

CLASSIC JOURNEYS

THE WORLD'S FINEST WALKING TOURS



Greek Isles

Crete, Mykonos & Santorini



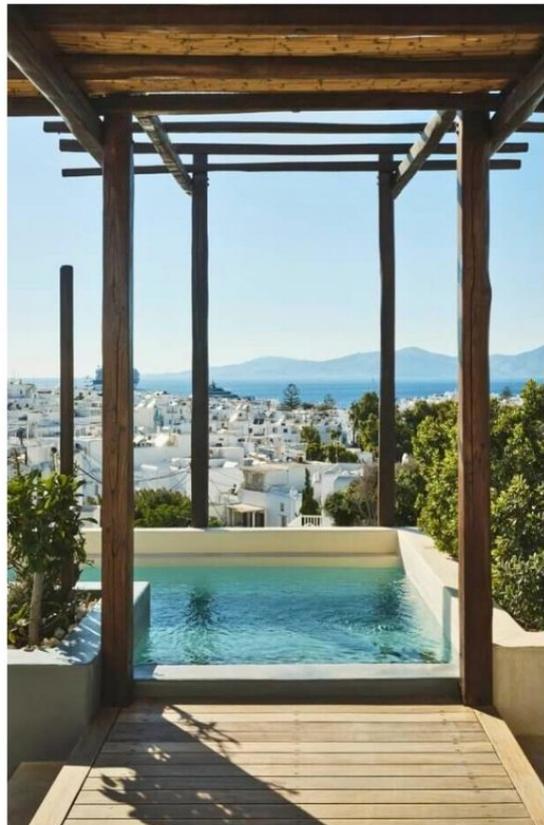
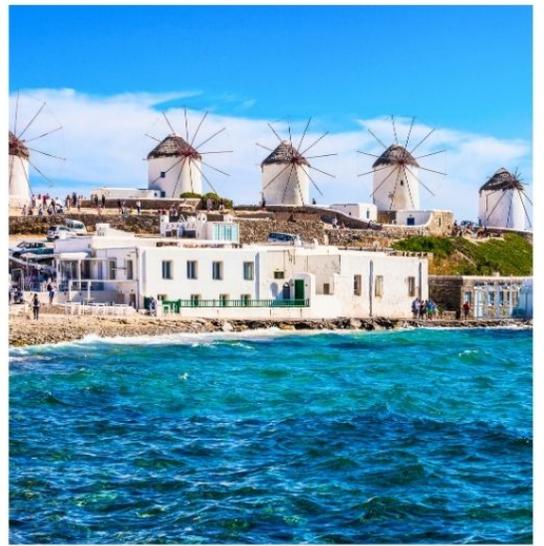
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*Classic Journeys
provides unbeatable
access to experiences
around the globe.”*

TRAVEL + LEISURE

Classical Antiquity & Modern Luxury

Island-hopping in the Greek Isles is an odyssey through sunlight and history, where whitewashed villages cling to cliffs above sapphire seas and every breeze carries the scent of thyme and salt. Across Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini, you'll walk amid olive groves and vineyards, cobble lanes and ancient ruins, meeting artisans, winemakers, and guides whose families have called these islands home for generations. Classic Journeys has thoughtfully crafted an adventure that balances cultural discovery and coastal serenity—where mythology meets Mediterranean life. From quiet trails overlooking the Aegean to farm lunches and hillside sunsets, each day reveals the authentic heart of Greece, shared in the company of locals who make you feel less like a traveler and more like an honored friend.



DAY 1 »

Mykonos – Windmills, Little Venice & Island Life

- Walk to Mykonos' northern coves, framed by sapphire seas and whitewashed houses
- Share a welcome lunch and meet George, a third-generation cheesemaker preserving island traditions

Your Greek odyssey begins on the gleaming island of Mykonos. Here, set out on foot along a quiet country trail toward the island's northern coast. The salt-kissed breeze, wild herbs underfoot, and white chapels gleaming in the sunlight form the perfect first taste of the Aegean.

In time for lunch, you arrive at the farm of our friend George, a proud cheesemaker whose family has been handcrafting traditional dairy for generations. You'll learn how he transforms fresh milk into velvety cheeses using age-old techniques and enjoy a relaxed welcome lunch overlooking the fields. Later, return to the harbor and follow cobblestone lanes through Mykonos Town. Pass the island's windmills, stroll the waterfront of Little Venice, and watch boats bob in the harbor. You might opt to join your guide for a short boat ride to the sacred island of Delos, birthplace of Apollo, or linger at a café with an espresso as waves lap at your feet.

