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Greece Luxury Tour (September 2024)

in conjunction with Riverdale Wines Inc

Tour Escorted by Jerome (Jer) Gain

Travel Overview

Greece Luxury Tour 14 days

Thessaloniki (3 days)
Athens (3 days)
Ios (4 days)
Santorini (4 days)





September 12th (overnight flight)

Depart Toronto YYZ to Athens ATH and connection flight to Thessaloniki SKG on Sept 13th.

September 13th

Transfer from SKG airport to On Residence Naoussa Hotel.



We spend 3 nights in Thessaloniki (Sept 13th, 14th & 15th). We will be in a deluxe Sea Front room with balcony and a king size bed. Sept 13th check-in and welcome reception and familiarization followed by short walk tour of Thessaloniki. Dinner is included that evening in our hotel

September 14th

After breakfast and relax time, transfer to <u>Thymiopolous Vineyards</u> in Naoussa for a tasting, followed by <u>Kokkinos</u> <u>Winery</u> for wine tasting and late lunch (included). We will have our tasting at both wineries with the winemakers. Return transfer to hotel. Dinner back in Thessaloniki on own (if still hungry). Lots of suggestions adjacent to hotel.

September 15th

Breakfast and relax time before transfer to taste wines of <u>Kakoulidis Vineyards</u> & <u>Aslanis Winery</u> for a tour with their winemakers, tasting and lunch (included). Dinner that night on own.







September 16th

Transfer from Hotel to Thessaloniki (SKG) airport for the flight to Athens (ATH).

Transfer from Athens airport to our hotel and check into our hotel for 3 nights – <u>Athens Pure by Athens Prime</u> <u>Hotels</u>. We will be staying in one of their classic double rooms with city views.

Upon arrival have a cocktail on the rooftop bar prepared by our friend and mixologist Dimitrios. Free time to familiarize yourself with Athens. Lots of suggestions near hotel for dinner.

September 17th

After breakfast we will be transferred to <u>Kanakaris Winery</u> for a tour and tasting in their spectacular vineyard with panoramic views with the winemaker and team. Tastings will include appetizers. After, we will transfer to <u>Barafakas Winery</u> for tour and wine tasting/appetizers with our winemaker and team. After, return transfer to our hotel in Athens. Dinner on own.

September 18th

Explore Athens in the morning. In the afternoon we will walk to the Acropolis Museum to meet our guide for a tour of the museum and the Parthenon. Tour of Museum will be conducted late afternoon followed by visit to the Parthenon while the sun begins to set. Return back to hotel or stop at restaurant of your choice in the Plaka area. (Dinner on own)





September 19th

Early transfer to Piraeus port in Athens for a high speed ferry (SeaJet World Champion) which departs at 7AM for Ios Island. Transfer from Ios port to <u>Agalia Luxury Suites</u> for check in for 4 nights. Here we will be in a deluxe suite with sea views as well as a king size bed. Dinner that evening at Agalia "Taste of Joy" restaurant.

September 20th

Explore Ios with visit to it's main town Chora with its beautiful bougainvillea lined narrow streets and eclectic shops, tavernas and restaurants.

Dinner on own with suggestions





September 21st Free time to explore other beautiful areas of Ios with many suggestions and transfer options. Optional boat charter to nearby Sikinos island for winery tour and tasting at Manalis winery with lunch. www.manaliswinery.gr

OR

We can arrange transfers to any other areas of Ios including private transfer to secluded coves by 41-foot Targa or Scorpions or perhaps we can arrange a helicopter tour of Ios or to neighbouring island of Santorini.

Dinner that night locally with many suggestions in Ios Town (Chora) or Port or at Mylopotos Beach

September 22nd Free time to explore Agalia's other properties (<u>Luxurios</u>). That evening we will meet for a spectacular sunset and drinks at <u>Pathos Sunset Lounge</u>. A selection from Riverdale Wines Greek portfolio will be provided and included.

Dinner that night at nearby Polydoros Restaurant or similar on own with suggestions.





September 23rd

After breakfast at 11:00 we transfer to Ios port for 1 hour ferry to Santorini on the SeaJet World Champion. Transfer from port to our <u>Aqua Luxury Suites</u>. Check in for 4 nights. We will be in the junior suite with sea views (Panoramic Caldera View) as well as a king size bed. Breakfast included daily in your suite.

- Optional visit to <u>Archeological Museum</u> and visit the many shops in Fira before returning to hotel.
- Dinner that evening at Aqua Luxury Suites' Q Restaurant.

September 24th transfer to <u>Akrotiri</u> for a guided tour. This Minoan archaeological site was buried in the volcanic eruptions of over 3600 Years ago (1600 BCE). After seeing all the vases and findings at Akrotiri, we can stop at a renown Master Potter's shop recreating pieces of the findings of Akrotiri. He ships to Canada with insured delivery, and they are wonderful and fun to watch him make what you want right on the spot. After we will transfer to visit the boardwalk of Kamari Beach and its shops and many patios along the water. Lunch on your own before we transfer to our first Santorini winery for tastings with the winemaker at <u>Estate Argyros</u>. Return to the hotel to relax and freshen up before dinner at a restaurant in Fira or surrounding hotel area with lots of suggestions.

September 25th After breakfast, time to relax before our transfer to <u>Venetsantos Winery</u> where we will have a tasting and tour. After we will transfer to our newly represented winery (Riverdale Wines Inc) <u>Anhydrous Winey</u> for a tour and tasting. Return to hotel for dinner on own.

September 26th This day will be devoted to morning sightseeing and an evening sunset cruise in the caldera and dinner on board. We power out towards the cone of the volcano (still active but no lava) and after we anchor near Thirasia for a swim. Dinner on board then we head to the entrance of the caldera where we witness the sunset before putting the sails up for an easy beautiful sail back to the port. This will be the memory you will have when you finish the trip. It's spectacular.

September 27th Early transfer to Santorini Airport for flight to Athens and connecting flight to Toronto



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Price \$9500 per person based on double occupancy.

What's Included:

All Hotels

All transfers where applicable

Breakfast, lunch & dinners as specified in itineraries. Breakfasts are "Greek Style" which means pastries, fruit yogurt, sliced meats, breads, croissants & boiled eggs.

At On Residence Naoussa, breakfast includes full breakfast is shown as Greek but includes eggs made to your specifications. Dietary restrictions will be accounted for.

Aqua Luxury Hotel includes breakfast in your suite

Guided & escorted tours where specified as well as Winery visits & tastings with their winemakers.

Escorted by Jerry Gain owner of A Perfect Tour

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What's not Included:

Airfares (both international & domestic)

**Quotes available upon request for flights to Athens & from Athens to Thessaloniki & Santorini to Athens.

Gratuities

Trip Cancellation & medical insurance is strongly recommended.

**Quote is available upon request.

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Notes:

Transfers in arrival cities will be based on the following flights & arrivals

September 12th – Toronto (YYZ) to Athens (ATH)- flight AC 896 departs 18:10 arrives @ 10:55 +1.

September 13^{th} – Athens (ATH) – Thessaloniki (SKG) – flight Aegean Airlines (A3 116) departs 13:05 arrives 14:00.

September 16th - Thessaloniki (SKG) to Athens- flight Aegean Airlines (A3 115) departs 13:00 arrives 14:00

September 27th – Santorini (JTR) – Athens (ATH) – flight Aegean Airlines (A3 353) departs 08:25 arrives 09:15. Return flight to Athens (ATH) to Toronto (YYZ) – AC 897 departs 13:10 arrives 16:55.