- Business Center
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Spa Services
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Pool
- Hot Tub

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## Room Features

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- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- In-Room Safe
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Room Service
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Complimentary Toiletries

## NAXOS

### Naxos Palace

"Stelida Aghios Prokopios Naxos, Naxos Island, Cyclades Islands, " Naxos Greece

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Naxos Palace Hotel is located in a peaceful and panoramic spot, just a few steps away from the beach and within easy reach of the main town, the port, and the airport. This modern hotel, built in an environmental friendly way, provides guests with everything they need: a restaurant, two bars, a gym, a swimming pool, and even a Jacuzzi. The 77 air-conditioned guestrooms offer free Wi-Fi Internet access, satellite television, and safe deposit box.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Business Center
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Pool
- Parking/Valet
- Spa Services
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Hot Tub

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### Room Features

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- Complimentary Newspaper
- Desk
- Television
- Iron/Ironing Board
- In-Room Safe
- Window Opens
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries

## PAROS

### Narges

Aliki Beach, Aliki, Paros Island, Cyclades Islands Paros Greece

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Located just a 5-minute drive away from the airport and 8 miles from the main town and Paros port, this typical Cycladic-style hotel offers bright rooms with a balcony, satellite TV, mini fridge and safety box. Other amenities include a large seasonal outdoor swimming pool with a stylish poolside bar and a traditional restaurant. Free Wi-Fi access is provided throughout.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Spa Services
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

### Room Features

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- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Phone

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- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning
- Hair Dryer
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