



## Aegean Dreams

<b>Duration :</b>	14 Days / 13 Nights
<b>Departure City :</b>	Mykonos
<b>Meals Included :</b>	
<b>Breakfasts :</b>	13

### Description

The Aegean Dreams package has been our signature holiday for over 15 years. It offers the best of the Greek islands and Athens. Mykonos, Santorini & Crete are 3 of the most popular yet distinctly different islands, offering you an incredible experience that is both memorable and uniquely Greek. The package is also fully customizable in the sense that if you have additional islands you want to visit we can extend or expand upon this already incredible package to include even more highlights of Greece.

Off the east coast of Greece lies one of the most fabled seas in history, the Aegean. Such luminaries as Homer, Shakespeare and Byron have immortalized its islands. No two islands are alike, in topography or style. This 2-week program focuses on three of the Aegean's most famous and beautiful islands. From the eclectic and vibrant atmosphere of the wind-milled island of Mykonos to the rugged volcanic beauty of Santorini to the sheer mystery of Crete, each island will leave an indelible yet distinctly different impression of Greece in the traveler's mind. A few highlights of this tour will include a visit to the golden sand beaches of Mykonos, the impossibly stunning cliff-top architecture of Santorini's villages and the ruins of the Minoan civilization at Knossos on Crete. During your stay in Crete you will be provided with your own rental car to explore the largest of Greek islands at your leisure

### Package Includes

- Accommodation in select hotels as per itinerary
- All direct flights between Athens and the Greek islands
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- All transfers
- Athens Guide magazine
- Athens map
- Breakfast daily
- Car rental as indicated in the itinerary
- Ferry from Mykonos to Santorini
- Ferry from Santorini to Crete
- Sightseeing tours as indicated in the itinerary

### Package Does Not Include

- Airport departure taxes
- All personal expenses at hotels
- Gratuities of any type
- Insurance of any type
- International flights

## Itinerary

Day 1	Mykonos Arrival
Location:	Mykonos, Greece
Transfer:	Airport (JMK) to Hotel
Flight:	Athens to Mykonos
Description:	Welcome to Greece! Upon your arrival at Mykonos airport you will be greeted in the public area of the arrivals hall and transferred to your select Mykonos hotel. The remainder of the day is to be spent at your leisure. Overnight in Mykonos.
Day 2	Mykonos at Leisure
Location:	Mykonos, Greece
Description:	Spend today recovering from your flight on the beach or wandering the architecturally inspiring white-washed town of Chora. Mykonos has some of the finest and cleanest beaches in the Mediterranean. It is also one of the best places to have a meal in an idyllic taverna on the beach with your feet in the sand. Overnight in Mykonos.
Day 3	Mykonos at Leisure
Location:	Mykonos, Greece

**Description:** Today is another magnificent day to take in the sights and sounds of Mykonos and its surroundings. The ancient island of Delos, located a short boat ride from the main town of Chora, was the home to the Athenian navy and an important trading post. Today, you can walk through the well preserved mansions and streets, transporting yourself to another time and place. Ensure that you spend at least one evening in the main town of Chora, walking through its numerous pedestrian only alleys and streets, taking in the most cosmopolitan vacation destination in Greece. Overnight in Mykonos.

#### Day 4 Mykonos - Ferry - Santorini

**Location:** Mykonos, Greece  
Santorini, Greece

**Transfer:** Hotel to Port

**Ferry:** Greece - Mykonos to Santorini

**Transfer:** Port to Hotel in Imerovigli

**Description:** After spending the morning relaxing in Mykonos you will be transferred from your select hotel to the port of Mykonos where you will board your ferry to the magical island of Santorini. After a 3 hour ferry ride you will arrive at one of the most unique destinations in all of Europe. You will be greeted at the port and assisted to your select Santorini hotel. The remainder of your day is to be spent at your leisure. Overnight in Santorini.

#### Day 5 Santorini at Leisure

**Location:** Santorini, Greece

**Description:** Your first full day in Santorini will be sure to leave you with a lifetime of incredible memories and photographs. One of the best ways to take in Santorini is to walk the pedestrian only footpath that clings to the edge of the cliff-tops of the island. The path joins the villages of Fira, Firostefani, Imerovigli and continues over 10 kilometres to the the artist colony of Oia at the edge of the island. Enjoy a dinner in one of the seafront fish tavernas at Ammoudi, one of the finest places to view the world famous sunsets of Santorini. Overnight in Santorini.

