

Greece

May 25–June 4, 2024

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Greece is known for its rich architectural history, but its wine, cheese, and olive oil are what dreams are made of! On this trip we will be visiting classic sites including the ancient ruins of the Acropolis and Delphi. We will enjoy personal tours across many of the Cyclades islands including Naxos, Mykonos, and traveling coast to coast on the picturesque island of Santorini. Each island has its own landscape, breathtaking views, and food that will fill up your cameras and your stomach. **Get ready to say Opa!**

Trip Leader: Anne Rogalski and greek tour guide

Saturday, May 25, 2024

- Arrival to Athens airport.
- Two group transfers from airport to hotel: 11:00 am, 3pm.
- Spend the afternoon on your own to acclimate to the time change and explore or rest.
- Depending on arrival times, evening group gathering.

Sunday, May 26, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Morning tour in the Athens National Museum.
- Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon, visit to the **Acropolis of Athens**.
 - Overlooking Athens, “Acropolis” translates to “City at the Highest Point.”
 - Visit the Parthenon, dating back to 5 B.C.
- Dinner at a typical Greek Taerna.

Monday, May 27, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Day tour to **Delphi** including lunch.
 - Delphi is recognized as home to the Oracle of Delphi, famed for divining the future and consulted by many in ancient times.
- Free evening and dinner on own.

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Morning food tour in Athens. (Walking)
- Visit to the renown **Athens Central Food Market**.
- Sample Greek foods as olives, traditional pastries, and pies, Greek charcuterie, cheeses, and coffee.
- Return to the hotel.
- Transfer to Athens airport.
- Flight to Naxos Island.
- Transfer to the accommodations.
- Dinner.



Wednesday, May 29, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Day tour on **Naxos** Island including lunch. (Transportation mode: Bus)
 - Naxos is home to warm and welcoming locals, a rugged landscape, and white and blue stucco buildings set against a backdrop of the Aegean Sea.
 - Greek islands known as the Cyclades.
- Visit the village of **Chalki** and sample the popular local liqueur, Citron, right from the distillery.
 - Visit the Olive Museum, the perfect place to purchase olive oil to take home.
- Free evening and dinner on own.
 - Stroll the streets along the marina.
 - Dine in local resurants.
 - Browse the unique shops exhibiting local artisans' wares.



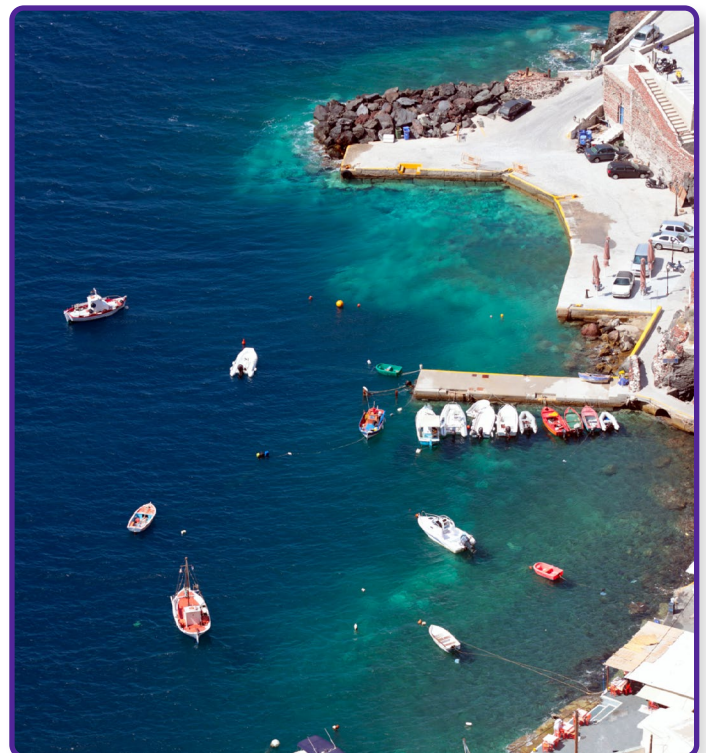


Thursday, May 30, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Day trip on **Mykonos**. (Transportation mode: Ferry)
 - Mykonos is a magical island, located in the very heart of the Cyclades. Legend has it the island was built on the bodies of the giants felled by Hercules.
 - Have a walking tour through the alleyways until we reach the five windmills that stand in a row, a source of pride for the locals.
 - Explore the Chora and Scarpa areas of Mykonos. Little Venice is located here, a popular area for photography.
- Board the ferry to return to Naxos.
- Free evening and dinner on own.

