

Greek Islands & Turkish Coastlines



Tour Name: Greek Islands & Turkish Coastlines
Days: 8

Day 1 Sat, 12 Sep	Athens (Piraeus), Greece Your Greece and Turkey voyage begins in Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht. This enthralling Greek city is renowned for its ancient ruins and iconic landmarks, rich culture, and dynamic atmosphere. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00
Day 2 Sun, 13 Sep	Delos, Greece - Mykonos, Greece A small rocky island at the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, Delos is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece and home to a vast array of well-preserved ruins, extending to temples, dwellings, marketplaces, and theatres. Delos is also believed to be the birthplace of the Greek god Apollo and his twin sister, Artemis. In the afternoon, you'll sail on to the island of Mykonos. Explore the main town, a picturesque labyrinth of quaint narrow streets lined with shops, cafés and restaurants. The iconic Windmills of Mykonos, situated on a hill overlooking the town, are another must-see attraction. Included Excursion Guided tour of Delos Set foot on a journey to the sacred island of Delos, a cradle of ancient Greek mythology and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delos holds a unique place in history, believed to be the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Explore the extensive site, where each step reveals the layers of history, from ancient sanctuaries to the remnants of prosperous civilizations. Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.30 hours DiscoverMORE (extra expense - \$135 per person) Island tour of Mykonos, Ano Mera Monastery and wine tasting experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked) Begin your adventure in the traditional village of Ano Mera and explore the 16th-century Monastery of Panagia Tourliani, dedicated to Mykonos' patron saint. Admire intricate icons depicting scenes from the New Testament and unravel the monastery's rich history. Indulge your senses in the flavours of Greece with a wine tasting experience at a Mykonian Farm. Conclude your tour in the iconic Mykonos town, a labyrinth of whitewashed buildings and narrow streets. Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Offshore/Docked: 12:30 - 22:00

Day 3
Mon, 14 Sep

Patmos, Greece

Patmos is a small Greek island renowned for its beautiful scenery, crystal-clear water, local cuisine and picturesque villages. According to local legend, Patmos is also famous for being where the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation and this is why it's often referred to as the 'Island of the Apocalypse' and is today, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the island's capital, Chora, an enchanting place revealing whitewashed buildings and narrow cobblestone streets lined with traditional Greek tavernas and shops. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Chora, Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse

The tour begins with a visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the site where the Book of Revelation, the final book of the Holy Bible, was conceived. After, drive to the historic village of Chora, the island's capital home to the 11th-century Monastery of Saint John the Theologian. From the Monastery, stroll through Chora's charming winding cobbled streets to the house of Simandiris where you will enjoy a unique experience, exploring the interior of a traditional Patmian home.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

EmeraldACTIVE

Downhill hike

Start your adventure with a scenic drive to Chora, a picturesque village that unfolds like a beautiful painting. Adorned with radiant white houses, Chora provides a striking contrast to the imposing Monastery of St. John. Step inside the Monastery, a bastion of faith featuring thick walls, battlements, and eight chapels. Stroll through the Old Town of Chora, a maze of narrow streets and delightful squares and visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the sacred site of the Revelation's origin—the final book of the Holy Bible.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

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Local folklore performance on board

A talented Patmian band, featuring both musicians and dancers, will treat you to an unforgettable evening of traditional music and dance. This folkloric ensemble will take you on a journey through the island's rich culture and history, performing to the captivating rhythms of Greece.

Event duration: 1 hour

Docked: 08:00 - 23:00

Day 4
Tue, 15 Sep

Kusadasi, Turkey

Along Turkey's western Aegean coast, this popular beach resort town offers beautiful beaches, a vibrant, fun atmosphere and traditional Turkish markets. Kusadasi is also a remarkable destination for history buffs, as it's near several ancient ruins, including the ancient city of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. A visit here offers a glimpse into the grandeur and sophistication of one of the ancient world's most important cities.

