

# Itinerary

## 19 Day Greek Islands & The Med Cruise W/Flights

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

## DAY 1: Depart Australia

Today you'll depart Australia for your exciting journey to Athens, Greece. Depending on your flight schedule, you may be required to leave on Day 0 or arrive in Athens on Day 1. If arriving on Day 1, one night of accommodation will be required at your own expense.

MEALS: In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** In Flight

## DAY 2: Arrive Athens, Greece

Upon arrival in Athens, make your own way to the hotel. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, perhaps taking a gentle stroll through the city's ancient streets or relaxing after your long flight. Please note that hotel check-in is generally available from 3:00pm.

**MEALS:** In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** Attalos Hotel, Athens

## DAY 3: Athens - Free Day

Today is completely yours to enjoy at your own pace. You might like to visit iconic landmarks such as the Acropolis and the Parthenon, wander through the bustling Plaka district, or take in the views from Lycabettus Hill. The day is yours to explore, relax, and prepare for the incredible cruise to come.

MEALS: Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Attalos Hotel, Athens

## DAY 4: Embark Cruise ~ Depart Piraeus, Athens, Greece

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out. You will be then met by your driver and transferred to the Port of Piraeus — the gateway to your unforgettable 14-night cruise. Located just 8km from the heart of Athens, Piraeus is one of the Mediterranean's busiest and most historic ports. After checking in and boarding your ship, take some time to settle into your cabin. Once you're feeling at home, head to the top deck to watch your first Aegean sunset at sea — a magical way to start your adventure. Explore the ship,

familiarise yourself with the dining and entertainment options, and get ready for the journey of a lifetime.

**DEPART:** 17:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

## DAY 5: Kusadasi, Turkey

This morning, wake up to the sights of Turkey's stunning Aegean coastline as you arrive in the vibrant seaside town of Kusadasi. Today you'll have the opportunity to visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus — one of the most well-preserved archaeological sites in the world. Walk along the marble streets, stand in awe before the Library of Celsus, and imagine life in this Roman city of over 250,000 people. Afterwards, head to the bustling Grand Bazaar to shop for carpets, leather goods, spices, and souvenirs.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 18:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- Adventure & Thrills at Adaland Water Park
- Ancient Ephesus & the Terrace Houses (HD)
- Ancient Ephesus Hellenistic & Roman Times
- Buggy Safari (HD) English Only
- Ephesus with an Expert Archaeologist (HD) English Only
- House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus (HD)

#### DAY 6: Rhodes, Greece

Today you'll step into a storybook as you explore the medieval island of Rhodes. Discover the Acropolis of Lindos perched high above the sea, and take in panoramic views of the coast. Wander the cobbled lanes of the Old Town — a UNESCO World Heritage site — where Ottoman mosques and Italianate

mansions blend with Byzantine churches. Whether you join a guided excursion or explore at your own pace, the island's beauty and history will captivate you.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 18:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- Kayak Adventure in Pirate Coves English Only
- Beauty of Butterflies & Ancient Kameiros
- Greek Pottery Class Experience English Only
- Acropolis of Lindos & Citadel of the Knights (HD)
- Philerimos Church & Palace of the Knights (HD)
- Walking Tour in the Medieval City of Rhodes (HD)

## DAY 7: Agios Nikolaos, Crete

Arrive in Agios Nikolaos, a charming harbour town nestled around the serene Lake Voulismeni. Greek mythology claims that Athena and Artemis once bathed here, and today it's a peaceful spot lined with cafes, shops, and neoclassical buildings. Take a walk along the marina, shop for local crafts, or simply sip a coffee and enjoy the view. You'll also find plenty of history here, including WWII sites and traditional villages in the surrounding hills.

**ARRIVE:** 08:00 | **DEPART:** 20:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- A Delectable Day in Crete (HD)
- Elounda & Spinalonga Crystal Waters (HD)
- Minoan Palace of Knossos & Cosmopolitan Heraklion (HD)
- River Trekking Adventure

## DAY 8: Santorini, Greece

Wake up in one of the world's most photographed destinations. Santorini is pure magic — with its whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches set against a brilliant blue sky and sea. You can choose to visit the village of Oia, perched high on the caldera cliffs, or take in the views from Fira. Perhaps join a winery tour or simply relax with a chilled drink overlooking the Aegean. It's a place where every moment feels postcard perfect.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 22:00 (Tendered)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- Cruise to Santorini's Islands & Volcanoes (HD)
- A Taste of Wine & Tradition English Only
- Hike to the Beauty of Oia English Only
- Music, Myths & History English Only
- Spectacular Oia Village on the Caldera Rim
- The Essence of Santorini (FD)

#### DAY 9: Mykonos, Greece

This morning, you'll dock on the glamorous island of Mykonos — famous for its cosmopolitan vibe, iconic windmills, and pristine beaches. You can stroll through the narrow streets of Mykonos Town, pop into boutique shops, or enjoy lunch at a seaside taverna. Fancy some history? Consider a boat ride to the nearby sacred island of Delos, a mythological and archaeological treasure.

