



TOUR DATES AND COSTS

Commencing Mon May 11th 2009 (Athens)
Land content only \$5870AUD *inc tax*
Single supplement \$1440AUD *inc tax*
Airfare \$2499 *inc tax per person**

**Ex Perth (subject to change due to fuel and other tax increases), fares from other cities can be arranged, please contact our travel agent, transfers apply for group flights only*
Flights available from other capital cities.
The tour starts and ends in Athens.

Deposit: \$480AUD (land only); \$680AUD (land and air fare). Non-refundable.

#All costs are subject to change without notice.

Travel Insurance

This is compulsory for this tour please refer to our travel agent.

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS 2008

086004 Session 1: Tues Jul 1st 2008

086004 Session 2: Mon August 25th 2008

086013 Session 3: Tues Oct 14th 2008

086014 Session 4: Tues Nov 18th 2008

Call UWA Extension on 6488 2433 or visit www.extension.uwa.edu.au and click on *Tours and Expeditions* to register.

TOUR AND BOOKING INFORMATION

Reserve your place on this tour and receive your application pack by contacting:

Harvey World Travel (LIC No. 9TA00049)

East Perth - Shop 1/113 Royal Street
Tel: (08) 9221 9977 Fax: (08) 9221 5577
email: eastperth@harveyworld.com.au

VISIT THE TOUR WEBSITE

www.extension.uwa.edu.au/tours/greekodyssey.shtml

SPECIAL: EARLY BIRD OFFER

Book before October 30th 2008 and receive a complimentary, signed coffee table photographic book by Nick Melidonis. Photos from the book include many taken of the places you will visit on this tour.

AEGEAN ODYSSEY 2009 SPECIAL TENTH ANNIVERSARY TOUR 1999-2009



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- Visit the Monasteraki (flea market) and the ancient Agora of Athens
- Marvel at the perfection of the Parthenon set on the imposing heights of the Acropolis
- Share a musical and cultural feast in an ancient castle with a descendent of the 13th century ruler of Naxos
- Stroll through the vibrant streets of Mykonos and explore the sacred island of Delos, steeped in mythology with amazing archeological sites
- View an imposing 12th century Monastery high above a cliff in the magical island of Amorgos
- Visit Tinos, island of artists, also known as the Lourdes of Greece, with the imposing Church of our Lady and famous valley of the dove-cotes
- Wander along the awesome caldera's edge in Santorini, one of the world's most amazing landscapes

ABOUT THE TOUR LEADERS

Nick Melidonis, multi award winning Master Photographer and current Australian Landscape Photographer of the Year, will take you on a visual journey sharing his passion in creatively seeing landscapes and people. Photographic tuition will compliment his insider's knowledge of locations, local eateries and island customs. Costas Demetriades, SBS journalist and Greek language teacher, will share with you a taste of contemporary Greek culture, cuisine, language, music and dance, and will provide a picture of the epic history behind many of the locations we visit. Don't miss this special tenth anniversary tour of a lifetime

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- All accommodation, breakfasts and farewell dinner in Athens
- Ferries, transfers and day tours as per itinerary (see 'group airfare')
- Pre-tour travel advice on travelling in Greece
- Greek speaking tour guides
- Photography, dance, language and other workshops on tour
- Greek travel reference material prior to departure

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- Entrance fees to sites not mentioned in the itinerary
- Departure taxes
- Travel insurance (all participants MUST have appropriate insurance)
- Tipping
- Personal expenses such as laundry and hotel phone charges

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Athens (Day 1 is Monday 11th May 2009)

Arrive at Hotel. Meet your fellow passengers in Athens. We will have a short orientation session and you have the afternoon at leisure to relax and refresh yourself if your flight was today and to explore Athens. This evening, we take a walk through the flea Market to Monastiraki and Thission with a commentary. You will be given advice on some of Athen's highlights options for tomorrow.

Day 2: Athens May 12th

After breakfast we will explore Athens on a guided half day tour including a visit to the Acropolis (included). In the afternoon you may wish to join us on one of our cultural and photo walks or optional visits to the Athens Museum or Cape Sounion. We will take a stroll in the Omonia district before dinner.

Day 3: Athens – Tinos May 13th

This morning we transfer to the port and board our ferry for the island of Tinos, also known as the 'Lourdes' of Greece. During the trip, our cultural guide may teach you how to communicate basic information in Greek and how to purchase small items. In the afternoon we will visit the Church of our Lady, the famous pilgrimage site. Capture the waterfront sights of the harbour with an introduction to the old town and the history of Tinos.

Day 4: Tinos May 14th

Today we explore the island by bus, visiting the unique Valley of the Dovecotes and the picturesque villages of Volax (basketweavers) and Pyrgos, known for its School of Sculpture. A special stopover will be made for lunch at the pristine fishing village of Panormos, one of the Cyclades most beautiful ports. There are lots of photo opportunities that will present themselves with tuition and guidance.

Day 5: Tinos May 15th

Today you may wish to join in the first of our formal photographic workshops. Demonstrations and theory (beginners to advanced) will be followed by a practical, relaxed session in the port. As always, these sessions are voluntary and will be tailored to the group's requirements. Enjoy a visit to the Cultural museum (included) and participate in a mini language workshop. This evening, you may wish to catch a sunset over the harbour and then on to a taverna to practice ordering your food.

