

## 12 -DAY PROGRAM



## GREECE: MYTHICAL CITIES & ISLAND EXPEDITION

*Explore Greece from the ancient streets of Athens to the sun-soaked villages of Crete and Santorini, immersing yourself in mythology, hands-on cultural experiences, and stunning island landscapes.*



### **OVERVIEW**

On this program you will travel to some of Greece's most influential and picturesque cities. Your adventure begins in Athens, a treasure trove of ancient civilization that has been incredibly memorialized in the form of ruins, museums and iconic spaces that are still in use. Ferry to Crete, Greece's largest island and, according to Greek mythology, the birthplace of Zeus himself. Stay and explore Heraklion and Rethymno, as well as several other colorful villages on the island. Finally, sail through the Aegean Sea to the dreamy island of Santorini, known for its whitewashed cube dwellings.



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Check out the ancient Acropolis of Athens citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Sail along the caldera of Santorini in a traditional wooden boat
- Experience life on a Cretian farm and eat food grown from the land
- Dive deep into Greek mythology through site visits, guest speakers, and local lore



## **ITINERARY**

*The actual schedule of activities may vary. The information provided here reflects the typical experiences planned; however, activities and excursions are subject to change due to factors such as weather conditions, community partner availability, and other unforeseen circumstances. Adjustments may also be made to best meet the needs and interests of the student group.*

DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive in Athens (ATH), and meet TEPA staff at the airport</li> <li>• Settle into accommodations and orientation session</li> <li>• Welcome dinner with traditional Greek mezze</li> </ul>
DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided tour of the Acropolis, Parthenon &amp; Acropolis Museum</li> <li>• Visit Panathinaiko Stadium &amp; Temple of Olympian Zeus</li> <li>• Evening stroll through Plaka neighborhood</li> </ul>
DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore Athens by bike with a local guide</li> <li>• Interactive Greek mythology storytelling session</li> <li>• Time for shopping in Monastiraki flea market</li> <li>• Board overnight ferry to Crete</li> </ul>
DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive in Crete and explore Chania's Venetian harbor &amp; old town</li> <li>• Travel to Margarites village for hands-on pottery workshop</li> <li>• Cretan folk dance workshop in Rethymnon</li> </ul>
DAYS 5 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food-tasting tour through Rethymnon's markets and bakeries</li> <li>• Free time for beach or old town wandering</li> <li>• Travel inland to Zaros, a traditional mountain village</li> <li>• Participate in a farm-to-table cooking class: harvest, prepare, and cook Cretan dishes</li> </ul>



DAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided tour of the Palace of Knossos, legendary home of the Minotaur</li> <li>• Visit Archaeological Museum of Heraklion</li> <li>• Evening free time in Heraklion's vibrant pedestrian streets</li> </ul>
DAYS 8 -9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning ferry from Crete to Santorini</li> <li>• Orientation walk around Fira town</li> <li>• Visit Oia, Pyrgos, and Megalochori</li> <li>• Explore traditional cave houses and churches</li> </ul>
DAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wooden boat tour along the caldera cliffs</li> <li>• Swim stops and volcanic hot springs visit</li> <li>• Sunset over the Aegean Sea</li> </ul>
DAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ferry back to Athens</li> <li>• Workshop on Greek language basics &amp; traditional music</li> <li>• Souvenir shopping in Ermou Street</li> <li>• Farewell dinner with live bouzouki music &amp; dancing</li> </ul>
DAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast and airport transfer</li> <li>• TEPA staff assist with check-in and group departure from Athens</li> </ul>



## **TEPA HOME BASES**

Stay in comfortable hotels and guesthouses, all conveniently located in or near city centers for easy access to shops, restaurants, and cultural sites. Rooms are typically shared, gender-segregated, and feature ensuite bathrooms, providing a cozy and private base for students to relax and connect between adventures.

## **FOOD**

Greece is known for its fresh, flavorful cuisine, from olives, feta, and Greek yogurt to hearty stews, grilled meats, and seafood. Students will enjoy local specialties through meals at traditional tavernas, hands-on cooking classes, and market tastings.

## **CLIMATE**

Greece has a temperate Mediterranean climate, with warm summers and mild winters. Daytime temperatures usually range from the mid-60s to mid-80s°F, while evenings can be cooler, so packing layers is recommended year-round.

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