

# **GREECE LUXURY TOURS**

An ultra-luxe custom-made journey into the cradle of Western Civilization

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# **JOURNEY OVERVIEW**

The first stop of your Greece luxury tour is Athens, the birthplace of Western civilization where you will visit ancient highlights such as the Acropolis, the Museum of the Acropolis, and the ancient Agora. Your tailor-made tour of Greece continues with a private transfer to the Peloponnese peninsula, where you will stop at Mycena, Nafplio, and the Epidavros Theater before arriving at the luxurious Amanzoe resort. During your stay in the Peloponnese, take an active hiking and biking excursion to Spetses Island, before relaxing and enjoying the property's amenities and beach club. A convenient private helicopter transfer takes you to the final destination of your private Greece tour: Santorini. This picturesque island is the perfect base for a variety of explorations, from active excursions, to boating and beach days, to sipping a coffee or cocktail in a charming cafe. During your time in Santorini, you will witness a dramatic sunset after a hike to Skaros Rock, enjoy a boating day around the caldera, with stops at Akrotiri lighthouse and Thirasia Island, and wander around the scenic streets of Oia after a delicious meal.

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

- Private luxury motor yacht with expert crew in the Cyclades
- Cooking class with an acclaimed Santorini chef
- Private demonstration of beekeeping in the Peloponnese
- A surprise musical performance in a spectacular natural setting

When to go?

- Private helicopter services

#### **The Discovery**

- Athens
- Nafplio
- Peloponnese
- Spotooo
- Spetses
- Santorini
- Cyclades Islands

#### The Adventure

- Hiking
- Sailing
- Yachting
- Snorkeling
- Swimming
- Mountain biking

**Duration** 9 Days

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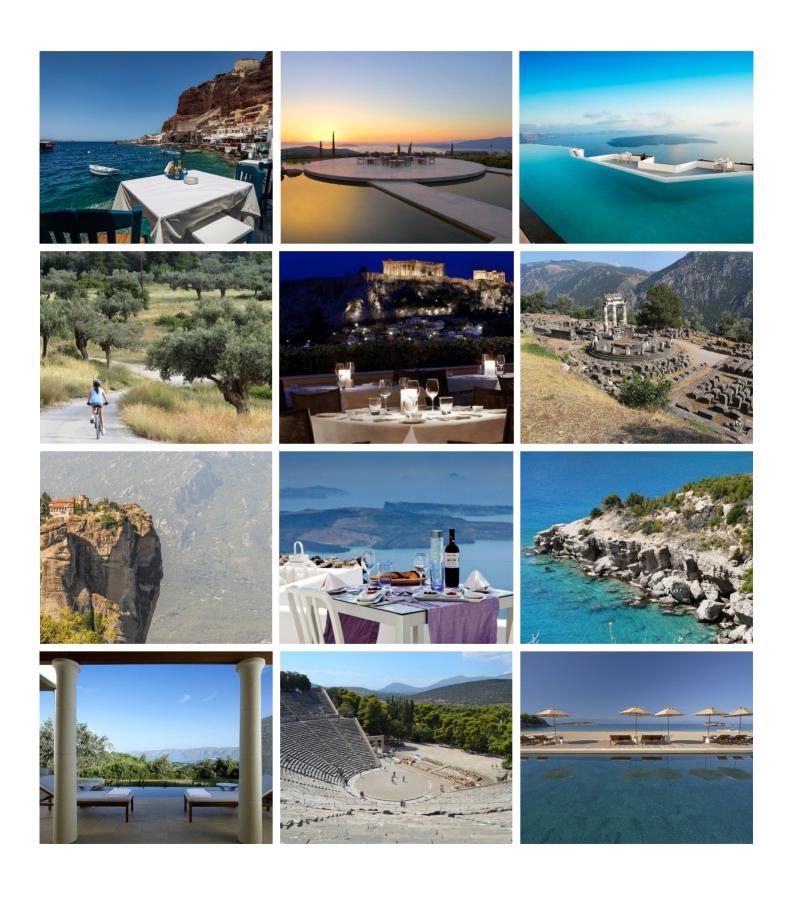








# **PHOTOGRAPHY**





# **PRIVATE TOUR GREECE**

Please note this private Greece tour is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made. You will find below a summary outline.

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. You will be taken by private transfer 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 heritage of the classical era is still evident and 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, and rotates the Marble sculptures and findings exactly as they were placed 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.

# Peloponnese (3 Nights)

Private transfer to the seaside town of Nafplio, which was once the capital of the First Hellenic Republic from the start of the Greek Revolution in 1821 to 1834. Upon arrival, climb the 1,000 steps of the Palamidi fortress built by the Venetians during their occupation of the area (1686-1715) for excellent views of the sea and city below. After lunch, continue on to visit the Epidavros Theater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the best preserved Greek theater before arriving at the Amanzo'e Resort in Porto Heli. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure by your private plunge pool.

The following day, spend your morning at leisure to enjoy the luxurious amenities of your hotel such as a spa, beach club, and outdoor pools. Amanzoe's naturally lit spa comprises of seven double treatment rooms, two hammams, and a hair and finishing salon, all looking onto a peaceful open-air courtyard. The Beach Club sits on the stunning blue waters of a sheltered bay. Enjoy the Grecian sun on the expansive deck or by one of 3 pools. When you need a break from the rays, duck under the pergolas or savor refreshments from the dining area and bar. Later in the afternoon, visit a traditional bee farm and learn the rituals of beekeeping that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Start the next day off with a morning hike (4.5 miles) passing through rural Peloponnese to the Avgo Monastery built into the rock face of the Avgo Mountain, overlooking the Rados River. Stop for a delicious picnic lunch in a spectacular outdoor setting before returning to your hotel. After returning to your hotel enjoy the rest of the day at the beach or pool.



# Santorini (3 Nights)

No luxury Greece trip is complete without a private helicopter ride from the helipad at the Amanzo'e to the heliport on Santorini Island. Upon arrival on the island, located in the southernmost point of the Cyclade Islands, you will be greeted by your personal host and privately transferred 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, serving 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 Pygros 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 Minoan Bronze Age settlement that was destroyed in a volcanic eruption 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 cliffs of the caldera. 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. 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, take a plane to Athens 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.







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 Andalucia, 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**





# **BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA**

Bloomberg		Traveler	DEPARTURES	elite <i>tnaveler</i>	Forbes
FOOD&WINE	LUXURY	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	Robb Report	TRAVEL+ LEISURE	VOGUE

# **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.

# How it all works

#### **Contact us**

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

### **Initial Consultation**

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

# 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.

# **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.

#### **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.

# **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.

# **During the Trip**

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

# **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.

