



HOLIDAY IN GREECE*

March 27 – April 5, 2022

Day 1 Athens

Arrive at Athens Airport. Proceed through Passport Control and Customs. Meet your private driver in the Arrivals Hall who will transfer you to your hotel located in the Plaka District, the most picturesque neighborhood in Athens. In the shadow of the Acropolis and its ancient temples, hillside Plaka has a village feel with narrow cobblestone streets lined with tiny shops and sidewalk cafes. Check in to your superior room with a view of the august Acropolis. Then gather with your friends to enjoy dinner in a typical taverna. (D)

[Electra Palace Athens](https://electrahotels.gr/en/athens/electra-palace-athens) (3 nights) electrahotels.gr/en/athens/electra-palace-athens

Day 2 Athens

This morning, meet your private guide and driver to begin a tour of Athens. You will first visit the Acropolis, the ancient citadel located on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens. The Acropolis contains the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historical significance, the most famous being the Parthenon, the temple devoted to Athena, the goddess of wisdom. Continue your tour visiting the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Panathinaic Stadium where the modern Olympic games were held for the first time in 1896. You will also see the Old Royal Palace and today's Parliament. Your visit will end in the oldest part of Athens, the Plaka District, at the Roman Agora and the Tower of the Winds. Enjoy a leisurely lunch with your guide as you end the tour near the hotel. (BL)

Day 3 Athens

You have the day to yourself for shopping, sightseeing, wandering, relaxing, eating, and imbibing at your leisure. Join your friends in the evening for dinner at a local restaurant. (BD)

Day 4 Athens – Paros

Rise with the sun to take the early morning ferry to one of the most traditional and scenic Greek Islands, Paros. Once on board, relax in your premium cabin and enjoy the 3.5 hour ride across the stunning Aegean Sea. Paros is located in the heart of the Cyclades, a group of islands in the Aegean Sea southeast of mainland Greece. A driver will pick you up at the ferry terminal in Paros and transfer you a short distance to a spacious and luxurious private villa, your home for the next 5 nights. Settle in and then gather with friends for traditional appetizers and drinks on the terrace overlooking the Aegean Sea. (L)

[Ocyrhoe Villa](https://bluevillascollection.com/paros-luxury-villas/item/622-ocyrhoe-iii) (5 nights) bluevillascollection.com/paros-luxury-villas/item/622-ocyrhoe-iii

Days 5 – 8 Paros

Make each day your own. All the regions of the island are easily accessible by local bus or taxi.

- Explore the town of Parikia, within walking distance of your villa. The capital of Paros since ancient times, it has a picturesque old city with many small shops and restaurants.
- Wander the cobblestoned, flower-lined alleyways of the fishing village of Naoussa with its charming shops and cafes.
- Explore the island's history with a hike along the Byzantine Road, an ancient marble footpath that connects the traditional mountain villages of Lefkes and Prodomos.
- Visit ancient monuments: the sanctuary of Apollo and Artemis, a 4th century church, the 13th century Venetian castle, and the Archaeological Museum with prehistoric artifacts.
- Take a short water taxi ride to any of the island's gorgeous golden sand beaches, rent a lounge and umbrella, and relax for the day.
- Taste distinctive local wine at a lovingly restored third-generation winery and include a visit to the small museum containing old winemaking tools and historic photos.
- Stroll along the island's many walking trails where you will be rewarded with stunning views of the sea, unique rock formations, and idyllic landscape with dense vegetation.
- Rent a private captain and his boat for the day for an island-hopping excursion to nearby more secluded islands or take the ferry for a full day excursion to a neighboring island.
- Participate in a variety of available watersports: surfing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, kayaking, canoeing, kiteboarding, scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming, floating, etc.
- Dine at recommended restaurants for authentic local cuisine, shop at the nearby markets and create your own meals to share with friends on the terrace of your villa, or splurge on a private chef who will prepare a gourmet Greek meal in the kitchen of your villa.

Begin each morning with breakfast freshly prepared by your Greek host and served on the terrace as you and your friends gather to plan the day. (B)

Day 9 Paros – Athens

Depart Paros Island on an early afternoon flight to Athens. Upon arrival, collect your luggage and walk across the street to the Sofitel Hotel, your home for the night. Gather with friends in the evening for a farewell toast to Greece.

Sofitel Athens Airport (1 night) <https://all.accor.com/hotel/3167/index.en.shtml>

Day 10 Athens – Home

Depart Athens Airport for your flight home.

\$2,950 per person/double

Includes:

All accommodations, meals, admissions as stated in the itinerary

Services of private drivers and guide + gratuities

In-country flight and ferry tickets

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