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To help you make the most of your vacation, Transat Holidays has arranged a varied program of exciting excursions.

This booklet contains information on some of the excursions available, as well as additional information on money matters, clothing suggestions, shopping and the like.

As we strive to offer the best possible value, we carefully monitor each excursion to ensure that it meets our high standards. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel any excursion which does not provide the utmost satisfaction and similarly, we will also vary the itinerary or add new ones as they become available.



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## CURRENCY & MONEY EXCHANGE

The local currency is the Euro (€). Exchange desks can be found in your hotel. Banks and exchange offices are located throughout the city. Bank hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm; Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday closed. Branches of the National Bank in Athens can be found at Syntagma Square and Omonia Square. They are open from Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. ATMs can be found throughout Athens.

## TIPPING

**Tip** is at your discretion, but customary. **Aboard ship:** E8 per adult (E4 per child) is automatically added to each account per day to cover gratuities. This amount may be increased or decreased at your discretion. **Excursion guides/ drivers:** It is customary to tip and we recommend about E4 to 6 per person/day or so to cover both. **Restaurants:** 10 to 15% will be added to your bill but may not make its way to the serving staff, so you might wish to leave another 5 to 10% in cash on the table.

## TELEPHONE

Direct calls can be made from your hotel room. Local phone booths take phone cards that you may purchase from hotel shops and kiosks. These cards are valid for local and overseas calls, cost about E5 and last approximately 3 to 5 minutes. The actual duration of any card varies according to the company issuing it. Please inform yourself accordingly.

**The country code for Canada is 001.**

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## TAXIS

All taxis in Athens work on meters. The meter starts at approximately €1.20 and there are two fares:

**Zone 1** 5:00 am until midnight

**Zone 2** Midnight until 5:00 am

Minimum fare approx. €3.20

Always make sure meter is turned on before proceeding with your journey.

## TRAM & METRO

The tram & metro features three lines: the **Red Line** (Agios Antonios-Agios Dimitrios), the **Blue Line** (Egaleo-Athens airport) and the **Green Line** (Piraeus-Kifissia). The price of a one-way fare is approximately E1.40, but you can purchase a one-day pass for around E4. The city is linked to the coast by a 28.9 km tramway line that provides easy access to Faliro, Alimos and Glyfada.

## BARGAINING IN BAZAARS

**In the bazaars of Turkey, the social ritual of bargaining is the rule.** Begin by offering about 60% of the asking price and be prepared to go up to about 70 to 75%. You may need to leave in order to bring down the price, and never let anyone know how much you like something. It's great fun once you get the hang of it and a smile goes a long way!

## FOOD & DRINK IN GREECE

**Ouzo**, a spirit with a licorice flavour, is the traditional aperitif. Tasty wines are found just about everywhere (the rugged **Retsina**, however is an acquired taste). The best known appetizers are **taramosalata**, a delicious fish roe spread, **tzatziki** (yogurt with cucumber and garlic) and **melitzanosalata** (eggplant and garlic dip). Seafood is very popular here; fish can be chosen personally and will be gladly trotted out for inspection. The most popular meat courses include **arnaki** (lamb), **gourounopoulo** (suckling pig) and **souvlaki**, meat kebabs grilled on a skewer. For those with a sweet tooth, dessert shops feature pastries, cookies, ice cream, chocolate and sticky buns of flaky filo pastry filled with honey and nuts, known as **baklava** and **kataifi**.

## EXCURSION TIPS

**Destinations and excursions contained in this pamphlet are for information purposes only.** In all cases, comfortable, non-slip walking shoes, a sun hat and bottled water are recommended. **Religious sites, such as monasteries and the like, have appropriate dress codes.** Bare shoulders and knees are not permitted (a light covering for bare arms is advised), as well as shorts of any kind. In some instances, excursions are not suited to elderly persons or those with restricted mobility.

## SCHEDULING OF EXCURSIONS

All tours depart from and return to the hotel and/or pier adjacent to the ship's berth. Please book your tours with your Transat Holidays representatives. Should you choose to leave the tour en route, it will be your responsibility to secure transportation back to your hotel or ship. **Passengers should be on board the ship no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sailing time.** The ship's departure cannot be delayed for late returning passengers.

