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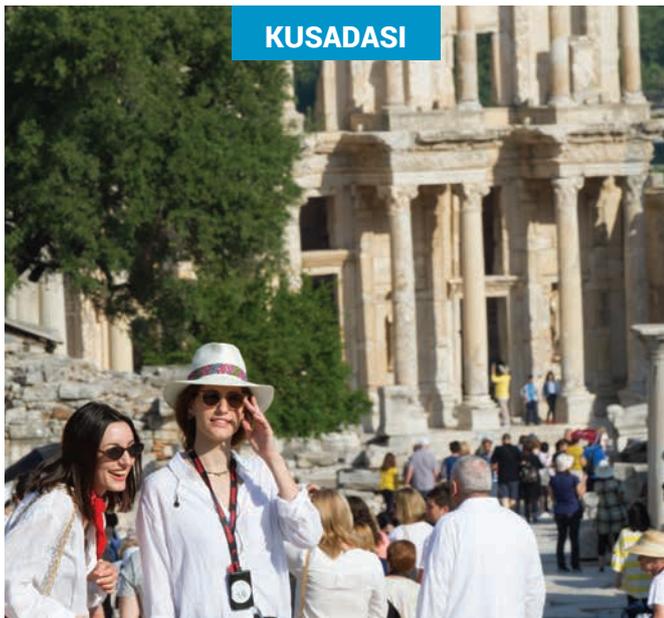
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Your included excursions



KUSADASI

ANCIENT EPHEBUS THROUGH THE AGES - HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN

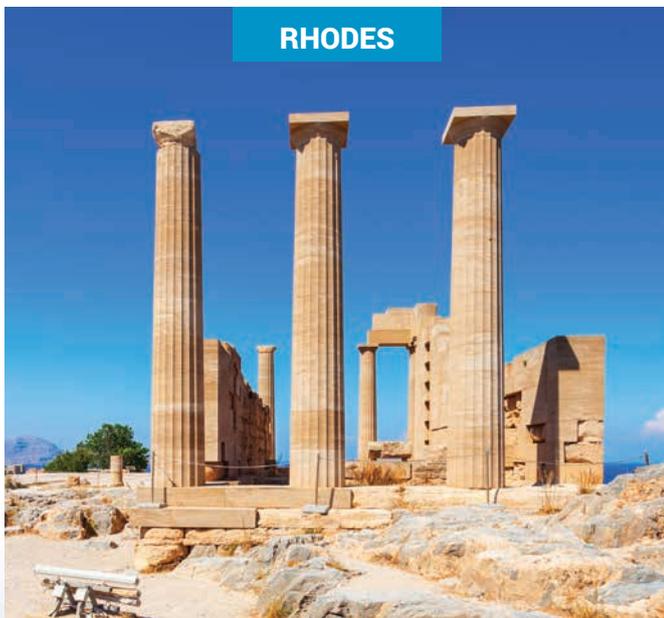
Duration: Half day
Tour code: KUS - 02



This is a wonderful journey through some of the most important and formative periods of history and we hope you will be enthralled by the stories of the Hellenes, Romans, the Ottomans and of Christianity in our fascinating exploration of Ephesus.

This marvellous city, sitting on the hills outside Kusadasi is a fabulous open air archaeological wonder founded by the Greeks around 2000 BC. It was one of the most important cities of the region and was dedicated to the goddess Artemis.

See page 8 for full details



RHODES

MEDIEVAL TOUR - ACROPOLIS OF LINDOS AND THE CITADEL OF THE KNIGHTS

Duration: Half day
Tour code: RHO - 01



Lindos is situated 55 km (40 miles) from the city of Rhodes and "bears" above it the Acropolis of Lindos, with the ancient Temple of Athena, built in 300 B.C. In the centre of the village lives and breathes the Church of the Virgin Mary (Panagia) of Lindos, with frescoes from the 15th century. Ascend to the Acropolis of Lindos. Here lies the Temple of Athena, of Doric order, which was erected on the location of an older monument.

At the old city of Rhodes you will go through D'Amboise Gate to walk on the Street of the Knights. Along this street you will find the residences of the Knights.

See page 12 for full details



Guide to symbols



Short or no walking involved.



Easy walking: General walking over an even surface.



Moderate walking: Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties.



Hard walking: High amount of physical activity for extended periods of time. Recommended only for sporting guests with good physical health.



Includes visits to religious sites, knees and shoulders must be covered.



It is recommended to bring your swimming suit and a towel.



Shopping with an experienced guide.



Meal included on this excursion.

Half day up to 5 hours
Full day 6 hours and above



Refreshments included on this excursion.



Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey.



Panoramic, nature, landscapes.



Cultural experience: This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion.



Folklore: We focus on local habits, traditions, food and tasting.



Adventure and fun.



Suitable for families travelling with children.

All timings and order of visits are subject to change depending on traffic congestion of the sites and weather conditions.

Operation of tours may be subject to the time of the year - please check at time of booking.

Excursions require a minimum participation of 30 guests to operate.

Please be aware of the dress code in order to enter the monasteries; legs and shoulders should be covered, no shorts, long skirts (below the knee).

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Library of Celsus, Ephesus



House of the Virgin Mary

HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY & ANCIENT EPHEBUS

Duration: Half day

Tour code: KUS - 01



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We say with Celestyal every moment is a destination and every destination is a wonder.

That's more than just a figure of speech. In some cases it's literally true. So our visit to Ephesus brings us near to the site of one of the lost Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Temple of Artemis.

Ephesus was an Ancient Greek city on the coast of Ionia. It's now in Turkey.

The temple, with more than 100 marble pillars each standing 56 feet tall took 120 years to build and it earned the city the name 'Servant of the Goddess.' A single solitary pillar remains standing on the site, found during an excavation in the 1870s.

As with so many places in the Eastern Mediterranean, Ephesus changed hands many times over the centuries. But it remains one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the region. You will be in awe of this incredible historic complex and the ruins you explore still give some idea of the original splendour of Ephesus.

