

CYCLADIC JEWELS CRUISE 2021 PRIVATE EXCURSIONS IN EURO



SANTORINI: ISLAND TOUR, VILLAGES, LEGENDS OF ATLANTIS

Visit Fira town ,the Prehistoric Akrotiri Archeological Site and breathtaking Oia.

(Duration: approx. 5 hours, including an expert local guide, transportation, entry fees and taxes. One way cable car is extra)

Per Person €77

Disembark by tender and **board the cable car** to reach the island's **capital Fira** for a guided walk through the narrow pedestrian streets. Board the bus for a pleasant drive through the countryside passing the **village of Pyrgos** to the famous archaeological site of Akrotiri. If Santorini is known as the Greek Pompeii it is because of **ancient Akrotiri**. Excavations uncovered an ancient town frozen in time by ash from an eruption some 3.600 years ago. Remains of sophisticated buildings with great frescoes and other constructions are evidence of an elaborate lifestyle.

Continue by bus to the northern coast admiring views of land, sea and skies to reach **Oia, the most picturesque village** of Santorini with its magical views over the Caldera. Our local guide will take you to the most photographed **blue domes**, to insight spots and will give you hints for your time at leisure. A short drive will bring you back to Fira .

PAROS: MARBLE & OLIVE, AUTHENTIC GREECE

Parikia Capital, unexplored mountain white-washed villages and famous Naoussa. (approx. 4,5 hours duration including an expert local guide, transportation, entry fees and taxes.)

Per Person € 60

Next to the port of **Parikia**, stands gracefully the church of **Ekatontapiliani** (the church with the hundred gates), one of the most important Byzantine monuments in the whole Greece. The Church, built in the 4th century AD, is dedicated to Virgin Mary. The visitors entering the cathedral can admire its dome and the old byzantine icons. Hiding up in the mountains unspoilt, authentic villages like **Lefkes** and **Marpissa** are full of little traditional whitewashed houses, mixed with Venetian architecture, wonderful churches, whitewashed windmills and beautiful dovecotes. At Marpissa, we visit **the folklore museum** , which is a representation of a **typical house of Paros** ,with traditional old furniture, a loom, utensils and various other objects. The cosmopolitan **Naoussa** on the other side, has preserved the feeling of the pristine fishing village it truly is, beautifully mingling with the elegant atmosphere of the modern venue that it has become. Full of shops, taverns and bars, is one of the most famous nightlife destinations in the Aegean. After our stroll we will have some free time and will then return to the ship.

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DELOS: TRIUMPH & TURMOIL , BIRTHPLACE OF GODS

Visit the tiny uninhabited island, one of the most famous archaeological sites of Greece and a UNESCO World's Cultural Heritage site.

(3,5-4 hrs duration, including our expert local guide, transportation, entry fees and taxes)

Per Person € 65

In antiquity, Delos was considered to be the spiritual and **commercial centre** of the Aegean. After a short ferry/tender ride disembark on the island and gather for an introduction before proceeding with your lecturer guide on a unique walk through the original streets of the site's best preserved quarters. There you will see **Hellenistic houses** with beautiful **mosaics** in amazingly good condition, further along you will come to **the Sanctuary**, where you can see the ruins of a temple dedicated to Apollo – Delos being **Apollo's** mythological birthplace - while over the **Sacred Way** you will see the famous five 7th century B.C. **marble lions**, guardians of the Sacred Lake. On **to the Theatre** and the Roman quarter, where you will find ancient statues dedicated to Dionysus and optionally visit the **museum** with its interesting exhibits.

SYROS: ARISTOCRACY, ELEGANCE AND CONCORDE

Explore the island's Capital Ermoupolis and taste unique flavours of the Aegean.

(about 2,5 hours duration with an escorted walk, entry fees and a local meze treat)

Per Person € 45

Expect to be pleasantly surprised while we start exploring together the glorious and truly unique town of **Ermoupolis** (= town of Hermes). Walk on streets paved with marble, used instead of asphalt or stones! Syros has been constantly inhabited for 7000 years, but together we will find out why this island follows a completely different path in history than the rest of Greece during Renaissance. Admire the European influence that has created a distinctive blend of **Neoclassic, Byzantine, Venetian** while a strong Greek aura is present everywhere. See the impressive **Town Hall**, the **Apollo Theater** (a miniature of Scala di Milano), the **Captain's Quarter**, visit the **local grocery, fish and pastry market**, a chance for a **culinary experience**. Taste authentic recipes of the Cycladic cuisine at our small family taverna. A tour that is ever-changing as the egalitarian locals are always ready to surprise us with something new every time!

REMARKS:

*The tours are **exclusively run** for our Variety small groups and require a **minimum of 14 guests**.*

Our tours do perfectly match with our cruise itinerary timings and are led by local certified English speaking guides to the "must see" sites and hidden spots.

They are subject to changes due to site restorations, weather, heavy traffic or other conditions. Should sites or museums be closed on our visiting days, alternative visits will be offered instead. The tours are quite active and require good physical condition. Due to slippery sites we recommend comfortable shoes, sun tan lotion, a hat and water. Dress code for Church and Monastery visits.

Gratuities for drivers and local guides are not included.