## DESTINATION REPRESENTATIVES IN GREECE

Our destination representatives are always ready to assist you! You'll find the number for our 24-hour help line in the binder at the Transat Holidays desk or on the information sheet you received upon your arrival in Greece. We will be glad to help you!





# Destinations

## GREECE

### ATHENS

**Majestic & Modern** Everywhere you turn in Athens, you will be awestruck by the way the past and the present work together to create a city that is alive, bustling and exciting. Athens, the capital city of Greece once thought to be protected by the goddess Athena, remains a magical, romantic place.



### CRETE

**A Wondrous Isle** Zeus and his son Minos, legendary king of Crete, both sprung from this marvelous place. The ecosystem of Crete is unique, encompassing varied flora as well as animal species found only on this island. Vacationers adore its boundless beaches, numerous tavernas and fascinating museums, and the more adventurous will try raki, a strong spirit made from grape must.

### IONIAN ISLANDS

**Corfu & Cefalonia** These luxuriously wooded islands are the most western European in flavour of all the Greek isles, residing approximately midway between Greece and Italy, and have been a popular vacation destination since antiquity. Corfu is probably the most well-known of all the islands, while Cefalonia, inhabited for over 50,000 years, boasts lively beach resorts and Mount Ainos National Park.

### DODECANESE ISLANDS

**Kos & Symi** These islands offer a mesmerizing blend of gorgeous scenery, whitewashed houses, historic ruins and wonderful weather. Mellow Kos boasts gorgeous beaches along with a rich history that evokes the grandeur of past civilizations. Its bustling capital, Kos Town, is packed with scores of shops, lively bars, restaurants and Greek tavernas. Tranquil Symi offers ancient monasteries, superb architecture and pristine beaches. Traditional villages, neoclassical architecture and one of the most beautiful harbours in Greece make it a wonderful choice for a relaxing vacation.

### MYKONOS

**The Quintessential Greek Island** As romantic as it gets, Mykonos is the most popular of all the Greek islands. The characteristic, dazzlingly white cube-shaped houses contrast strikingly with the intense blue and green of their wooden doors and shutters. Little winding streets, windmills, and smooth sand beaches complete the picture of the perfect island paradise.



### NAXOS

**The Greenest Isle** Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades, has all the wonderful features of some of Greece's most popular islands, plus even more culture, history and living traditions. It remains relatively quiet, without the crowds some of the other islands experience during high season. This Mediterranean paradise has been inhabited since 3,000 BC, ruled by a number of different occupying forces, including the Venetians and the Ottoman Empire, making it an exceptionally rich source of archaeological, architectural and cultural artefacts.

### PAROS & IOS

**The Wonderful Cyclades** Well-known for its nightlife, visitors to Ios bask in a festive atmosphere, as evident on the island's golden beaches as it is in the nightclubs and open-air tavernas. Picturesque Paros abounds in pretty coves, miniature churches, narrow cobblestone streets and Byzantine monuments.

### PATMOS & RHODES

**The Mytic & the Colossus** Patmos, where John of Patmos wrote Revelations, is a key Christian pilgrimage site and a very pleasant place to visit. Majestic Rhodes, whose port was once guarded by the Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, offers a cosmopolitan atmosphere enriched by an astonishing blend of ancient and modern.

### SANTORINI

**Rejuvenates the Soul** It is what many of us envision when we dream of Greece, and this fashionable island frequently surpasses the fantasy. Days on the island give way to nights of dramatic sunsets enjoyed from pleasant open-air cafés. Few sights are more memorable than the dazzling whitewashed buildings that sit perched on the rim of black volcanic cliffs.

## TURKEY

Land of sunshine and history, with immaculate beaches and lively, cosmopolitan cities, Turkey gracefully straddles two continents. Statues, temples, theatres, agoras, churches, mosques and palaces tell the tale of its storied past and refined people. Irresistibly exotic, Turkey's awe-inspiring, multifaceted culture impresses all visitors, yet it is also a modern country that has much in common with its European neighbours. Savour this fascinating land and its way of life, the charming mysteries of the seraglio, and all the opulence of its rich Oriental heritage.



# Excursions

## ATHENS

### ATHENS 1-DAY CRUISE

Full day (including lunch)

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The classic **1-day cruise** takes you to the three enchanting islands of Aegina, Poros & Hydra. Enjoy the marvelous Mediterranean atmosphere as you visit the intriguing historic sites of the Saronic Gulf and sample traditional Greek food while you listen to delightful folk music.

