

GREECE OPTIONAL TOURS!!!

Prices for 2025 have not been confirmed

TOURS FROM CRETE

Crete Bus Tour with Knossos

Friday, October 3rd



Today we will take in a full day bus tour taking in the ruins at [Knossos](#), the old town of [Rethymno](#), the [Fortezza](#) (the castle) and a stop at [Plakias village](#). Lunch is at "Plateia Taverna" at Myrtos village.

Crete is home of the great Minoan Civilization and the mythological

home of Zeus. After a short drive through the town of Heraklion the tour will arrive at the Knossos excavations. Here, Sir Arthur Evans's archaeological discoveries revealed a civilization dating back to 4000 B.C., when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. Based on the wealth of artefacts that were found, Evans theorized that this was the site of the ancient Minoan Kingdom. These findings will be viewed in detail, as your guide will lead you on a journey of discovery to learn of the sophisticated culture that flourished thousands of years ago on this island. The Palace, decorated with frescoes and shields houses the Hall of the Royal Guard, the Hall of the Double Axes, the King's Chamber with the alabaster throne, the Queen's Apartment, beautiful courtyards and shrines. **COST with admission fees and guide: \$50**



Bus Tour with Villages and Wine Tasting

Saturday, October 4th



It's another full day of exploring this incredible island. We will start off with a tour of the Apokoronas villages. We'll Discover charming and authentic villages like [Vrysses](#), a lovely village with running springs and lush greenery, [Emprosneros](#), surrounded by an entire forest of oaks and inhabited by only 300 permanent residents, and Fres, a quiet and sleepy village without much tourism with a large village square with tavernas and shops. The drive is along beautiful scenic routes.

Our tour will also include stops at [Aptera](#) where we will visit impressive Roman cisterns, ruins of Roman bath houses, a newly excavated theater and the monastery of Agios Ioannis Theologos. We'll also visit the [Gavalohori Museum](#) with its impressive collection of Silk, Pottery, Kopaneli (*lace*), Stone carving, Wood carving, coins, costumes, guns and swords.

We will visit a local winery called [Dourakis](#) for a guiding around their estate. We will taste the indigenous and international grape varieties as they are expressed on Cretan terroir, meet a passionate family of winemakers and learn about the uprising of viniculture on the island. We will then continue our exploration of the region, where villages preserve a special traditional color and life continues in the old traditional way. The area offers spots of great natural beauty and interesting drives off of the main highway. Late afternoon return at your hotel.

COST: \$53 including bus, guide, entrance fees and wine tasting

TOURS FROM SANTORINI

Santorini by land and Sea

Visit: Akrotiri – Volcano – Hot Springs – Thirassia

Monday, October 6th



where we will have time to walk to the top along winding, narrow walkways. Excellent photos! We will also go to the mountaintop of Profitis Ilias where we will enjoy an incredible view.

Then we go by bus to Athinios Port. There you will board the beautiful traditional boat that will sail on to reach the lava islet Nea Kameni where we leave the boat and walk an ascending soil path to approach the crater of the still active **Volcano**. Then back to the boat and we sail to the second lava islet called Palea Kameni. There we find **Hot Springs** and we can have a swim in

This tour will include a land tour by bus, then a sailing tour on a beautiful, traditional Greek wooden boat.

Program: First we visit the important archaeological site of [Akrotiri](#) which was closed for many years but reopened in 2012. Akrotiri Excavations brought to light a Minoan town preserved under the pumice for 3000 years. Our expert guide will lead an interesting and informative tour in the ancient town. From there we will visit a very cute town called Pyrgos



the green Sulphur waters or even take a bath in the warm therapeutic mud. After a half hour the boat will sail to the nice traditional island [Thirassia](#). There we can have free time for lunch, explore the island or swim at the beach next to the port. This is one of the best days of the entire trip. You've got to do this! **Cost:** \$70

You may also bring your own drinks on board the boat. We can stock up in the harbor before boarding.



Free Day in Santorini

Tuesday, October 7th

Nothing to sign up for here. I do suggest once again renting a scooter, quad, renting a car or hiring a driver. If you get an international driver's license (very easy online) you can rent a quad or a scooter and follow me. There are a lot of interesting and beautiful places to see in Santorini including [many wineries](#), the [Red Sand Beach](#) and historic towns. I will help facilitate and can lead.

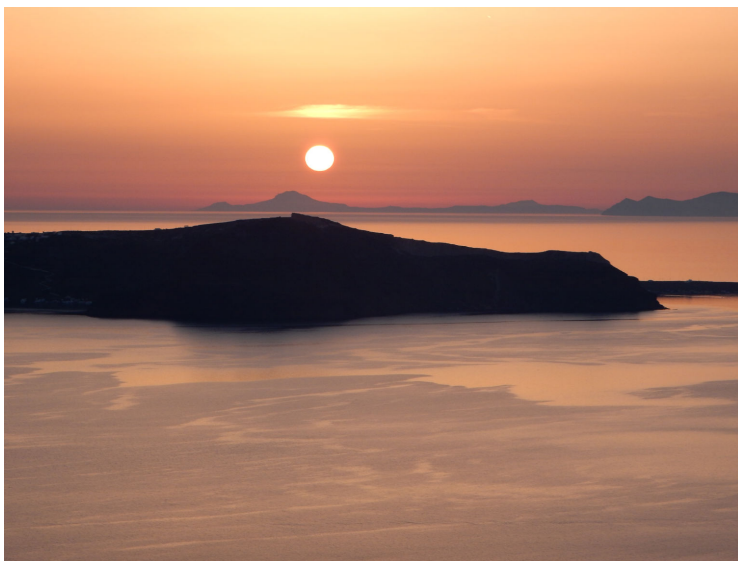
Another idea is to just enjoy a nice walk with your camera. I like the walk I did to the nearby town of [Firostefani](#). Less touristy, quiet and very picturesque.

