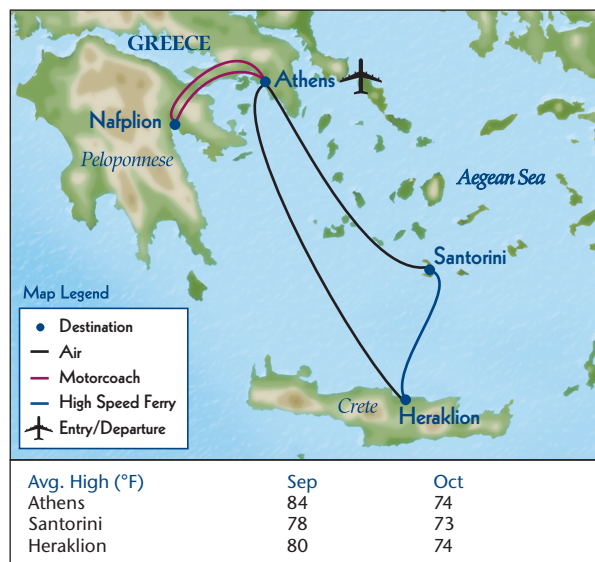


Ancient Greece with Santorini and Crete

14 days from \$6,892 total price from Boston, New York

(\$6,195 air & land inclusive plus \$697 airline taxes and fees)

Unearth the grandeur of the ancient world on this singular journey combining premier archaeological sites with the beauty and lore of the Aegean and her isles. As the ancient world comes alive in Athens and the Peloponnese, Crete and Santorini, we celebrate the glory that was Greece – and still is today.



Physical Activity Level



Moderate/Challenging

Refer to page 5 for more information.

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Athens		
2-4	Athens	NJV Athens Plaza	Deluxe
5-7	Nafplion (Peloponnese)	Liberty Hotel	First Class
8-10	Heraklion (Crete)	Aquila Atlantis Hotel	First Class
11-12	Thira (Santorini)	Santorini Palace Hotel	First Class
13	Athens	Sofitel Athens Airport	Sup. First Class
14	Depart Athens for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



With its whitewashed houses and cobalt domes high above the Aegean, Santorini draws visitors from far and wide.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Athens, Greece

Day 2: Athens After our arrival in the Greek capital, there's time to relax at our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

Day 3: Athens On this morning's tour we visit the city's most important sites, including the 5th-century Acropolis and Parthenon, and the renowned Acropolis Museum, housing artifacts only from the site itself. Then the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration; ancient sights, monuments, and museums abound. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 4: Athens/Cape Sounion Today's excursion takes us to Cape Sounion, where we explore the ruins of the ancient Greek Temple of Poseidon, dating to the 5th century BCE. Dedicated to the mythical god of the sea, the temple poses a stunning sight, standing high on a rocky headland surrounded on three sides by the cobalt waters of the Aegean. Following our journey, we return to Athens where the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B*

Day 5: Athens/Corinth/Nafplion This morning we visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to

the world's most significant collections of Greek artifacts. We then depart by coach to the Peloponnesian Peninsula, Greece's southernmost region separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal. En route we visit the ruins and museum of Ancient Corinth, one of the country's largest cities in antiquity that was demolished by the Romans (146 BCE), who then rebuilt it a century later. Today, only low stone walls, foundations, and several Corinthian columns remain as testimony to the mighty city that once flourished here. The site boasts a strong connection to Christianity: Paul wrote his two letters, First and Second Corinthians, here; and we see the altar where he preached. This afternoon we reach our hotel in Nafplion and dine there tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Mycenae/Epidauros It's a day steeped in ancient history as we first tour the imposing ruins at Mycenae, a UNESCO site that represented the pinnacle of civilization from the 15th to the 12th centuries BCE. A key influence on the development of classic Greek culture (and hence Western civilization), Mycenae also is linked to Homer's epics, *Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. We see the Tomb of Agamemnon, with what was the world's highest and widest dome for more than a thousand years, and the Lion's Gate, the only known Bronze Age monumental sculpture in Greece. We move on to the vast archaeological site and museum of

Epidaurus, with its 2,300-year-old theater – a masterpiece of Greek architecture known for its perfect acoustics – still in use today. Long associated with healing and medicine, Epidaurus comprises one of the most complete sanctuaries remaining from antiquity. Then we return to Nafplion, where the afternoon is free for lunch on our own and perhaps to explore this gem of a Venetian/Byzantine town with picturesque narrow streets, fortifications, and a bounty of waterfront cafés. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together at a local *taverna*. *B,D*

Day 7: Nafplion/Hydra This morning we travel to the port of Metohi, where we board a private boat for the ride to Hydra, the car-free Saronic island where donkeys provide the transportation. After lunch together at a local taverna, we have free time to enjoy this picturesque island as we wish. Late afternoon we return to Nafplion for an evening at leisure. *B,L*



Old ways endure ...