**ARRIVE:** 08:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- Best of Mykonos
- Cycladic Tastes Food on Foot (HD)
- Delos Sacred Island & Apollo Sanctuary (HD)
- Home Cooking & Hospitality English Only
- Myconian Countryside, Hora & Little Venice (HD)
- Mykonian Dinner (HD)
- The Art of Mosaic Making English Only

#### DAY 10: Milos, Greece

After an early morning departure from Mykonos, you'll arrive at the volcanic island of Milos. Known for its otherworldly rock formations and turquoise coves, Milos is a natural wonder. You can explore Sarakiniko Beach with its moon-like landscape or visit the colourful fishing village of Klima. Join a local guide to discover hidden gems, or rent a bike and explore the coastline at your own pace.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 18:00 (Tendered)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- 4x4 Geological Tour (HD) English Only
- Sea Kayaking & Mesmerising Coastline English Only
- Step Back in Time (HD)
- Step Back in Time (Religious) (HD)
- Trek to the Heart & Soul of Milos English Only

#### DAY 11: Athens

Today, return to Athens' port city of Piraeus. You may choose to revisit Athens for a deeper dive into its ancient past or stay aboard to enjoy the ship's amenities. This is your chance to recharge or explore at your own rhythm before continuing on to the Adriatic.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 17:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- Athens Monuments & the Acropolis (HD)
- Athens Tour & New Acropolis Museum (HD)

#### Day 12: Kefalonia, Greece

Fir-covered mountains dotted with quaint villages meet a sparkling turquoise coastline on Kefalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands. Discover the island's natural wonders, such as the breathtaking Melissani Cave, where sunlight dances on the crystal-clear underground lake. Or take it slow and soak up the

charm of a traditional fishing village — watching yachts bob in the harbour as you sip a cool drink and enjoy the serene atmosphere. Kefalonia is a peaceful retreat were nature and culture blend beautifully.

ARRIVE: 09:00 | DEPART: 16:00 (Docked)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

## Day 13: Dubrovnik, Croatia

As we sail into Dubrovnik, the sight of the city's majestic stone walls rising above the sea is truly unforgettable. Step ashore and walk along these ancient ramparts for a spectacular view of the red-roofed Old Town, baroque buildings, and the shimmering Adriatic beyond. Then wander the maze of limestone streets, where hidden courtyards, bustling cafés, and lively restaurants invite you to pause and soak in the charm of this UNESCO World Heritage gem.

ARRIVE: 12:00 | DEPART: 02:30 (next morning) (Docked)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

#### Day 14: Kotor, Montenegro

Red rooftops, sapphire waters, and dramatic mountain peaks set the scene as we arrive in Kotor — a hidden gem on the Adriatic. Nestled within a stunning fjord-like bay, the medieval Old Town is a labyrinth of narrow streets, Venetian palaces, ancient churches, and lively squares filled with cafés and bars. Whether you choose to wander the charming laneways or climb the fortress for panoramic views, Kotor offers a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 17:00 (Tendered\*)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

\*Tendering subject to weather conditions.

## Day 15: Bari, Italy

Step into the enchanting port town of Bari, tucked away in Italy's sun-drenched Puglia region. Stroll through the atmospheric Old Town where centuries-old buildings, Romanesque churches, and winding alleyways tell stories of the past. Discover lively local markets filled with fresh produce and the mouthwatering aroma of focaccia hot from the oven. With its vibrant energy and laid-back southern charm, Bari offers a deliciously authentic taste of Italian coastal life.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 17:00 (Docked)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 16: Corfu, Greece

Arriving in the quaint fishing village of Katakolon, you might not suspect the treasure it protects just inland. A short journey away lies ancient Olympia — the revered birthplace of the Olympic Games. Walk among the ruins of temples and stadiums that echo with history or admire priceless artefacts in the archaeological museum. If you're after a slower pace, relax on Katakolon's stunning coastline, where golden sands meet crystal-clear waters.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 17:00 (Tendered)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

## Day 17: Katakolon, Greece

As you step ashore in the quiet fishing village of Katakolon, you'll discover the gateway to ancient Olympia — birthplace of the Olympic Games. Walk among historic ruins where athletes once competed, or unwind with a beach day on the Ionian Sea. This day is a blend of ancient glory and seaside bliss.

ARRIVE: 08:00 | DEPART: 14:00 (Tendered)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Celestyal Journey

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 

- Olympia & Archaeological Museum (HD)
- Olympia & Olive Oil Tasting (HD)
- Olympia & Wine Tasting (HD)
- Olympia Hiking (HD)

## DAY 18: Disembark Cruise ~ Depart Athens

After breakfast, you'll disembark in Piraeus and make your own way to the airport for your return flight home. If you'd like to extend your adventure, MyHoliday2 also offers a variety of packages to explore more of Greece.

#### **ARRIVE:** 08:00

MEALS: Breakfast, In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** In Flight

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

- Athens Monuments & Acropolis + Airport Transfer
- Athens Monuments & the Acropolis (HD) \$178 |
- Athens Tour & New Acropolis Museum (HD) \$165

## DAY 19: Arrive Australia

Today you arrive home, marking the end of your incredible journey. Depending on flight schedules, arrival may be on Day 20.

**MEALS:** In Flight