Day 6: Tinos to Naxos May 16th

We enjoy a ferry ride to the largest and greenest island of the Cyclades, Naxos. We transfer to our hotel near St Georges Beach. The Naxos port area boasts one of the finest old Venetian Castro quarters next to the historic Bourq market area. This labyrinth of ancient buildings with classic tavernas and specialty shops will delight all who visit. In the afternoon we explore the exciting old port. You may wish to visit the temple of Apollo to catch the sunset.

Day 7: Naxos May 17th

Today we take a bus tour of the impressive hilltop villages and ports of Naxos, including Chalki, with its Venetian towers, and a stop at the old family owned Kitron liqueur factory. The impressive village of Apiranthos is made almost entirely of stone and marble from the nearby quarries. The road then winds through spectacular mountains to the attractive port of Apollonos for lunch. Photo tuition and guidance as well as cultural highlights of the island will be offered. Some stops on the way will be made to capture images of the amazing mountain scenery.

Day 8: Naxos May 18th

After breakfast, we will conduct our second photographic workshop for those who wish to take part or join Costas for a dance workshop. This afternoon we will explore the exciting old port and outline its history and visit the splendid 13th century castle owned by a descendant of the Duke of Naxos. A cultural evening at the castle will be arranged during our visit to Naxos.

Day 9: Mykonos and Delos Day Trip May 19th (day subject to 2009 ferry timetables)

This morning we board the ferry for our day tour of the trendy and magical island of Mykonos with its brightly painted balconies, geraniums and bougainvillea, Mykonos creates several photo opportunities. The 'Little Venice' area, the famous windmills and the historic church of Panagia Paraportiani, are featured on many postcards of Mykonos. This tour includes a visit to the sacred island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of Apollo to explore the ancient archeological sites. Delos is one big open-air museum, with many of the ancient monuments and buildings remarkably intact. If you are interested in archaeology and/or Greek mythology, this will be an unforgettable day.

Day 10: Naxos May 20th

Day at leisure to explore this exciting island on your own or to relax at the pool or the seaside near our hotel.

Day 11: Naxos – Amorgos (Departure time subject to 2009 ferry schedules) May 21st

Ferry to the dramatic and rugged island of Amorgos with its fine beaches. Located on the Eastern extremity of the Cyclades, it is sheltered from the busy tourist routes. Amorgos presents an excellent opportunity to experience traditional lifestyles that have existed for generations. Many previous tour participants felt this island was the highlight of their tour. During the ferry trip you will see some of the smaller Cyclades islands.

Day 12: Amorgos May 22nd

We board the bus for a day tour of Amorgos to view the ports and villages including the spectacular 11th century monastery clinging to the side of a cliff above the location of the French film "The Big Blue". Many regard the village of Chora as the most beautiful in the Cyclades. We also visit the other main port of Katapola for lunch.

Day 13: Amorgos May 23rd

In the morning you may wish to participate in a photo workshop. An optional visit to the mountain villages of Tholaria and Lagada just above the port area is recommended. You will be taught a couple of traditional Greek dances in the afternoon in a relaxing workshop in our comfortable hotel. A 'Glendi' (food and music) night will be arranged at a mountain village.

Day 14: Amorgos May 24th

Relax on a day of leisure in peaceful Amorgos. Re-visit your favourite spots, or relax in the large pool overlooking the beautiful port of Aegali stretched out below our hotel. Enjoy pristine beaches and the richness of a Greek Island sunset.

Day 15: Amorgos to Santorini May 25th

We board the ferry (route subject to 2009 ferry timetables) for the most stunning island of the Cyclades, Santorini, and the legendary site of Atlantis. We are transferred to our hotel and explore the chic galleries, shops and charming Santorini architecture set on numerous levels on the caldera's edge. Catch a Santorini sunset over dinner.

Day 16: Santorini May 26th

A highlight of our Santorini visit is a leisurely walk with stunning photo opportunities along the dramatic Caldera's edge. View the unique architecture on the way to the capital, Thira, with its bustling shopping squares. Along the way your tour escorts will provide a history of the island and guidance in capturing the unique seascapes for that perfect shot. A visit to the pristine village of Oia will be arranged this afternoon and evening.

Day 17: Santorini May 27th

Day at leisure to relax and enjoy this magical island. Activities can include a visit to the nearby volcano by boat, or a tour to the excavations of the ancient Minoan City of Akrotiri, devastated by the cataclysmic eruption 2000 years ago.

Day 18 Santorini – Athens May 28th

This morning we board our ferry for a leisurely trip back to Athens, passing numerous islands of the Cyclades group along the way. On arrival we transfer to our hotel. This evening we celebrate our time in the Aegean islands with a traditional farewell dinner (included)

Day 19: Depart Athens May 29th

Your final opportunity for some shopping this morning. Some participants will transfer to the new Athens International Airport for their flights back to Australia while others will continue with alternative travel plans. The tour ends today.

Note: Itinerary based on Greek Ferry Timetables and local conditions and may be subject to change in 2009. On some days alternate hotels may be used. Please note the tour starts and ends in Athens and arrangements need to be made for your personal flights and airport transfers (if not with group airfare.)