Catamaran Sailing – private cruise



Wednesday, October 8th

Depart from Vlychada port and Sail to the Red and White beach to admire the unique formations. You will stop for a swim stop at Mesa Pigadia Beach, and marvel at the black menir and the small caves. Head to the Caldera through the Indian Rocks and pass by the Venetian Lighthouse. Stop at the hot springs for a swim in the sulfurous waters and snorkel by the Volcano while the crew prepares the hot meal of Chicken fillet, pasta with tomato sauce, greek salad, tzatziki dips, vine leave rolls, bread. Soft beverages & white wine are also included. This is a 5-hour tour that includes transfers and 3-stops for snorkeling. **COST:** \$115 (normally \$140)



Best Sunset in the world – afternoon and sunset in Oia Wednesday, October 8th

At 5:30 pm we will board a bus for Oia featuring one of the best and most [famous sunsets in the world](#). Oia is built along the rim of the caldera wall. You can walk in the village and enjoy the magnificent panoramic view. People gather along the walkways, cliff and walls to enjoy the epic sunsets here. We will give you time to stroll and dine after the sunset. No need to sign up – it's our treat.

TOURS FROM MYKONOS Paradise Beach



Friday, October 10th

Today we recommending you get yourself to Paradise Beach. This is a popular beach set in a beautiful cove. The beachfront bars there are fun and play chill music to relax you on their chaise lounges. Have lunch and some drinks. The fun way to get there is to rent either a quad or a scooter. I will lead the way and will negotiate a group rate on some quads. The other option would be to group together to take taxis. There is also a public bus that takes people there. There are also

some other stops along the way that are worthy of a stop that we can discuss.

Half Day Cruise to Delos Island Saturday, October 11th

Where light was born. It is strongly believed by many, that this Ancient Archeological Island possesses and releases a heightened sense of light and energy, the very reason for ancient Greece's belief that Apollo, God of Light and Music, had to have been born there?

It's a [UNESCO world heritage site](#). It's an ark of history, floating lazily on the waters of the Aegean Sea, just a few miles away from cosmopolitan Mykonos. It's a chance to walk around the revival of the glory of the Greek civilization. It's the head priest of the Cyclades, the birthplace of the immortals.



Imagine: The entire island of Delos, also known as the biggest open air museum in Europe, is an Archeological monument to what was the holiest place in the Aegean Sea. Currently, the only inhabitants on this historical island are the archaeologists who continue to conduct excavations, as well as the guards who are in place to protect it. Come with us and allow our guides to explain the

spiritual, historical and cultural importance of Delos. With no traces of modern civilization you will be encompassed by the natural environment and will experience a serene, peaceful, luminous, and pure atmosphere. Witness how the ancient civilians lived their way of life. Visit their houses, walk into their living rooms, kitchens and bedrooms. Also witness Europe's first Synagogue, first Egyptian Temple, first Indian Temple and other Temples from many foreign Religions. And lets not forget, The Lions Terrace, Cleopatras House and The Temple of Apollo. So come and experience a glimpse of what it may have been like to live on Delos three thousand years ago.

Duration:- Departure 10 am Return 12.20 noon.

COST: \$42 includes guide, boat and entrance

OTHER TOURS ON MYKONOS

Horseback Riding



With this tour you will get to run your horse if you'd like and get to take your horse along a secluded beach while getting your photo taken. We will be with Fanis from Horseland. Fanis Rouvas is professional-riding instructor, horse-trainer & breeder. In winter, he works with horses in Kaimaktsalan (Vorras), one of the most impressive mountain settings in Northern Greece. He has worked with & cared for horses for over 15 years. His techniques are safe & his love for horses apparent. His horses are well-cared for, well-fed, personally trained

& groomed to maintain healthy bodies & balanced minds. His experience with horses is certainly unmatched in Mykonos. He's a cool guy and will be taking special care of us giving us as we've been coming on this tour for many years now. This is a 2-hour tour with a stop for riding on the beach at a secluded cove that makes for great photos! We will have a morning tour and an afternoon tour. He's got just 8 horses so please sign up early. This can also be done in the afternoon of April 25th after Delos (please let us know your preference). We start off and finish at his home. Don't be surprised if he offers you more to drink back at his place. Website: <http://www.mykonoshorse.com/>

COST: you will book this direct

NOTE: Price does not include transportation. We will chip in together to cover the cost which may be 20 euro per person round trip.