Heraklion, the Cretan capital. After checking in at our hotel, we enjoy an afternoon at leisure; this evening we take a walking tour of the Venetian/Ottoman-influenced town center prior to dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 9: Heraklion/Knossos This morning we visit one of the greatest museums in all of Greece: Heraklion's Archaeological Museum housing artifacts from 5,500 years of Cretan history, from the Neolithic period to Roman times. The museum is especially renowned for its Minoan collection, much of which was excavated from the ruins of the palace of Knossos – and which we explore next. Once the political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur, Knossos is considered Europe's "oldest city" and the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. After lunch together, we visit a Cretan olive oil farm to learn about the history of olive oil production and to enjoy a tour and tasting. We dine together in Heraklion tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Heraklion/Spinalonga/Kritsa After an hour's drive this morning, we board a private boat for a cruise through the Bay of Elounda to Spinalonga, a former Venetian island fortress later occupied by the



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Ottomans then used as a leper colony from 1903 to 1957. Then we move on to the picturesque village of Kritsa, set on a sloping rock hill surrounded by olive groves. Here we visit the Byzantine-era Panagia Kera church, known for its frescoes and rich iconography. After lunch together, we have time at leisure to explore Kritsa's narrow streets lined with traditional houses. We return to Heraklion in time for dinner on our own tonight. *B,L*

Day 11: Crete/Santorini We depart this morning by high-speed ferry for Santorini, southernmost of the Cycladic islands. Once believed to have been the legendary lost island of Atlantis, Santorini today attracts both Greeks and visitors alike with its stupendous setting of cubiform whitewashed houses sitting atop the jagged cliffs of a crescent-shaped caldera. Upon arrival we visit a local winery for a tour and tasting then have free time in the town of Firostefani for lunch and to explore on our own. *B,D*

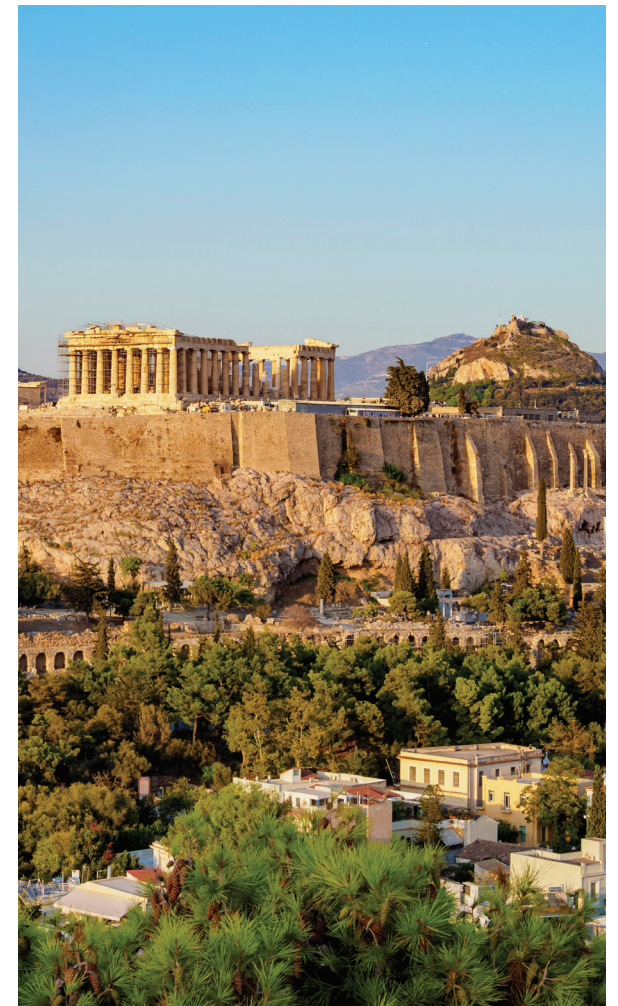
Day 12: Santorini Today we tour Santorini's archaeological site of Akrotiri, a Bronze Age Minoan location that was abandoned in the 17th century BCE following a volcanic eruption – whose ash also preserved the excavations that we now see. This afternoon we head to the town of Oia, known for its iconic whitewashed architecture and stunning views, and where we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. *B,L*

Day 13: Santorini/Athens This morning we encounter Santorini from another perspective, as we embark on a private cruise around the island and its caldera, the flooded volcanic crater that forms Santorini's half-moon shaped bay. Then we transfer to the airport for the flight to Athens, where tonight we celebrate our Greek odyssey at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer to Athens' international airport this morning, where we connect with our return flight home. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 12 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



On Day 3 we visit the Acropolis in Athens.

Tour Departs: September 30, 2025

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

Boston, New York	\$6,892
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,192
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,292
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Raleigh-Durham, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$7,392
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$697, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airlines taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).



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Important Information About Your Tour

General Terms and Conditions

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve a tour with Odysseys Unlimited. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal.

Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2025, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included unless otherwise specified. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal

expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; and gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) unless otherwise specified, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per guest, per day. Please contact Carolina Alumni for travel insurance information. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

For all tours in this catalog (except as noted)

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	25% of tour price
64-45 days:	50% of tour price
44-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

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Macbu Picchu to the Galapagos*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, should you or your travel companion cancel your participation during the tour. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative

fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement.

Please note that no changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed within 95 days of departure. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well as for our travel partners: **for international tours – your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender.** In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all international tours. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

Smoking

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day, unassisted), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have.

We ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health.

We and Carolina Alumni reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Carolina Alumni and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated departure cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator

tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour "Land Only" is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes.** In addition, we recommend that you not purchase your tickets until final payment is due. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Responsibility

The liability of Carolina Alumni as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Carolina Alumni and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.



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CAROLINA ALUMNI RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, please complete Carolina Alumni’s online reservation form at alumni.unc.edu/reserve or scan the QR code below; complete this Reservation Form and mail it to Carolina Alumni at the address below, or email it to enrichment@unc.edu; or call **Carolina Alumni at 1-877-962-3980**.

Once this request is received by Odysseys Unlimited, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Carolina Alumni Travel Office**
PO Box 660
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

Scan QR code for online reservation form.



<p>Tour Name _____</p> <p>Departure Date _____</p> <p>Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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I/we would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Badge name(s) _____ UNC Class Year(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (*Machu Picchu to the Galapagos* only)

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