

CRUISE NWTRAVEL PRIVATE EXCURSIONS SUGGESTED FOR YOU



SYROS | THE PRECIOUS VOLCANIC ISLAND

Our first stop will be the majestic Cathedral of St. Nicolas, patron saint of Hermoupolis that stands out for its lavish interiors and impressive architectural structure. St. Nicholas is located at the prestigious district of Vaporia, featuring some unique high-ceiling mansions that seem to hover above the sea. We are on our way now to the heart of Hermoupolis; Miaoulis Square which is the historic square of Syros featuring architectural marvels in a dreamy landscape of the 19th century. Here we will visit the Town Hall designed by Ernst Ziller. The crown jewel of Syros was built in 1898 drawing architecturally on three different styles, Tuscan, Ionic and Corinthian, boasting outstanding features such as a princely staircase 15.5 meters high. Leaving the town center, we will visit the old town of Syros, the medieval settlement of Ano Syros, located up at the hill to the left above Hermoupolis. We will enter the settlement at the top of the hill. Here we will visit the Cathedral of St. George, which is the Catholic cathedral of the island, the Catholic Monastery of Capuchins and the church of St. John built in 1635. After that we will wander around the picturesque center of the settlement called "Piatsa" with small shops and the museum of Markos Vamvakaris, one of the most influential Greek rebetiko musicians. After exploring Ano Syros, we take a tour around Neoclassical villages of Syros with the old mansions which have their own history to tell

Rate Per Person: 110 euro

Duration: 4 hours

Included:

- Pickup - Drop off at your location.
- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle
- A guided tour with experienced guide
- Entrance fees



DELOS | THE BIRTHPLACE OF GODS

The tiny uninhabited island of Delos is one of the most famous archaeological sites in Greece and a UNESCO World's Cultural Heritage site. In antiquity, Delos was considered the spiritual and commercial centre of the Aegean and according to Greek Mythology the birthplace of God Apollo and his twin sister Goddess Artemis.

Delos historical tour: After a short tender ride disembark on the island and gather for an introduction, before proceeding with your lecturer on a unique walk through original ancient paths. You will see Hellenistic houses, with beautiful mosaics in amazingly good condition, the Apollo Sanctuary and over the Sacred Way the famous 7th century B.C. marble lions, guardians of the Sacred Lake. On to the Theatre and the Roman quarter, where you will see ancient statues dedicated to Dionysus. You may optionally visit the museum with its many interesting exhibits.

Rate Per Person: 112 euro

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Duration: 3 hours

Included:

- A guided tour with experienced guide
- Entrance fees



MYKONOS | THE BIRTHPLACE OF GODS

Nestled in the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, Mykonos beckons with its enchanting blend of beauty and charm. Renowned as the "Island of the Winds," Mykonos captivates visitors with its picturesque landscapes, vibrant atmosphere, and rich cultural heritage.

Wine tasting at a farm: Your journey begins at 12:00 or 18:00, as our comfortable bus picks you up from Elysium and embarks on a scenic drive across the island. Traverse the charming landscapes that connect Mykonos Town (Hora) with the picturesque village of Ano Mera, immersing yourself in the island's natural beauty along the way. Upon arrival at the Mykonian Farm, you will be warmly welcomed by our esteemed sommelier, Mr. Stathis Pasoglou. Take a seat in the specially designed wine corner of this traditional farm, where you will embark on a captivating journey through the flavors of Mykonos.

Indulge in a guided tasting of four distinct local wines, expertly curated to showcase the dynamic diversity of Greek winemaking. Under Mr. Pasoglou's guidance, you will learn the art of wine tasting, from the delicate nuances of aroma to the rich complexity of flavor, unlocking the secrets of Greece's most renowned blends.

As you sip and savor each exquisite wine, delight your palate with a delectable selection of locally sourced snacks, perfectly paired to complement the unique characteristics of each varietal. From artisanal cheeses to savory cured meats, each bite offers a taste of Mykonos' culinary heritage.

Immerse yourself in the rustic charm of the Mykonian Farm, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the countryside. As the sun sets over the horizon, savor the magic of this unforgettable experience, where the essence of Mykonos comes to life through the art of wine and gastronomy.

