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# Exploring Greece and Its Islands

featuring Classical Greece, Mykonos & Santorini

October 7 – 21, 2018



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15 Days • 22 Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 8 Dinners

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**Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



## Collette Experiences

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Join a local expert to explore Athens and its famed sites.
- Explore the grandeur of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.
- Have a day to explore Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands.

## Culinary Inclusions

- Feast on local food and wine at a traditional "taverna."
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour in Santorini.

**Highlights:** Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, Choice on Tour, Metéora, Delphi, Olympia, Greek Farm Visit, Cooking Class, Greek Dance Class, Mycenae, Mykonos, Santorini, Ancient Akrotiri

### Day 1: Sunday, October 7, 2018

**Overnight Flight** Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

### Day 2: Monday, October 8, 2018

**Athens, Greece - Tour Begins** Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, **feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment.** (D)

### Day 3: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**Athens** Enjoy a panoramic tour of the **highlights in Athens** showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, **it's your choice!** Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis. Or, embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx – where democracy was formed in Greece – and the Temple of Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps



you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

#### **Day 4: Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

**Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora -**

**Kalambaka** Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and **visit two remote**

**monasteries** situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

#### **Day 5: Thursday, October 11, 2018**

**Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova** This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary

of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

#### **Day 6: Friday, October 12, 2018**

**Arachova - Olympia** Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

#### **Day 7: Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**Olympia** Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as



**you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience** followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 8: Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**Olympia - Mycenae - Tolo** Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Tolo. (B)

#### **Day 9: Monday, October 15, 2018**

**Tolo - Athens - Mykonos** This morning, transfer\* to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you sail across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

#### **Day 10: Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

**Mykonos** Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets

link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B)

**Day 11: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Mykonos - Santorini** Sail to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

#### **Day 12: Thursday, October 18, 2018**

**Santorini - Oia - Santorini** Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

#### **Day 13: Friday, October 19, 2018**

**Santorini** Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most

stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town center, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

#### **Day 14: Saturday, October 20, 2018**

**Santorini - Athens** Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### **Day 15: Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**Athens - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

#### **Itinerary at a glance**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Day 4	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Day 5	Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova
Days 6, 7	Europa Hotel Olympia, Olympia
Day 8	King Minos Hotel, Tolo
Days 9, 10	San Marco Hotel, Mykonos
Days 11 – 13	El Greco Hotel Resort, Santorini
Day 14	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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### **Experience It! Santorini**

Santorini came to be after a massive volcanic eruption that destroyed the earliest settlements on what was originally a single island located in the southern Aegean Sea. The history of the island can be seen at the Minoan site of Akrotiri and in the traditional hilltop village of Oia. Santorini is also known for their modernistic wineries, breweries, Cyclades dining, accomplished artists, and multicolored beaches.

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Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers.

Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*Due to the ferry schedule on day 9 of some departures, you may be required to depart the hotel in Tolo as early as 4:00 a.m. Should this be the case, a boxed breakfast will be provided in place of the regular hotel breakfast.

Luggage handling is not available when getting on and off the ferries in Mykonos and Santorini.

Due to the nature of this itinerary, both 3- and 4-star hotels that may be located in the vicinity of historic centers will be utilized.

Many activities in this itinerary include walking on uneven terrain, or require significant walking at times. Some of the unique experiences, such as visiting historical areas, mean accessing locations by foot because motorcoaches are restricted. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour. Our travel counselors can provide

additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 01, 2018 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 08, 2018. Deposits are refundable up until April 08, 2018.**

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