Among the sights to be admired still are the iconic and instantly recognisable Library of Celsus, the Gate of Augustus, Magnesian Gate, the Agora, Odeon, the Houses of the Patricians, the Great Theatre, Hadrian's Temple and the House of the Virgin Mary.

One legend suggests Mary may have spent her last years here following Jesus' instruction to St John the Evangelist to look after his mother. Many consider it to have been her final home and it has become a place of pilgrimage.

In 1957 the Vatican formalised this recognition. Three Popes have visited. Another reason why Ephesus is important in Christianity is that the apostle Paul lived, preached and wrote extensively here including his Letter to the Corinthians.

Our tour includes time to shop for souvenirs, carpets, jewellery, leather and other goods.

Ephesus is one of the largest, most fascinating and most inspiring open-air archaeological museums in the world. This is an excursion you are unlikely to forget.





The Temple of Hadrian

ANCIENT EPHEBUS THROUGH THE AGES - HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN

Duration: Half day
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The Temple built in her honour was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It had more than 100 marble pillars each standing 56 feet tall and it earned the city the name 'Servant of the Goddess.'

A single pillar remains standing on the site, found during an excavation in the 1870s. We will be able to see the Agora, Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marvel-paved Main Street of Curetes, the Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Temple of Hadrian and the Houses of Koressus, where the wealthy families of Ancient Ephesus lived.

Only 13 per cent of Ephesus has so far been uncovered. The finds from the excavations made so far are housed in the Archaeological Museum of Ephesus in the city of Selcuk.

We have time for shopping for carpets, jewellery, leather and other souvenirs at the end of our tour.



Trajan's Fountain



Baths of Scholastica



Main Street of Curetes

ANCIENT EPHEBUS AND THE TERRACE HOUSES

Duration: Half day
Tour code: KUS - 07



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Every step we take in Ancient Ephesus brings us closer to the Hellenistic, Roman and early Christian eras. We will enjoy a truly exceptional experience in one of the most important and complete classical cities in Europe, even though only a fraction of it has been uncovered.

We pass through the Magnesian Gate and wander through the Agora, Odeon, the magnificent and restored Library of Celsus, the marble-paved Main Street of Curetes, Baths of Scholastica, The Great Theatre, Trajan's Fountain, the Houses of the Patricians, Prytaneum and the Temple of Hadrian.

Opposite Hadrian's Temple, at the foot of the Bulbul Hill and the covered part of the archaeological site, protected from the heat and natural elements, lie the Houses of Koressus or Terrace Houses.

It was here that the wealthy families of Ancient Ephesus lived. These villas are excellently preserved, especially the interior decor. The oldest houses so far unearthed date from the 1st Century BC, were built on two storeys and even had hot and cold water and a heating system, clay pipes under the floor. They were even constructed to a city plan in which roads intersected with each other at right angles.

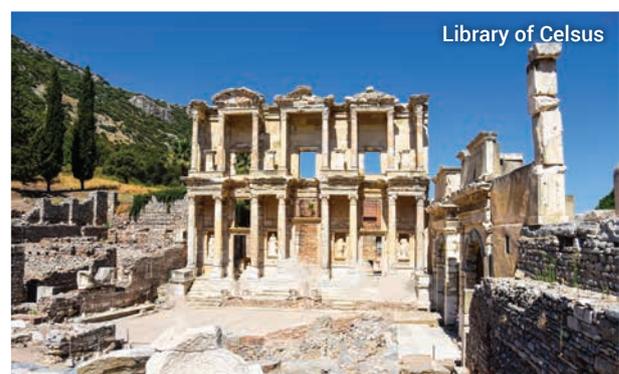
Ephesus, which became the second largest city in the Roman Empire, was dedicated to the goddess Artemis and the magnificent temple built to honour her took

120 years to complete. It is one of six of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that have long gone.

Our tour includes time to shop for souvenirs, carpets, jewellery, leather and other goods.



Ancient Roman Mosaics from Terrace Houses



Library of Celsus



The Great Theatre of Ephesus

ANCIENT EPHEBUS & MILETUS

Duration: Full day
Tour code: KUS - 08

This is a truly spectacular day. We leave the port city of Kusadasi for Ephesus, one of the 12 cities of Ionia. This is a stunning marvel in the hills above the Aegean and one of the world's largest and important open-air archaeological museums. It was also the home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Temple of Artemis.

Ephesus was founded by the Ancient Greeks around 2000 BC. It was the wealthiest of the Ionian cities and became one of the key cultural centres in the Mediterranean. The city was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. The temple built in her honour took 120 years to complete. Ephesus later became the second largest city in the Roman Empire and is rivalled only by the Forum and the Acropolis as one of the most complete classical cities in Europe. Even so, only 13 per cent of Ephesus has been uncovered.



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We wander through the Odeon and the Prytaneion, stroll the marble colonnades of Curetes Street to visit Trajan's Fountain, Hadrian's Temple, Scholastica Baths and the astonishing Terrace Houses. Nearby is the spectacular Library of Celsus, almost entirely reconstructed, and the Agora. The Great Theatre of Ephesus where St Paul once preached, held crowds of up to 24,000. Today it still hosts concerts and other performances. Our tour takes us to the Rug Village for lunch and a demonstration of traditional Turkish carpet weaving. We then head for the ancient coastal city of Miletus, another of the greatest and wealthiest cities in Ancient Greece and one of the first to mint coins. Homer mentioned Miletus in The Iliad and Paul preached here on the way back to Jerusalem. There are many well preserved ruins, including the Temple of Apollo and a Byzantine church.



Temple of Artemis

RHODES

EXCURSIONS



Town of Lindos and Acropolis on the island of Rhodes



Acropolis of Lindos

ACROPOLIS OF LINDOS AND THE CITADEL OF THE KNIGHTS

Duration: Half day
Tour code: RHO - 01



**INCLUDED IN
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Let's begin in unusual fashion, with what you won't see in Rhodes.

