

A Greek Odyssey: Crete, Santorini and Mainland Greece

May 1 to May 16, 2019



This is a repeat of our 2018 trip which begins in Crete, home to the fascinating Bronze Age civilization of the Minoans. Crete is Homer's land; a mountain cave was the birthplace of Zeus; the labyrinth at Knossos was home to the Minotaur; the sun over Crete melted the wax wings of Icarus. Soak in the island's dramatic landscapes with its spectacular mountain passes and panoramas; explore ancient ruins teeming with legend; visit historic towns and quaint, picturesque villages.

Arrive by sea to the breathtaking sight of the caldera, rising from the water like a black wall and topped with the magical towns of Santorini. Unique volcanic black or red sand beaches and vineyards contrast with the brilliant white and blue buildings – a photographer's delight.

Staying in Athens for six nights, travel to Delphi, Corinth, Epidaurus, Mycenae, and Sounion.

Steeped in the history and culture of Greece, Athens portrays a beautiful blend of the past with the future. Marvel at the Acropolis, the foremost site of classical Greece; explore the Athenian Agora, the heart of Greek democracy.

Dinners by the sea or in the shadow of the Acropolis, beautiful towns, archaeological ruins, first-class museums, artistic wonders, magnificent scenery....the enduring beauty of Greece stuns the senses.

Tour Itinerary and Highlights

Day 1 Chania

Individual arrivals. Evening reception.

Day 2 Chania

Walking tour of Chania, including the Archaeological Museum. Welcome dinner.

Day 3 Chania

Visit ancient Aptera and Eleutherna, the traditional village of Margarites with its many pottery studios, Arcadi Monastery.

Day 4 Chania

Tour Souda Bay War Cemetery, Aghia Triada



Monastery and Gouverneto Monastery. Enjoy a folkloric dance performance with dinner.

Day 5 Heraklion

Drive to Heraklion. Visit Knossos, the capital of Minoan Crete; tour Heraklion, including a visit to the Archaeological Museum.

Day 6 Heraklion

Explore the south of Crete, visiting Kommos, Phaistos, and Gortys.

Day 7 Heraklion

Private boat to the uninhabited island of Spinalonga; visit Malia and Kritsa.

Day 8 Santorini

Fast ferry to Santorini. Visit Akrotiri, frozen in time by an eruption of the island's volcano and one of the most important prehistoric settlements of the Aegean.

Day 9 Santorini

Visit the Archeological Museum and Museum of Prehistoric Thira; enjoy wine tasting and lunch at a delightful winery.

Day 10 Athens

Flight to Athens. Enjoy an overview of the city on a driving tour.

Day 11 Athens

Explore the Acropolis and stand in awe at the Parthenon, the Erechtheum Temple, the Propylaea and the Temple of Athena Nike. Visit the dazzling Acropolis Museum.

Day 12 Athens

Travel to magnificent Delphi, site of the most famous ancient Greek oracle. Visit the Monastery of Osios Loukas, one of the most important monuments of Byzantine architecture and art.

Day 13 Athens

Free morning to explore Athens. Afternoon tour to Sounion to enjoy sunset at the Temple of Poseidon.

Day 14 Athens

Travel to the sites of Ancient Corinth, Epidaurus and Mycenae.

Day 15 Athens

Visit Keramikos, the cemetery of ancient Athens, the Agora and the National Archaeological Museum. Farewell Dinner.

Day 16 Depart Athens

Individual departures.



Hotels

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| Chania | Samaria Hotel |
| Heraklion | Knossos Beach Hotel |
| Santorini | Aressana Hotel |
| Athens | Electra Metropolis Hotel |

Resource Person

Trinity Jackman is an archaeologist and historian. She received her PhD in Classical Archaeology from Stanford University and has taught at Columbia and York.



Trinity has excavated Bronze Age and Classical sites in Turkey, Sicily and Cyprus. She can also be seen in many of the educational videos in the ROM's Roman and Byzantine Galleries. Trinity looks forward to sharing her love and enthusiasm of the ancient Mediterranean world with ROMTravel participants.

ROMTravel Coordinator

Ann Dandy is a past Co-Chair of ROMTravel. A passionate traveller, she has spent twenty-one years living and working overseas in Hong Kong, Korea, Hungary, Pakistan and Oman. She led a ROMTravel trip to Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, and will lead a trip to Greece in 2018.

Tour Cost Per Person

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| Double Occupancy | \$8,620 |
| Single Supplement | 1,595 |

Tour begins at Chania (CHQ) Airport and ends at Athens (AIA) Airport.
International flight costs to/from your home and Greece are NOT included.

Photos

- Temple of Apollo, Delphi, courtesy Paul Vaculik
- Porch of the Caryatids at the Erechtheum, Acropolis, Athens, courtesy Wikipedia and Harrieta171

Terms & Conditions

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Tour Cost Includes

- Group coach transfer from Chania (CHQ) Airport to hotel on Day 1 for those arriving before or at the arrival time of the ROMTravel Coordinator. Group coach transfer from hotel to Athens (AIA) Airport on Day 17 for those departing at or after the departure time of the ROMTravel Coordinator.
- Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Flight from Santorini to Athens. Ground transport in private air-conditioned coach for transfers/excursions as per itinerary. Public boat for ferry service.
- Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 8 dinners, including choice of water, coffee or tea. Bottled water daily on the bus. Welcome Reception with wine and finger foods. Welcome and Farewell dinners with wine.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a Resource Person, a ROMTravel Coordinator, and a Travel Agency Escort.
- Services of English-speaking local guides. Services of Worldwide Quest.
- Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion. A travel handbook.

Not Included

- International flight costs to/from your home and Greece. Fuel surcharges.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet access.
- Airline baggage and camera/video fees, if any. Greek Tourist Visa fees, if any.
- Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified.
- Cancellation and hospital/medical insurance. Emergency evacuation costs.
- Additional meals and accommodations due to delays.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of September 16, 2017. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Worldwide Quest reserves the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond their control. Any change to itinerary will not result in eligibility for a refund.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of Membership levels and benefits, visit rom.on.ca/membership. For partners sharing a room, only one need be a member.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Optional insurance is payable in full at the time of booking. **A second non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.00 is due on November 1, 2018. The balance of payment, \$5,620.00, and single supplement of \$1,595.00, if applicable, is due on February 1, 2019.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later. Worldwide Quest and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest. No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest within 30 days of the termination of the tour. All payments are non-refundable.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return date is required. It is the individual traveller's responsibility to ensure proper visas or affidavits. Neither Worldwide Quest nor ROMTravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents. Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

ROMTravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMTravel and

the travel agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Cancellation insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or direct member of participant's family is recommended. Insurance is underwritten by First North American Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Manulife Financial. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. Ontario taxes are included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted are subject to change until insurance policy is issued. Deluxe is all-inclusive health and cancellation.

| Based on accommodation in double occupancy room (Ontario tax included) | | | | | |
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| Age | Cancellation Only | Deluxe | Age | Cancellation Only | Deluxe |
| To 59 | \$579.96 | \$659.88 | 70-74 | \$858.60 | \$1,340.28 |
| 60-64 | \$688.52 | \$811.08 | 75-79 | \$1,278.72 | \$1,715.04 |
| 65-69 | \$756.00 | \$937.44 | 80-84 | \$1,392.12 | \$2,272.32 |

For single accommodation, or for those aged 85 and over, or for more coverage options, or for complete coverage details, limitations and exclusions, please contact Worldwide Quest.

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