



Tours For Women



GREECE & the Islands



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GREECE - THE MAINLAND AND THE ISLANDS.

(NB: This itinerary is dependent on the many varying aspects of our destination and as such, we must highlight that it may be subject to change)

This new and special 21 day tour has been developed in response to requests from our clients. We have included substantial stays in the most beautiful and well known parts of Greece.

We fly into **ATHENS** and stay in the 'old town', using it as a base for **4 days** of exploration. Then, we travel to the **Port of PIRAEUS** where we board our beautiful boat to spend **5 days cruising** between the islands, finishing for a relaxing time in both **MYKONOS** and **SANTORINI**. We take the fast ferry to **CRETE** for a very different side of Greece. Finally, on our way home – a **3 night** stop in magical **ISTANBUL**.

WE ARE DIFFERENT!

Our hotels are always boutique style. We choose them to be in the centre, so that we are relaxing with a coffee when the tourist buses are leaving. We also choose them for their uniqueness.

Our **ATHENS** hotel, *The Herodion*, has been chosen for its place in the old Plaka district, close to the Acropolis and the city centre. It has a rooftop garden/bar with a stunning view of the Acropolis! Our *private cruising boat*, a gulet, takes us to sea with panache! There are only 9 cabins. We each have our own cabin with bathroom. Plus, the boat has a captain, crew and chef. Then – on both **MYKONOS** and **SANTORINI**, we are welcomed at the scenic and unique *Rocabella Hotels*. Completely different – we move on to stay in **CRETE** – home of the ancient Minoan civilization. In **ISTANBUL** – our final stop, we stay at the historic *Pera Palace Hotel* in the old city.

We *never* have early starts or one night stays. Emphasis is always on relaxation and great experiences.

The experiences we offer cater to all tastes. Plus, there are always opportunities for a quiet sit with a coffee or cocktail – and time to do your own thing too.

Our *Experiences List* includes: 5 day islands cruise, private Food and Wine tour, performance in ancient Greek theatre, Greek cooking class, visit to the cliff-top monasteries of Meteora, song & dance Greek dinner, lunch and dinner stops at tiny islands 'off the beaten track', visits to the artisans' workshops, a winery tour on Santorini, an archaeological afternoon on Delos, customised (optional) shopping tour, bazaar visits, 'scarf on' entrance to the Blue mosque,....

We have women guides at each stop. These women, along with their Art/ History/ Archaeology qualifications, have unqualified passion for their regions. All museum entrances are designed to avoid queues. We visit 'must see' places as well as special spots 'off the beaten track'.

Two meals are included each day. You can expect them to be breakfast and dinner unless notified otherwise. We dine in a mix of restaurants, cafes, home-style and silver service. Travel is by train, plane, boat or private transfer between each stay. Within each area, we travel by minibus or taxi or we walk. In Athens, we use both the metro and taxis.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY

Sept 19	Depart Australia for GREECE	
Sept 20	ATHENS	<i>Hotel Herodion</i>
	4 nights	Experiences in this ancient city will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ visit to the Acropolis and its museum, ➤ food & wine tasting tour, ➤ artisans visit in the Plaka (old shopping district near our hotel), ➤ we tour the weekly market – and the brocante markets ➤ the Benaki collection of jewellery, arts and crafts ➤ museums, museums, museums – if you like... ➤ musical in the ancient theatre ➤ visit to Meteora & Delphi
Sept. 24	CRUISE	<i>Private Sail Boat with crew & cook</i>
	5 nights	We board our cruise boat in Piraeus, the port of Athens, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Settle in to our own timber lined cabins ➤ Cruise our way through the islands to our final island – Mykonos ➤ Breakfast & lunch on board – relax on deck.. ➤ Explore over 6 tiny islands ➤ History, pottery, jewellery, handicrafts, wine, cuisine ... ➤ Stop overnight for dinner in a different little port
Sept. 29	MYKONOS	<i>Hotel Rocabella, Mykonos</i>
	2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We explore this tiny town’s lanes and beaches ➤ Introduction to terracotta work, olive oils and windmills! ➤ Cocktails at sunset from the 180 Terrace bar ➤ Relax by the pool with the view, a book and ..
Oct. 1	SANTORINI	<i>Hotel Rocabella, Santorini</i>
	3 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wine tasting & scenery spotting round the island ➤ Vin santo, mosaics and myrrh at a very old hilltop monastery ➤ Visit to Oia village – perfect views, tiny streets of shops and cafes ➤ Cooking class ➤ Take the ‘caldera walk’ from our hotel ➤ Or – spend time at the infinity pool
Oct. 4	CRETE	<i>GDM Megaron Hotel</i>
	2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fast ferry to Heraklion ➤ We visit the amazing Palace of Knosos and the archaeological museum ➤ Evening of Cretan music and food at Eukalyptos restaurant ➤ Stay in the port of Heraklion, with views over the remains of the Venetian fort. ➤ Relaxed lunch in a vineyard – try retsina, local cheeses and breads, fish dishes..
Oct. 6	ISTANBUL	<i>Hotel Pera Palace</i>
	3 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We fly to Istanbul ➤ An evening drive to see the lights of this old place ➤ Guided tour to the famous Bazaar ➤ Visit the Hagia Sofia, the Blue Mosque and Sultan’s palace ➤ Smells and sounds of the Spice market ➤ Cruise up the Bosphorus where east meets west ➤ Experience the manufacture of Turkish delight – and local wines ➤ An evening of entertainment, Turkish style.
Oct 9	Leave for home	

ALL INCLUSIVE.

What this means is:

- Return economy airfare from Australia
- All group transfers, tips etc
- All 'on tour' travel
- Your own double room, single use
- No single supplement
- Two meals each day
- Private transport in country eg: mini bus, taxi, boat
- All entrances
- Private guides
- Private events eg: wine tasting, artisan visits, concerts, specialist talks, private villa/garden visits, cooking class, archaeological talks, shopping tour with guide in Santorini & Istanbul
- Accompanying tour manager
- Your own tailored photo album of the tour.

It also means that you may choose to participate – or not! It's your holiday.

Not included:

Travel insurance, personal expenses, extra meals or wines, room service, individual transfers.

COST AND PAYMENT: The tour cost is **\$15,600**

It is payable by monthly payments.

FLIGHTS: Want to arrange different flights or business class? We can help with this – and if you do choose a different option, then we will deduct \$1500 from the tour cost.

Payment is always made to our registered Travel Agent where it is retained in trust, by law.