One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World once proudly stood here.

He was the Colossus of Rhodes and is of course long departed, probably destroyed by an earthquake.

Nevertheless as you arrive on this wonderful, historic island, you may just be able to imagine this statue of the Greek sun-god Helios in 280BC, standing 100 feet tall in celebration of Rhodes' victory over Cyprus.

The largest of the Dodecanese islands, Rhodes has a compelling back story and there are still remnants of its occupation by the Knights of St John during the Crusades.

So while the Colossus may not be there, you will be wowed by the many historical sites.

We travel first to Lindos, about 55km from Rhodes Town and high above the village sits the impressive Acropolis of Lindos with the Doric Temple of Athena, built in 300 BC.

Captains' mansions constructed between the 16th and 18th centuries are dotted here and there and in the heart of Lindos is the Church of the Virgin Mary with lovely frescoes from the 15th Century.

Back in Rhodes is where we are really immersed in the history of the island in the Knights' Quarter.

We stroll through Gate d'Amboise to walk along the Street of the Knights and see where they lived, separated according to Order, their crests still visible today.

We will also see (outside) the imposing Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes, a medieval castle also known as the Castello. It's one of the few examples of Gothic architecture in Greece. The Byzantine citadel was built in the 7th Century, the palace itself in the fourteenth.

Where the palace sits today could well have been the spot where once stood the Colossus according to recent studies.

Either way, this tour takes us into the heart of the fascinating history of Rhodes.



Gate d'Amboise



Monastery of Panagia Philerimos

PHILERIMOS CHURCH AND THE PALACE OF THE KNIGHTS

Duration: Half day
Tour code: RHO - 02



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Our tour begins at the Acropolis of Rhodes, just outside the city. It dates from the Classical Greek period and sits proudly on the hill of St Stephanos.

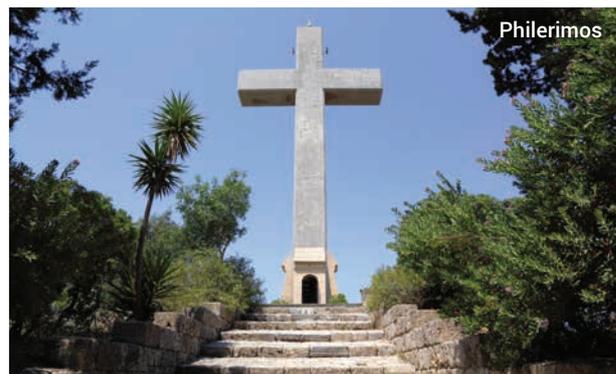
We wander through the ruins of the Hellenistic Temple of Apollo with its impressive columns. Below is the restored Ancient Stadium of Diagoras and theatre. The stadium once hosted games in tribute to the sun-god Helios.

We then head for Philerimos, one of the great tourist attractions of the island. The beautiful Monastery of Panagia Philerimos is located on a hill above lalysos, one of the three Rhodian cities that participated in the Trojan War. The Monastery, accessed by stone steps surrounded by Cypress trees, is dedicated to the Virgin Mary the Life-Giving Source and unusually is Gothic in style. It was built in the 15th Century by the Knights of St John.

We also take time to visit the Byzantine Church of St George Hostos with its rare frescoes depicting the Knights. The church is also home to the 'Golgotha' a series of copper reliefs depicting the Passion of Christ.

We return to the capital Rhodes to learn more about the Knights, where they lived and how they were the last bastion of Christianity in a region dominated by the Ottomans who eventually captured the island in 1522. In the Knights' Quarter we visit the magnificent Palace of the Grandmaster also known at the Castello. This too was built in Gothic style.

This is one of the most atmospheric and intriguing areas of Rhodes, where we delve into the very heart and soul of its history.



Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes



Street of the Knights in the Old City

WALKING TOUR IN THE MEDIEVAL CITY OF RHODES

Duration: Half day
Tour code: RHO - 11



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Sometimes the best way of immersing yourself completely in the history and atmosphere of a place is to explore on foot. That's exactly what we do on this fascinating tour where we get to the very heart of Medieval Rhodes and the compelling story of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem.

We begin along the Street of the Knights in the Old City. It's one of the best preserved medieval thoroughfares anywhere.

We will see the buildings that were home to the Knights, ranked by Order with the crests still in place today.

The purpose of the Knights originally was to provide medical care for wounded crusaders but they soon became a military order and fought off attempts by the Ottomans to capture Rhodes (which they did eventually). The head of the Order was the Grand Master.

We visit the splendid Palace of the Grand Master, the focal point and most important site of the Knights' Quarter. This magnificent structure is also called the Castello is a fine example of Gothic architecture.

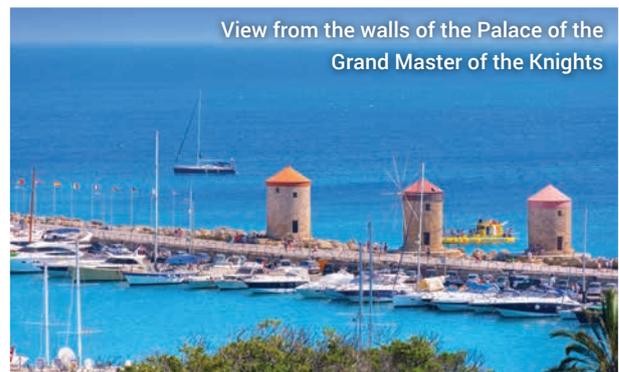
The Byzantine citadel was constructed in the 7th Century, the palace itself in the 14th Century.

Where the palace sits today might have been the spot where once stood the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Our tour also takes in the Mosque of Suleiman the Magnificent, Turkish Baths, the Hospital of the Knights and the Church of Our Lady of the Castle, which has stood guard since the 11th Century.