Join us on this culinary adventure and discover the true essence of Mykonos, where tradition, culture, and hospitality converge to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Rate Per Person: 100 euro

Duration: 3 hours

Included:

- Pickup - Drop off at your location.
- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle
- A guided tour with experienced guide



NAXOS | A TRUE BEAUTY

Naxos is the largest, greenest and undoubtedly one of the most beautiful Cycladic islands. Once the center of archaic Cycladic culture, Naxos is famous for its many beautiful beaches popular with windsurfers and kite-surfers, mountain villages, emery mines and cultural sites.

Island Tour: A village-hopping adventure through the most authentic and atmospheric settlements of Naxos: Damalas, Kerami, Kaloxilos and Halki. Embark on an unforgettable escorted road trip, filled with wonderful scenery, local encounters and insights from your destination angel about Naxian life and culture. We'll set out from Naxos town and head inland to Galanado village, where the stern tower of Belonia stands sentinel. Our first stop is the small village of Damalas. We're headed for a traditional ceramics workshop, the last active one on Naxos, to learn about this age-old craft from one of its last practitioners. Then it will be your turn to get hands-on! Before we leave, we'll also visit a restored 19th century traditional olive press. Making our way through the fertile valley of Tragaea, we'll stop at Kerami, a whimsical village, halfway between Halki and Filoti. Awaiting you are 5 picturesque narrow streets, charming white houses, lush gardens and a magnificent view over a sea of olive groves. In the centre of the village, we'll admire the impressive architecture of the landmark 18th century tower Markopolitis-Kalavros and take in other notable sights including the Byzantine churches of St. John (13th century), nestled among the olive trees, and that of St. Apostles, in the nearby abandoned village of Metohi. A 20-minute stroll takes us to Kaloxilos, a quaint little village, built on a verdant landscape among oaks, olive and plane trees, prized for its pretty houses and gardens scented with rare flowers. Don't be surprised to hear someone saying, "Welcome to Hollywood!". It's the local's witty catchphrase, as Kaloxilos in Greek breaks down to Kalo for holly and xilos for wood! At the Holy Trinity church we'll admire an impressive marble iconostasis before stopping in at the Folklore and Folk-Art Museum, where the owner will enlighten us about his painstakingly assembled and restored collection, housed in a well-preserved mansion, bequeathed by his grandfather. Our final village stop is Halki. Legend has it that this village was named after a family of coppersmiths and tinkers (halkos = copper) sent there by the Venetians. Until a few decades ago, centrally-located Halki was populous and affluent and served as the administrative and commercial core of the island. This is no longer the case, but its ornate neoclassical mansions still stand as proud testament to Halki's former wealth. Let's take a peek inside the emblematic church of Panagia Protothroni, continuously in service since 1052, as well as the imposing Barozzi tower (17th century) and the gracious manor that hosts the Vallindras distillery. Here, we will taste the famed local liqueur Naxos Kitron (PDO), meet the producers and learn about this fiery Naxian aperitif. Last but not least, we'll settle in at the legendary café of Galanis to mingle with the locals, learn about the café's colourful past - and discover the heavenly traditional dessert Galanis is famous for far and wide. Based on milk, Galaktoboureko is Greece's much-loved answer to the custard slice and we can't think of a sweeter note to end your Naxian adventure on.

Rate per person: 110 euro

Duration: 4 hours

Included:

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- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle
- A guided tour with experienced guide



SANTORINI | THE PRECIOUS VOLCANIC ISLAND

The famous, hugely alluring island of Santorini needs no introduction. Offering dramatic views, stunning sunsets and its very own active volcano, Santorini is a truly unique destination.

The Sip of Santorini Sunset Tour: Embark on a journey of sensory delight with our exclusive Santorini Wine Tasting Tour, where you'll immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of the island's wine culture.

Your adventure begins with visits to renowned local wineries, where you'll have the opportunity to taste a diverse selection of Santorini's finest wines. Led by expert guides, you'll receive a mini tutorial on the unique characteristics of Santorini vineyards, gaining insight into the distinct flavors and aromas that define each varietal.

