WONDERGREECE

10 days traveling in Crete - Santorini - Athens

Plan Days 10

The plane will land in Crete ... a taste of Greece with the triangle Crete - Santorini - Athens!

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PLAN SUMMARY

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1. Oia (Ia)
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3. Athinios Port
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Day 8

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4. Plaka & Anafiotika
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2. Commercial Center of Athens
   Culture/Monuments & sights

Day 10

1. Plaka & Anafiotika
   Culture/Monuments & sights
2. National Archeological Museum
   Culture/Museums
3. Athens International Airport
“Eleftherios Venizelos”
   About region/Access & Useful info

Day 1

WONDERGREECE

1. Heraklion International Airport “Nikos Kazantzakis”

About region / Access & Useful info

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N35.3370439, W25.174157700000023

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2. Heraklion

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
by car 3.2km
Χρόνος:
07′

GPS: N35.3387352, W25.144212599999946

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3. The Fortress “Rocca al Mare” (Koules)

Culture / Castles

Location: Heraklion

Απόσταση:
on foot 1.5km
Χρόνος:
21′

GPS: N35.34461633871706, W25.137024279840034

Note: For the first day in town, a visit to the fortress and a walk by the sea is the perfect introduction to the island!

Day 2

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1. Heraklion

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N35.3387352, W25.144212599999946

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2. Phaistos Palace

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Note: Great Minoan civilization ... great the palaces would be! We're going!

Location:
Phaistos

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 28920 42315

Απόσταση:
by car 60.8km
Χρόνος:
1h07′

GPS: N35.051367071816586, W24.814212986755365

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3. Matala

About region / Main cities & villages

Note: Impressive caves, sunset and swim in the Libyan!

Απόσταση:
by car 11.5km
Χρόνος:
16′

GPS: N34.9931068, W24.749638600000026

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4. Matala

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.0km
Χρόνος:
00′

GPS: N34.99402088087742, W24.749896092065455

Day 3

1. Heraklion

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N35.3387352, W25.144212599999946

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2. Knossos Palace

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Note: Morning visit to another palace? Of course! It's the best!

Location:
Knossos

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 2810 231940, 226470, 226092, 224630

Απόσταση:
by car 5.9km
Χρόνος:
11΄

GPS: N35.29796377247185, W25.1632998637848

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3. Archanes

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
by car 9.1km
Χρόνος:
11΄

GPS: N35.2353169, W25.159311900000034

Note: Afternoon in the traditional village and dinner in the famous taverns.

Day 4

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1. Athinios Port

About region / Access & Useful info

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.38614318046194, W25.429580183886742

2. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
by car 19.1km
Χρόνος:
29΄

GPS: N36.4618199, W25.37531009999998

Note: In the afternoon we arrive to Santorini! We go directly to Oia where we will stay! Looks like a fairy tale!

Day 5

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1. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.4618199, W25.37531009999998

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2. Archaeological Site of Akrotiri

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Location:
Akrotiri

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 22860 81939

Απόσταση:
by car 23.4km
Χρόνος:
33΄

GPS: N36.35120376097702, W25.403414385583346

Note: Important archaeological site of an equally remarkable civilization! Wonder if Atlantis was here?

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3. Red Beach

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
on foot 1.2km
Χρόνος:
16΄

GPS: N36.348515840035596, W25.394681497070337

Note: Swimming very close to the archaeological site and lunch by the sea to the tavernas of Acrotiri

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4. Pyrgos

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
by car 9.1km
Χρόνος:
11΄

GPS: N36.38272783183575, W25.449613137695337

Note: Afternoon coffee, walking in the narrow streets and magnificent views!

Day 6

WONDERGREECE

1. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.4618199, W25.37531009999998

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2. Ancient Thira

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Note: Morning hiking and visit to the archaeological site with amazing views ... perfect! It has ascent but definitely will be worth the view from up there.

Location:
Kamari

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 22860 23217

Απόσταση:
by car 22.8km
Χρόνος:
38′

GPS: N36.36227155994029, W25.48076967761233

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3. Kamari

Nature / Beaches

Note: After hiking, swimming is the best, and the food by the sea too!

Απόσταση:
by car 4.4km
Χρόνος:
1h04′

GPS: N36.37457361146372, W25.484546227905298

Day 7

1. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.4618199, W25.37531009999998

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2. Museum of Prehistoric Thira

Culture / Museums

Note: I want to see for as much time as possible the frescoes but do not forget that the ship is leaving for Piraeus at noon. In the evening we will be in Athens!

