

Greece – Athens, Meteora, Mykonos & Santorini (11-Day Itinerary)

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Experience ancient history, dramatic rock monasteries, and Cycladic island glamour — luxury hotels, private transfers, curated dining, and yacht/heli options included. Day 11 is reserved only for departure.

Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival & Athens Intro

- Arrive at Athens Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (ATH). Private transfer to your luxury Athens hotel — suggestions: Hotel Grande Bretagne (Syntagma) or King George, a Luxury Collection Hotel.
 - Afternoon: Relax and take an introductory walk around Syntagma Square and the Plaka neighborhood.
 - Evening: Sunset drinks with Acropolis views from a rooftop bar.
 - Dinner: Elegant taverna in Plaka or a contemporary Greek tasting menu at a recommended restaurant.
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Day 2 – Athens: Acropolis & Historic Center

- Morning: Private guided tour of the Acropolis, Parthenon, and Acropolis Museum (skip-the-line).
 - Walk through Anafiotika and Plaka's cobbled lanes.
 - Lunch: Traditional Greek taverna or modern mezze (book a rooftop with views).
 - Afternoon: Visit the Ancient Agora, Hadrian's Library, and stroll Ermou Street for boutiques.
 - Dinner: Book a fine-dining experience with a view of the illuminated Acropolis.
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Day 3 – Athens to Meteora (Train or Private Transfer)

- Morning: Private chauffeured transfer or high-speed train to Kalambaka / Meteora (approx. 4–5 hours by car; train options available).
 - Check in: boutique/character hotel near Meteora (recommendation: Divani Meteora Hotel or an upscale guesthouse with views of the rock formations).
 - Afternoon: Light exploration and sunset viewpoint visit to see the monasteries dramatically perched on rock pillars.
 - Dinner: Local regional cuisine at a refined taverna with local wines.
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Day 4 – Meteora: Monasteries & Scenic Views

- Full day: Private guided tour of Meteora's monasteries (UNESCO). Visit Great Meteoron, Varlaam, and others (check opening days/entry rules).
 - Lunch: Village-style tavern with local specialties.
 - Afternoon: Optional hike or private 4x4 scenic excursion to lesser-known viewpoints.
 - Dinner: Gourmet regional dishes at your hotel or nearby fine taverna.
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Day 5 – Meteora → Athens → Mykonos (Flight or Ferry)

- Morning: Transfer back to Athens (private car or train). Short flight or high-speed ferry to Mykonos.
 - Transfer by private launch or car to your hotel: luxury suggestions Cavo Tagoo Mykonos, Belvedere Hotel, or Mykonos Blu (for a private villa feel).
 - Afternoon: Relax by the pool, beach club, or take a private catamaran cruise to nearby coves.
 - Dinner: Sea-view dining in Mykonos Town — reserve well in advance.
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Day 6 – Mykonos: Beaches & Island Life

- Morning: Private yacht or boat charter around the island and neighboring islets (Delos archaeological excursion optional).
 - Lunch: Beach club (Scorpios-like vibe) or seaside taverna on Psarou / Platys Gialos.
 - Afternoon: Boutiques in Mykonos Town (Matoyianni Street) and sunset at Little Venice.
 - Dinner: Fine seafood restaurant or private chef dinner at your villa/hotel.
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Day 7 – Mykonos: Leisure & Nightlife

- Morning: Spa, pool, or relaxed brunch at a luxury beach club.
 - Afternoon: Optional water sports or private photography tour around the island for glam shots.
 - Dinner: Exclusive restaurant booking (beachfront or Town), then optional sunset cocktails and upscale nightlife.
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Day 8 – Mykonos → Santorini (High-speed Ferry or Private Launch)

- Morning: Private transfer to the ferry terminal or a private launch to Santorini (approx. 2–3 hours by high-speed ferry; private boat is faster and more luxurious).
 - Check in: luxury cliffside hotels — Katikies, Canaves Oia, Mystique, or Grace Hotel Santorini (Oia/Imerovigli).
 - Afternoon: Relax with panoramic caldera views; unwind at the infinity pool.
 - Dinner: Sunset dinner in Oia overlooking the caldera — reserve a premier terrace table.
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Day 9 – Santorini: Caldera & Volcano Excursion

- Morning: Private boat tour of the Caldera, volcanic islet hike to the active crater (if allowed), and hot springs swim.
 - Lunch: Onboard fresh seafood or at a Perivolos beach taverna (if you choose to stop ashore).
 - Afternoon: Explore Oia and Fira boutiques, or a private winery tour (Assyrtiko tastings).
 - Dinner: Gourmet tasting menu at a top Santorini restaurant (reserve well ahead).
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Day 10 – Santorini: Leisure & Sunset Ritual

- Morning: Relaxation — private yoga, spa treatment, or bespoke photography session at the blue-domed churches.
 - Lunch: Cliffside café or hotel terrace.
 - Afternoon: Optional excursion to Pyrgos and traditional villages, or re-visit your favorite sunset spot for leisurely photos.
 - Dinner: Farewell Santorini dinner with caldera views and local wines.
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Day 11 – Departure

- Morning: Leisurely breakfast with caldera views, last-minute stroll or shopping.
 - Check out and private transfer to Santorini (JTR) or Athens (if flying via Athens) for departure.
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Practical Travel Info

- Airports / Transfers: Athens (ATH), direct flights or ferry connections to Mykonos (JMK) and Santorini (JTR). Private launches and seaplane/helicopter transfers possible for luxury routing.

- Trains / Roads: Meteora access via Kalambaka by private car (~4–5 hours from Athens) or train (longer). Private chauffeurs recommended for flexibility.
 - Local Transport: Private transfers, yachts, and local light aircraft/seaplane options for speed. Car hire available on islands for exploration; arrange driver for safety.
 - Currency / Plugs: Euro (€); Type C/F (220V).
 - Hotels (luxury suggestions): Athens — Hotel Grande Bretagne, King George; Meteora — Divani Meteora Hotel or boutique cliff hotels; Mykonos — Cavo Tagoo, Belvedere; Santorini — Katikies, Canaves Oia, Grace Hotel.
 - Timing: Ferries in high season can be crowded — private boat or early reservations recommended.
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Travel Tips & Essentials

- Book early: Luxury hotels, catamaran charters, private guides, and prime sunset tables reserve out months in advance (especially June–Sept).
- Dress code: Smart casual for daytime island elegance; resort chic for dinners.
- Sun & Sea: High SPF, sunhat, reef shoes for volcanic beaches.
- Local customs: Respect monastery rules at Meteora (modest dress for entering).
- Health & safety: Follow local guidelines for swimming and boating; carry travel insurance for island transfers.
- Language: Greek is official; English widely spoken in the tourism sector.

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