As you explore the wineries, you'll delve into the fascinating stages of the winemaking process, from the ancient traditions of ploughing in the vineyards to the modern techniques of grape harvesting, stomping, and weighing. Learn about the range of machinery utilized in winemaking, witnessing firsthand the evolution of winemaking practices from antiquity to the present day.

Your journey culminates in the enchanting village of Oia, a picturesque oasis of whitewashed buildings and azure domes perched atop the dramatic cliffs of the caldera. Here, amidst marble alleys, art galleries, and jewelry shops, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the volcanic islets and caldera.

Savor the serenity of the moment as you make your way to the Sun Spirit Bar, one of Oia's most coveted spots for sunset viewing. Relax in this idyllic setting, sipping on fine wines and indulging in the harmonious blend of flavors that Santorini has to offer.

As the sun begins its descent into the cerulean waters of the Aegean Sea, allow yourself to be swept away by the magic of the moment. With each sip of wine, you'll be transported to a realm of pure bliss, where time stands still and worries fade away.

Join an unforgettable journey through Santorini's wine country, where every glass tells a story and every sunset is a masterpiece. Cheers to a lifetime of memories made in the heart of the Greek islands!

Rate Per Person: 140 euro

Duration: 5 hours

Included:

- Pickup - Drop off at your location.
- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle



PAROS | A son of the Arcadian king Parrhasius.

Village-hopping in Paros: A trip where natural beauty meets the island's rich culture:

The ultimate escorted experience to Paros' traditional villages and unspoiled natural landscapes. Your destination angel will be by your side at all times narrating the island's history. Our village-hopping experience starts at the quaint village of Lefkes, which lies 250 meters above sea level in the middle of the island. Built in amphitheater shape with the houses perched at the hill's slopes, Lefkes is one of Paros' most beautiful villages. It was the first capital of Paros and nowadays is considered the most well-preserved settlement on the island. Your destination angel will guide you through the village's cobblestone alleys, the marble central road and the main square, one of the most beautiful in the Cyclades. Our final stop in Lefkes will be at the church of Agia Triada, which proudly stands on top of the hill. On the way back down, you'll get the chance to stroll through narrow alleyways and whitewashed houses, and revel in countryside views at Kostos village -or the "Paros balcony" as locals affectionately call it-, home to the church of Saint Panteleimon, the protector Saint of the village, and several other charming churches. Our next stop is the village Marpissa. Home to old windmills, 16th-century mansions, traditional houses and unique churches, the 700-inhabitant village is well-known for its architectural gems. Plus, it is built in a unique location on top of a rock at the western foot of Kefalos hill. Your mini-bus we'll be waiting to take you on a 10-minute drive to Prodomos, a picturesque, fortified village. Originally called Dragoulas, the village took its current name in 1953 after the Metropolitan church of Agios Ioannis Prodomos. As you take a stroll in the village's labyrinthine cobblestoned streets, you'll pass by the local houses, flourished gardens and tidy terraces and the village's squares with their white-washed stone benches.

Rate Per Person: 145 euro

Duration: 4 hours

Included:

- Pickup - Drop off at your location.
- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle
- A guided tour with experienced guide



SIFNOS | THE MOST DELICIOUS GREEK ISLAND

According to legend “Sifnos” was son of the Attic hero Sounios. Sifnos island is famous for its world-renowned culinary scene, its relaxed atmosphere, as well as its nightlife. In the past years it has repeatedly been voted best island in the world.

Island tour: The tour starts with the monastery of Panagia Chrysopigi following a visit to Kastro village and Archaeological Museum of Sifnos. Kastro is located at the top of a rocky plateau with steep sided cliffs and a panoramic view over the sea and the nearby islands. The next destination is Artemonas, a traditional aristocratic village with beautiful neoclassic mansions built over 200 years ago and painted in the traditional Cycladic patterns. The following stop is the most important archaeological site of Sifnos; the Acropolis, located on the top of a hill on the way from Apollonia to Vathy. Last visit, the island’s capital Apollonia and free time for lunch

Rate per person: 95 euro

Duration: 4 hours

Included:

- Pickup - Drop off at your location.
- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle

The Ancient art of pottery: “Everyone fears God but potters fear the wall.” By the end of your active pottery adventure on Sifnos, you’ll discover exactly what this quote means - and why it is often said on this tranquil island (hint: it’s got something to do with donkeys!). Sifnos potters are regarded as the pioneers of this classic craft. It first appeared here in the early Cycladic period (3,300BC to 2,000 BC), before flourishing across the Cyclades in an artistic thread that remains unbroken even today. The island’s wealth in raw materials (clay-rich earth, abundant waters, strong sun), as well as the skilful hands of local technicians, helped this timeless art to bloom. Sifnian potters made everything from cooking pots and liquid chalices to carrying vessels and ceremonial artefacts. The fame of Sifnian potters travelled across the Aegean Sea; so much so that the term “Sifnian” became a synonym for ‘potter’. Today, you’ll still find many pottery workshops throughout Sifnos, continuing the ancestral traditions of the island, and shaping objects of unique beauty and art. Together, we will visit one such traditional workshop in Kamares. Here, the potter – supported by your destination angel - will explain all the stages of production and actively demonstrate the ancient potter’s craft by creating handmade ceramic items on the potter’s wheel. Next, it will be your turn to take the wheel! You’ll have the chance to participate in the first stage of pottery-making and see your raw clay transformed into a small object. Learn from your destination angel how this much-loved art and craft has remained largely intact for centuries. And how the soil of Sifnos continues to produce some of Greece’s most sought-after ceramics. After your lesson, you may explore the workshops’ traditional artefacts to admire the range and perhaps snap up a few keepsakes to take home as a reminder of your special day. Some prefer the “less is more” earthen

items where the clay's original colour dominates in its simplicity; others fall hard for the brightly-hued pieces, decorated with original designs to liven up your everyday life.

Rate Per Person: 140 euro

Duration: 2.5 hours

Included:

- Pickup - Drop off at your location.
- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle
- A guided tour with experienced guide
- A lesson-demonstration



FOLEGANDROS | THE MOST PEACEFUL AND ROMANTIC GREEK ISLAND

Clifftop charm and beaches where beauty is your reward

Folegandros is an island in the Cyclades, that will sweep you off your feet with its beauty, charm and relaxing rhythm. Folegandros' main town, Hora, teeters precariously on the edge of a high cliff, with its many squares framed by graceful, typically Cycladic churches and old-fashioned tavernas with views of the Aegean. In the evenings, taverna tables fill up and the main town of Folegandros becomes even more welcoming. Honeyed raki flows, music starts, people sing and friends are made. Probably one of the most spectacularly situated of all island villages, the Folegandros Chora, adds new meaning to the word breathtaking. Its oldest part, the walled medieval Kastro, is beautifully preserved. Will you dare stand on the parapet at Pounta Square and admire the view? From there, you can stroll to Hora's other squares. Each has its own character, with an exquisite church and small houses glistening under layers of whitewash. You understand the truth of the saying "small is beautiful". In the roofed passage to the walled district of Kastro once hung a bell that would ring out every evening to announce the closing of an iron gate. You wouldn't want to be left outside in those days! As though moulded from white clay, the little houses of Folegandros' Kato Rouga neighborhood are like sculptures embellished with lively colors. Rest for a longer look and then walk to the Church of Pantanassa. From there you can see the islands of Milos, Sifnos and Kimolos. Ano Meria, Folegandros' only other village besides Hora, has kept its strictly agricultural character. Here, in an old farmhouse, you can see what a traditional farmstead was really like, with its storage cellar, outdoor oven, olive press and – a Folegandros phenomenon – walled-in lemon trees. The winter wind blows so fiercely that the locals erect high stone walls around each one to protect them.

Rate Per Person: 140 euro

Duration: 4 hours

Included:

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- Transfer in a fully air-conditioned private vehicle
- A guided tour with experienced guide

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- * *Our carefully selected tours are led by local certified English-speaking guides.*
- * *If the vessel doesn't port at the destination as per the itinerary due to bad weather or any other reason, alternative visits will be offered.*
- * *In some of the destinations a dress code will be required (Churches and Monasteries). Comfortable shoes are recommended.*
- * *Tipping is at the discretion of the guest*

Date