### ARGOLIS TOUR

Full day (including lunch)

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Travel on the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, before driving to Mycenae and the Homeric city of Atreides, the city "rich in gold" of the ancient poets. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, the Royal Tombs, etc. Then, depart for Nafplion, a picturesque town nestled at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress (short photo stop). Leave for Epidaurus to visit the Theatre (4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.), famous for its astonishing acoustics. Return to Athens by the national road connecting Epidaurus with Mycenae.

Available exclusively from the Kinetta Beach Resort & Spa.

### ATHENS, THE ACROPOLIS & THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

Half day morning

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See the Panathenaic Stadium, the Presidential Residence, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library and Constitution Square (Syntagma). Stop at the Acropolis and admire the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Parthenon. Finally, visit the Acropolis Museum and discover the wonders of the classical era.

The Acropolis Museum is closed on Mondays. The tour ends at 12:15 pm. Due to certain visiting hour restrictions at the Acropolis Museum, the order of the program may be changed.

### CAPE SOUNION

Half day afternoon (including dinner)

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Drive along the beautiful coastal road past the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza to the southernmost point of Attica, Cape Sounion. Here, the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon stand atop a cliff rising from the sea. You'll enjoy a walk along the rocky promontory of Sounion before dinner at a seaside taverna and your return to Athens.

## LEGEND

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# Excursions

## ONE DAY CRUISE TO HYDRA - POROS - AEGINA

Full day



Begin your journey by bus from Kinetta Beach Resort & Spa to the port by embarking aboard a cruise boat. Board and sail 45 minutes to Poros and the seashore of Peloponnese. Depart for Hydra, where you have free time to walk or swim (1h30), followed by lunch, which will be served during the voyage. Reach Aegina where you will have time for a swim. Optional bus excursions to the fine preserved Temple of Afea Athena are also available. Conclude your voyage by returning to the port, where you will arrive in the late afternoon.

Available exclusively from the Kinetta Beach Resort & Spa. This cruise is available on Thursday and the order of islands is subject to change.

## CROSSING CORINTH CANAL

Full day



Your breathtaking tour of the famous Corinth Canal, which separates Mainland from Peloponnese and joins the Aegean Sea and the Ionian Sea, begins by crossing the passage by boat from Kinetta Beach Resort & Spa. The canal is 6km long as well as 24,6m in width. On the way back, again by crossing the canal, you will have the opportunity to savour the local traditional aperitif, Ouzo, accompanied by a meze.

Available exclusively from the Kinetta Beach Resort & Spa. This cruise is available on Sunday.

## DELPHI\*

Full day (including lunch)



Enjoy a scenic drive to Delphi via the picturesque mountain village of Arachova before arriving at the legendary Castalian Springs. From here, walk a few minutes to the archaeological site of Delphi, where you will visit the Temple of Apollo, the ruins of the Senate of the Delphi Oracle and the Delphi Museum.

Available exclusively from the Kinetta Beach Resort & Spa.

## DELPHI & METEORA

2 days (including Breakfast and Dinner)



**Day 1** Leave for Delphi via Thebes, Lebadaia and the picturesque village of Arachova, then upon arrival in Delphi, visit the archaeological site. Continue on to Kalambaka and overnight.

**Day 2** Visit Meteora and two of its ancient monasteries, then head back to Athens via Trikala, Lamia and Thermopylae.

Details Monday, Wednesday and Thursday departures.

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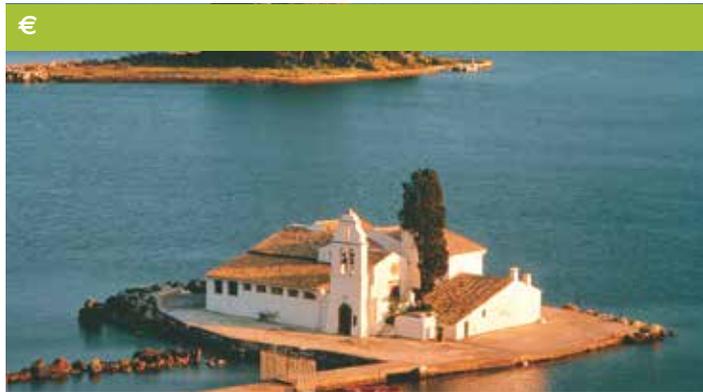
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# Excursions

