



Greece

Walking Adventure – Athens – Tinos - Naxos
September 21 – 28, 2027

Optional pre- and post-extensions are available.

Greece Island Hopping Adventure: A Journey Back to the Heart of the Aegean

Our first adventure in Greece dates back to 1999. We were still early in our international travel journey—just five years in—but the Walking Connection was already earning a reputation for meaningful walking adventures in far-flung places. That year, we chartered a sailboat, gathered 26 spirited guests, and set out to explore the Aegean—sailing from the Greek Isles to Turkey and back, including then-sleepy Santorini and charming Mykonos.

This was pre-Instagram Greece. Picture it: empty cobblestone streets in Santorini at sunset, a table by the harbor in Mykonos without a three-hour wait, and impromptu beach barbecues on uninhabited islands where we were the only footprints in the sand. We returned to Greece again and again—drawn by the food, the sea, the people, and the soul of it all.

Those days may be a distant memory, but their spirit lives on in this new journey. Curated by Jo Ann and our Greek-based team, this walking adventure begins with a meaningful visit to the Acropolis in Athens and leads us off the beaten path to two Cycladic gems: Tinos and Naxos. Far from the cruise ships and tour buses, these unspoiled islands offer a deeper connection to classic Greece—whitewashed villages, sun-baked trails, olive groves, turquoise waters, and ancient landscapes that still breathe. Hosted by Jo Ann and Gene, and led by expert local guides, this is island hopping the Walking Connection way—on foot, with open hearts, curious minds, and a shared love for the stories that live in every stone and shoreline.

Come Island Hop Greece With Us!

Moments

ATHENS

The Acropolis is "must-see." It's always a busy place...like the Plaka, a "must-eat," destination -- both are worthy of our time and appreciation. Our private resident guides not only skillfully navigate the area but also bring the rich ancient Greek history to life.



TINOS

In Tinos, all the fascination is hiding in the more than forty extraordinarily well-preserved villages, in the stone huts, in the architectural details of the unique dovecotes, in the "handmade" terraces that cover the whole island. We begin our day in the surreal village of Volax, where whitewashed cottages nestle among giant round boulders scattered like dice by the gods as we walk to Tinos Town.

Panormos port to Pyrgos Marble Village. Our loop hike begins in a quiet fishing village that once served as a marble export port. From here, we follow a scenic trail uphill to Pyrgos—Tinos's renowned marble village, where doorways, fountains, and even bus stops are adorned with intricate carvings.



NAXOS Naxos. As the ferry arcs toward the island, you'll catch your first glimpse of the Portara.

Fill an afternoon on a family farm learning to prepare a traditional Greek family meal using pure Naxian ingredients -- all cooked over a wood fire. This experience offers much more than delicious food—it's a window into the island's economy, history, social life, customs, and even religious beliefs.

Calendar Highlights

September 21 - 22

ATHENS

Activities: Airport Arrival, Walking The Plaka.

Welcome Dinner, Traditional Taverna.

Accommodation: Hera Hotel

September 22 - 23

ATHENS - TINOS

Activities: Guided Walking Tour - Acropolis, drive to the port of Rafina for the ferry to Tinos.

Hike from Volax to Tinos town - Visit Mrs. Nikoleta, who invites us into her home for a shared meal made from her own orchard's fruits, homemade jams, and vegetables grown in her garden.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Onar Hotel & Suites

September 24

TINOS

Activities: Loop hike from Panormos port to Pyrgos Marble Village, Museum of Marble Crafts, Follow a loop trail that descends past windmills, dovecotes, and quiet chapels back toward Panormos, where we'll enjoy lunch by the sea.

Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Onar Hotel & Suites

September 25

TINOS TO NAXOS

Activities: Ferry To Naxos, Cooking Class

Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Naxos, Naxos Resort Hotel

September 26 - 27

NAXOS

26th - Activities: During the day, hike from Melanes to Chalki. Evening walk through the narrow alleys of Naxos' Venetian quarter.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Naxos, Naxos Resort Hotel

27th - **Catamaran Adventure Around Naxos** - full-day adventure along the stunning coastline of Naxos. (Subject to weather)

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Naxos, Naxos Resort Hotel

September 28

This adventure ends at your hotel in Naxos.

Ask about optional extensions to Crete or Zigora in mainland Greece.

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Day-By-Day

Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions, or the discretion of our guides. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.

Greece Adventure – Athens, Tinos & Naxos



DAY 1

September 21

AIRPORT ARRIVAL

After passport control and customs, walk through to the arrivals area, where taxis are readily available for a 35 min. transfer to the **Hera Hotel**.

WELCOME DINNER

Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant, and get to know your fellow travelers.

