

# DIVINE CYCLADES CRUISE 2025 PRIVATE EXCURSIONS SUGGESTED FOR YOU

## **DELOS** | THE BIRTHPLACE OF GODS



TOUR TYPE: Archaeological



**SHORE EXCURSION**: 4 Hours



**ACTIVITY LEVEL**: Easy



**RECOMMENDED DRESS**: Comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses



No Wheelchair accessibility

Delos, located in the heart of the Aegean Sea, was once a thriving religious and cultural hub, regarded as the birthplace of the ancient Greek gods Apollo and Artemis. As you step onto the island, you will be transported back in time to a place that was central to the ancient Greek world. We look forward to sharing this unforgettable experience with you as you uncover the mysteries of Delos, a place where history, culture, and myth converge.

#### **DELOS HISTORICAL TOUR**

Our journey begins with a swift and comfortable ride from our boat to the island aboard a modern speedboat, ensuring that you will reach this UNESCO World Heritage site in a remarkably short time. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to explore the remains of impressive structures such as **THE TEMPLE OF APOLLO**, which once housed a monumental statue of the god. The island is also home to the remarkable **TERRACE OF THE LIONS**, a collection of statues that once guarded the sacred area. Visitors can wander through the **ANCIENT MARKET AREA**, where merchants and travelers once gathered, and witness the remnants of homes, mosaics, and a vast array of temples and sanctuaries dedicated to various deities. The archaeological importance of Delos cannot be overstated. Delos was a powerful religious and political center from the 8th century BC until the Roman period, playing a key role in the economic and cultural life of the ancient Greek world. The island's strategic location made it a center for trade, while its religious significance drew pilgrims from all over the ancient world.

As you explore this sacred island, you will be surrounded by the echoes of its past, with every step offering a glimpse into the ancient civilization that once flourished here. Delos is not just a site of historical interest, but a place where the ancient myths and legends of Greece come to life.

Rate Per Person: 75€ - Including Tour Guide

Minimum Number of People: 8 people

Entrance fees are Included



## **NAXOS** | A TRUE BEAUTY



TOUR TYPE: Cultural - Archaeological



**SHORE EXCURSION:** 4 Hours



**ACTIVITY LEVEL**: Easy



**RECOMMENDED DRESS**: Comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses



No Wheelchair accessibility

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.

### NAXOS ISLAND TOUR

The **OLIVE PRESS MUSEUM OF EGGARES** in Naxos is a historical museum that highlights the traditional production of olive oil and the history of olive cultivation on the island. Housed in an old olive press, the museum allows visitors to experience firsthand how olive oil is produced while also immersing them in the rich local culture. Learn about the history of olive oil on Naxos Island and savor specialty infused olive oils, vegan olive oil and homemade seasonal olive marmalades and sweets. The duration of the journey from Naoussa to the museum by private bus is approximately 30-40', depending on traffic conditions.

From the Olive Press Museum of Eggares, the drive to Melanes to visit the **KOUROS OF NAXOS** statue is about 20-25' ride. The statue is located outdoors and is one of the most famous and significant archaeological finds on the island. The Kouros, about 6 meters long (19.7 feet) and carved from Naxian marble, is a prime example of ancient Greek sculpture and was likely created to depict a god or hero. The statue is typical of the **Archaic Greek** style, with stylized features such as the rigid posture, the "archaic smile," and geometric facial features. It is a reflection of the early experimentation in Greek sculpture, which would later evolve into more naturalistic depictions of the human body in the Classical period. The area around the statue offers stunning views, as Melanes is a beautiful region with lush natural beauty and a traditional atmosphere.

Continuing to **PANAGIA DROSIANI**, about 20-25' ride depending on traffic meaning Dewy Virgin, is the oldest Christian church of Naxos. Finally, we visit **HALKI**, which is the previous capital of the island, a picturesque village in the middle of the island before we return to Naxos town.

Rate Per Person: 75€

Minimum Number of People: 8 people

Transfer Included



## **SANTORINI** | THE PRECIOUS VOLCANIC ISLAND



TOUR TYPE: Wine - Tasting, Sunset



**SHORE EXCURSION:** 4 Hours



**ACTIVITY LEVEL**: Easy



**RECOMMENDED DRESS**: Comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses



No Wheelchair accessibility



Food / Beverage Included

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 the visit to the renowned local winery of Sigalas, where you'll have the opportunity to taste a diverse selection of Santorini's finest wines. You will start this unique experience with the sommelier of the winery by your side to provide you an accurate tutorial on the unique characteristics of Santorini vineyards, gaining insight into the distinct flavors and aromas that define each variety. Let yourself 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. Following the tour, come the five stages of wine & food pairing!

