SIGNATURE JOURNEY

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Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose

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GREECE: ISLANDS & EXPLORATION

Discover Greece through Santorini's sunsets, Athens' rich flavors, and the heart of Cretan farm life—all in one unforgettable journey.

MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

- Visit a working family farm: feed animals, press cheese, and bake your own pastries while learning centuries-old traditions
- Experience local flavors on a walking food tour through markets and hidden tavernas
- Sip ancient wines, discover iconic blue domes, and bask in golden hour as the sun sets behind Santorini's cliffs
- Spend a morning with a local grassroots movement in Athens combating poverty and food insecurity
- Uncover the connection between art and identity in a traditional village on Crete

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OUR PURPOSE

Greece is a country of contrasts—where mythology meets modernity, and ancient ruins sit beside bustling city life. Yet beyond the postcard images of sun-kissed islands and dramatic temples lies a deeper story: one of resilience, community, and a culture rooted in connection. This journey invites you to step into that story, forging meaningful connections with local people, initiatives, and traditions that shape life in contemporary Greece. You'll meet farmers who preserve time-honored ways of living, artists who pass down generational knowledge, and grassroots leaders working to lift up their communities in tangible, transformative ways.

Whether preparing food on a rural farm, visiting a nonprofit combatting food insecurity, or shaping clay in a mountain pottery village, each experience offers a window into everyday Greek life. This experience isn't just about seeing Greece—it's about being part of it. At its heart, this journey is designed to foster purpose-driven exploration: to immerse you in the human stories, enduring values, and timeless wisdom that define this proud, vibrant culture. It's a reminder that travel can be more than leisure—it can be a bridge between people and a catalyst for meaningful change.

TRIP AT A GLANCE

Day 1 - Arrive in Athens. Meet your guide and fellow travelers over a welcome dinner in the heart of the historic capital.

Day 2 - Explore Ancient Athens & the Acropolis before stopping for a delicious lunch in town.

Day 3 - Discover the inspiring work of Humanity Greece and learn how grassroots action is changing lives in modern-day Athens. Dive into a delicious food tour through the city's bustling markets and bakeries.

Day 4 - Fly to Santorini and enjoy a scenic island tour featuring mountaintop views, wine tasting, and an unforgettable sunset.

Day 5 - Cruise the crystal-blue waters of Santorini with dinner onboard and swimming stops along the way.

Day 6 - Relax on the beach in the morning, then ferry to Crete and take a walk around Heraklion's charming streets.

Day 7 - Join a pottery class in a nearby mountain village and tour the medieval port town of Rethymno

Day 8 - Visit a working farm in Zaros and embrace rural Cretan life, from feeding animals to baking traditional pies.

Day 9 - Depart for home with a heart full of memories and a deeper understanding of Greek culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

A TASTE OF ATHENS THROUGH ITS MARKETS

Wander through the bustling streets of downtown Athens on a guided culinary tour that engages all the senses. From fresh koulóuria and local pies to pungent herbs and traditional mezedes, each stop tells a deeper story of Greek heritage and community. Meet the locals behind the flavors, try Greek pastries, and sample award-winning olive oils, ending your journey with the perfect souvlaki under the Athenian sky.

FARM TO TABLE THE CRETAN WAY

In the hills of Zaros, leave the city behind and reconnect with the land. At Kamihis Farm, you'll become part of a multi-generational tradition—milking sheep, baking on open fires, and learning about medicinal herbs and mountain produce. End the experience with homemade raki and a true farm feast, serenaded by the sounds of nature and village life.

SUNSET CRUISE & SANTORINI'S BEACHES

Explore Santorini's volcanic beauty in style—traveling by private minivan through medieval villages and winding coastal roads. Snap the perfect photo of the famed blue domes, visit a centuries-old winery, and watch the sun dip into the sea in one of the most breathtaking sunset spots on Earth.

