Glorious Greece
including the Greek Isles

Join us as we discover glorious Greece and the Greek Isles! Experience the magic that has drawn travelers to its shores for centuries. Take the opportunity to immerse yourself in some of the most significant cultural sites in the Western world. From the Acropolis at Athens to Knossos Palace, we will explore the living history of this beautiful country.

Greece is also home to a wealth of natural beauty. Visit beautiful beaches adorned by white-washed buildings on the shores of the Mediterranean.

For 16 days enjoy the immersion into the food, culture, and history of this ancient land. Our journey begins in Athens, a remarkable city with antiquities including the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and the site of the first Olympic games.

From Athens we explore the islands of Aegina, Mykonos, Tinos, Rhenia, Spinaloga, and Crete while discovering pristine beaches, unparalleled vistas, and the amazing cultural treasures that are waiting for us.

For More information, visit us at [www.uaf.edu/summer/travel](http://www.uaf.edu/summer/travel)

**Important notes:**
Travelers will be required to have their COVID-19 vaccinations. Guidelines regarding facial coverings and distancing will be followed in accordance with local governments.

Travel insurance is always recommended for any travel out of the United States. There are several ways to purchase coverage. Some credit card companies insure trips that are purchased with their card. Another option is to check with a local travel agency. Travel insurance is also available via CampDoc, our travel program registration system.

**Tour Dates:**
April 26-May 11, 2022

**Tour Cost:**
$5,900.00

**Single Supplement:**
$800.00

**Extra Room Night (4/25/22):**
$160.00

**Inclusions:**
- 24/7 Tour Director/Guide
- Accommodations
- Ground Transportation
- Entry fees
- Three meals per day
- Gratuities

Transportation costs to and from Greece are NOT included in this tour price. All travelers must arrange their own transportation to and from the starting and ending cities.
Glorious Greece including the Greek Isles

Day 1: Arrival in Athens
Afternoon: Begin the adventure with an afternoon orientation and sightseeing tour of Athens. We will pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian’s Arch, and Panathinaiko Stadium. The tour will end at the astonishing Acropolis at Athens and the new Acropolis museum.
Evening: Enjoy our welcome dinner in the heart of Athens.
Overnight in Athens.

Day 2: Athens
Morning: Take a walk through the open markets of Athens! We will visit Ermou, a popular modern shopping center, as well as Monastiraki’s flea market, and finally the Varvakios meat market to experience all aspects of Greek shopping culture.
Afternoon: Lunch in the Plaka district.
Free time in Plaka, the oldest district in Athens.
Evening: Dinner will be hosted by a local Greek family, followed by a talk on the Greek economy and the Covid-19 crisis.

Day 3: Aegina
Morning: Begin our day trip to Aegina, just one hour away from Athens. Explore Aegina’s hiking trails, mystical medieval settlements, world-renowned pistachios and olive groves, hidden beaches and more.
Afternoon: As a group we will hike to the temple of Aphaia, followed by a refreshing swim and a walk in this picturesque town.
Overnight in Athens.

Day 4: Tinos Island
Morning: We will start the day by transferring to Piraeus and take the ferry to Tinos Island.
Afternoon: Explore the sights of Tinos! Tinos destinations include the famous church Panagia of Tinos where Grecians make pilgrimage twice a year. The various villages in the interior of the island are also well worth a visit, including Pyrgos, the marble art village, and Volakas, the meteorite village.
Evening: Overnight in Tinos.
**Day 5: Tinos Island**

**Morning:** We will take a closer look at the famous marble villages of Tinos, starting with the beautiful whitewashed squares of Pyrgos. Visit the marble sculptor workshops and the Pyrgos marble museum!

**Afternoon:** Our group will go on to explore the villages of Isternia and Kardiana, which boast spectacular views of the Aegean Sea.

**Evening:** Our day ends in a beautiful bay with the opportunity for swimming as well as an evening meal on the seafront. Overnight in Tinos.

**Day 6: Tinos Island**

**All day:** On this final day in Tinos, we take a tour of the island’s interior. Enjoy these laidback, rural lands spotted with sparkling white villages. In Falatados we will view the beautiful Cathedral and the famous House of Scetch. The village of Volax rests on a scenic plateau surrounded by hills of blocky granite. Our last two stops of the day include the village of Koumaros, as well as the old Byzantine fort located in Xobourgo.

