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ATHENS, CRETE & SANTORINI

9 days | Greece

History, mythology, and natural beauty collide on this breathtaking Athens, Santorini, and Crete tour. First, explore Athens, Europe's first capital and the birthplace of democracy. Then, marvel at Crete's architecture and ancient ruins as you explore the island where European civilization began. Finally, get your fill of natural splendor as you take in Santorini's stunning cliffside towns and famous Perissa Black Sand Beach.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 4 walking tours led by your Tour Director
-  **Entrances:** Acropolis; Acropolis Museum; Spinalonga boat ride; Knossos Palace; Heraklion Archaeological Museum; Akrotiri Excavations
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; 2 internal flights; comfortable motorcoach; high-speed ferry; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily (lunch instead of dinner on day 7)
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The Theatre of Dionysus



Agios Nikolaos, Crete

Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



This tour may be reversed



The Perissa Black Sand Beach in Santorini



The coastal town of Oia in Santorini



Knossos Palace in Crete

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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Greece

Day 2: Athens

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Athens and get excited to explore the ancient city named for Athena, the goddess of war and wisdom.

Day 3: Athens

- Take an expert-led tour of Athens, where you'll see the Olympic Stadium that hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896.
- Visit the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, perhaps the world's greatest architectural feat. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, her wings clipped to prevent her from deserting the city.
- Visit the Acropolis Museum.
- Take a walking tour of Athens.

Day 4: Athens | Heraklion

- Fly to Heraklion, the largest city on the island of Crete. Considered to be the birthplace of the first European civilization, Crete has a diverse history that inspires its many one-of-a-kind experiences: The island's blend of Minoan, Classical, Byzantine, Venetian, and Turkish cultures is evidenced in the architecture you'll see, the art you'll admire, the food you'll sample, and so much more.
- Travel to Agios Nikolaos, a picturesque seaside town east of Heraklion. It's home to the ancient lake of Voulismeni, where legends say Greek goddesses Athena and Artemis bathed. Take in the breathtaking sights with your Tour Director.
- Enjoy a short, scenic boat cruise to Spinalonga Island, where you'll spend the day soaking up sunshine and history. Admire the island's Venetian-influenced architecture and famous archaeological fortress while you explore the village.

Day 5: Heraklion | Agios Nikolaos | Spinalonga Island

- Enjoy a walking tour with your Tour Director. Then, get to know the city even better on an expert-led sightseeing tour around the city.
- Visit Knossos Palace, which was designed, according to Greek mythology, by an Athenian architect named Daedalus who built it so cleverly that it was impossible for anyone to find their way back out of the palace without a guide.
- Visit the state-of-the-art Heraklion Archaeological Museum, one of the most important museums in all of Europe, which holds treasures that date from Neolithic to Roman times.

Day 6: Heraklion | Santorini

- Take an early morning high-speed ferry from Heraklion to the island of Santorini (the municipality of which actually consists of a group of islands, only some of which are inhabited).
- Visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri, a village on the south side of Santorini. Known as the Greek Pompeii, Akrotiri was buried by a volcanic eruption in 1613 BC. However, excavations have revealed evidence of human life dating all the way back to the Neolithic Age.
- Take a walking tour of Santorini's capital, Thira.
- Enjoy more time to Explore Santorini.

Day 7: Santorini | Oia Village

- For lunch, head to the Perissa Black Sand Beach, which is renowned for its deep, dark blue water and black lava sand.
- Tour Pyrgos and Megalochori, two charming Santorini villages, with an escort guide.
- Situated atop an impressive cliff and filled with beautiful white buildings topped with bright rooftops, Oia is one of the most photographed places in all of Greece. Take in the blue-domed churches and winding paths as you get to know the village on a walking tour.
- Explore and enjoy dinner on your own. Make sure to find the perfect spot to view one of Oia's world-famous sunsets. (Over by Oia Castle is a popular choice, but ask your Tour Director for their favorite recommendation!)

Day 8: Santorini | Athens

- Take a morning flight back to Athens.
- Choose to have more time to explore Athens or [attend a Greek evening filled with music and dancing.](#)

Day 9: Depart for home

My students not only learned about other cultures and had wonderful experiences, but also grew as individuals, learning independence, patience, community, taking on new challenges, and a lot about diversity.

– MICHAEL C., GROUP LEADER

“ Tour review

Hiking endless paths and numerous gorges. Unique food you won't find anywhere else in Greece. A huge mixture of architecture that creates a beautiful pattern of diversity. The most incredible folklore culture. Magical mountain villages away from civilization. And most important of all, warm, friendly people who believe that hospitality is their duty to the community. As you can see, [Crete] has it all.

– ARTIN, TOUR DIRECTOR

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2. _____
3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

“ Tour review

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