

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

8 Day Turkey And Greece Escape Tour

Welcome to Turkey! First class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Istanbul including private daily excursions to Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque, Istanbul's famous, Hagia Sophia, Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace and the Bosphorus onto a wonderful visit to Greece. There are hundreds of archaeological and historical sites to visit in Greece that gloriously depict the country's past. Its landscape is mainly mountainous and the terrain is not very fertile except for some valleys scattered along the Greek mainland. Come and join wto enjoy your unforgettable holiday in Turkey and Greece.



PRICE STARTING FROM

€714 €714

DURATION

8 days

TOUR ID

22826

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Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Upon our arrival at Istanbul International Airport, your guide will meet, assist and transfer you to the

hotel. Istanbul's original name is Byzantium then Constantinople. It is a most fascinating city, which actually crosses two continents Europe and Asia. It is a city of amalgamation of bazaars, minarets, mosques, churches, palaces, and restaurants catering to every one's taste, museums, customs and twelve million people. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we pick you up at 08.30 from your hotel for the daily tour of old Istanbul City. Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. We will then take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping on many Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Free Evening and optional Istanbul Evening Shows or Bosphorus Dinner Cruise including traditional Turkish entertainment and dinner. Overnight Istanbul.

Please Note: Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace closed on Tuesdays. If your tour is on one of these days, we would offer you to visit Underground Cistern instead of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi palace museum.

Day 3 : Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour

Breakfast Included

We pick you up at 08.30 from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour following the breakfast. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world.

BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE) The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul.

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe) CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style.

SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with our local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 4 : Istanbul - Athens

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and depart by international flight to Greece. Upon arrival in Athens, you will meet with our local representative at the airport and be transferred to your hotel. Once you settle in, you are free to stroll in the old Plaka district. Overnight in Athens.

Day 5 : Athens - Half Day City Tour

Breakfast Included

In the morning, after breakfast, we will pick you up from the hotel and shall start our sightseeing tour of the centre of Athens, including The Constitution of Greece (Sintagma). It was created by the Fifth Revisional Parliament of the Hellenes and entered into force in 1975. It has been revised three times since, in 1986, in 2001 and in 2008. The Constitutional history of Greece goes back to the Greek War of Independence, during which the first three revolutionary Greek constitutions were adopted.

Afterwards we will visit Old Parliament House The Old Parliament building which is located at Stadiou Street in Athens, housed the Greek Parliament between 1875 and 1932. It now houses the country's National Historical Museum. In front of the building stands a large equestrian statue of General Theodoros Kolokotronis, cast in bronze. It was sculpted by Lazaros Sochos in Paris in 1900, and erected in its current place in 1904.

Continue our tour, we will go to The National Library of Greece which is situated near the center of city of Athens. It holds 4,500 Greek manuscripts which is one of the greatest collection of Greek scripts.

There are also many chrysobulls and archives of the Greek Revolution

Then we will continue driving down Herod Atticus Street, you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniform and the PRESIDENTIAL PALACE which is the official residence of the President of the Hellenic Republic. It previously served as the Royal Palace, until the abolition of the monarchy by referendum in 1974. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus. and you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium which was refurbished a second time in 1895 for the 1896 Olympics, with completion funding provided by the Greek benefactor George Averoff whose marble statue now stands at the entrance, based on designs by architects Anastasios Metaxas and Ernst Ziller.

Upon arrival Acropolis, we will visit Acropolis Museum which is focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens. Also, we will visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the PROPYLAEA, the TEMPLE of ATHENA NIKE, the ERECHTHEION.

The last stop before we back to hotel is The Parthenon. The Parthenon is a temple in Acropolis, the harmony between material and spirit, the monument that puts order in the mind. Early evening we will back to hotel, you can relax in the rest of the day. Overnight in Athens.

Day 6 : Athens - Daily Delphi Tour

Breakfast Included

After picking you up from the hotel upon breakfast, we will drive through the fertile plain of Boeotia, crossing the towns of THEBES which is connected with the tragedy of king Oedipus - LEVADIA and ARACHOVA, we will have a short stop here you can have little time to explore the famous colorful rugs and carpets.

Keep going on our journey, Upon arrival DELPHI, the center of the Ancient world - the Omphalos (Navel) of the Earth - whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of MOUNT PARNASSUS, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the SANCTUARY of APOLLO PYTHIOS.

Visit the TREASURY OF THE ATHENIANS, the TEMPLE OF APOLLO and the MUSEUM containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias. We will have our lunch in the modern village of Delphi. After the tour, we will drive back to your hotel in Athens. Overnight in Athens.

Day 7 : Athens - Daily Cruise Tour

Breakfast Included

Today, after the breakfast, we will have daily Cruise Tour for visiting the three beautiful islands of the Saronic Gulf. After breakfast we will transfer you to the port for embarkation on the one day cruise. The order in which we shall visit the islands is either Poros -Hydra-Aegina or Aegina- Poros- Hydra.

Within 2 hours, we will arrive Poros and we will stay around 50 minutes. Poros is a small Greek island-pair in the southern part of the Saronic Gulf, at a distance about 58 km south from Piraeus and separated from the Peloponnese by a 200-metre wide sea channel, with the town of Galatas on the mainland across the strait. Its surface is about 31 square kilometres. The town of Poros has 4,102 of these inhabitants.

The only other inhabited settlement is Agios. The ancient name of Poros was Pogon. Like other ports in the Saronic, it is a popular weekend destination for Athenian travellers. It is an island with rich vegetation as well. Much of the northern and far eastern/western sides of the island are bushy, whereas large areas of old pine forest are found in the south and center of the island.

Afterward we will continue for sailing to Hydra (around 1hour and 15minutes sailing). It is separated from the Peloponnese by narrow strip of water. In ancient times, the island was known as Hydrea which was a reference to the springs on the island. You will have around 1.5hours to explore this island, enjoy the most beautiful walk, a donkey-ride around the town and the crystal clear water.

Continue our journey, the last stop will be Aegina. Around 2 hours sailing we will arrive Aegine. Tradition derives the name from Aegina, the mother of Aeacus, who was born in and ruled the island.

During ancient times, Aegina was a rival to Athens, the great sea power of the era.

At the end of the tour, we will sailing back to Piraeus port and transfer you to hotel. Overnight in Athens.

Day 8 : Athens - End of the Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out your hotel and we will arrange your transfer from hotel to Athens International airport for your flight back home. We hope your cruise was a memorable one and we would like to see you in future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

Includes

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour
- 7 open buffet breakfasts
- Guided Athens Sightseeing Tour
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation in Athens
- Guided Athens Daily Cruise
- Return transfer to Athens International Airport
- Full Day Guided Delphi Tour

Excludes

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Tipping

Routes

Available On Dates

10 April, 2020 - 15 March, 2021	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
14 August, 2020 - 31 March, 2022	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Hotels

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