POTTERY IN THE MOUNTAINS

Step into the soul of Cretan artistry in Margarites village. Here, local potters keep alive ancient ceramic techniques passed down for generations. You'll try your hand at the craft, gaining insight into the connection between craftsmanship, tradition, and daily life. It's a moment of creation—and connection—you'll never forget.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Greece!

Upon arrival in the historic capital of Athens, you'll be met at the airport by our team and transferred to your hotel in Athens' historic city center. After settling-in, meet your guide and fellow travelers for an overview of the week ahead, followed by a welcome dinner just a short walk from the hotel. The menu highlights traditional Greek flavors and introduces you to the warm hospitality that Greece is known for. *(D)*

DAY 2: Ancient Athens & Free Time

After breakfast, embark on a guided tour through thousands of years of history. Marvel at the grandeur of the Acropolis, home to the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion.

Enjoy a delicious lunch in the city center, followed by a free afternoon to explore Athens at your own pace. Wander through Plaka's winding lanes, visit a nearby museum or relax at a café with views of the Acropolis. *(B,L)*

DAY 3: Morning of Purpose & Culinary Exploration

Today is dedicated to meaningful engagement with Humanity Greece, a grassroots organization working to combat poverty and food insecurity in the city. You'll meet the team and learn how they are creating a model of community-based relief that supports families across Athens. Through conversations, hands-on involvement and storytelling, gain perspective on the challenges and triumphs of navigating a complex, changing society.

In the afternoon, see what the food is all about as you delve into modern Greek culture through its cuisine. Join a 4-hour walking food tour through Athens' vibrant neighborhoods—sampling koulóuria, loukoumades, and cheeses. Visit bustling markets, family-run shops and charming tavernas that reveal the heart of the city. *(B,L)*

DAY 4: Santorini Magic & Sunset Views

After breakfast, transfer to the Athens Airport for a short flight to the island of Santorini. Upon arrival, take some time to soak in the breathtaking scenery—whitewashed buildings, vivid blue domes and dramatic cliffs rising from the sea.

Enjoy lunch on your own before joining an afternoon guided tour that brings Santorini's beauty to life. Uncover panoramic viewpoints, medieval villages and a local winery where you'll sample the island's volcanic wines during a wine tasting session. End the day with dinner that celebrates island flavors, then take in the iconic Santorini sunset's golden display. *(B,D)*

DAY 5: Sailing the Caldera

Spend the morning at leisure—perhaps wandering through Fira's cobblestone streets, shopping for artisanal souvenirs, or relaxing on the black sand beaches of Kamari or Perissa.

In the early afternoon, board a beautiful boat for a cruise around Santorini's famed caldera, the gem of the Aegean Sea. Sail past white cliffs, swim in warm, crystal-clear waters, and explore hidden coves. As you cruise, enjoy a freshly prepared dinner onboard featuring seafood, salads, and traditional Greek dishes. Watch the sun set from the water, wine in hand, with views that will stay with you long after you leave. *(B,D)*

DAY 6: Black Sand Beaches & Crete's Local Charm

Enjoy a final leisurely morning in Santorini with time for a swim or stroll by the sea. Enjoy sun loungers and lunch at the iconic Barolo Beach Bar, a relaxed local club on the black sands of Perivolos, a quaint beach town on the Southeastern corner of Santorini, where fresh seafood meets Aegean vibes.

In the afternoon, board a ferry for a two-hour sail to Heraklion, the capital of Crete. Upon arrival, join your guide for a casual walking tour of the city's historic streets, where Venetian architecture meets modern island life. Learn about the island's unique culture and history as you explore the quaint alleyways. Dinner tonight is on your own—choose from Heraklion's many lively tavernas that line the streets and come alive with nightfall. *(B,L,D)*

DAY 7: Rethymno Village & Mountain Pottery

After breakfast, head to the mountain village of Margarites. Here, join a hands-on pottery workshop with local artisans who preserve ancient techniques of ceramic craftsmanship. Create your own piece and hear the stories behind each design.