Grand Master of the Knights Palace



View from the walls of the Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights



Tsambika beach

TRANSFER TO TSAMBIKA BEACH

Duration: Half day
Tour code: RHO - 08

We take a bus transfer to one of the most beautiful beaches on Rhodes.

Located on the east coast of the island, the golden beach of Tsambika is long and broad and has fine sand and dozens of coloured flags marking out the numerous eating places and water sports centres.

The crystal clear waters here make swimming and bathing a real pleasure.

The beach is 800m long and situated between two impressive cliffs.

Because of its length, Tsambika (named after a place of pilgrimage on the island) never feels overcrowded and if beach life is your thing, even for just a few hours, you will love this.

Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.

Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.



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Taverna on the beach



AGIOS NIKOLAOS EXCURSIONS



Richtis Gorge



The ancient city of Knossos

THE PALACE OF KNOSSOS & COSMOPOLITAN HERAKLION

Duration: Half day
Tour code: AGH - 06



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We travel by air-conditioned bus to the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Knossos, the capital of the Minoan civilization, was the first civilisation in Europe. The hill of Kephala, which hoists the Palace above a valley of pines a few miles outside Heraklion, has been continuously inhabited since 7000 BC.

The Minoan civilisation, which endured for about 2000 years, was one of the most advanced in the ancient world, and Knossos is one of the instances in which Greek mythology might dovetail with archeological fact. Minos, a legendary king and lawgiver of Crete, was one of Europa's three sons, all born after her tryst with Zeus, who appeared to Europa as a white bull and carried her off to Crete. The frescoed Palace at Knossos, which comprises more than 1500 rooms and occupies more than 20,000 square metres, may have been the mythical labyrinth designed by Daedalus wherein Minos imprisoned the Minotaur, a monstrous half-bull, half man born to his wife, Pasiphaë, who was impregnated by a bull sent by Poseidon.

We depart from Knossos to bustling Heraklion, the city of Hercules and the resting place of Nikos Kazantzakis, Crete's most famous son and the author of Zorba the Greek. Within the Venetian walls of Heraklion, a busy metropolitan port and the capital of Crete, you'll find unique shops and many lively cafes.



Heraklion



Archaeological Museum of Heraklion



Elounda

A DELECTABLE DAY IN CRETE

Duration: Half day
Tour code: AGH - 02

From Agios Nikolaos we drive to Elounda, a quiet resort on the beautiful Bay of Elounda - its hotels have been designed to complement the area’s rocky geography and turquoise waters. Elounda is an unforgettable beauty, famed throughout the Aegean for its gorgeous green hills, its sugar-sand beaches and its pristine, inviting sea. We leave Elounda for lovely Kritsa. Enjoy an incredible view of the Bay of Elounda and spectacular Mirabello Bay, then wander the narrow streets of this traditional village. Its residents are known for planting flowers and fruit trees in their courtyards and on the balconies and terraces of their houses.

After Kritsa we continue to a local olive farm we particularly love - the owners have designed all of its 2,000 square metres to embrace Cretan countryside life. Olive oil, wine and raki, the traditional drink of Crete, are produced here using traditional methods from the early 20th century. On arrival you will be welcomed with a glass of raki and with a snack of traditional Cretan meze. Enjoy the local delicious snacks while you thrill to a performance of Cretan music and folk dances.

We leave the olive farm and return to picturesque Agios Nikolaos, the St. Tropez of Crete and home to many charming cafes and restaurants. The city's most famous landmark is a small lake in the centre of the city at the foot of a cliff - the lake, known as "Voulismeni," is where the goddess, Athena, used



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to bathe. Also noteworthy here, in the capital of Eastern Crete, are the Archeological Museum and the cathedral, just southwest of the lake on Platia Venizelou.



Olive grove



Elounda



Richtis Gorge

RIVER TREKKING TOUR

Duration: Half day
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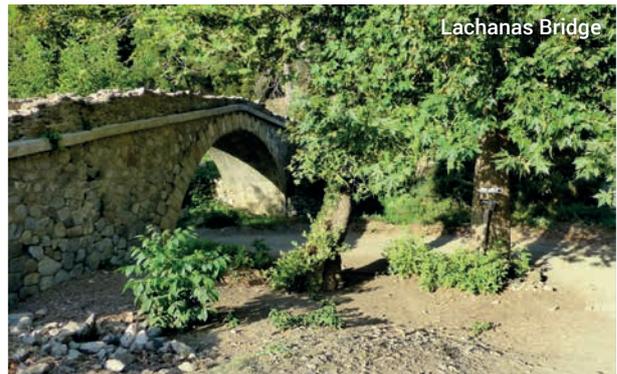
The amazing Richtis Gorge is between Agios Nikolaos and Sitia, on the north of Eastern Crete, and there is water flowing through the gorge year-round. Our hike, which takes between three and four hours, begins just outside the village of Exo Mouliana, at the Lachanas Bridge, a stone arch built in the 19th century. We will travel approximately three kilometres along the gorge, to Richtis Beach, and we will climb about 350 metres total.

The mountain rises above us as we hike, and throughout our journey the air is redolent with the scent of local herbs and flowers, including oleander and sage. The highlight of our trek is the Richtis Gorge waterfall, from which water cascades year-round from a height of more than 20 metres. We will also pass abandoned water mills, which lie in the gorge like footprints from the past. We finish our hike at beautiful Richtis Beach, a pebble beach near the village of Kalabro, where we'll rest and regroup at stone picnic tables under tamarisk trees before returning to the ship.



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Lachanas Bridge



Shrine of Exo Mouliana



Cretan countryside

CRETAN JEEP SAFARI

Duration: Half day

Tour code: AGH - 07

This tour will give you the opportunity not only to discover, see and learn the wild Cretan landscape, meet local people, enjoy typical Cretan villages, but also have great fun as a team hunting for the treasure. In every jeep will be a team of 4 persons that will be given printed material with allegoric maps. During stops on the route and, off-course limited time, you will have to use your imagination in search of hidden trails that, actually represent points.

