



## **GREECE LUXURY VACATIONS**

The Cyclades off the beaten track



## JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Your Greece luxury vacation begins in Athens, the birthplace of Western civilization. There, visit ancient highlights such as the Acropolis, the Museum of the Acropolis, and the ancient Agora. Next, your private tour continues with a fast ferry ride to Sifnos, one of the hidden gems of the Cyclades Islands. Spend the following days exploring sandy beaches, hidden coves, and an extensive system of hiking trails. Participate in a cooking demonstration to learn about the island's traditional dishes, and visit the island's picturesque - and historic - villages. From Sifnos, a convenient private helicopter transfer takes you to the final destination of your luxury tour of the Cyclades Islands: the picturesque island of Santorini. Witness dramatic sunsets, enjoy awe-inspiring hikes, and experience a boating day around the caldera, stopping at Akrotiri lighthouse and Thirasia Island, to name just a few of the possible adventures.

### A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- VIP services in Athens airport
- Private sailing excursion with expert crew in Santorini
- Cooking class with an acclaimed Santorini chef
- A surprise musical performance in a spectacular natural setting
- Private helicopter services

### The Discovery

- Athens
- Cyclades Islands
- Sifnos
- Santorini

### The Adventure




- Hiking
- Sailing
- Yachting
- Snorkeling
- Swimming

### Duration

8 Days

### When to go?

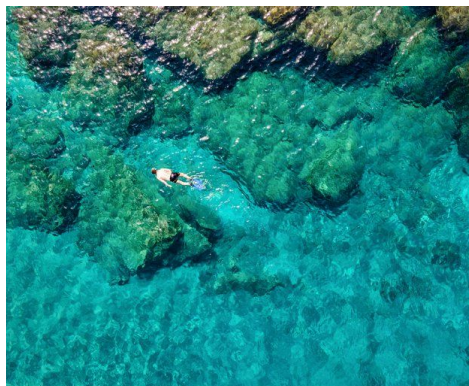
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DESTINATIONS			TRAVEL TIME
ATHENS		SIFNOS	2 hrs 30 min
SIFNOS		SANTORINI	30 min
SANTORINI		ATHENS	45 min





## PHOTOGRAPHY



## PRIVATE TOUR CYCLADES ISLANDS

*Please note: This private tour to Greece and the Cyclades Islands is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made.*

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

### Athens (2 nights)

Your private tour of Greece begins in Athens, one of the world's oldest cities. Your private transfer takes you to your hotel in downtown Athens with views of the Acropolis. Once a powerful city-state and a center for the arts, learning, and philosophy, Athens was home to Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum and is often referred to as the cradle of Western civilization and the birthplace of democracy. Its Classical Era heritage is still evident, represented by ancient monuments and works of art dotted throughout the city, the most famous being the Parthenon.

After you settle into your luxury hotel, visit the innovative Acropolis Museum with your expert guide. The museum's glass design is equal in size and shape to the Parthenon. It also rotates the Marble sculptures and findings precisely as they were at the Parthenon centuries ago. After your immersion into the rich history of the Acropolis, dine at a nearby restaurant with breathtaking views of the Acropolis.

The next day, visit the Acropolis itself, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most important ancient site in the Western world. Later, explore the Plaka neighborhood built on top of the residential areas of the ancient town of Athens and finish at the Ancient Agora and Roman Forums, all walking distance from your hotel. Enjoy lunch at a traditional tavern before heading back to your hotel to spend some time at leisure. Later in the evening, dine at a gourmet restaurant in town.

### Sifnos, Cyclades Islands (2 nights)

A private transfer takes you to the port of Piraeus for your fast ferry ride to Sifnos, a dreamlike island known for its beautiful secluded beaches and coves, along with its rich culinary tradition. After settling into your accommodations, visit Kastro, a picturesque, car-free village with over 3,000 years of history, for a walking tour through the ancient streets with your expert guide. Before returning to your hotel, stop for a cocktail and seafood canape on the terrace of a local cafe, enjoying impressive views over the surrounding sea and mountains.

The following morning, head to a nearby farm where you will have the chance to wander the fields and harvest fresh ingredients that will later be used to prepare a delicious lunch. Finally, in the afternoon, take a private boating excursion to Polyaigos. On this uninhabited island, you will enjoy swimming in the crystal-clear cerulean water while soaking up the bright Mediterranean sun.

### **Santorini (3 nights)**

Depart Sifnos with a convenient private helicopter transfer to Santorini. Upon arrival on the island, located in the southernmost point of the Cyclade Islands, your personal host will greet you before your private transfer to your hotel with breathtaking views of the Aegean Sea. After you settle in, enjoy a gentle hike to Skaros Rock, an iconic spot to watch Santorini's spectacular sunsets. In the evening, head down to the tiny port of Ammoudi with excellent taverns located right on the water that serve freshly caught fish.