## CORFU

### JEEP SAFARI

Full day



An adventurous guided drive through authentic landscapes. Pass quiet mountain villages, where time seems to have stood still. Motor along the region's serpentine roads to reach the very top of the island, Mount Pantocrator, where you can enjoy stunning panoramic views and visit the famous Monastery of Christ Pantocrator. On the way up, you'll have a short stop in Paleo Perithia, an enchanting village situated 650 metres above sea level. You'll have plenty of opportunities during the jeep safari to take great photos, as well as go for a refreshing swim if you wish. You can drive yourself or be driven as you enjoy the island's impressive natural splendour!

### CITY TOUR

Half day



Our first stop today is at the Achillion Palace, summer residence of the Austrian Empress Sissy and of the German Emperor Wilhelm II. See the lovely garden and take in the breathtaking view of the whole island. Next stop is the Kanoni Peninsula and the medieval Vlacherna Monastery, as well as a spectacular view of Mouse Island. Spend time in Corfu Town and visit the Church of Saint Spyridon, the town's patron saint, and the Old Town. Wander around the old quarter with its narrow cobbled streets, and explore the area's many interesting sights, like Espianada Square.

Entrance fees extra.

## CRETE

### ELOUNDA & SPINALONGA

Full day (including dinner)



Visitors to Spinalonga are invariably enthralled by its uniqueness. Once you arrive in the fishing village of Elounda, board a "caiique" to sail to the Island of Spinalonga, a leper colony until 1957. Today, visitors can see the ruins of many small houses and businesses built by the lepers, as well as grand Venetian fortresses, houses and well-preserved churches. A truly magical and idyllic day for the whole family.

Entrance fee to Spinalonga extra.

### JEEP SAFARI

Full day



Satisfy your craving for adventure as you follow your guide on your own 4x4 and discover the soul of Crete. Your excursion will take you along picturesque roads between sea and mountain and through hidden Cretan villages.

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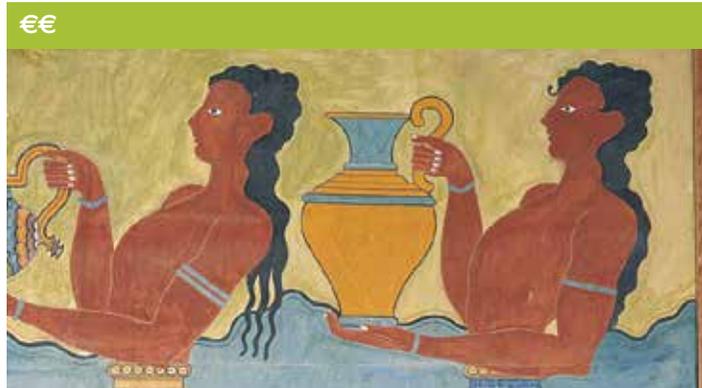
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# Excursions

## KNOSSOS & HERAKLION

Half day



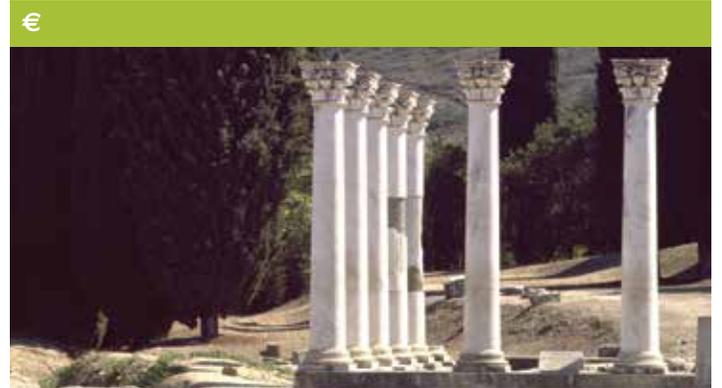
The British archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans excavated Knossos in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Visitors to Knossos Palace will see the earliest European wooden throne in the King's Chamber, huge urns used to store olive oil and grain in the courtyards, and the highly colourful frescoes. After the Parthenon, Knossos is the second most visited site in Greece. The ruins of the ancient cities of Knossos, Phaistos and Malia demonstrate the incredible wealth and sophistication enjoyed by the Minoan civilization. Also visit Heraklion and see the Church of St. Titus, the Lotzia and the Church of St. Mark.

