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Just Greece: Thessaloniki, Athens & Santorini

From £799 per person // 10 days



Combine sun and sea, culture and history on a Greek adventure. Start in Thessaloniki and stay for a couple of nights before heading south to ancient capital Athens. From here, a fast ferry will take you across the Aegean Sea to the legendary island of Santorini, where you have three full days to soak up the sunshine.

The Essentials

- Start in Thessaloniki with a free day to explore the second largest city of the Byzantine Empire (after Istanbul)
- Catch a Greek domestic train down through Greece to capital Athens
- Enjoy time at leisure to uncover some of the mysteries of one of the world's oldest cities
- Catch a fast ferry across the Aegean to Santorini for a relaxing stay by the beach

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 9 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Fast ferry from Piraeus (Athens) to Santorini
- Private transfer from port to hotel on Santorini
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

- Suggested Itinerary -



Days 1 & 2 - Thessaloniki

Make your own way to Thessaloniki and check in at the Hotel Anatolia (or similar) where you have a 2-night stay. Thessaloniki was founded in 315 BC and quickly became an important centre of trade. By the 12th century, it was, after Constantinople, the most important city in the Byzantine Empire. Its position on the Aegean Sea has meant that Thessaloniki has continued to play an important role in Greek history. You can learn more about this at one of the city's excellent museums, the most famous of which is the Museum of Byzantine Culture. There are also significant archaeological remains to discover along with beaches and the welcome shade of Seich Sou Forest National Park, just 2 miles from the centre of town.



Day 3 - Thessaloniki To Athens

After breakfast this morning, it's time to make your way to the train station, a short walk from your hotel. Here, catch a train south through Greece to Athens. This is a modern, air-conditioned service so you can sit back in comfort as the changing scenery passes by your window. Arrive into Athens Larisa station at lunchtime and check in at the Herodion Hotel (or similar) for a 3-night stay.



Days 4 & 5 - Athens

In many ways, Athens is the historic capital of Europe, with a history dating from the first settlement in the Neolithic age. Ancient monuments abound here, including the instantly recognisable Acropolis overlooking the city. As you would expect, there is also a wide choice of museums covering everything from archaeology to modern art. A large part of the city's historic centre has been now converted into Europe's largest pedestrianised zone so you can not only sight-see but also shop at over 2,500 stores or, for from the street vendors in the Plaka and Monastiraki districts.



Day 6 - Athens To Santorini

If you want to catch the fast ferry (which takes just over 5 hours), you'll need to be up early this morning to meet the 7am sailing from Piraeus to Santorini. There are later services, but these are substantially longer. Your journey takes you almost 180 miles across the Aegean Sea. On arrival at the port, a transfer driver will be waiting to take you to your hotel on the quieter eastern coast of the island. You have 5 nights' accommodation at the Kouros Village Hotel (or similar).



Days 7, 8 & 9 - Santorini

Santorini is one of the most photographed of the Greek Islands, with its hotchpotch of white houses jostling for space along the cliffs overlooking the Aegean. During your stay here you might like to visit bustling capital Fira, walk along the rim of Santorini's spectacular caldera taking in the views or perhaps try some wine-tasting at one of the island's many wineries. Santorini's sunsets are world-renowned and you'll get a good view from any of the island's waterfronts, but the village of Oia has sunsets so good that they receive nightly applause – well worth a look if you have the time!



Day 10 - Santorini To London

It's time to leave Santorini today at the end of your amazing Greek adventure. If you would like to extend your holiday with some more Greek Island hopping, just let us know!

Pricing

From £799 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.