The following day, explore Santorini's caldera on a private sailing excursion. Depart from the Vlihada port located in the southern part of the island and sail to the famous red beach for swimming and snorkeling. Continue along the coast stopping at the white beach and the Akrotiri lighthouse. Later, pick up sail through the caldera lake to Thirasia Island, where you will hike to a spectacular lookout point for the best view of Santorini. In the late afternoon, head to the picturesque town of Pyrgos and sip on cocktails as you listen to classical music at Franco's Bar, followed by dinner at Selene.

On your third day, your expert guide will accompany you to explore the archaeological site of Akrotiri. A volcanic eruption destroyed this Minoan Bronze Age settlement around 1,500 BC. Following the tour, enjoy a private wine tasting before stopping at the forgotten village of Emporeio. In the late afternoon, take a private transfer to Oia for your 2-hour hike along the caldera's cliffs. Stop along the way at a quaint church to take in panoramic views while listening to live folkloric Greek music playing just for your party. Finally, arrive at your hotel in time to watch the sunset in the privacy of your hotel room's terrace.

On the last day of your private Greece tour, return to Athens by domestic flight to catch your international flight home.



## ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

### Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



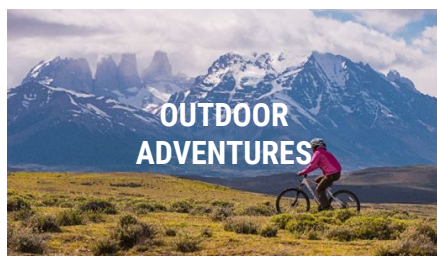
Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



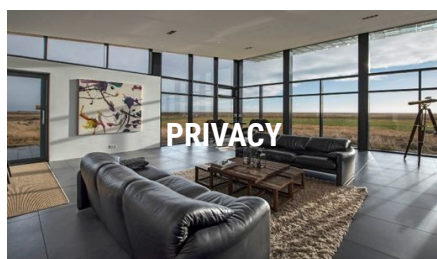
Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



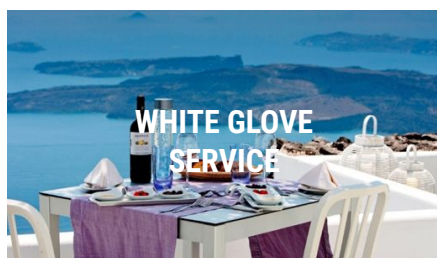
Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalusia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey

We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

### CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.



## OUR DESTINATIONS

LATIN AMERICA



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ARGENTINA



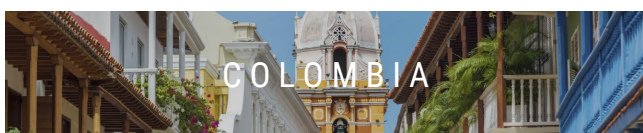
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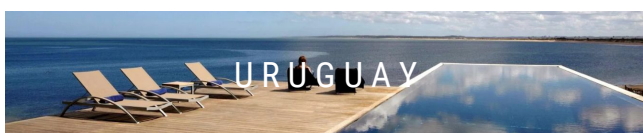
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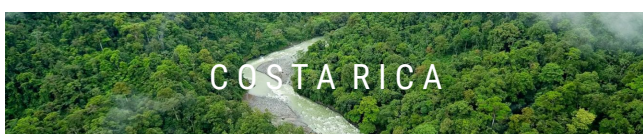
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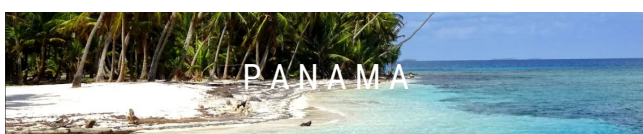
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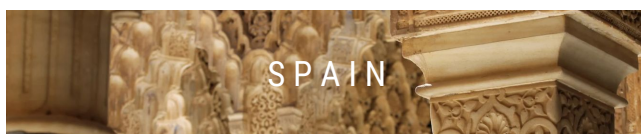
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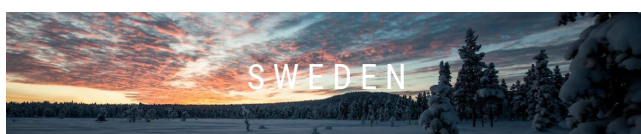
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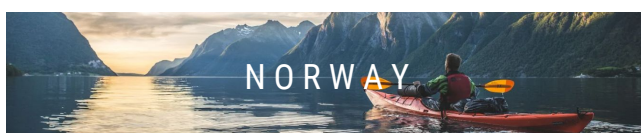
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## START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to [info@blueparallel.com](mailto:info@blueparallel.com).

### How it all works

1

#### Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

2

#### Initial Consultation

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

3

#### Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

4

#### Detailed Itinerary Proposal

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

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#### Booking Procedures

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

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#### Pre-Trip Support

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

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#### During the Trip

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

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#### Post-Trip Debrief

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.