Entrance fee at the museum extra.

## KOS

### KOS ISLAND TOUR

Full day



Discover the beauty and history of Kos during a walking tour to Elephterias Square, from which the market, archaeological museum and Nefterdar Mosque can be seen. Continue to Platano Square, where Hippocrates once taught his pupils under the legendary plane tree. Travel by coach to the famous Asclepeion, Triantafyllopoulos winery and Old Pili, followed by swimming and sunbathing at a breathtaking beach in Kefalos. Continue to the village of Antimachia, where you can visit the traditional Konia House and restored windmill.

Entrance fee extra.

## MYKONOS

### APOLLO SANCTUARY ON DELOS

4 hours



Visit Delos, the legendary birthplace of the Sun God Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. Go on a guided walking tour to see the Agora, the Sacred Way, the Temple of Apollo and the remains of the Hellenistic Quarter that contains the houses of Cleopatra and Dionysos, as well as the ruins of other notable quarters.

This excursion is not recommended for those with reduced mobility.

### ISLAND TOUR

Half day



Set off on a walking tour that includes the Old Town, the port and the famous windmills. You might even catch a glimpse of Petros the Pelican, the mascot of Mykonos. Then, travel by bus to the village of Ano Mera, and spend some time exploring the town or visiting the Panagia Tourliani Monastery, which dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. On to Kalafatis Beach to soak up some sun, before heading back to town where you will be treated to an amazing bird's-eye view of your surroundings.

Details Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday departures.

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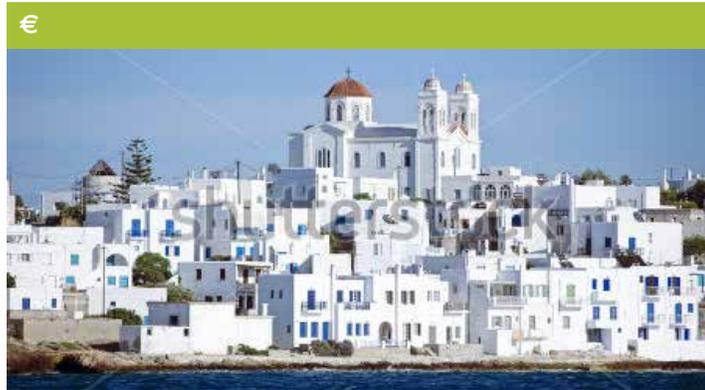
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# Excursions

## PAROS

### PAROS ISLAND TOUR

Full day

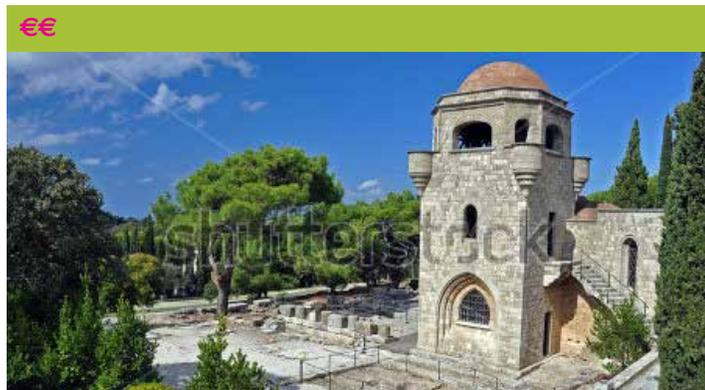


Begin your excursion every Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday or Saturday at Parikia, and walk towards the Venetian castle and church of Saint Konstantinos & Eleni, followed by Panagia Ekatonrapyliani. From here, you will arrive at the port of Pounta and a ferry will cross to Antiparos where you will visit the inhabited Venetian fortress. From Paros, pass the villages of Alyki and Drios by bus until Pisso Livadi for free time to eat or swim. We will also admire traditional Cycladic architecture as we reach Lefkes. Continue to Marathi, where marble was mined for famous ancient sculptures (Venus de Milo). In the afternoon, we arrive in Naousa, the charming fishing village.

