EUROPE Iconic **GREECE** & the Cyclades

- **2024** May 7 May 21 **2024** May 16 May 30 **2024** September 14 – September 28 **2024** September 26 – October 10
- **2025** April 24 May 8
- **2025** May 6 May 20
- **2025** May 13 May 27

DAYS 1 & 2 ' GOODBYE CANADA, YASSAS GREECE!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Travellers departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your dedicated Group Guru and fellow travellers and fly overnight to Athens, the edgy Mediterranean capital that has given the world the gift of philosophy, mathematics, democracy and the Olympics, not to mention flaky, delicious feta cheese. Upon your arrival, settle into your hotel and take a nice long shower, before setting out on a walk to discover the city. A welcome cocktail will be held before dinner to kick off your journey into Greek gastronomy. Overnight in Athens. (D)

DAY 3 ' DISCOVER ATHENS

Day dedicated to discovering Athens, including the main monuments of the Hellenic capital. Visit the Parthenon, the Erechtion, the Propylaea, the Acropolis as well as its new museum. In the afternoon, head over to the central neighbourhood of Kolonaki and climb Mount Lycabettus by cable car for a breathtaking view of the world's ancient capital. Overnight in Athens. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 · MONASTERIES OF METEORA (256 KM)

Travel north to Thessaly to discover the monasteries of Meteora. Spectacularly perched on thin vertical hilltop pillars, these magnificent structures contain unique Byzantine works of art and are still inhabited by Greek Orthodox monks. In the afternoon, visit two Monasteries and fall in love with the view from these floating havens. Continue to Kalambaka for the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 ' DELPHI'S ORACLES (279 KM)

Drive to central Greece to discover Delphi, home of the Greek gods. Visit the Delphi Archaeological Museum to view the Charioteer of Delphi and the Sphinx of Naxos, followed by the ancient site of Marmaria, the temple of Tholos and the fountain of Castalia. Continue to the center of the Greek world to discover the Temple of Apollo and its theater. Overnight in Delphi. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 - ROAD TO KEFALONIA (FERRY) (201 KM)

Leisurely morning in Delphi. Then, onto the port of Kyllini for a ferry ride to the dreamy island of Kefalonia, followed by a delicious Greek lunch. Let the island's zig-zagging coastline, electric blue skies and fragrant alleyways inspire you. Overnight in Kefalonia. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 THE ISLAND OF KEFALONIA

Nestled between the Ionian and Mediterranean seas. Kefalonia is one of the most beautiful islands in Greece. Morning tour of the island, featuring laid-back Argostoli and the Drongarati Caves. This afternoon, stretch out on one of the many white sand beaches or discover the island's charm at your own pace. Overnight in Kefalonia. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - ANCIENT OLYMPIA

Cross into the Peloponnese peninsula to reach the archaeological site of



Olympia, birthplace of the Olympics. You will visit the ancient stadium and see the location where the torch is initially lit prior to each Olympic game. End the day with a visit of the Archaeological Museum. Overnight in Olympia. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 • EXPLORE THE ARGOLIS PENINSULA (218 KM)

Excursion day on the Argolis Peninsula. Visit of the Mycenean Acropolis then stop for lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to Epidaurus to visit the ancient theatre, famous for its astonishing acoustics. Today ends with a stop in Argos to visit an olive oil producer and taste some of its finest products. Overnight in the picturesque port city of Nafplio. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 • FROM NAFPLIO TO SANTORINI (FLIGHT) (170 KM)

Enjoy a coastal drive along the Saronic Gulf as you make your way to the Corinth Canal which connects the Aegean to the Ionian Sea. Head to the Athens airport to fly to Santorini. Free time to settle in and to begin exploring this slice of heaven at your own pace. Overnight in Santorini. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 · EXPLORE SANTORINI

A day devoted to exploring the dazzling island of Santorini, queen of the Aegean. Guided visit of the picturesque village of Pyrgos, on a more secluded side of the island. Then, discover Oia, a sanctuary of calm and tranquility renowned for its sunsets. We will partake in a Greek wine tasting experience followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Santorini. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 MYKONOS & AN AEGEAN SUNSET (FERRY)

Wake up to an unforgettable sunrise and enjoy breakfast at your own laid-back pace, before boarding the ferry for Mykonos, a mythical island frequented by the rich and famous. Take a casual stroll through the Venetian port and its quaint pedestrian streets. Overnight in Mykonos. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 ' RELAXING IN MYKONOS

Mykonos is meant for lingering, and that is exactly what we'll do! Enjoy a free day in the prettiest of settings: white houses with blue shutters, sandy beaches and sunny terraces. Cool off in the swimming pool of your hotel or by heading out to one of the famous local beaches, you've earned it. Overnight in Mykonos. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 ' SCENIC FERRY TO ATHENS

Free morning to enjoy your last moments on this island paradise. Travel by ferry to Athens where you will have free time before our folkloric farewell dinner in the historical neighbourhood of La Plaka – Yassou! Overnight in Athens. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 ' HOME SWEET HOME

Fly from Athens to Canada, with a same day arrival. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. (B)





EVERY APPROACH TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PERKS:

Private car service to and from your home airport

International and domestic flights

Meals and excursions that are typically sold separately

Tips for all service providers

24/7 Group Guru (in addition to tour guide and local guides)

Extensive travel insurance with Manulife Financial

TOTAL VALUE OF PERKS \$3,495

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TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with Air Canada and 1 domestic flight
- 13 nights in first class hotels
- 4 ferry transfers
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, with entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage porterage throughout



FOOD & DRINK

- All 38 meals, including: 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 13 dinners
- Folkloric dinner (included in meal count)
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- Olive oil tasting in Argos
- Wine tasting in Santorini
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Visit the Acropolis to contemplate the cradle of Western civilization
- Admire the pillar-perched monasteries atop picturesque Meteora
- Admire what may be the world's most beautiful sunset in Santorini
- Enjoy a romantic stroll through the quaint streets of little Venice in Mykonos