#### Day 6 Santorini at Leisure

**Location:** Santorini, Greece

**Description:** Though Santorini is a relatively small island, it is full of wonderful surprises. The artist colony and village of Oia is one of the quaintest settlements of the island. Here you will find some of the finest art and crafts in Greece along with fabulous quality restaurants and cliff-top lounges. If you are interested in heading to the beach, Santorini has famous black and red sand beaches that are easily accessible by taxi or local bus. Of course, we strongly encourage you to grab a chair on your balcony and soak in the views and colors of this incredibly unique volcanic holiday paradise. Overnight in Santorini.

#### Day 7 Santorini - Ferry - Crete

**Location:** Santorini, Greece  
Heraklion, Greece

**Transfer:** Heraklion Port to Heraklion Town

**Transfer:** Hotel in Imerovigli to Port

**Ferry:** Greece - Santorini to Heraklion

**Description:** After spending today enjoying your last day on Santorini you will be transferred to the Santorini ferry terminal where you will board your fast ferry to Crete, the largest island in Greece. Upon your arrival in Crete you will be greeted at the port and assisted to your select Heraklion hotel. Overnight in Heraklion.

#### Day 8 Heraklion - Car Rental Pickup - Rethymnon

**Location:** Heraklion, Greece  
Rethymnon, Greece

**Car Rental:** **Pick Up** Heraklion - Heraklion Airport

**Transfer:** Heraklion Town to Airport (HER)

**Description:** After breakfast today you will be greeted and transferred to Heraklion airport where you will pick up your car rental. The ancient city of Knossos located less than 20 kilometres from the airport, would be a perfect introduction to Crete. Home to the Minoan civilization that flourished more than 4000 years ago, Knossos is one of Greece's most cherished and important archaeological sites. After your visit to Knossos, you might choose to drive a few kilometres to the mountain village of Archanes, famous for being one of Greece's best preserved traditional villages, for a spot of lunch. Make your way approximately 90 minutes to the Venetian port town of Rethymnon, which you will call home for the next 3 days. Overnight in Rethymnon.

#### Day 9 Crete at Leisure

**Location:** Rethymnon, Greece

Chania, Greece

**Description:**

One suggested option for today's itinerary would be to drive approximately 70 minutes to the wonderful, medieval port town of Chania. Home to one of the most charming ports in Greece, Chania's old town is pedestrian only and begs to be discovered on foot. An afternoon drive into the hills south west of Chania will allow you to discover mountain villages rarely visited by today's beach seeking tourist. Afternoon return to Rethymnon for your overnight.

**Day 10 Crete at Leisure**

**Location:** Crete, Greece

**Description:**

Spend today at your leisure or you could opt to take a full day hike down the Samaria Gorge, known as being the longest gorge in Europe. Another option would be to drive south and experience the beautiful and rarely visited seaside towns and beaches of southern Crete. Overnight in Rethymnon.

**Day 11 Rethymnon - Heraklion - Flight - Athens**

**Location:** Crete, Greece

Athens, Greece

**Transfer:** Airport (ATH) to City Center

**Flight:** Heraklion to Athens

**Car Rental:** **Drop Off** Heraklion - Heraklion Airport

**Description:**

After spending your morning in Rethymnon you will drive to Heraklion airport after lunch and board your afternoon flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens you will be greeted in the public area of the arrivals hall and transferred to your select hotel. The remainder of the day is to be spent at your leisure exploring Athens at night. Overnight in Athens.

**Day 12 Athens Small Group Acropolis, City and Acropolis Museum Walking Tour**

**Location:** Athens, Greece

**Activity:** **Acropolis, City & Acropolis Museum Walking Tour**

This sightseeing tour will afford you the luxury of experiencing the two most important attractions of Athens. The Acropolis of Athens is one of the most famous archaeological sites in all of Greece. The new Acropolis Museum is the home to the masterpieces of the Acropolis, where they are displayed in stunning surroundings bathed in natural light.

The tour begins inside the Syntagma metro station where you will visit the metro Museum with very interesting archaeological artifacts from the daily life of Ancient Athens that came to light during the construction of the metro.

You will then continue on to the House of the Greek Parliament, the Monument to the Unknown Soldier and watch the changing of the guard. Your tour continues towards the National Gardens and on to the beautiful neoclassical Zappeion Hall, in front of which tower the surviving columns of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, both of which you will have the opportunity to visit. From there you enter the famous Plaka district where you see the statue of Melina Merkouri.

You will enter the Acropolis from the south slope so as to avoid the crowds and also to visit the Dionysus sanctuary and Dionysus Theatre built in the 5th century BC. Your guide will take care of the tickets so you can skip the line. As you begin to ascend the sacred hill a breathtaking view of the city below will unfold.

Your guide will give you a detailed explanation of the glorious monuments of the Acropolis such as the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Propylaia, the Nike Temple and the surrounding monuments such as the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Ancient Agora, the Observatory as well as the Philopappos, Mars, and Pnyx Hills.