The team with the most points will be the winner. The top three winners will receive, respectively, gold, silver and bronze medals at a small ceremony during dinner in the evening.



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Jeep safari



Cretan Hollyhock



Elounda

THE CRYSTAL CLEAR WATERS OF ELOUNDA AND SPINALONGA

Duration: Half day
Tour code: AGH - 03



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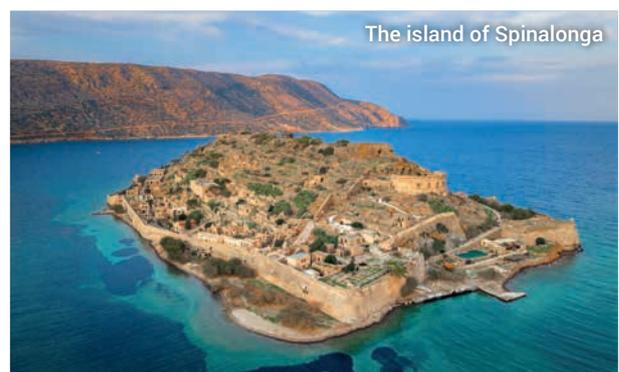
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We drive from Agios Nikolaos to the resort of Elounda, an unforgettable beauty famed throughout the Aegean for its gorgeous green hills, its sugar-sand beaches and its pristine, inviting sea. From Elounda we sail the calm waters of the Bay of Elounda for the island fortress of Spinalonga, a former Venetian bastion and, until 1957, a leper colony.

Spinalonga also features in Victoria Hislop's debut novel, *The Island*, which was adapted by Greek television channel Mega into a 26-part drama, *To Nisi*, the most successful television series ever broadcast in Greece. We leave Spinalonga for a small nearby bay to swim in its turquoise waters and enjoy a barbecue on the beach.



Spinalonga Fortress



The island of Spinalonga

SANTORINI EXCURSIONS





Oia Village

SPECTACULAR OIA VILLAGE PERCHED ON THE CALDERA RIM

Duration: Half day
Tour code: SAN - 01



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€74

If you are a first time visitor to Santorini she will take your breath away.

And even if you are a regular visitor, with her soaring landscapes and whitewashed houses she will still do that every time. She is regularly described as one of the most beautiful places on the planet. There are plenty of magic moments on our excursion.

One of the greatest spectacles is Oia village perched on the rim of the Caldera, the remains of a volcanic eruption.

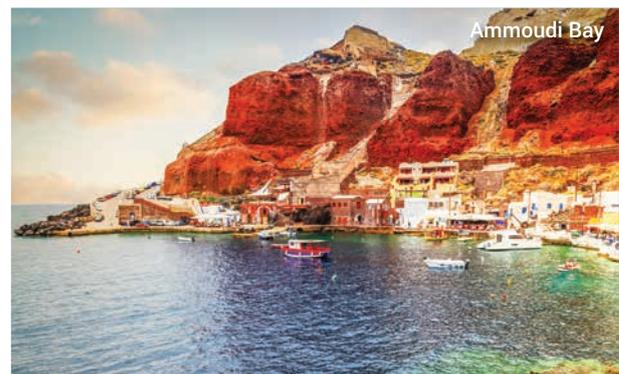
Santorini is a ring of rock around the sea. Think of it as the rim of an old volcano.

First we head to Megalochori, one of the most authentic and unspoiled villages on the island, retaining its distinctive architecture, character and charm.

Our trip continues eastwards through a number of traditional communities like Firostefani and Imerovigli until we arrive at Oia. On our journey we will have had the lace-like caldera to our west, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni and an incredible, unsurpassable panoramic view.

There is plenty of time in Oia to explore, stroll the marble-paved alleys, visit the adorable shops and capture the moments on camera.

Admire the traditional buildings carved into the rocks and the unusual captain's manors, the settlement of Ammoudi at the foot of the caldera.



Ammoudi Bay



Bell tower at
Megalochori Village



Nea Kameni

CRUISE TO SANTORINI'S ISLANDS AND VOLCANOES

Duration: Half day
Tour code: SAN - 02



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**ADULT
€69**

This trip is a must for those who want to acquaint themselves just a little better with the islands fringing the caldera, the volcanic remnants.

A small boat will take us first to Nea Kameni. Its geology resembles a lunar landscape. We walk up the verge of the crater, the heart of the volcano and its an experience that should fill you with awe. The beaches of Nea Kameni are embraced by thermal springs.

Our next stop on this special excursion is Palea Kameni with its therapeutic warm waters.

The sea temperature here is five degrees higher than elsewhere and the green-yellow water contains sulphur.

After our trip to the volcano we have a change of pace as we visit the energetic Fira, the island's main town, for a stroll around, a quiet drink or simply the chance to soak up the atmosphere. We descend by funicular (ticket included in the excursion) to the Old Port for the transfer back to the ship.

Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.



Nea Kameni



Fira



Venetsanos Winery

THE ESSENCE OF SANTORINI

Duration: Full day
Tour code: SAN - 06

We hope you will be overwhelmed by the beauty of this trip. We're confident you will.

We head to the stunning viewpoint of Mount Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias) where you will be able to take marvellous pictures of the different aspects across this unique island.

On the other hand you may just wish to simply gaze in awe, soaking up the vistas. Sometimes a camera just gets in the way.

At the summit of the mountain is the beautiful Monastery of Profitis Ilias, one of the oldest on the island.

From here we visit the magical town of Oia, without doubt the most photographed place on Santorini and familiar all over the world.

Our panoramic drive gives us breathtaking views of the lava rocks of the islets of Nea Kameni and the Caldera below, with free time to enjoy the landscape of Oia and the colourful shops and cafes with terraces overlooking the Aegean Sea.

We call at one of the most exclusive wineries of Santorini and of course there will be the chance for a little tasting.