Friday, May 31, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Morning at a cheese farm.
 - Our hosts, the cheese makers, make cheese for the island of Naxos.
 - We are invited to take part in the craft of cheese making!
- Afternoon visit to **Paros** Island including dinner. (A round trip ferry)
 - Journey to Parikia, the flower-filled village, of warm and welcoming locals.
 - Have dinner against the beautiful port of Naoussa, a fishing village full of Greek life.
- Ferry back to Naxos.





Saturday, June 1, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Free morning to explore.
- Afternoon cooking class in a local village.
 - Create luscious Greek dishes. For example, eggplant stuffed with tomato and onions slowly caramelized, topped with local cheese, tzatziki, naxian-style Greek salad, and the traditional favorite, spanakopita.
 - All of our mouthwatering foods will be accompanied by local wines.
- Free evening and dinner on own.

Sunday, June 2, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Transfer from your accommodations to Naxos ferry port. (*Transportation: Ferry*)
- Board on the ferry to Santorini.
 - **Santorini** Island features a rugged landscape, courtesy of a 16th century volcanic eruption.
 - The homes and buildings of Santorini feature the iconic cubiform and white-washed with blue roof architecture, nestled amidst the hillside.
- Transfer to the hotel.
- Lunch on own.
- Afternoon tour in Santorini.
 - **Megalochori** is often claimed as the favorite of Santorini's villages because of it's stunning beauty, and located away from the more touristy parts of the island.
 - **Pyrgos** located in Mount Profitis Ilias foothills, home to medieval alleys, galleries, and boutiques.
 - **Akrotiki site**, famous as the "Pompeii of Greece" for well-preserved frescoes and historical excavations.
- Wine tasting at the local wineries.
- Dinner.





Monday, June 3, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Day tour to discover the highlights of Santorini.
 - Village of Oia, a true island fantasy on the north side of the island. Oia is famous for filling camera rolls because of its beauty.
 - Village of Imerovigli is home to cathedrals, homes, hotels, and chapels, perched on the steep cliffs of the caldera.
 - Village of Firostefani, considered to be the “Crown of Fira,” is set above the deep blue sea lagoon and home to the famous blue-domed church (its on almost every postcard of Santorini).
 - Village of Emporio is the largest village on the island. Enjoy the ruins of fortresses dating back to the Byzantine era and historic windmills.
 - Finally stop at Perivolos beach for lunch and relaxation.
- Free afternoon to explore.
- Evening Greek Wedding show.
 - This is an interactive musical theatre production where guests will sing, dance, and even... break some plates! Opa!

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

- Breakfast.
- Departure day.
- Morning Transfer to Santorini airport.
 - Board on a morning flight to Athens.
- You may book a flight from Athens to the US that departs after 12:00 pm.



Registration Fee

Double occupancy rates: **\$5,698 per person**

*Registration closes **October 27, 2023**

Payment Schedule:

\$450 due upon registration

\$2,624 due by **Friday, August 25, 2023**

\$2,624 due by **Friday, October 27, 2023**

*Cancellations of tours must be made in writing up to 91 days prior to departure and will be refunded in full less your nonrefundable deposit. Cancellations made within 90 days of departure will not be refunded. Please email us at uwspceweb@uwsp.edu to inform us of a cancellation or substitution.



Your Trip Leader, Anne Rogalski, UWSP CE Associate Director, has hosted several trips for Continuing Education, including New York, New Orleans, Kentucky, and Savannah. In other positions, she has led trips to Europe for groups in size from 22 to 81 participants. When not working, Anne can be found hiking with her husband; in October of 2022 she became an official Thousand Miler after completing the Ice Age Trail.

Our trip through Food N Wine Vacations includes:

- 10 Night Accommodations.
- Group transfer from/to Athens Airport.
- Group transfer to Santorini airport.
- Transportation according to the itinerary. (bus, ferry, plane).
- Flight from Athens to Naxos.
- Flight from Santorini to Athens.
- Tour guides.
- Entry tickets according to the itinerary.
- Wine tasting.
- Cheese making. (informal lunch).
- Food tour Athens (informal lunch).
- 10 breakfasts.
- 5 dinners.
- 2 lunches.
- Cooking class.
- Tour book.
- Trip app.
- Complimentary consulting with your pre or post travel plans: Flights, hotels, logistics and ideas.

Trip does not include:

- Flight.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenses.
- Anything that is not mentioned in the itinerary.