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Guided tour of Ephesus (**extra expense - \$125 per person**)

Embark on an extraordinary excursion to the legendary city of Ephesus, a treasure trove of ancient wonders and archaeological marvels that have stood the test of time. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Ephesus at a local cooperative. Witness a captivating folklore show performed by talented folk-dance students and indulge in a delectable array of local delicacies prepared with fresh, local ingredients.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours

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Priene, Miletus and Didyma (**extra expense - \$95 per person**)

Embark on a journey through time as you explore the captivating ancient cities of Priene, Miletus, and Didyma. Step back in time as you wander the streets of Priene, one of the first cities to be meticulously planned with a grid system. Continuing with a 45-minute drive to the ancient city of Miletus, once a thriving metropolis on the Anatolian trade routes. Explore the legacy of renowned philosophers and architects. Indulge in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant with panoramic views of the magnificent Temple of Apollo in Didyma. Marvel at the awe-inspiring scale of this sacred site, where ancient worshippers sought divine guidance and inspiration.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 6.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 22:30

Day 5
Wed, 16 Sep

Kos, Greece

A beautiful Greek island popular for its stunning beaches, crystal-clear waters, and rich history, Kos is also home to enthralling ancient ruins. These include the famous Asklepion, a traditional healing centre dedicated to the Greek god of medicine, Asclepios, and the Castle of the Knights, a medieval fortress that offers stunning views of the surrounding area.

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Asclepion and Zia village with winery visit (**extra expense - \$99 per person**)

Our adventure begins at the Asklepieion, an extraordinary sanctuary established in 460 B.C. in honour of Asclepius, the God of Medicine. Venture into the charming village of Zia, perched on the slopes of Mount Dikaion. With its narrow winding streets and traditional houses, Zia captures the authentic essence of rural Kos. The highlight of your excursion awaits at winery, where you'll savour a wine tasting experience unlike any other.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 07:30 - 19:00

Day 6

Thu, 17 Sep

Santorini, Greece

Known for its spectacular views, gleaming whitewashed architecture and legendary sunsets, Santorini is a hugely popular destination. This gorgeous Greek Island is also famed for its iconic, blue-domed churches, transparent azure waters, and charming villages dramatically perched on cliffs overlooking the sea. Santorini's picturesque main town, Fira, precariously rests on the edge of ae caldera cliff, offering jaw-dropping vistas of the Aegean Sea. Oia, another of Santorini's iconic villages, is particularly renowned for its quaint narrow streets, stunning sunsets, and panoramic caldera views.

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Akrotiri, Oia and winery visit (extra expense - \$155 per person)

Explore the remnants of the prehistoric city of Akrotiri, often hailed as the "Greek Pompeii," embark on a sensory journey at one of the most famous wineries, perched above the port of Athinios and overlooking the breathtaking Santorini caldera. Indulge in a wine-tasting experience, savouring the distinct flavours of Santorini's renowned wines. Conclude your adventure in the charming village of Oia, celebrated for its iconic whitewashed houses before arriving to Thira, the capital of the island.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours

Offshore: 07:30 - 22:00

Day 7

Fri, 18 Sep

Paros, Greece

Welcome to Paros, a beautiful Greek island that attracts for its stunning beaches, crystal-clear azure waters, and charming local villages. Paros also boasts a rich history, with ancient ruins, Venetian castles, and traditional Greek architecture scattered throughout the island. The main town, Parikia, is a bustling hub of activity, with slender streets lined with shops, cafés and restaurants that serve delicious local cuisine.

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Lefkes and Naoussa with wine tasting (extra expense - \$169 per person)

Our adventure begins in the picturesque village of Lefkes, a hidden gem nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Paros and once the island's vibrant capital. From there, make your way to the quaint fishing village of Naoussa, where you can meander through its inviting alleyways and lively harbour. The highlight of your journey awaits at a century-old winery, where you'll embark on a guided tour that offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the art of winemaking on Paros. As the tour concludes, settle into the atmospheric surroundings of the underground cellars or on the terrace for a private tasting experience unlike any other.

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 18:00

Day 8

Sat, 19 Sep

Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the dynamic Greek capital, Athens, the birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday.

Please book your flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM.

Docked: 08:00

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