YOUR STAY

Hera Hotel, 1 Night

Standard Double - D

Hera Hotel & Suites is situated on five different floors, all boasting modern and functional architecture, exquisite interior décor, along with a plethora of facilities and amenities.



DAY 2

September 22

Visit to the Acropolis and ferry to Tinos

No matter how many photographs you've seen, nothing can prepare you for witnessing the Acropolis in person, still standing proudly after thousands of years. Alongside a specialized guide, take a journey back in time and reflect on the splendor, power, and enduring legacy of this remarkable capital city.

In the afternoon, we will drive to the port of Rafina and from there we will take the ferry to Tinos. In Tinos, all the fascination is hiding in the more than forty extraordinarily well-preserved villages, in the stone huts, in the architectural details of the unique dovecotes, and in the "handmade" terraces that cover the whole island.

YOUR STAY

Onar Hotel & Suites 1 of 3 nights

Standard Room – B, L, D

Just a few steps away from Tinos Chora and 400 meters away from the port, you are invited to experience the unique essence of traditional hospitality. In this boutique hotel, each room is unique in layout or view, but shares the same Cycladic style and amenities.



DAY 3

September 23

Hike from Volax to Tinos town and dine at Mrs. Nikoleta's home.

We begin our day in the surreal village of Volax, where whitewashed cottages nestle among giant round boulders scattered like dice by the gods.

From Volax, we hike toward the dramatic rock of Exombourgo, crowned by a medieval castle, before descending into Tinos town for lunch and a short rest at the hotel.

In the afternoon, we visit Mrs. Nikoleta, who invites us into her home for a shared meal made from her own orchard's fruits, homemade jams, and vegetables grown in her garden. As we dine together, surrounded by the flavors and aromas of the island, she shares stories behind her recipes—many of them traditional Cycladic dishes preserved through her love of slow food, seasonality, and sustainability.

Hiking distance: 4.8 mi / **Hiking Duration:** 4 hr

Elevation gain & loss: 656 ft & 1312 ft

YOUR STAY

Onar Hotel & Suites 2 of 3 nights

Standard Room – B, L, D



DAY 4

September 24

Village To Village (Loop Hike)

Panormos port to Pyrgos Marble Village

We begin today's hike in Panormos, a quiet fishing village that once served as a marble export port. From here, we follow a scenic trail uphill to Pyrgos—Tinos's renowned marble village, where doorways, fountains, and even bus stops are adorned with intricate carvings. The legacy of generations of Tinian sculptors lives on in every corner.

In Pyrgos, we'll visit the Museum of Marble Crafts, take a break beneath the shaded plane tree in the main square, and enjoy some free time to explore the alleys and nearby workshops. From there, we follow a loop trail that descends past windmills, dovecotes, and quiet chapels back toward Panormos, where we'll enjoy lunch by the sea—with time for a swim if anyone wishes.

We return to the hotel by late afternoon, and the evening is free to enjoy dinner on your own.

Hiking distance: 3.8 mi **Hiking Duration:** 3 hr

Elevation gain/loss: 656 ft & 656 ft

YOUR STAY

Onar Hotel & Suites 3 of 3 nights

Standard Room – B, L



The Cycladic islands are the prototypical "Greek islands". Whitewashed houses, turquoise blue seas, olive groves, and sun parched landscapes. It is here where man lived in harmony with the environment for thousands of years. We believe that island hopping is the best way to connect with this past and get to know the islands, each of them stamped with its own unique character.



DAY 5
September 25
Ferry to Naxos and cooking class

Naxos. As the ferry arcs toward the island, you'll catch your first glimpse of the Portara—a marble gateway standing proudly on a headland, the only remaining trace of a temple once dedicated to Apollo. It's a striking welcome, and just the beginning of your adventure here.

Upon arrival, you'll have some free time to relax and enjoy lunch at your own pace before we regroup for the afternoon's cooking class. Naxian cuisine is deeply rooted in the rich agricultural traditions of this fertile island, known for its exceptional vegetables and famous cheeses. During the cooking lesson at a local family farm, you'll learn how to prepare a traditional Greek family meal using pure Naxian ingredients, all cooked over a wood fire.

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YOUR STAY
Naxos Resort Hotel
Premium rooms, pool or sea view – 1 of 3 Nights – B, D



DAY 6

September 26

Hike from Melanes to Chalk

After breakfast, we'll head out for our hike, starting at the site where two "small" Kouroi—unfinished statues abandoned in the marble quarries over 2,600 years ago—still lie in quiet repose. The trail continues toward the Upper Castle, a former Venetian stronghold, passing olive groves scented with thyme, oregano, and sage.

We'll end the hike in the elegant village of Chalki, once the commercial center of the island and still home to neoclassical mansions and citrus-scented courtyards, where we'll enjoy lunch.