After your tour of the Acropolis site, you will have approximately 45-minutes to descend towards the New Acropolis Museum. You will have ample time to take personal photographs from many vantage points on and around the Acropolis prior to reaching the Acropolis Museum. Its unique design has incorporated the excavations which are visible under stunning glass floors. The Acropolis masterpieces are marked out and given the prominence they deserve through ideal interior atmospheric conditions, natural lighting. Additionally, there is easy visitor access, panoramic views and excellent layout of the exhibition areas. The museum exhibits about 4,000 artifacts.

The tour ends at the Acropolis Museum.

**Description:**

Overnight in Athens at your select hotel.

**Day 13 Athens at Leisure**

Location: Athens, Greece

**Description:** Spend your last day in Greece enjoying one of Europe's most underrated cities. You can visit the Monastiraki open air market, explore the National Archaeological Museum or simply wander the streets of Athens looking for last minute purchases to provide you with wonderful memories of Greece's capital city. For your last dinner in Greece we recommend you find a table at one of the many incredible tavernas in the Plaka district and enjoy a delicious meal. Overnight in Athens.

#### Day 14 Athens Departure

Location: Athens, Greece

**Transfer:** City Center to Airport (ATH)

**Description:** After breakfast this morning (time permitting) you will be greeted in the lobby of your hotel and transferred to Athens airport where you will board your flight home, full of a new appreciation for one of Europe's most enchanting countries.

### Accommodation

#### Luxury Package

##### Mykonos

#### Mykonos Grand Hotel

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

Mykonos Grand Hotel is a luxury hotel on Agios Ioannis Beach on the island of Mykonos. It offers traditional and luxurious accommodation and services in a great location that allows guests to relax and peacefully enjoy their stay in Mykonos while being close to the shops, restaurants, and nightlife of the lively town.

#### Petasos Beach Resort & Spa

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

The luxurious 5 Star Petasos Beach Resort & Spa in Mykonos stands majestically on a private peninsula offering impeccable service, luxury accommodation and facilities, and stunning views of the Aegean Sea.

##### Santorini

#### Andronis Luxury Suites

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

Reflecting traditional Aegean architecture and overlooking the island's volcanic caldera, the Andronis Luxury Suites represents the most luxurious escape in a dreamy Mediterranean.

#### Astra Suites

Rating : 4 Star

Perched atop stunning volcanic cliffs you will find the Astra Suites located in the peaceful Imerovigli village on the beautiful Greek island of Santorini.

##### Elounda

#### Blue Palace, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

Nestled on the famed coast of Elounda on the island of Crete, our luxury beachfront resort offers emblematic views to the relics of Spinalonga Island. A luxury resort in Greece with exceptional charm, architecture and style, Blue Palace Resort & Spa is the perfect hideaway

#### Porto Elounda De Luxe Resort

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

Along the azure coast of Elounda, on Europe's southernmost island of Crete, is the luxurious 5 star Porto Elounda Resort. This seaside resort offers an enormous variety of services, amenities, and dining options in a unique atmosphere and beautiful location with stunning views.

##### Athens

#### Athens Hilton

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

Take in Acropolis views from the Hilton Athens Hotel, a contemporary oasis in the ancient, bustling city of Athens. This central Athens hotel is located in the heart of the city's commercial district, with the prestigious shops and cafés of Kolonaki surrounding it.

#### Hotel Grande Bretagne Athens

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

With breathtaking views of the famed Acropolis and Parthenon, regal Constitution Square and the Parliament, lush Lycabettus Hill or the original Olympic Stadium, the multi-awarded

5 star Hotel Grande Bretagne offers an unrivaled perspective of Athens' mythical history.

**The Westin Athens, Astir Palace Resort Hotel**      **Rating : 4 Star**

Thanks to its unique setting on the private peninsula Astir Palace Resort in the heart of the Athenian Riviera, The Westin Athens offers the best of both worlds. Relax at classic seaside resort, with cosmopolitan Athens city life just a short drive away.

## Standard Package

### Mykonos

**Despotiko**      **Rating : 3 Star**

A 200 year old house that was once the residence of a bishop, is now the Despotiko Hotel located on the beautiful island of Mykonos, minutes away from the main town and within easy access to many of the island's sandy beaches.

### Santorini

**Infinity Suites & Dana Villas Santorini**      **Rating : 4 Star**

Dana Villas Hotel in Firostefani, Santorini offers elegant accommodation with traditional Cycladic architecture and stunning sea views.