## RHODES

### RELIGIOUS AND MEDIEVAL TOUR - PHILERIMOS CHURCH AND THE PALACE OF THE KNIGHTS\*

4 hours

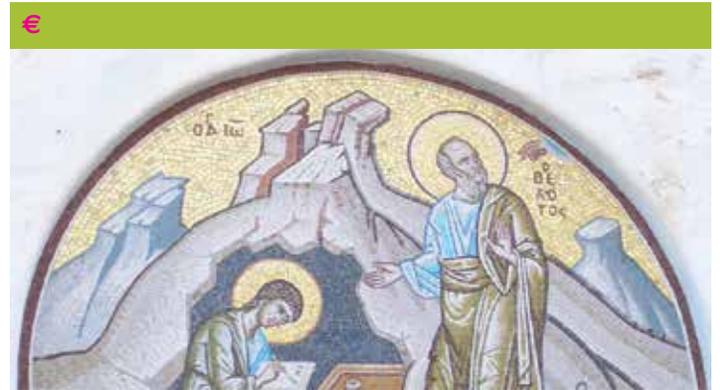


Admire the Acropolis of ancient Rhodes on the hill of St. Stephanos. Wander through the Hellenistic Temple of Apollo's ruins, where below lies the Ancient Stadium of Diagoras. Next, marvel at Philerimos, a popular tourist attraction. Its hill, above the homonymous bay, is one of the three Rhodian cities that participated in the Trojan War and its stone steps lead to the Gothic Monastery of Our Lady of Philerimos. Then, visit the Church of St. George Hostos and discover its rare frescoes. Here, the "Golgotha's" path of 12 copper reliefs depicts the Passion of Christ. Back in Rhodes, stroll the Street of Knights to the Palace of the Grand Master.

## PATMOS

### RELIGIOUS VISIT TO ST JOHN'S MONASTERY - GROTTO OF APOCALYPSE\*

2 hours



Start your journey in the picturesque alleyways that lead to the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist. The visit opens the doors to the Monastery's yard, where monks have their meals. Of exquisite beauty is the tour of the Byzantine Church of St. John, adorned with a wood-carved icon screen, important frescoes and mosaics. Its small museum hosts religious treasures of inestimable value. Behind the Chapel of St. Anne lies the entrance to the Grotto of the Apocalypse. You will see the cross engraved by St. John the Evangelist and the triple fissure in the wall of the cave, where St. John heard God dictating the Apocalypse to him.

### RHODES ISLAND TOUR\*

Full day



First stop at the village of Archangelos for a ceramic pottery demonstration, before continuing on to the villages of Lindos where you may visit the Acropolis, Apolakkia, Sianna and Embona with a stop at Emery Winery for a wine tasting. Lastly, visit the city of Philerimos (or Butterfly Valley).

Entrance fees extra at the Acropolis.

## LEGEND

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\* Available as a shore excursion only.

# Excursions

## RHODES & LINDOS - MEDIEVAL TOUR - ACROPOLIS OF LINDOS AND THE CITADEL OF THE KNIGHTS\*

6 hours



Visit Lindos, situated 55km from the city of Rhodes as it "bears" above it the Acropolis, with the ancient Temple of Athena. You will come across the captains' mansions, built between the 16th and 18th century. In the village centre lives and breathes the Church of the Virgin Mary (Panagia) of Lindos, with its 15th century frescoes. Ascend to the Acropolis of Lindos where lies the Temple of Athena. For centuries, Lindos' city-state was the most important on the island. In Rhodes, you will go through d'Amboise Gate to walk the Street of Knights. You will find the Knights' residences, separated according to Order, which bear their corresponding crests.

## SYMI & PANORMITIS\*

Full day



Depart by boat for Symi and enjoy a guided walk along the harbour promenade and a short demonstration on the history of sponge diving on the island. Depart later in the afternoon for Panormitis where you may visit the Church of Michelangelo and the small museum.

Entrance fees extra.