Location:
Fira

Contact:
Tel:(+30) 22860 23217

Απόσταση:
by car 11.4km
Χρόνος:
15΄

GPS: N36.41661125512215, W25.432529956622375

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3. Athinios Port

About region / Access & Useful info

Απόσταση:
by car 7.5km
Χρόνος:
1h42΄

GPS: N36.38614318046194, W25.429580183886742

Day 8

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1. Port of Piraeus

About region / Access & Useful info

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N37.947909841013754, W23.641919189379905

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2. Athens

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
by car 14.3km
Χρόνος:
21΄

GPS: N37.99345652844329, W23.747162483203056

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3. Acropolis

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Contact:
T: (+30) 210 3214172, 3236665

Απόσταση:
by car 4.9km
Χρόνος:
14΄

GPS: N37.97140447116774, W23.726399011114495

Note: Better enter from the entrance at the Ancient Theater of Dionysus, make the round of the Sacred Rock and see the offerings to the gods and nymphs.

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4. Plaka & Anafiotika

Culture / Monuments & sights

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.5km
Χρόνος:
06΄

GPS: N37.973169675123785, W23.727746963476534

Note: Well, yes, here is certainly beautiful and picturesque.

Day 9

1. Ancient Agora

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Note: Early in the morning at the Ancient Agora, where the cynics roamed and Socrates frequented.

Contact:
T: (+30) 210 3210185, 3214825, 3210180

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N37.97504693747936, W23.721854164001456

2. Commercial Center of Athens

Culture / Monuments & sights

Note: Let's see contemporary market of the city ... definitely will have a much greater extent than the ancient. :) Stop at Square St. Irene, the rising haunt of the city!

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.9km
Χρόνος:
09΄

GPS: N37.9759602283778, W23.731440361901832

Day 10

1. Plaka & Anafiotika

Culture / Monuments & sights

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N37.973169675123785, W23.727746963476534

Note: A farewell breakfast in the lovely district and then directly to the museum.

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2. National Archeological Museum

Culture / Museums

Location:
Athens

Contact:
T: (+30) 213214 4800, 2144856, 2144858

Απόσταση:
by car 2.1km
Χρόνος:
26΄

GPS: N37.989010737198946, W23.73236636560671

Note: One of the best museums in the world ... closing at 15:00 so go as early as possible!

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3. Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos”

About region / Access & Useful info

Απόσταση:
by car 39.9km
Χρόνος:
31΄

GPS: N37.9363244, W23.947402199999942

Heraklion Prefecture

Access

By boat: There are two departures daily from Piraeus throughout the year, four during summer time. The journey takes eight hours, and the ships are large and comfortable. In summer time there is connection with the Cyclades (Anafi, Santorini, Milos, Mykonos, Paros, Ios) and the Dodecanese (Halki, Karpathos, Kasos, Rhodes). There is also scheduled service connecting Heraklion to Sitia. The frequency of departures varies depending on the season.

By plane: Heraklion has the largest airport in Crete, the international airport "N. Kazantzakis "and serves flights from Athens Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (a flight of fifty minutes') and from Thessaloniki Macedonia Airport (a flight of an hour and fifteen minutes). Heraklion is also connected by air with Santorini, Mykonos, Paros and Rhodes as well as the United Kingdom, Italy, Russia, Germany, etc., with a large number of charter flights. The frequency of service varies depending on the season.
Tel: (+30) 281 397 800
www.heraklion-airport.info

By car: The prefecture of Heraklion and Heraklion city have easy road access from the surrounding prefectures. Indicatively Heraklion is 138km. from Chania, 65km. from Agios Nikolaos, 79km. from Rethymnon and 68 km. from Elounda. If you are in Heraklion you are 5km away from Knossos, 36km. from Anogia, 60km. from Phaistos, 27km. from Hersonissos, 34km. from Malia and 70km. from Matala.

Domestic transportation

For transportation you can use the bus service that operates both within the county as well as connecting Heraklion with the big cities in the surrounding prefectures.
Information services: (+30) 2810 245020, 246530, 255965
www.ktelherlas.gr

Useful telephone numbers

Health Services
University Hospital: (+30) 2810 392111
Venizelio - Pananio Hospital: (+30) 2810 368000
Agia Varvara Health Center: (+30) 28940 22222
Ano Viannou Health Center: (+30) 28950 22626
Arkalohori Health Center: (+30) 28910 23013
Kastelli Health Center: (+30) 28910 29400
Mires Health Center: (+30) 28920 23378
Haraka Health Center: (+30) 28930 22545
Municipalities
Municipality of Heraklion: (+30) 2810 399 399
Municipality of Hersonissos: (+30) 28970 30000
Municipality of Kastelli: (+30) 28910 29360
Municipality of Arkalochori: (+30) 28913 40300
Municipality of Timpaki: (+30) 28920 51250
Police Authority
Heraklion Police Station: (+30) 2810 274010
Hersonissos Police Station: (+30) 29 338 2810
Kastelli Police Station: (+30) 32 100 2810
Heraklion Tourist Police: (+30) 2810 274 046
Port Authority
Port Authority: (+30) 2810 244912
Transportation

Airport: (+30) 2810 397800
Bus Station: (+30) 2810 255 965
Taxis: (+30) 2810 210 102

Santorini

Access

By boat: The island has daily connections with Piraeus by boat that is approaching the island in about 8 hours, and fast ferries that arrive in about 5 hours. The frequency of flights and routes vary depending on the season.

