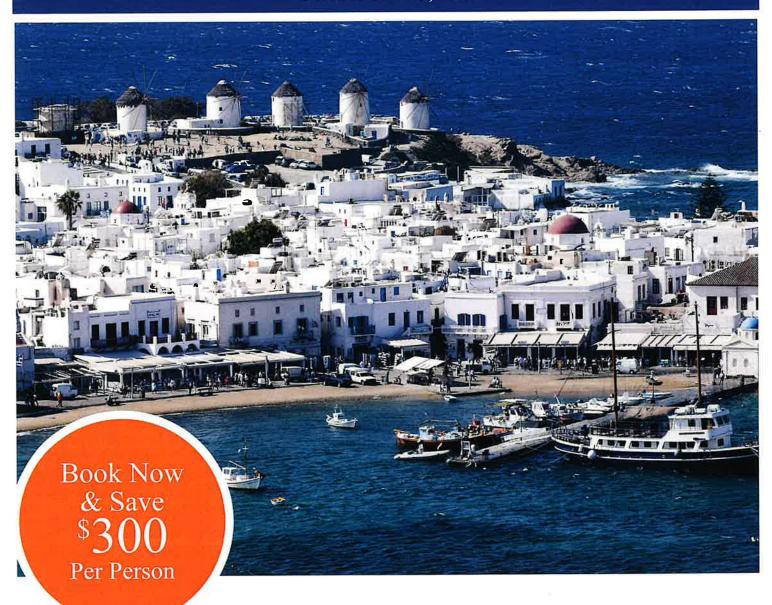
## Green Hills Family Center YMCA presents...

# **Greece Island Hopper**

October 13 - 23, 2024



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11 Days • 14 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, Acropolis, The Parthenon, Mykonos Old Town, Santorini Island, Oia Village, Ancient Akrotiri, Wine Tasting

### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Titania Hotel Athens, Athens

Days 4 – 6 San Marco Hotel, Mykonos

Days 7 – 9 El Greco Hotel, Santorini

Day 10 Titania Hotel Athens, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, October 13, 2024 Overnight Flight You're on your way to Greece – where Mediterranean sunshine and bright blue waters meet eons of creative ingenuity and an everlasting legacy. Feel the energy of the past and allow the ocean breeze to ruffle your hair – this is the picture-perfect getaway you've always dreamt of.

Day 2: Monday, October 14, 2024 Athens, Greece - Tour Begins Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalized capital of Greece. Meet your fellow travelers at a local taverna in the city's historic district, indulging in local cuisine and wine with traditional Greek entertainment. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Athens See the best of Athens with a local expert who highlights the city's ancient roots on a comprehensive panoramic tour. Make your way along the world-renowned monuments, including the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Step into the past on a tour of the legendary Acropolis, an ancient complex housing a collection of temples. Admire the breathtaking view of the city below and discover the country's beloved icon: the illustrious Parthenon. Make the most of an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Athens - Mykonos Start your day aboard a sleek, high-speed boat ride to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by the crystal-clear Aegean Sea. Start your island stay with an exploration of Chora, Mykonos' Old Town, where you discover its winding lanes independently. In the afternoon, check in to your hotel for a relaxing 3-night stay. From sandy beaches and seaside cafes to street musicians and a never-ending nightlife scene, Mykonos offers limitless opportunities to kick back and enjoy the island's irresistible lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, October 17, 2024 Mykonos The day is yours! Perhaps you will head down to the beach to soak up some sun, sip a cup of coffee on the waterfront promenade, or explore the town's winding streets as you weave in and out of whitewashed buildings. Or, you may join an optional excursion to the colorful village of Ano Mera followed by a visit to a local farm for a cheese tasting exploring the true flavors of Mykonos. (B)

Day 6: Friday, October 18, 2024 Mykonos Enjoy another day at leisure. Take time to explore on your own and discover this trendy destination however you'd like. Or, step into the past on a half-day optional excursion to the isle of Delos\* taking you to the fabled birthplace of the Greek Gods Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 7: Saturday, October 19, 2024 Mykonos - Santorini Your journey continues to Santorini, the Edenlike island where blue-domed rooftops and gentle ocean waves complement the bright white buildings and rocky







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hillsides. A picturesque landscape and iconic destination, Santorini's charms reveal themselves during your 3-night stay. (B, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, October 20, 2024 Santorini - Akrotiri - Oia - Santorini** Uncover the past at Akrotiri, an ancient city buried and preserved in volcanic ash that is commonly referred to as the "Minoan Pompeii." Take a peek into the 15th century BC and explore the town. Head through a landscape of vineyards and volcanic cliffs to Oia, a seaside village with the island's best viewpoints. Next, visit a local winery and enjoy the famous wines of Santorini along with a light lunch. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore more of this Mediterranean gem. (B, L)

**Day 9: Monday, October 21, 2024 Santorini** Make the most of a day at leisure. Relax, shop in the island's charming town center, or even visit a local museum. Or, join our full day Island Hopping and Sunset Cruise\*\* optional excursion for a visit to some of the magical islets that surround Santorini before enjoying dinner on board and sunset from the water. (B)

**Day 10: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Santorini - Athens** Depart the islands and fly back to Athens for your final night in Greece. Toast to the end of your sun-filled getaway at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Athens - Tour Ends Wish the Mediterranean goodbye as your tour draws to a close today. (B)

### Experience It! Santorini

The Santorini of today is a vacation hotspot of white washed houses and bright blue rooftops – but it wasn't always this way. The island came to be after a massive volcanic eruption, destroying the earliest settlements on what was originally a single island in the southern Aegean Sea. See the history of the early settlements at Akrotiri, an excavation site that details exactly why this area is considered to be the "Minoan Pompeii." For a different perspective of the island, make your way through vineyards and volcanic clifftops to reach the traditional hilltop village of Oia. This island is also known for their modernistic wineries, breweries, Cyclades dining, accomplished artists, and multicolored beaches.

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1170797

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Book Now rates valid until Feb 14, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Luggage handling is <u>not</u> available when getting on and off the ferries in Mykonos and Santorini

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

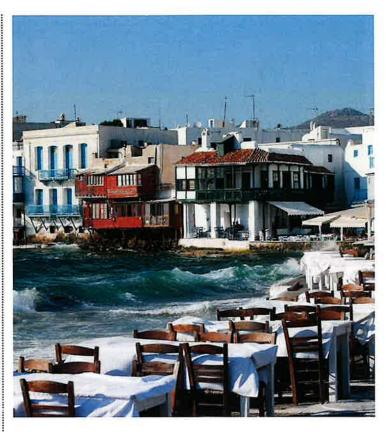
Due to the nature of this itinerary, both 3- and 4-star hotels that may be located in the vicinity of historic centers will be utilized.

Due to ferry schedules on some departures, you may be required to depart the hotel as early as 5:30 a.m. Should this be the case, a boxed breakfast will be provided in place of the regular hotel breakfast

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), specifically the public ferryboats between Athens, Mykonos and Santorini in which you will need to handle your own luggage approximately 100 feet each way. In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 30-40 uneven steps and walking over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

\*The "Ancient Delos: Apollo's Sacred Island" option must be purchased at least 10 days prior to departure.



\*\*Island Hopping and Sunset Cruise option is subject to weather and sea conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 07, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 14, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until February 14, 2024.

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