



Vicenza 2 Greece Island Hopping

Important Note: Ferry departure, arrival and travel times vary dependent on season and weather conditions. Please contact info@bus2alps.com prior to making any connecting travel plans.

What's Included

- Roundtrip transportation from Vicenza
- Round trip cruise ship transport
- Round trip luxury coach transport (with A/C, DVD, & bathroom)
- Accommodation with your friends at the Pink Palace with dinner and breakfast
- Hotel in Athens with breakfast
- Athens walking tour
- Top accommodation in Santorini
- Bus2alps trip leader
- Bus2alps exclusive discounts

What's Not Included, Optional Costs

- Lunches and some Dinners (where not included)
- Museum entrance
- Optional activities
- Optional day trips

What to bring

- Passport
- Driver's License
- Camera
- Comfortable shoes
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Bathing suit
- Extra money

Currency: Euro





Detailed Itinerary **** GREECE IS 1 HOUR AHEAD OF ITALY TIME (GMT +2) ****

- Day 1** Trip departs from the Del Din Gates. Be sure to check in with your trip leader at least 20 minutes before the scheduled departure time. Travel is by luxury coach with A/C, DVD, and bathroom. Estimated travel time to Ancona is 3-4.5 hours. Once in Ancona, we board the cruise ship for the 22 hour crossing to Greece. The ferry is the size of a cruise ship and has excellent amenities including a dance club, restaurants, bars and stores. This is the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow trip members.
- Day 2** We arrive on the Greek mainland at Patras. On arrival, we will hop on a bus for a 3-4 hour ride to Athens. We will arrive in Athens and check into our accommodation. Your guides will then give you a brief walking tour of the center so you can get acquainted with the city. At night we go to Vyzantino's, a traditional Greek restaurant in Plaka for an optional group dinner. The dinner includes various Greek appetizers, a choice of entree, and unlimited wine. We will meet in the accommodation lobby. After dinner our Bus2alps guides will give you suggestions on where to go out and enjoy Athens' rich nightlife.
- Day 3** We will depart for the walking tour of Athens after breakfast. This walking tour is a great way to get acquainted with one of the oldest and most fascinating cities in the Western World. You will see the Greek National Parliament, the 1896 Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus, the Acropolis museum, and of course, the Acropolis. Your International Student ID will get you reduced entry to all the sites on the walking tour. In order to receive a reduced entry, your ID must be an international ID from your study abroad program. The walking tour ends at Monastiraki Square. Here you can have a sit down lunch or grab a cheap gyro from a traditional Greek Gyro stand. The afternoon is free to have custom sandals made, shop at the flea market and souvenir shops, visit the museums, or grab a traditional Greek Coffee.
- Day 4** Monday Morning we depart our accommodation by private bus transfer for the port of Athens to board the Blue Star ferry for Santorini. Santorini is the postcard Greek Island with the iconic white and blue buildings clinging to the cliffside. Travel time on boat will be approximately 7-10 hours. Upon arrival, we will be transported to our 3-star accommodation located in the Fira city center. The afternoon is free to explore one of Greece's most photographed cities. After a beautiful sunset view, there will be an optional group dinner at a local Greek Taverna followed by drinks.
- Day 5** Today we will have an optional bus tour around the island of Santorini. We will visit the red sand beach, the black sand beach and a local winery where you will have the option of tasting Santorini's local wines. You are also free to explore the beauty of Santorini. We recommend renting a scooter or ATV to better explore all of the small villages and the landscape of the island of Santorini. In the evening, there will also be optional transportation to the town of Oia to watch the incredible sunset.



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Day 6 Wednesday we depart Santorini on the Blue Star ferry in the afternoon. You will have the entire morning to walk around, do some shopping, and maybe even get a fish pedicure. After disembarking the 7-10 hour ferry that evening, we will hop on a private bus overnight (approximately 7-9 hours) that will take us to the port of Igoumenitsa. Upon arrival at the port, we will take a quick 1-2 hour ferry ride to the island of Corfu. We will arrive in Corfu in the morning.

Day 7 We will arrive at the Pink Palace in Corfu and immediately check in the rooms. The rest of the day is free to hang on the beach which is a few steps from the hostel, or join in in one of the various activities. Dinner is typically served around 20:00 and is included with your stay at the Pink Palace.

Day 8 Your options for the day include the Booze Cruise, the ATV Safari, rent an ATV yourself, go sea kayaking, take a day trip to Corfu Town or simply relax on the beach. Dinner is served around 20:00 and is included with your stay at the Pink Palace. The Pink Toga Party begins after dinner, however everyone will be wearing their togas to dinner.

*** The Booze Cruise is subject to weather conditions.

** The Toga Party is subject to change. Depending on the dates, it is possible for it to be held at the reception bar, or for it to be held on the first day of arrival.

Day 9 Today you will have the morning and afternoon free before we depart in the early evening. We will hop on the Pink Palace bus to the port where we will board a ferry for 1-2 hours, which will bring us to the mainland at Igoumenitsa. From here we will board our return cruise for Ancona. The cruise trip will be 15-17 hours. Cruise boat travel is on the same cruise boat we travelled to Greece and travel times very based on sea currents.

Day 10 Sunday morning we arrive in Ancona and board our private bus to return to Vicenza. Estimated travel time is 3-4.5 hours. We will make one stop en route.



Activities

Included Activities

Athens Walking Tour: A private local tour guide will give you a 3 hour orientation tour of the city of Athens, which brings you to its major attractions, including the Greek Parliament, 1896 Olympic Stadium, Temple of Zeus, and the Acropolis. You will be provided a brief history of each site and time to take pictures of the historic landscapes.

Optional Activities

Athens Acropolis: Entrance into many of the Ancient sites in Athens are free if you have a valid international student I.D. from your international university. If you do not have one, then a valid regular student I.D. will get you an all-access pass for a reduced rate.

Santorini Island Tour This tour bring you to the famous red and black sand beaches as well as a stop at a local Greek winery.

Santorini Scooter & ATV Rentals: A great way to explore the beautiful island is by way of motorized vehicle. You must have some sort of experience to rent a scooter.

Toga Party: The Pink Palace has become famous for its Pink Toga Party. The night kicks off with a group dinner in your pink toga, followed by a crazy party highlighted by Greek dancing, plate smashing, and lots of Greek Ouzo.

Booze Cruise: Join the Pink Palace Navy for a crazy five hour boat adventure around the island of Corfu. The booze cruise stops at places to cliff jump, swim in bat caves, and hang out on a private beach.

ATV Safari & Rentals: Spend your day trekking through one of Greece's lushest islands, visiting beautiful vista points, hanging out in small Greek towns, and blaring your horn at old Greek couples waving as your drive by.

Kayak Safari & Rentals: Grab a paddle and spend your day exploring the Corfu coastline.