By air: Santorini Airport is also receiving daily flights from Athens and Thessaloniki, as well as from abroad. The frequency of flights and routes vary depending on the season.

Local transportation

For getting around the island you can use the local buses through frequent routes connecting Fira with other villages and points of interest. You will find also many options to rent a car, motorbike or ATV.

Marinas: For anyone visiting Santorini by boat, the marina at Vlichada is the most organized, where boats can refuel and get water. Other options are Armeni below Ia, the Amoudi and at Thirasia, Korfos and Riva.

Useful telephone numbers

Health Services
Health Center (Fira): (+30) 22860 22237
First Aid (Emporio): (+30) 22860 81222
First Aid (Kamari): (+30) 22860 31175
First Aid (Ia): (+30) 22860 71227
First Aid (Pyrgos): (+30) 22860 31207
First Aid (Thirasia): (+30) 22860 29144
Municipality
Municipality of Thira: (+30) 22863 60100
Community of Ia: (+30) 22860 71228
Police
Police Station (Fira): (+30) 22860 22649
Port Authority
Port Authority: (+30) 22860 22239
Fire Service
Fire Service: (+30) 22860 33199
Transportation
Santorini Airport: (+30) 22860 28400
Bus station: (+30) 22860 25404
Taxi: (+30) 22860 22555
Other
Pharmacy (Fira): (+30) 22860 22700
(Fira): (+30) 22860 23444
(Fira): (+30) 22860 25310
Pharmacy (Ia): (+30) 22860 71464
Pharmacy (Kamari): (+30) 22860 32440
Pharmacy (Messaria): (+30) 22860 32566
Municipality of Thira (Office of Civil Marriages): (+30) 22860 28094
Cable Car (Fira): (+30) 22860 22977

Attiki Prefecture

Access

By bus
Bus station Kifissos (KTEL): This is the central bus station connecting Athens with most cities of Greece. It is located at 100 Kifissou Avenue Str. and it can be accessed by the bus lines X93 from "Eleftherios Venizelos" airport, 051 from Omonia and 420 from Piraeus.
Tel.: (+30) 210 5124910-11, 5132601
Bus station Liosion (KTEL): The station is located at 26 Stratigou Dagkli Str. and there are several itineraries to neighboring prefectures of Attica. It can be easily accessed since there is a large number of bus lines passing by the station, such as X93, 420, 701, 704, A10, B10 et al.
Tel.: (+30) 210 8317186
You can call 14505, where recorded information for all the bus stations (KTEL) and the itineraries are provided.

By train
TRAINOSE and OSE: TRAINOSE is the suburban railway company and OSE is the traditional railway company. There are itineraries that connect Attica with central and smaller cities.
Tel.: 14511 (recorded messages)
www.trainose.gr and www.ose.gr

By boat: The prefecture of Athens has three ports to service the passengers' wants. The largest one, the port of Piraeus, is located closer to Athens and thence depart most of the ships. Then follow the ports of Rafina (40km from Athens) and Lavrio (60km from Athens), which have less traffic and itineraries only to certain islands of the Aegean Sea.

Port of Piraeus: It can be easily accessed due to its close distance from Athens. Moreover, the easiest way to get there is by electric-powered train, whose terminal station is located across the port. The passengers can also take the Suburban Railway, whose terminal station is a few meters away from the station of the electric powered train. Moreover, a large number of buses connect the port with several areas of Athens and the suburbs, while it is connected with the airport via the bus line X96.
Tel.: 14541 (for itineraries, changes or delay information)
www.olp.gr

Port of Rafina: To the east of the prefecture of Attica, on the coast Andreas Papandreou is located the port of Rafina. The port can be accessed either by private means or by the itineraries of the bus station (KTEL) of Attica, from where ships depart for Andros, Syros, Tinos, and Mykonos.
Tel.: (+30) 22940 23605, 22840
www.rafinaport.gr