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Our tour brings us to the Church of Panagia Episkopi. Located in the village of Episkopi Gonia, it is a beautiful Byzantine Church, built in the late 11th Century, and the best example of traditional ecclesiastical architecture on the island.

At the coastal village of Kamari on the coast we will have free time to stroll along the beach that comes to the foot of the Mesa Vouno mountain, rising up to 400m. Once an agricultural and fishing village, modern Kamari boasts a thriving tourist industry, offering a wide choice of restaurants, cafes and bars and several water sports activities. The excursion ends in Fira where we make our way down to the harbour side by cable car.



Cable cars in Fira



Akrotiri Village

AKROTIRI VILLAGE EXCAVATIONS

Duration: Half day
Tour code: SAN - 08

Modern day Santorini has been shaped quite literally by one event in ancient history.

In 1650 BC the huge volcano Thira erupted, sinking the centre of the island then known as Strongyle and leaving behind an incredible caldera.

And it is on that small, circular, remnant that Santorini now sits, about 200 miles from the Greek mainland.

The municipality includes the inhabited islands of Santorini and Therasia and the uninhabited ones of Nea Kameni, Palea Kameni, Aspronisi and Christiana.

The soaring landscapes that give Santorini its unique look were formed by the eruption and you will almost certainly gaze in awe as you journey on a tender boat to the port of Athina to head for Santorini's most important archaeological site, the village of Akrotiri. On the way we make a brief stop at the ruins of the island's famous windmill and take in the wonderful view.

The settlement of Akrotiri was destroyed in the eruption and buried in volcanic ash which preserved many of its buildings, structures and fine frescoes. The site has been excavated since the 1960s.

You will find a place held in time and it is an incredible experience.



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It has been suggested Akrotiri could have been the inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis, but there are numerous other places vying for that honour.

After Akrotiri we head for the capital Fira, the island's largest town, to visit the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, also known as the Church of Ypapantis. It is famed for its elegance and beautiful frescos painted by Santorini artist Christoforus Assimis.

We have time to linger in Fira for shopping, a stroll or a relaxing coffee before making our way back to the tender boats by way of the teleferik, the Santorini Cable Car. It's an impressive descent of more than 200 metres to the blue waters of the caldera at the harbour side.

Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.



Excavations at Akrotiri



Vlychada beach

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK - JEEP SAFARI ADVENTURE

Duration: Half day
Tour code: SAN - 10



CHILD
€65

ADULT
€95

You are at the wheel of this exciting Jeep excursion with your guide as co-driver to show you the way!

This alternative trip combines the wild, rugged and more desolate beauty of the south west of Santorini with the generally more touristy eastern part of the island.

We start from Akrotiri, in the south-west.

The settlement of Akrotiri was destroyed in the eruption and buried in volcanic ash which preserved many of its buildings, structures and fine frescoes. The site has been excavated since the 1960s. Akrotiri could have been the inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis.

We see the lovely lighthouse of Akrotiri, built in 1892 and one of the oldest in Greece, then stop at the virgin Vlychada beach and the popular Perissa beach with its black sand washed by the beautiful crystal waters of the Aegean.

Our journey takes in Mount Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias) the little village of Exo Gonia built amphitheatrically on a slope and the peaceful Monolithos with its hidden beauties and its long and popular beach.

This is a great opportunity to see Santorini off the beaten track.

It's unforgettable excursion with you in charge and it comes to an end at Fira.



Akrotiri



TRANSFER TO PERISSA

Duration: Half day
Tour code: SAN - 13

Our half or full day excursion will bring you to some of the most spectacular landscape on Santorini. And there are plenty of locations vying for that accolade.

We journey to southeast Santorini to see huge craggy mountains diving into bright azure waters.

The coastline is fringed with quaint fishing villages, idyllic beaches and ancient treasures - all of which can be discovered in Perissa.

This lovely whitewashed village has a silky black lava beach bordered by crystal clear waters and you have plenty of free time to spend as you wish.

Seafront tavernas and cafes serve all the traditional Greek specialties.

And if you're feeling adventurous, try the three kilometre hike up 400m Mesa Vouno - a mountain that dominates every view in the village.

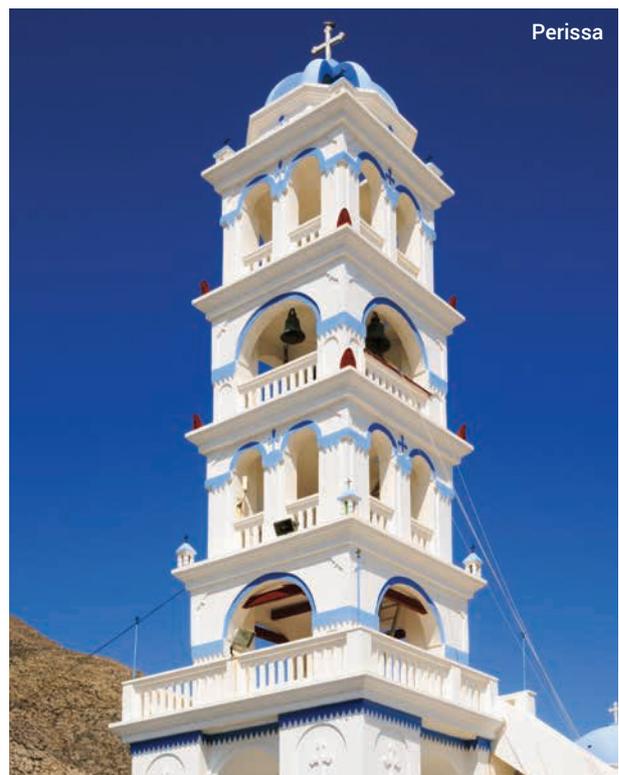
But the effort is well worth it.

At the top, you will find the ruins of Ancient Thira which is must-see archaeological site and of course headline-grabbing panoramas over the neighbouring land and sea.

The village of Perissa features pretty white churches, cobbled lanes and a distinctly fabulous Santorini vibe.