**Evening:** Overnight in Tinos.

**Day 7: Mykonos Island**

**Morning:** Our day begins by traveling to an important part of the Cyclades island formation, the isle of Mykonos.

**Afternoon:** It’s time to explore Chora, the glamorous capital located on the western side of Mykonos island! Chora, popularly known as Little Venice, is famous for its wonderful architecture, windmills, and impressive church belfries.

**Evening:** Overnight in Mykonos.

**Day 8: Yacht Cruise to Rhenia Island**

**Morning:** Enjoy a beautiful day on the Mediterranean Sea during a 7-hour yacht cruise to the uninhabited Rhenia Island. We will explore the natural archaeological site of Delos during a guided tour.

**Afternoon:** A light lunch and complimentary drinks will be served, followed by swimming and snorkeling in a secluded Rhenia cove!

**Evening:** Overnight in Mykonos.
Glorious Greece including the Greek Isles

Day 9: Heraklion, Crete
All day: Morning ferry to Heraklion, Crete, the largest Greek island and the birthplace of the ancient Minoan civilization. Today's tour will focus on the rugged splendor of the island while visiting traditional mountain villages and the hiking trails of the nearby gorges.
Evening: Enjoy a delicious traditional Cretan meal, the basis of the healthy Mediterranean diet! Be sure to try a glass of “tsikoudia,” the famous Cretan spirit.
Overnight in Heraklion.

Day 10: Heraklion, Crete
Morning: Let’s explore one of the world’s most culturally significant historical sites, the 3500-year-old Palace of Knossos! This astounding palace contains a maze of royal chambers, grand staircases, and workshops.
Afternoon: We continue to Lyrarakis winery, one of the best wineries in the Cretan countryside. Lunch and wine-tasting will be available, followed by a tour of the exquisite vineyard.
Evening: Overnight in Heraklion.

Day 11: Spinaloga Island
Morning: Today we will visit one of the most interesting sites in eastern Crete, Elounda Bay and Spinaloga Island. Prepare for adventure on the sea as we visit Spinaloga on a caique (a small boat). Spinaloga is notable for being one of the very last active leper colonies in Europe from 1903 to 1957.
Afternoon: Upon our return to Elounda bay, we will board our kayaks and explore the nearby pristine beaches.
Evening: Overnight in Heraklion.

Day 12: Eleftherna, Crete & Chania
Morning: We begin the day’s hike at the Acropolis of Eleftherna, nestled in the foothills of Psiloritis mountain. During our journey we will pass Roman cisterns, the Necropolis, and an ancient Cretan bridge.
Afternoon: We end our hike in the tiny village of Margarites, known for its unique pottery inspired by Minoan and Byzantine artistic traditions.
Evening: The journey continues onwards to Chania, a lively harbor framed by the beautiful White Mountains.
Overnight in Chania.
Glorious Greece including the Greek Isles

Day 13: Chania, Crete
All day: Relax during an easy, pleasant hike through the narrow gorge of Agia Irini located in the White Mountains. You can expect a verdant and humid atmosphere created by a variety of local plants and gigantic plane trees. Our hike terminates in the village of Agia Irini, after which we will make our way back to Chania.
Evening: Overnight in Chania.

Day 14: Gramvousa Island
Morning: After breakfast, we head over to the port of Kissamos to embark on a relaxing boat trip. At Gramvousa Island, we will discover geological phenomena and unique sea caves. Don’t miss the opportunity to explore the nearby Venetian castle!
Afternoon: Our next stop takes us to the lagoon of Balos and a chance to swim in its warm waters.
Evening: Overnight in Chania.

Day 15: Chania, Crete
All day: Wrap up your Greek adventure with a traditional cooking class! You will have the opportunity to cook, taste, and enjoy local recipes as you prepare delicious dishes with the guidance of a professional Cretan chef.
Evening: It’s time to enjoy the results of the cooking class with your friends and traveling companions. We will have the opportunity to sample each other’s fabulous meals together on a long monastery-style table. Greek music, stories, and conversation will cap off this enriching and insightful trip through Greece and the Greek Isles.
Overnight in Chania.

Day 16: Travel home
Morning flight to Athens, and then homeward bound!