

Magical Places Tours

Athens & Greek Isles

May 21 - 29, 2027

Late May is a wonderful time to visit **Athens** and the nearby **Cyclades** islands. Temperatures are pleasant without summer crowds, and beach conditions are ideal. We start with two days in the heart of Athens with visits to the Parthenon, the Acropolis Museum, and a few other major sights. Over the next six days, we travel by ferry to the islands of **Syros, Tinos, and Mykonos** – each with its own special charms- and add in a day trip to **Delos**, the spiritual heart of the Cyclades. We enjoy the best of Greece at a perfect time of year.

8-DAY ITINERARY.

ATHENS

Day 1 (May 21) – Arrival in Athens late morning on a United or Lufthansa flight. Transfers to our centrally located hotel. Check-in. Casual lunch. Walking tour of Plaka, Anafiotika and Agora.

Welcome Dinner



Parthenon

Day 2 (May 22) – Athens

Breakfast

Acropolis - Parthenon & Acropolis Museum (with local guide)

Syntagma Square: Changing of the Guard (at Hellenic Palace) / **Group lunch**

National Archeological Museum (with local guide) // Evening - free

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SYROS

Day 3 (May 23)

Breakfast

8:00 am – Check-out in Athens / Transfer to Port of Piraeus

9:30 am - Ferryboat to the Island of **Syros** (Administrative capital of the Cyclades Islands)

11:35 am – Debark at Ermoupolis, a lived-in, aristocratic city, not the typical tourist resort.

Hotel check-in // Lunch break

Afternoon – Walking tour of Ermoupolis starting at Miaouli Square; visit to Apollon Theatre, known as the "La Scala of the Aegean", and then the Syros Archeological Museum.

Evening – We visit on foot the posh **Vaporia** district, where mansions sit right on the water.

Day 4 (May 24) – We go to **Ano Syros**, the medieval hilltop village. Its narrow, winding alleys offer some of the best views in the Aegean. In the afternoon, we head to the **Kini Beach** for a sunset dinner.



Syros - Cathedral of Saint Nicolas

TINOS

Besides its remarkable marble-crafting tradition, Tinos is a spiritual and culinary gem.

Day 5 (May 25) Take a morning ferry from Syros (approx. 30 mins) and check in at our hotel. We visit the famous **Panagia Evangelistria** church. After a leisurely lunch, we head to the village of **Pyrgos**, the center of Greek marble art, and visit the Museum of Marble Crafts.

Day 6 (May 26): We explore inland, visiting **Volax**, known for its giant granite boulders, and **Kardiani**, a village perched on a cliff with stunning sea views. We enjoy group lunch at a local taverna, then take a ferryboat to Mykonos, renowned for its world-class beaches, shopping & nightlife, where we check in at our hotel in Mykonos Town. Evening: free to wander and explore.

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MYKONOS & DELOS

Day 7 (May 27) – Beach day – After breakfast, we take a little more time to explore the maze-like streets of Chora (Mykonos Town), then head to a beach of your choice, like **Elia** or another shown in the Photo Gallery below.

Day 8 (May 28): We leave early for a day trip to the island of **Delos**, an ancient spiritual center and one of Greece's most important archaeological sites. Spend the afternoon at a beach club (like **Psarou** or **Platis Gialos**) or a quieter beach like **Agios Sostis**. Back on Mykonos, we have a **Farewell Dinner** together to celebrate new friendships and our time together.



Elia Beach on Mykonos – The island's longest and most diverse

Departure – May 29: Those departing today should book an early flight from Mykonos to the Athens airport in time to connect with their international flight home.



Extension options – If, on the other hand, you wish to extend your stay in Greece, it will be our pleasure to help you plan your additional days and make the hotel reservations, etc.

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PHOTO GALLERY

Athens



We will stay in the heart of historic Athens within walking distance of major sights.

The Cyclades

We will visit four of the most interesting islands of the Cyclades archipelago of islands in the Aegean Sea, southeast of Athens, which together form a circle ("circular islands") around the sacred island of Delos. Our tour includes visits to Syros, Tinos, and Mykonos, plus Delos itself.



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Syros / Stay in Ermoupoli, administrative capital of the Cyclades / Feature: Heritage Festival



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Tinos



Located in the northern Cyclades above Mykonos, Tinos Island is often overlooked by visitors who seek out the more familiar scenery in the southern islands. Tinos is most famous for its Church of **Panagia Evengelistiria** (below), believed to be the site of a visitation from the Virgin.



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Mykonos

When it comes to beaches and a place to party, Mykonos is the undisputed champ of the Aegean Sea. As shown later in the Photo Gallery section, Mykonos has many beautiful beaches to choose from. Below is a photo of Mykonos Town, a favorite dining spot.



Note: The Best Beaches in Mykonos

Mykonos has over a dozen beautiful beaches to choose from, each with its own vibe. If you wish to stay longer on Mykonos (or elsewhere), we will be glad to help you with arrangements. To get a better idea of the beach options, you may wish to check out an authoritative source:

<https://boatpartytickets.com/2024/08/28/the-best-beaches-in-mykonos/>.

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LAND PACKAGE: PRICING / Terms & Conditions

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* Our land package includes:

- 8 nights of lodging at highly rated hotels
- Transfers from Athens airport to hotel and from hotel to Piraeus
- Ferryboat transport to each of the islands (Piraeus to Syros, Syros to Tinos, Tinos to Mykonos, and the round-trip ferry from Mykonos to Delos),
- Specified meals (i.e., all breakfasts, welcome dinner, farewell dinner & two group lunches.
- Support services of accompanying travel coordinators, and local guides (as indicated), plus admission fees at the Acropolis, Acropolis Museum, and National Museum of Archeology.

PRICING.

Double occupancy: \$3,250.00 per person // Single supplement: \$ 500.00

Not included: Airfare, additional meals, drinks, and services not specified above.

Deposit: US\$ 500.00 to hold your place // Balance due (max.) 60 days before departure.

Terms & Conditions, please visit: <https://www.magicalplacetours.com/terms-conditions>

For more information, contact William Dent at williamdentjr@gmail.com or at (202) 487-5343.

RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please call/text Magical Places Tours at (202) 487-5343, or complete and return this form with a deposit check of \$400 (per person). Mail to Magical Places Tours / Attn: Wm. Dent / 4740 Connecticut Ave NW Ste #1012, Washington, DC 20008-5637

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print

Street Address	/ City	State	Zip
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference: _ One bed _ Two beds

I wish to share a room with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

_ / Enclosed is my check (payable to Magical Places Tours)

_ / I prefer to make a Zelle transfer (identifier: wdent@npartners.org)

_ / I wish to pay by Debit or Credit card

I/We confirm that I/we have read the Terms & Conditions and agree to full payment 60 days before departure.

Signature(s) & Date: _____ Date: / /