Port of Lavrio: Nearly at the southest part of Attica, shortly after Sounio, lies the port of Lavrio. It can be accessed either by car or by taxi or by bus (bus station (KTEL) Attica). The port of Lavrio is 60km from Athens and 25km from "El. Venizelos" airport. Moreover, this port has several itineraries to Kea, Lesvos, Limnos, Chios and some other islands of the Aegean Sea.
Tel.: (+30) 22920 27711, 22089
www.oll.gr

By plane: "Eleftherios Venizelos", the national airport of Athens, is located in Spata and is one of the most modern airports. It can be accessed by the following public means of transport: the Suburban Railway, the Metro (blue line), and the bus lines X95 from Syntagma Square, X96 from Piraeus, X93 from the bus station Kifissos and X97 from the metro station Dafni.
Tel.: (+30) 210 3530000
www.aia.gr

Domestic transportation

Means of transport in Athens and Piraeus: The public transport in Athens and Piraeus accommodates almost every corner of the city. In particular, there are:

- The buses (ETHEL) and the trolley buses
- The Attic Metro, which is the fastest mean of transport in Athens
- The Electric-powered Railway, which connects the northern suburbs with the port of Piraeus and is also connected with the two Metro lines.
- Moreover, there are two tram lines that connect Piraeus with the center of Athens and the southern coastline from Piraeus till Voula.
- For itineraries information, you can contact the Urban Transport Organization of Attica in the telephone numbers 185 and (+30) 210 8200999
  www.oasa.gr

Bus station Attica (KTEL): The destinations within the prefecture are accommodated by the point of departure in Athens and specifically at Mavromateon in Pedion of Areos (railway station "Victoria") and at the Agion Asomaton Square in Thissio (railway station "Thissio").
Tel.: (+30) 210 8808080
You can also call 14505, where recorded information are provided for all the bus stations (KTEL) and the itineraries.

Marinas: If you are traveling by private boat in Attica you will find several marinas
Marina of Flisvos: Trokantero area T: (+30) 210 9871000-2
Marina Zeas: Piraeus (+30) 210 4559000
Marina Vouliagmeni: 77 Apollonos Str,, T: (+30) 210 8960012-5
Marina Alimos: Kalamaki area, T: (+30) 210 9880000
Marina Glyfada: 2 Saki Karagiorga, Glyfada T: (+30) 213 2025366, 2025200
Marina Olympic: 77th km Athens-Sounion, Lavrio T: (+30) 22920 63700

Useful telephone numbers

Health Services
The number you can call to learn on duty hospitals is the 166 and the 106, which you can also call in an emergency.
Emergency call: 166
Poisons Centre: (+30) 210 7793777
On duty hospitals/pharmacies/doctors: 14944
Municipalities
Municipality of Athens: 63 Athinas Str., Kotzia Square
T: (+30) 213 2082200, 5277000, 33108261
www.cityofathens.gr
Municipality of Piraeus: Korai Square & 1 Dragatsi Str., Piraeus
T: (+30) 213 2022000, 4127941, 4194000
Police Authorities
Emergency call: 100
Tourist police: 171, (+30) 210 6977386
All police services: 1033
Traffic police: (+30) 210 5230111
Road service: 10400
Port Authorities
Port authority of Piraeus: Coast Miaouli 50, Piraeus: (+30) 210 4147800, 4226000
Port authority of Rafina: Coast Andrea Papandreuou 1, Rafina: (+30) 22940 22300, 28888
Port authority of Lavrio: (+30) 22920 25249, 26859
Emergency call: 108
Fire Service, Forestry
Emergency call: 199
Forestry: (+30) 210 60173290, 6395280
Transportations
Urban buses: 185 www.oasa.gr
Attiko Metro: (+30) 210 5194001, www.ametro.gr
Suburban Railway: (+30) 210 5272000, www.proastiakos.gr
Tram: (+30) 210 9978000, www.tramsa.gr
Electric Railway: (+30) 210 3248311, 1440, www.isap.gr

Hellenic Railways Organization: (+30) 210 5297777, www.ose.gr
Suburban Buses: (+30) 1440210, 5124910, www.ktel.org
Athens Sightseeing Public Bus N.400: 185
Taxi
Kosmos: 18300, (+30) 210 5200020
Hellas: 801 1157000, (+30) 210 6457000
Enotita: 801 1151000, (+30) 210 6459000
Hermes: (+30) 210 4115200
Ikaros: (+30) 210 5152800
Europi: (+30) 210 5023783
Express: (+30) 210 9943000
Athina 1: (+30) 1203, 210 9212800
Apollon: (+30) 210 3636508
Asteras: (+30) 210 6144000
Protoporia: (+30) 210 2130400
Glyfada: (+30) 210 9605600