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# HIKING GREECE

**SMALL GROUP: LIMITED TO 25 TRAVELLERS**  
**APRIL 19 – MAY 2, 2026 | 14 DAYS | 30 MEALS**  
**JOURNEY LEADER: ROMY HAHN**

*Oia, Santorini*



A journey through Greece is an exploration of a vibrant history inseparably tied to the sea. This unique itinerary, designed for those who seek a more intimate perspective, combines a 7-day Aegean cruise with eight carefully chosen hikes. We've crafted an experience that takes you far beyond the usual path. Ascend Mount Giouchta for sacred views in Crete, and traverse dramatic landscapes in Evia's Styra region. You'll trek to the famous caldera in Santorini and explore the trails of Mykonos's pristine beaches. From the ancient Acropolis in Athens to the Celsus Library in Ephesus (Turkey), you will be immersed in history. With sun overhead, the Aegean beneath your feet, and legendary trails ahead, this journey brings you closer to the heart of Greece.

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For a truly immersive experience

#### Tour Highlights

- **Athens:** Stand on the Acropolis and ancient Mars Hill. Hike for city views on Philopappou Hill, and find serenity walking in Kaisariani Forest at Mount Hymettus.
- **Evia:** Explore the wild Styra region and its unique acropolis. Trek the dramatic Agios Dimitrios Gorge.
- **Ephesus:** Walk the Sacred Way to the stunning façade of the Celsus Library.
- **Rhodes:** Hike to the picturesque village of Lindos, set beneath a medieval castle.
- **Crete:** Hike up sacred Mount Giouchta. Then, enjoy lunch and wine tasting in the town of Archanes.
- **Santorini:** Hike to Oia for classic caldera views.
- **Mykonos:** Take a walking tour of Mykonos Town. Hike the coastline along pristine beaches.
- **Milos:** Hike up to Agios Konstantinos for a coastal view.

#### Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Greece.
- First-class accommodation as indicated or similar.
- 7-night Aegean cruise aboard the *Celestial Journey*.
- 30 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 12 breakfasts, L - 6 lunches, D - 12 dinners).
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for inclusions.
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare.
- Services of your journey leader and local driver/guides.
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as described.



The Parthenon: Athens' timeless symbol of ancient glory



#### Journey Leader



Born in Northern Ontario to a Parisian/German father and a Franco-Ontarian mother with Greek heritage, it is no surprise that Romy Hahn's passion for life and travel began at an early age. It began while growing up spending summer holidays in Paris and taking trips all over Europe. She is a senior professional in the print industry and studied Business at TMU (former Ryerson University) in Toronto. Romy is an avid photographer and adventurer having taken many journeys to destinations across Europe, North and Central America. One of her favourite trips was backpacking across Italy. She looks forward to sharing new travel experiences with all that join her!

#### APR 19, Sunday

Travellers gather in Toronto for our flight to Athens.

#### DEPART CANADA

#### APR 20, Monday

On arrival in Athens, your local guide welcomes you and transfers you to the city centre. A panoramic bus tour introduces the golden age of Athens, passing landmarks such as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Panathenaic Stadium, Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Constitution Square, and the House of Parliament. In the evening, gather for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant with stunning views of the Acropolis, a perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers and toast the start of your Greek adventure. **Royal Olympic Hotel** (3 nights)

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#### ARRIVE ATHENS

#### APR 21, Tuesday

Visit the mighty Acropolis, towering over the city, and Mars Hill, where St. Paul addressed the Elders of Athens to share the message of Christianity. In the afternoon, embark on your first hike to the remains of the Philopappos

#### ATHENS



Monument on Philopappou Hill, passing the Dora Stratou Theater along the way. Later, enjoy a traditional Greek dinner at a local restaurant in the charming Plaka. BD

#### **APR 22, Wednesday**

#### **ATHENS**

Sometimes the best-kept secrets are hidden in plain sight. Mount Hymettus forms the natural eastern boundary of Athens, where the dense city grid gives way to a tree-covered slope dotted with monasteries. Explore the tranquil Kaisariani Forest, a protected nature reserve often unknown even to long-time Athens residents. Wander its many paths, visit a 12th-century Greek Orthodox monastery, and discover the ruins of an early Christian basilica. Though the forest is dense, its slender trees reveal a young woodland, replanted after much of the original slopes were lost during World War II. BD

#### **APR 23, Thursday**

#### **EVIA**

Depart Athens and drive to Agia Marina, where a ferry carries you to Evia, Greece's second largest island. Arriving at Nea Styra, set out on a hike through the Styra region, famed for its mysterious Dragon Houses, stone structures dating back to the 5th century BC. You will also visit the ancient Styra Acropolis, built between 900 and 500 BC. Continue south to the seaside town of Karystos, your base for the next two nights, and settle into your hotel before dinner together. **Marmari Bay Hotel** (2 nights) BD

#### **APR 24, Friday**

#### **AGIOS DIMITRIOS GORGE**

Today's hike begins in the square of the village of Agios Dimitrios, a small community framed by oak and chestnut groves. This path, once used by shepherds, descends into the limestone gorge, where the running waters of the Porphyra River create small waterfalls and natural pools. Known as an important habitat for birds of prey in Evia, the gorge is home to peregrine falcons, golden eagles, and other rare species. The trail concludes at a pristine beach, a fitting reward after a day surrounded by the sights and sounds of this remarkable landscape. BD

#### **APR 25, Saturday**

#### **PIRAEUS / EMBARK**

Leave the island of Evia and cross from Nea Styra back to Agia Marina on the mainland, continuing to the bustling port of Piraeus. In the afternoon, embark on the *Celestyal Journey*, your floating home for the next leg of the trip. Settle in and relax on board as the ship sails east toward the Turkish port of Kusadasi.