## SANTORINI

### CRUISE TO SANTORINI'S ISLANDS AND VOLCANOES\*

3 hours



Appreciate Palea and Nea Kameni, where underneath lies an active volcano. From the ship, you will be transported to Nea Kameni by small boat. Walk to the heart of the volcano, a unique geological phenomenon, where there is gas-steam activity atop Nea Kameni's crater and beaches are embraced by thermal springs. Next, is Palea Kameni with its therapeutical waters. Its sea temperature is 5°C higher than in the rest of the locations and the water contains sulphur. After the volcano, explore Fira in all its splendour. End in Santorini, where you will descend to the Old Port by funicular (ticket included in fee) to reach the cruise ship by boat.

### SPECTACULAR OIA VILLAGE PERCHED ON THE CALDERA RIM\*

3 hours



Head up to the monastery of Prophet Ilyas to enjoy its breathtaking view and pure, Cycladic air. The tour then continues towards the north. To the east, you will see settlements like Kamari and Monolithos, while passing through Fira and traditional villages, Firostefani and Imerovigli, to eventually arrive to the settlement of Oia. During the route west you will see the lace-like caldera, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni and an unsurpassable view. In Oia, take the time to stroll through the marble-paved alleys and become acquainted with the characteristic buildings and Ammoudi at the foot of caldera. After your curiosity has been sated, your return begins.

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# Excursions

## SANTORINI BUS TOUR WITH WINERY

5 hours



Begin your tour at the Prehistorical Museum, where you can admire prehistoric artefacts from the Cycladic islands. Next, visit the Profitis Elias Monastery, located on the highest point of Santorini, and the Megalochori village with its traditional Cycladic houses and small white churches. Enjoy some leisure time at the dark beach of Perissa, before continuing on to the Wine Promotion Center where you can see the whole wine making process, visit the cellars and taste the most famous Santorini wines.

## TURKEY

### ANCIENT EPHEBUS THROUGH THE AGES - HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN\*

3 hours



In Ancient Ephesus, you will find immortal relics from Hellenistic, Roman and Early Christian eras. Enjoy a guided tour among the Agora, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marble-paved Street of Kouretes, the Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Public Latrines, the Residences of the Patricians, the Prytaneum and the Temple of Hadrian. The Great Theatre, built in the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C., is famous for its acoustics, while excavation finds reside in the Archaeological Museum of Ephesus in the city of Selcuk. End your day by setting off to the Grand Bazaar in Kusadasi. You will be able to stroll as you shop – and bargain – for products and souvenirs.

## SYMI

### OUR SAVORY SYMI BARBECUE CRUISE\*

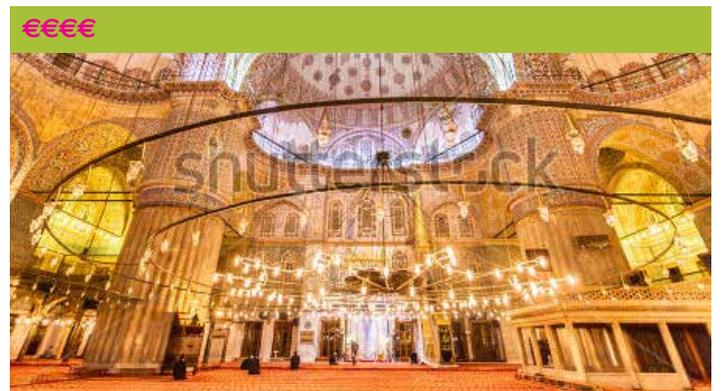
Full day



Leave your worries at the dock and let us treat you to a delicious, local barbecue tasting and a refreshing swim in the unspoiled, uninhabited island of Nimos, just north of Symi. Known as Ymos to the ancient Greeks, the island is an untouched natural wonderland as well as a protected archaeological site. We will sail in traditional boats, "caici", from Symi harbour to Nimos, where we will enjoy a swim in its pristine blue waters and experience a festive beach barbecue. Note that the minimum number of passengers for this excursion is 30, while the maximum number is 60.

### OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND BYZANTINE LEGACY TOUR\*

Full day



Visit the Byzantine Hippodrome in the Old City. Admire Kaiser's German fountain, the bronze Serpent Column of Delphi, Egyptian Obelisk and Walled Obelisk of Constantine VII. Next is the Sultan Ahmed Mosque or "Blue Mosque," built upon the order of 20-year-old Sultan Ahmed I, whose grave lies inside. The Church of the Holy Wisdom of God is your next magnificent destination. The Hagia Sophia is the city's most important and symbolic monument. After dining at a local restaurant, visit the Topkapi Palace, whose interior was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. End with free time to shop and stroll the Grand Bazaar's maze-like complex among 4,000 shops and 58 streets!