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Sarakiniko



Christian catacombs

STEP BACK IN TIME - (RELIGIOUS)

Duration: Half day

Tour code: MIL - 02R

We invite you to step back in time with us on the incredible volcanic island of Milos, one of the most beautiful places on earth. A short drive from the harbour takes us to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. This startlingly beautiful, otherworldly spot is one of the island's many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. We'll walk down to the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach and take photographs. You'll feel as if you've landed on the moon.

We then travel along the picturesque main road along the coast to the cobblestone streets and alleys of Plaka, a classic Cycladic village of white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers 250 meters above the Aegean. We'll stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and its stunning view of the sea, and we'll sample some homemade sweets at a few of the village's local pastry shops. Just 100 meters from Plaka lie early Christian catacombs, the largest in Greece, and the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheater, which is cut into the rocky slope of the hill near the ancient agora.

Our path from the catacombs to the amphitheater takes us through a small olive grove beneath the retaining walls of ancient Melos, where you'll find large Dorian walls and column fragments. The marble amphitheater, to which you'll have unrestricted access, still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers



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ADULT
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a lovely view of the bay. On our way back to the bus, we will visit the site where the Venus de Milo (now residing in the Louvre in Paris), was discovered in 1820.



Plaka



Roman amphitheater



Plaka village

STEP BACK IN TIME

Duration: Half day

Tour code: MIL - 02

The incredible volcanic island of Milos is one of the most beautiful places on earth. But don't take our word for that. Come and see for yourself.

On this excursion we invite you to step back in time with us. A short drive from the harbour takes us to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. It is a startlingly beautiful, otherworldly spot and one of the island's many geological wonders.

It is probably one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. We'll walk down to the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach and take photographs. You might feel as if you have landed on the moon.

You can peer down into clear turquoise waters and you may see adventurous tourists swimming and snorkeling in the caves at the bottom of the ravine. You may be tempted to join them but there won't be any time!

Our next stop along the picturesque coast road is the cobblestone streets and alleys of Plaka, a classic Cycladic village of white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers 250 meters above the Aegean.

We'll stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and its stunning view of the sea, and we'll sample homemade delicacies at the local pastry shops.



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Very close to Plaka we call at the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheatre which is cut into the rocky slope of the hill near the ancient agora. There you'll find large Dorian walls and column fragments. The marble amphitheatre, fully restored in 2015, still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay. We will also see where the Venus de Milo, now residing in the Louvre in Paris, was discovered in 1820.

The last stop is the award-winning Mining Museum which brings together our theme of stepping back in time. The mining history of the island and the fascinating exhibits telling the story gives you an understanding of how the rich geology of Milos has shaped it. You will also see the materials that are still excavated from the island and where we find them in everyday life.



Paleochori beach

THE AMAZING BEACHES TOUR

Duration: Half day
Tour code: MIL - 03

Milos is home to some of the Cyclades' most stunning beaches, including Paleochori, considered the best on the island for swimmers, divers, sun-worshippers and water sports enthusiasts.

About a thirty-minute drive from the port at Adamas, Paleochori is actually made up of three beaches totalling 800 meters of sandy coastline.

It is known for dramatic cliff faces given dazzling reds and yellows by mineral deposits including sulphur.

Your coach will drop you conveniently about 200 meters from the beach.

Umbrellas and sun beds are available at the main beach at Paleochori, which is sandy with a smattering of white pebbles.

There are some wonderful restaurants perched high above the beach including Sirocco, a tavern preparing volcanic food, dishes prepared in the sand using the high geothermal temperature. Drop yourself into one of its comfy chaise longues with a panoramic view of the Sea of Crete, And then relax.

After Paleochori we drive to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. This startlingly beautiful spot is one of the island's many geological wonders.

ISLANDS magazine has named Sarakiniko one of the world's 30 most beautiful undiscovered beaches.



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You'll feel as if you landed on the moon as we descend for a delightful swim in the bright turquoise waters. Then it's a relaxing drive back to port.



Sarakiniko



Kleftiko

NOSTALGIC MILOS

Duration: Half day

Tour code: MIL - 06



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We drive by coach along the sea side of the bay of Adamas (the biggest natural port of the Mediterranean Sea) towards the south side of the island, passing by the Salt fields, reaching the beach of "Kipos" or another beach of the south side of the island.

From there we board a boat and start our journey towards Kleftiko, once a pirate lair that has become an absolute must for any traveller. Its greyish rocks come out of the turquoise sea and you have the chance to swim through the sea caves. On the way to Kleftiko, the boat will make a shorter swimming stop at Gerondas beach. You will have a chance to swim in the crystal clear of Kleftiko called by some people the "Meteora of the sea", there are sea caves and passages that can be explored during the one hour stop at this location.

Itinerary may change according to prevailing wind conditions. Swimming is off the boat (deep sea swimming) thus participants must be able swimmers. No access to a beach during the boat trip.

*Weather may change the route and venues visited.



Kleftiko

MYKONOS EXCURSIONS





Delos

DELOS - SACRED ISLAND & APOLLO SANCTUARY

Duration: Half day
Tour code: MYK - 03

From Mykonos we sail to the ancient harbour of Delos to explore one of the most important mythological and historical sites in all of Greece, 'the sacred of all islands.'

Excavation work is still ongoing in this incredible location and archaeologists consider the island to be one of the finest sites in the Mediterranean. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Once again we really will travel back in time and experience a rich historical wonder.

Delos was a holy sanctuary and one of the most important and prosperous commercial ports in the eastern Mediterranean during the 1st millennium BC. Olympian mythology made it the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis and it attracted pilgrims from all over Greece.



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There are numerous ruins to marvel at including Doric temples, an amphitheatre, houses with mosaics, Agora, the Oikos (House) of Naxians and the iconic statues at the Terrace of the Lions. Seven of the original full sized marble lions still stand.

There are the remains of the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Establishment of the Poseidoniasts of Beirut, built by ship owners and merchants from that city across the Mediterranean.