MEALS: L

OVERNIGHT: MYKONOS

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 2 »

Crete – Voni Valley & Knossos

- Walk through Crete's olive-covered countryside to a farmhouse lunch
- Explore the Palace of Knossos, heart of the Minoan civilization

Begin your day with a short flight over the iconic blue Aegean Sea to Crete, the island of myth and abundance. There's no better way to explore here than at eye level on a countryside walk through the Voni Valley, where olive groves shimmer like silver beneath the Cretan sun. The path leads you to one of several "only with Classic Journeys" experiences — an ancient farmhouse for a homemade lunch of fresh bread, vegetables, and cold rosé, shared with local friends who welcome you like family.

Later, an afternoon walk leads through scenic countryside to the legendary Palace of Knossos where you stroll the grounds with an archaeologically trained guide. Among faded frescoes, grand staircases, and mythic ruins, imagine King Minos watching over an empire that set the stage for Western art and architecture. Evening brings time to settle in and share a festive meal — the kind filled with the flavors of Crete: local olive oil, wild herbs, soft cheeses, sweet honey, and the laughter that comes easily after a well-walked day.

MEALS: B,L,D

OVERNIGHT: CRETE

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 3 »

Crete – Agia Irini & Rethymnon Traditions

- Meet the nuns of Agia Irini Monastery and learn their centuries-old weaving craft
- Watch a master baker hand-stretch phyllo into translucent sheets

This morning, you travel through gentle hills to a monastery tucked among olive trees and gardens in full bloom. The women who live here share stories of spiritual renewal and the intricate weaving and embroidery their community has practiced for generations. Their artistry and gracious welcome linger with you long after you leave.

Next, in a coastal village, meet a potter who shapes local clay much as his ancestors did in ancient times. Then step inside a small workshop, where Yiorgos, quite literally the last baker on Crete who hand-pulls phyllo dough, teaches us how he creates the impossibly thin pastry that makes his baklava so beloved. The scent of honey and warm pastry fills the shop as you taste the fruits of his labor. Later, enjoy dinner on your own in the nearby village, where the sound of clinking glasses and the glow of lanterns mark the perfect Cretan evening.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: CRETE

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 4 »

Crete – Olive Groves & Sacred Peaks

- Walk to a family olive mill for a tasting and countryside lunch
- Climb Oros Giouchta for sweeping views over Crete's heartland

You begin with a leisurely walk from your village, passing between gnarled olive trees whose trunks twist like ancient sculptures. Your destination is a family olive mill where the owners demonstrate how they press their harvest into oil so pure it glows green-gold in the light. Taste it over fresh bread, then linger over a picnic lunch paired with local cheeses.

Later, a short drive brings you to the crest of Oros Giouchta, a sacred mountain said to be the final resting place of Zeus. Your walk down from the ridge reveals panoramic views of vineyards and valleys rolling toward the Mediterranean. Later, relax poolside before you join your companions for dinner in the village, where music, grilled meats, and laughter fill the night air.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: CRETE

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 5 »

Santorini – Caldera Hike & Cliffside Charm

- Sail into the caldera and walk the volcanic landscape that inspired the myth of Atlantis
- Hike the clifftop trail from Imerovigli to Oia with endless sea views

Board a hydrofoil this morning for a thrilling journey across the azure waters to Santorini. As you approach, marvel at the island's dramatic cliffs rising a thousand feet above the sea, crowned with dazzling white houses and their distinctive blue roofs. Unlike the cruise ship crowds, you'll take a quieter approach, allowing time to observe the unique vineyards where vines are wrapped into circles close to the ground, protecting the grapes from strong winds.

Upon arrival, board a small boat to explore the volcanic islets that form the caldera. Step ashore to crunch across black lava rock and feel the earth's warmth beneath your feet. The contrast of obsidian cliffs, white foam, and cobalt-blue water is unforgettable. Return to the island and ascend to the village of Fira by cable car, donkey or on foot. After lunch and some time to shop (Fira is known for the quality of its artisans) or explore at your leisure, follow the scenic trail from Imerovigli to Oia, where every turn opens to breathtaking sea views. As the sun dips below the horizon, settle into your accommodations for a quiet evening in the glow of the caldera.

MEALS: B

OVERNIGHT: SANTORINI

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 6 »

Santorini – Vineyards & Sunset

- Walk through Santorini's vineyards and sample wines at small family estates
- Celebrate your journey with a sunset dinner overlooking the Aegean

Start your day in the peaceful village of Pyrgos, once the island's medieval capital. Walk the same paths as vineyard workers through vines that curl low to the ground, their basket-like shapes unique to this windswept terrain. Visit a family-run winery and enjoy a guided tasting – crisp Assyrtiko whites, elegant rosés, and sweet volcanic dessert wines – paired with local cheeses.

Continue to the Bronze Age site of Akrotiri, the "Pompeii of the Aegean," for glimpses into ancient island life preserved by volcanic ash. Later, return to Oia for an evening of celebration. Raise a glass during dinner as the setting sun paints the caldera in shades of rose and gold, reflecting the warmth of the Greek Isles and its people.

MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: SANTORINI

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 7 »

Santorini

- Savor your final morning overlooking the blue Aegean
- Stroll through Oia's whitewashed lanes to browse boutiques filled with hand-crafted jewelry, ceramics, and other island-made treasures

Linger over breakfast on the terrace, with the scent of sea air and jasmine in the breeze. Perhaps take a short walk through the whitewashed lanes of Oia or sip one last coffee as fishing boats glide below. In the late morning, your Classic Journeys guide will see you off, carrying memories of Greece's islands — its flavors, light, and hospitality — that will stay with you long after you've gone.

MEALS: B

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

Tour Hotels



[Belvedere Hotel Mykonos](#)

A five-star member of The Leading Hotels of the World, this serene retreat in the heart of Mykonos Town blends whitewashed Cycladic charm with modern elegance. Terraced sea-view rooms, a tranquil pool, and fine dining create a relaxing oasis.

NIGHTS: 1 nights



[Manili Boutique Suites & Villas](#)

Recipient of a MICHELIN Key distinction, this intimate boutique property in Archanes blends Cretan tradition with refined modernity. Serene courtyards, inviting pools, and warm hospitality make it an ideal stay among Crete's vineyards and mountains.

NIGHTS: 3 nights



[Fanari Villas](#)

An award-winning luxury sanctuary named Best Scenic View Hotel in Greece, this cliffside gem offers unforgettable views of Santorini's caldera. Elegant cave-style suites, heartfelt service, and magical sunsets create an atmosphere of timeless serenity.

NIGHTS: 2 nights

Curated Walks

CONNECT. ON FOOT. AT EYE LEVEL.

Join us to walk the most cinematic footpaths in a region. With thoughtfully curated walks that are about so much more than just counting miles. Yes, it's likely that your Fitbit or Apple watch will buzz when you hit your step count. But you probably won't notice because your soul will be buzzing from the connections you make with the people and place. Each day, we'll offer you one or two walks. Each walk is generally between an hour or two in duration. And our support vehicles are often nearby and add to your flexibility. Choose one or both to curate the right amount of walking for you each day. It's why Forbes magazine calls our tours their 'Luxury Walking Favorite'.

CURATE YOUR OWN MILEAGE OPTIONS EACH DAY

	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	MAXIMUM
Day 1	2.5	4	5
Day 2	2.5	3.5	4
Day 3	3	4	6.5
Day 4	2.5	4	6.5
Day 5	2.5	4	4.5
Day 6	2.5	3.5	6
Day 7	*	*	*

*No scheduled walks

ROUTE NOTES

The terrain on this trip includes a mix of paved and cobblestone streets in Heraklion, Mykonos town, Fira and Oia; as well as well-maintained countryside and coastal trails; vineyard, olive grove and shepherds' paths of compressed dirt and stone; and even crushed lava rock on the volcanic trails. The footpaths offer a selection of level, rolling and hilly terrain with some elevation gain and loss.

THE ART OF THE UNPLANNED:

CRAFTING UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

We've carefully crafted each day's walking adventures with our expert local guides. Your daily itinerary serves as a well-thought-out plan, and we empower our tour leaders to adapt to unexpected opportunities or challenges. Whether it's an impromptu local invitation or a weather-related change, we're adept at making adjustments. So, while your experience may closely follow the itinerary, it might also include some variations. In essence, we invite you to "expect the unexpected" – knowing that our promise is to provide you the most genuine and authentic walking tours in the world.

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

LOCATION: Hotel Lobby
CITY: Mykonos Town, Mykonos,
TIME: 10:00 AM

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

LOCATION: Hotel Lobby
CITY: Oia, Santorini, Greece
TIME: 11:00 AM

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ▶ **CURATED WALKS THAT LEAD TO 'ONLY WITH CLASSIC JOURNEYS' EXPERIENCES**
 - Immerse and connect you across cultures as you explore on foot
- ▶ **EXCEPTIONAL LOCAL GUIDES**
 - Bring authentic experiences to life
- ▶ **ENCHANTING ACCOMMODATIONS**
 - Where luxury and local mean you feel at home
- ▶ **EAT LIKE (& WITH) THE LOCALS**
 - Local flavors and time to savor the moments together
- ▶ **SMALL GROUPS, GUARANTEED**
 - Mean deeper, richer experiences while making friends along the way
- ▶ **REGENERATIVE TRAVEL**
 - We take strides to preserve cultures, traditions, and nature

What's Included

- Accommodations for 6 nights
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- ▶ **PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS**
One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.
- ▶ **INVISIBLE CHECK-IN**
When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately.

Enhancing Your Journey

We're constantly seeking ways to improve your experience. Count on us to update you with any significant changes before departure. Minor adjustments may be communicated by your guides during the trip to ensure you have the best possible journey.