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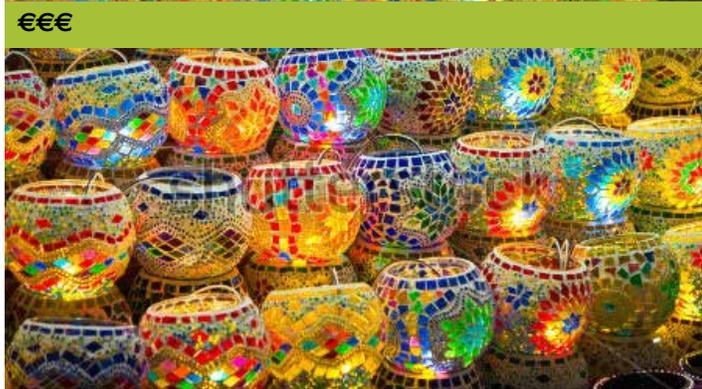
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# Excursions

## RELIGIOUS VISIT TO ORTHODOX CHURCHES AND GREEK PATRIARCHATE\*

Full day



Bask in the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in Fener, after a brief trip to the commercial center of the modern city and the Galata Bridge. Here, a visit to the Patriarchal Church of St. George is a must. Next, experience the Church of the Holy Savior in Chora, also known as Kariye Mosque, the second most important monument in Istanbul after Hagia Sophia. You will have free time to explore, smell and touch a variety of confections in the Spice Bazaar or Egyptian Bazaar. To conclude, "lose yourself" in the Grand Bazaar with its 4,000 shops and 58 streets. You will have the opportunity to shop during the excursion.



### LEGEND

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# Terms & Conditions

## RESERVATIONS

The information on excursions contained in this pamphlet is indicative only. These excursions are available through the Transat Holidays representative at the hospitality desk of your hotel or cruise ship. Please ask your representative about the hours of operation. Other excursions than those outlined in this booklet are available.

## SCHEDULING OF EXCURSIONS

All tours depart from the hotel and/or pier adjacent to the ship's berth. Please note that all passengers should be on board the ship no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sailing time. The scheduling of all shore excursions conforms with this requirement. At the completion of the tour you will be returned to the hotel or pier unless you elect to leave the tour en route. In this case it will be your responsibility to secure transportation back to your hotel or ship, at your own cost, and it is your responsibility to return to the ship on time.

The ship's departure cannot be delayed for late-returning passengers. Passengers must be aware that there is a possibility their ship may be unable to berth in inclement weather.

## REFUNDS & CANCELLATION

Your booking for any excursion is confirmed immediately with the excursion operator in each resort. Therefore, no refunds can be given for any unused or partially-used tours.

## PRICES, INCLUSIONS & ITINERARIES

Excursion prices and/or itineraries and/or tour inclusions in this booklet are all subject to change without prior notice. Meals and/or beverages are not included unless otherwise specified. Excursions may be offered in one language or be bilingual. Excursion content may vary slightly depending on the service provider. Any of the described excursions may be cancelled for any reason, including lack of participants, and with or without prior notice. In such circumstances, Transat Holidays' sole responsibility shall be to refund in full all monies paid.

## RESPONSIBILITY

The travel services described in this booklet are provided by service providers independent of Transat Holidays and TourGreece. Some excursions or activities may not be suitable for everyone. Participation is at your discretion and at your own risk of loss, damage or injury. Transat Holidays and TourGreece make no representation as to the quality or safety of any excursion provided by these service providers, who are a third party, and over whom Transat Holidays and TourGreece do not have any control. Consequently, Transat Holidays and TourGreece cannot be held responsible for the acts, representations, omissions, fault or negligence of these service providers or that of their employees, nor for any loss or damages suffered as a result thereof, nor for any loss, injury, accident you may suffer or any costs, delays or expenses resulting from, or in connection with, your participation in these travel services. The travel services provided are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the service providers. By purchasing these tour services and/or other activities you signify your agreement to the Terms & Conditions contained in this booklet.