Then, venture along the northern coast to the historic town of Rethymno, where we'll take in the beautifully preserved mix of Venetian and Ottoman architecture. From the quaint city center to the delightful seaside path, there's no better way to see the picturesque lighthouses, churches and taverns of this lovely city.

Return to Heraklion later in the day. *(B,L)*

DAY 8: Day on a Farm in Crete

After breakfast, travel to the tranquil village of Zaros in the Cretan countryside for a day immersed in rural tradition. At Kamihis Farm, you'll experience the rhythms of Cretan life—gathering herbs, feeding animals, tasting fruit from the trees, and even learning how to make traditional cheese and savory pies over an open flame. Sip homemade raki, and share a rustic meal of ingredients harvested just hours before. This will be a unique glimpse into traditional farm life in Crete.

After lunch, take a peaceful walk around nearby Lake Zaros, where you'll enjoy coffee and conversation under the trees. Return to Heraklion for some free time before a celebratory Farewell Dinner together in the quaint Old Town of the city. *(B,L,D)*

DAY 9: Farewell, Greece!

Enjoy a relaxed morning as you bid farewell to your fellow travelers and prepare for your journey home. Individual transfers will be arranged based on your flight schedule. You'll leave Greece not only with stunning photos, but with new stories and connections. *(B)*

PREMIER LODGING

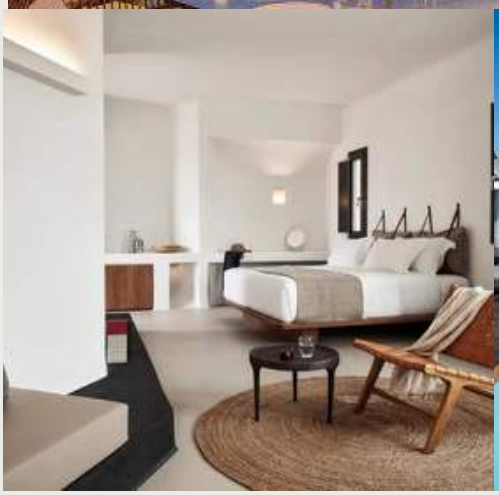
Throughout your journey, you'll stay in hand selected 4- and 5-star boutique hotels that blend comfort, style, and a true sense of place.

In Athens, unwind at the elegant 4-star Elia Ermou Hotel, nestled just steps from the Acropolis and the vibrant streets of Plaka.

In Santorini, embrace island luxury at the 5-star Orama Hotel & Spa, where whitewashed architecture meets sweeping sea views and tranquil pools.

And in Crete, retreat to the 5-star Atlantis Heraklion Hotel, a modern sanctuary in the heart of Heraklion offering world-class amenities and Cretan hospitality. Each stay is more than just a hotel—it's an extension of the destination, designed to immerse you in Greece's beauty, culture, and warmth.

Please note the exact properties are subject to change based on seasonality.



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9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

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PRICING

PWC EMPLOYEE: $6,595
PLUS ONE (17 & Older): $5,276
CHILD (16 & Younger): $3,298

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are $1450 per person for the trip. This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. Child prices apply to those 16 years and younger at the time of travel sharing a room with an adult.

SEE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT LIST OF DEPARTURE DATES

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- 8 nights lodging in 4- & 5-star boutique hotels
- Happy hour and drinks with dinner on the island & margaritas with cooking class
- Transportation in private vehicles
- An active daily itinerary
- Discover Corps guide that is there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- $50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and pre-departure support from Discover Corps
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with MODERATE physical activity

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Tips for the Discover Corps guide and driver
- 4 independent dinners and 3 independent lunches
- One-way domestic flight supplement of $250 (Athens-Santorini)
- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 16 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a $365 deposit and $30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

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Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a $250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

PAYMENT PLANS

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Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

Our Mission

Discover Corps' mission is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

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- ALASKA
- AUSTRALIA
- BALI
- BAJA
- COSTA RICA
- GREECE
- GUATEMALA
- KENYA
- MOROCCO
- OAXACA
- PERU
- SOUTH AFRICA
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- VIETNAM

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