### Heraklion

**Galaxy Hotel Iraklio**      **Rating : 5 Star Luxury**

Located in central Heraklion, the capital city of Crete, is the Galaxy Hotel Iraklio. The Galaxy Hotel's proximity to both the business center and a multitude of historical sites puts it in the unique position of being able to facilitate guests wanting to take advantage of the city and the rest of this beautiful island.

**Lato Boutique Hotel**      **Rating : 3 Star**

Lato Boutique Hotel is an independent, family-owned and managed hotel. Operating since 1978, Lato has been transformed into a fine boutique hotel becoming very popular in Heraklion city on the island of Crete. Lato Boutique Hotel is set in an exquisite location. It is situated across the old city harbour offering spectacular panoramic views.

### Rethymnon

**Casa Vitae**      **Rating : 4 Star**

Casa Vitae Boutique Hotel is a renovated old Venetian house. It was built in the late 16th, early 17th century and is located in the old city of Rethymnon, Crete. It is a 3 minute walk from the museums, the Venetian fortress, the Venetian harbour, shops, restaurants, cafés, and other attractions and entertainment venues.

**Civitas Rethymnae Boutique Hotel**      **Rating : 4 Star Superior**

This boutique hotel is in a historic, 15th century building. It is Located in the heart of Rethymno's medieval old town situated near attractions, shops, restaurants, and the beach.

**Hotel Leo**      **Rating : 4 Star**

Hotel Leo is housed in a historical mansion dating back to the Venetian period. The hotel offers traditional rooms and modern comforts, located in Rethymno's old town.

### Athens

**A for Athens**      **Rating : 4 Star**

This is the new urban hotel in the center of Athens, embracing the city's heritage and contemporary culture. Enjoy a 100% authentic Athens experience, where one gives an A to the best of this enchanting city.

**Plaka Hotel**      **Rating : 3 Star**

This is an excellent choice for those in search of a centrally located hotel in the heart of Athens. This hotel offers a buffet breakfast and rooms with views of the Acropolis, Plaka, or Mount Lycabettus and guests are within a 5 minute walk of the city's main attractions.

## Superior Package

## Mykonos

### Deliades Hotel

Rating : 4 Star

Deliades Hotel is situated at the edge of Ornos Bay on a small hill overlooking the bay with a breathtaking view of Ornos Beach. The hotel features Cycladic architecture and is known as one of the most impressive hotels in Mykonos.

### Harmony Boutique Hotel

Rating : 4 Star

Harmony Boutique Hotel, the most recent jewel of Mykonos island, is an exclusive boutique hotel that portrays authentic Mykonian architecture. The combination of balanced colours and traditional style result in a harmonious set of impeccable beauty that creates a relaxing atmosphere.

### Yiannaki Hotel

Rating : 4 Star

Painted in the traditional Greek colors of blue and white, nestled in a hill overlooking the bay of Ornos, the Hotel Yiannaki is the perfect setting for your time on the beautiful island of Mykonos and well situated for a day on the beach or a night in Mykonos town.

## Santorini

### Belvedere Suites Santorini

Rating : 4 Star Superior

The Belvedere Suites Santorini is built into a cliff side overlooking the volcano and nearby islands. With views of the Aegean Sea, this hotel offers a taste of Santorini with its traditional architecture. It is located in the town of Fira, within easy access of beaches and attractions.

### Infinity Suites & Dana Villas Santorini

Rating : 4 Star

Dana Villas Hotel in Firostefani, Santorini offers elegant accommodation with traditional Cycladic architecture and stunning sea views.

### White Hotel

Rating : 4 Star

Built on the highest point of the caldera, in Imerovigli village, the White Hotel offers its guests exceptional service in an idyllic environment complimented by breathtaking views.

## Heraklion

### Galaxy Hotel Iraklio

Rating : 5 Star Luxury

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## Rethymnon

### Casa Moazzo Suites & Apartments

Rating : 4 Star

Located in the heart of the old town of Rethymnon on the island of Crete is the Casa Moazzo Suites & Apartments, a historic building in a great location in close proximity to the historic monuments and the beach.

### Civitas Rethymnae Boutique Hotel

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### Hotel Leo

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## Athens

### Athens Gate

Rating : 4 Star

The Athens Gate is a modern hotel located in the historic district of Athens opposite the Temple of Olympian Zeus and within 500 meters of the Acropolis.

### New Hotel Athens

Rating : 4 Star Superior

The New Hotel Athens is a splendid structure situated in central Athens in an ideal destination for a unique and unforgettable stay. The hotel is renowned because it was designed by the Campana brothers, who have created this splendid structure joining together the charm of ancient Athens with a contemporary, artistic flair. This new hotel provides unique and creative accommodation and friendly hospitality.

## Pricing Availability

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- Hotel Selection
- Number of Travelers
- Travel Dates

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