**Celestyal Journey** (7 nights)

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#### **APR 26, Sunday**

#### **KUSADASI AND EPHEBUS**

From the Turkish port of Kusadasi, travel inland to the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved classical sites in the world. Walk along the Sacred Way to admire the restored façade of the Celsus Library and step into the grand theatre, where St. Paul once preached to the Ephesians. This afternoon, you will have free time in Kusadasi, perhaps to wander the Harbourfront, shop at the bazaar, or relax in a café overlooking the sea. BLD

#### **APR 27, Monday**

#### **RHODES**

Our morning hike leads to Lindos, where the path along St. Paul's Bay offers sweeping views of the Aegean. Return to Rhodes Harbour, once guarded by the mighty Colossus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The afternoon is yours to explore the medieval Old Town, from the mosaic floors of the Grand Master's Palace and the Gothic Governor's Palace to the many shops tucked within its winding streets. BLD



*Library of Celsus: Ephesus' grand testament to knowledge and architecture*



*Lindos: A hilltop acropolis*



*The windmills of Mykonos*



*Octopus drying under the sun, a taste of the Aegean*



**APR 28, Tuesday****CRETE**

Crete, the largest of the Greek islands, was once the centre of the ancient Minoan civilization dating back to 1700 BC. Travel inland to Mount Giouchta, where you can choose between a more challenging hike or a gentler trail, both leading to the summit and its monastery with three small chapels. Afterwards, continue to the little wine town of Archanes for lunch and a wine tasting. BLD

**APR 29, Wednesday****SANTORINI**

Santorini's inner harbour, shaped by a volcanic eruption in 1500 BC, is now crowned by dazzling white houses perched on cliffs over 1,000 feet high. Beyond the heights, gentle slopes of fertile soil descend toward the sea, where volcanic ash has enriched the soil and shaped the island's distinctive wine production. Hike along the caldera from Fira to Oia, taking in views of the rim and the iconic white-and-blue architecture. Pause for lunch and free time in Oia or Fira before descending by cable car to the old port of Fira and returning to the ship by tender. BLD

**APR 30, Thursday****MYKONOS**

Winding lanes, tiny fishing boats bobbing in the harbour, white-washed houses, and iconic windmills have long attracted artists and dreamers here. Take a walking tour through the narrow streets of Mykonos Town to Little Venice and the Windmills, which once ground grain for the island's residents and now stand as symbols of Mykonos' heritage. After lunch, trek along the coastline from Paradise Beach to Paraga, Pinky, and Platis Yialos beaches, with time for a swim along the way. Later, free time allows you to explore at your own pace. BLD

**MAY 1, Friday****MILOS**

Milos, the smallest island on our journey, is a true Cycladic fairyland. The island's Chora, or main town, sits perched above the Aegean and offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Hike toward the hilltop village of Agios Konstantinos, known for its charming whitewashed houses and small chapels, passing sculpted mountain valleys and secluded beaches ideal for a swim. Pause at tavern terraces to relax and soak in the Greek way of life one last time, from sharing simple, fresh meals to enjoying lively conversation, warm hospitality, and unhurried moments. BLD

**MAY 2, Saturday DISEMBARK / ATHENS / CANADA**

All too soon, our Greek Odyssey comes to an end as we arrive at Piraeus port. After leaving the ship, transfer to Athens airport for your return flight to Canada. B

**CT Rating 4/5 - Very Challenging:** This journey involves a number of hikes covering 4 to 11 km (2.5 to 7 miles), with elevation gains ranging from 100 to 500 metres (330 to 1,640 feet). Participants should be able to maintain a steady pace and navigate varied terrain, including natural paths, paved ancient roads, and cobblestone streets. Trail conditions may vary and are subject to change. Travellers must be in excellent physical condition to fully enjoy this tour. The weather will be warm, with daytime temperatures between 20°C and 25°C (68°F and 77°F). You should be prepared for sun exposure. Warm layers are recommended for cool evenings.

**Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Land Only .....	\$8,675
Toronto .....	\$9,995
Ottawa / Montreal .....	\$10,145
Halifax .....	\$10,245
St. John's / Winnipeg .....	\$10,345
Saskatoon / Regina .....	\$10,395
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver .....	\$10,345
Victoria .....	\$10,395
Single Supplement .....	\$3,495

Land only members join at the hotel in Athens and leave at the Athens airport. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 15 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective July 2025 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 15 group members.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information and for terms and conditions.

**Deposit is \$950 per person**

**Final payment is due January 13, 2026**

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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