7 Villages - Kavalieros - Santorini Barell - Mavrotragano - Vinsanto

These are the premium, limited – edition wines where you get the opportunity to delve into their secrets, combined with the traditional plates of the Thirean cuisine, made by the **awarded Chef, Kyriaki Fotopoulou**.

5 different stages, 5 different wines follow your senses on a refined gastronomical journey!

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 the 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: 145€

Minimum Number of People: 6

Transfer Included

Cable Car Ticket Excluded



## MILOS | THE ISLAND OF VENUS



**TOUR TYPE**: Cultural



**SHORE EXCURSION:** 4 Hours



**ACTIVITY LEVEL**: Easy



**RECOMMENDED DRESS**: Comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses



No Wheelchair accessibility

Milos is a beautiful Greek island located in the Aegean Sea, famous for its unique volcanic landscape, rich history, and crystal-clear waters. The island's name, Milos, is derived from the ancient word "Milos," which is thought to be related to the term "milos" for "apple," symbolizing the island's fertile lands. Known for its spectacular beaches and charming villages, Milos is a perfect destination for those looking to explore both natural beauty and history.

#### MILOS HISTORICAL EXPLORATION

Instead of swimming, you can spend your time exploring the incredible volcanic island of Milos, one of the most beautiful places on earth. Starting from **SARAKINIKO**, an inlet of pure volcanic white landscape, formed by nature. The beach is renowned for its unique white volcanic rock formations, which create a surreal and otherworldly atmosphere and contains one of the island's many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. While feeling that we have landed on the moon, we will walk down to the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach.

Following our visit to Sarakiniko, the next stop on our journey will be **PLAKA**, the island's charming capital resting on a hilltop! Plaka is a traditional village characterized by narrow, winding streets, whitewashed houses decorated exterior with bougainvillea flowers, cobblestone streets and alleys and stunning views of the Aegean Sea. Visitors can explore the local shops, enjoy delicacies from local bakeries, and take in the breathtaking panoramic views from the top of the village, where the Plaka Castle stands.

Very close to Plaka, next to Trypiti village, we will visit the ruins of ancient Melos and its **ROMAN AMPHITHEATER**, an archaeological site dating back to the Roman period. The Amphitheater was built in the 1st century BC and could hold up to 7,000 spectators. It is a remarkable example of Roman architecture, being cut into the rocky slope of the hill near the ancient agora. There you'll find large Dorian walls and column fragments. The marble amphitheater, fully restored in 2015, still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay. On our way back to the bus, we will visit the site where the VENUS OF MILO (now residing in the Louvre in Paris), was discovered in 1820.

Rate Per Person: 95€

Minimum Number of People: 8 people

**Transfer Included** 



## **SIFNOS** | THE MOST DELICIOUS GREEK ISLAND



TOUR TYPE: Cultural, Archeological



**SHORE EXCURSION**: 4 Hours (10:00 – 14:00)



**ACTIVITY LEVEL**: Moderate



**RECOMMENDED DRESS**: Comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses



No Wheelchair accessibility

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.

#### SIFNOS ISLAND TOUR

We start our tour from Kamares Port, <u>20'</u> private <u>bus ride</u>, by visiting the sacred and serene **MONASTERY OF CHRYSOPIGI**, the island's most famous religious site. Perched on a rocky peninsula, this iconic whitewashed monastery dedicated to the Virgin Mary offers breathtaking sea views and a tranquil atmosphere. Learn about its rich traditions and stories, perhaps take a moment for quiet reflection as waves lap at the surrounding rocks.

Continue to the bustling village of **APOLLONIA**, the vibrant heart of Sifnos. Stroll along its picturesque stone-paved streets lined with charming boutiques, local art galleries, and traditional tavernas. Don't miss the chance to sample local delicacies, such as chickpea balls (revithokeftedes) and the famous almond sweets (amygdalota). Apollonia's lively atmosphere and Cycladic architecture make it a highlight of the tour.

Conclude your exploration in the enchanting medieval village of **KASTRO**, perched dramatically on a cliff overlooking the sea. Walk through narrow, labyrinthine streets, and admire the ancient fortifications and Venetian architecture. Discover quaint chapels and the picturesque Church of the Seven Martyrs, located on a rocky outcrop with stunning views of the Aegean. The timeless charm of Kastro is a perfect end to your Sifnos adventure.

Rate Per Person: 75€

Minimum Number of People: 8 people

Transfer Included



## **REMARKS**

- \* 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
- \* Suggested always to carry a bottle of water