There is much more to see in this awe-inspiring open air museum.

The excursion comes to an end back at Chora with free time for strolling through the alleys and the shops.

The excursion includes guide, boat and entrance fees.



Delos



Mykonos

MYKONIAN DINNER

Duration: Half day
Tour code: MYK - 04

This popular excursion on foot takes us up close to the wonders of Mykonos Town or Chora and the sights, sounds, tastes and flavours that make it one of the world's best loved destinations. We begin with a stroll along the narrow cobbled streets, past the boutiques, whitewashed houses and elegant cafes until we come to Kastro, home of the famously beautiful Paraportiani Church, a must for every visitor. We may visit the Folklore Museum or Aegean Maritime Museum. The Folklore Museum is housed in an old two storey captain's house. The museum's exhibits include traditional costumes, furniture and household items typically found on Mykonos in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as jewellery and textiles. The Maritime Museum used to be the home of the legendary Master of the merchant ship "Enosis", Nikolaos Sourmelis. Its exhibits include models of ships from the pre-Minoan period to this day, historical shipping documents, rare engravings and maps, ancient artefacts, navigational instruments, equipment and tools.

Our tour continues with a walk to Alefkhandra and the ubiquitous windmills, the symbol of Mykonos, recognised the world over. This part of the town is known as Little Venice. The houses belonging to wealthy merchants and sea captains were built on the water in the 18th century and their wooden balconies are a little reminder of the homes along the canals of Venice.



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ADULT
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We conclude our trip at a local taverna, where we enjoy traditional food and drink, reflect on what we have seen, chat and savour the tastes, aromas and essence of genuine Greek spirit.



Enjoying al fresco dining



Mykonos



Kalafatis Beach

BUS TRANSFER TO KALAFATIS BEACH

Duration: Half day
Tour code: MYK - 05

If the relaxation of beach life for a few hours is your thing, you might want to join us on this excursion.

The southern coast of Mykonos is blessed with a long line of pristine beaches unravelling like a string of pearls set against the bright azure waters.

And with the easy coach transfer to Kalafatis Beach, you can enjoy either half a day or a full day making the most of the beautiful coast.

At Kalafatis Beach you can sit back, soak up the sun and watch the world go by with only the sound of the waves in the background.



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There is plenty of free time to try out snorkeling, diving or even windsurfing as the gentle sea breeze and long sweeping bay makes it perfect for trying new water sports. You can then lie back under the cool shade of the trees or sit at the local taverna to sample some delicious food, drink and local hospitality.

Your only decision will be exactly how hard to work at chilling out.





MYKONIAN COUNTRYSIDE TOUR WITH CHORA AND LITTLE VENICE

Duration: Half day
Tour code: MYK - 06



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We set off by coach from Mykonos Town, also known as Chora and head for Omos.

It's a picturesque fishing harbour and popular anchorage sitting on a narrow isthmus between two beaches and its streets are lined with tavernas.

We visit the lovely colourful beaches of Agia Anna and Kalafatis.

On our return trip to Chora we call at the traditional village of Ano Mera and the monastery of Panagia Tourliani, founded in 1542.

It houses a wonderful collection of icons and has a beautiful bell tower and marble fountain, well worth seeing.

The delightful village square of Ano Mera is the perfect spot for a short break and maybe a coffee. You'll be relaxing in one of the island's oldest communities.

Back in Mykonos Town we stop at the Paraportiani church (which literally means Our Lady of the Side Gate and is actually made up of five churches) and the Folklore Museum. Here you can see many exhibits including traditional costumes, furniture and personal items typical of Mykonos life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It's a fascinating glimpse into the island of more than 100 years ago

We finish at Little Venice, the neighbourhood of Alefkhandra to admire those famous windmills, a sight you can surely never tire of.

Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.



Monastery of Panagia Tourliani



Paraportiani Church



Enjoy lunch in Mykonos

CYCLADIC TASTES (FOOD ON FOOT)

Duration: Half day

Tour code: MYK - 07



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This is what we call our food on foot tour and we think it's a very healthy way to eat!

Mykonos is famed for its many restaurants and delightful little eateries so this excursion gives us the perfect opportunity to sample the traditional local fare while taking in the atmosphere of Mykonos Town's different neighbourhoods.

We start off with a caffeine injection at Cafe Barco where we will be served with a delicious coffee and sweet treat.

This sets us up nicely for a stroll past those famous windmills, along the narrow, cobbled lanes of Little Venice and the Three Mills to the incomparable Paraportiani Church.

Next there is the chance to sample Greek peppers and olives washed down with local raki before we head to Gioras bakery for some of their very delicious and renowned cheese and onion pie. At Popola we will be served local bruschetta, followed by a visit to the pretty garden of Cine Manto to enjoy fresh Greek salad, Mykonian sausage and beer.

Last but by no means least there is fig cheesecake served with olive marmalade waiting for us at Il Forno di Gerasmo. Now that's a delightful way to round off a superb culinary experience. Bon appetit and yamas (good health).

Please note that venues are subject to change.



Sun-dried octopus



Traditional Greek salad



Paradise Beach

BUS TRANSFER TO PARADISE/SUPER PARADISE BEACH

Duration: Half day
Tour code: MYK - 08/09

Paradise Beach on the south coast of Mykonos is the place to head for if you want sun, sea and a little of that special party spirit.

Join a half-day or full-day transfer to spend a few hours doing exactly what you want, whether it's sunbathing, swimming in the turquoise waters, chilling out with a cool beer or a cocktail at one waterfront bars or trying out a new water sport.

Or indeed any combination of the above.



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Paradise Beach is a lively affair but it's also a big part of the unique way of life on Mykonos.

Meanwhile at Super Paradise Beach next door, you will meet a great mix of personalities and you may even bump into that occasional VIP celebrity.

Super Paradise is a popular beach paradise for everyone, packed with clubbers, jet-setters, models and possibly you.