After the hike, enjoy some free time before we reconnect in the early evening for a walk through the narrow alleys of Naxos' Venetian quarter, a historic area shaped by centuries of Venetian rule that left its mark on the island's architecture and culture. Afterward, you'll have free time to enjoy dinner and a sunset stroll by the iconic Portara.

Hiking distance: 4 mi / Hiking Duration: 3 hr

Elevation gain & loss: 879 ft & 633 ft

YOUR STAY

Naxos Resort Hotel

Premium rooms, pool or sea view – 2 of 3 Nights – B, L



DAY 7

September 27

Catamaran adventure around Naxos

There's no better way to experience the Aegean than by sailing through the Cyclades. Today, you'll board a catamaran for a full-day adventure along the stunning coastline of Naxos and, weather permitting, nearby islets. With multiple stops for swimming, snorkeling, and relaxing in hidden coves and turquoise bays, the day unfolds at a slow, carefree pace—just as it should in the Greek islands.

At one of our swim stops, the crew will prepare a delicious lunch on board, made with fresh, local ingredients and served with a side of sea breeze and sunshine. After days of hiking through mountain villages, olive groves, and ancient trails, this is the perfect way to unwind and take in the Cycladic landscape from a new perspective.

In the evening, we'll gather to head to the old town for a farewell dinner, celebrating the journey and the unforgettable memories made

Sailing experience: 6 hr

YOUR STAY

Naxos Resort Hotel

Premium rooms, pool or sea view – 3 of 3 Nights – B, L, D

DAY 8

October 1

Say farewell to Greece – or ask about optional extensions.

Breakfast is at your leisure at the hotel and following that, your Walking Connection adventure trip in Greece concludes with independent departures to the airport or port and other areas of Greece.

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Adventure Inclusions

This Walking Connection Adventure Includes:

- Exclusive Signature Adventure itinerary.
- Hosted by Walking Connection staff member.*
- Private transportation on the islands to hikes and activities.
- All walks, hikes, and site visits per the final itinerary.
- Experienced English-speaking interpretive local guides.
On walks, two private guides (8 or more paying guests).
- Meals / the itinerary: 7 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L), 5 Dinners (D).
- Water, coffee, and tea. (Individual pays for alcohol).
- Ferry tickets.
- Entrance fees to the archaeological site of the Acropolis and the museum of marble crafts
- Private cooking class in Naxos
- Private Catamaran tour in Naxos (8 or more paying guests). Subject to weather conditions.
- Detailed "Know Before You Go" information includes recommended websites, reading lists, packing lists, what to bring, weather, and more.

Exclusions

This Walking Connection Safari Does Not Include:

- Gratuities for leader/guide or driver
- All international airfares.
- Airport/port arrival and departure transfers.
- All items of a personal nature, including premium beverages and shopping.
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination, and medical consulting fees.
- Camera or video camera fee for specific historical sites.
- All international departure taxes collected at the airport on departure.
- Pre or Post-night hotel accommodations.
- Travel insurance.
- Early check-in & late check-out of rooms not specified.
- Optional tours or items of a personal nature.
- Photographs & phone calls.
- No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour.
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusions page as included.

Travel Insurance Center

Insure ALL Your Travels Through The Walking Connection

The Walking Connection proudly offers three comprehensive choices to insure your travel adventures.

- **Generali Global Assistance** has been a preferred Travel Insurance Provider of our company for over 25 years.
- **Allianz Global Assistance** is a preferred Travel Insurance Provider offering new benefits such as **Annual Travel Insurance** for multi-trip travelers and a **connected mobile app** to assist you on the go.
- **TraWick International** is a preferred Travel Insurance Provider offering a comprehensive variety of Travel Insurance, including plans for Canadian, US and International Travelers to global destinations!

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Price, Terms, and Conditions

Price per person:

- Double Occupancy: \$6698 USD
- Single Occupancy (Limited Availability): \$1075 additional.

Deposit: A deposit of \$1000 USD /person is required to secure the booking for this trip. Payment can be made by credit card. Space cannot be held without a complete deposit for each traveling guest. [Payments can be made securely online – PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

Payments: All payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to the cancellation & penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days before the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check or wire transfer. If you prefer to pay by credit card, Venmo, or PayPal for the final amount due, a 3.5% surcharge will be applied to the total due amount. (4.5% for international cards, including Canada) Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuations, park fee increases, and tax increases imposed by the government at the time of final payment.

Price Variation:

Prices are based upon the current government fees for Park, concession fees, and sanctuary entry, and all taxes at the time of publication of this information. Should the government impose any new taxes, raise the current tax or increase the entry cost to any park or sanctuary, the price increase will be passed along and charged to you. You will be notified of this increase at the time that Walking Connection is notified. All payments received by Walking Connection are subject to the cancellation policy already published and in effect. **Please note that we reserve the right to pass on any increases to Park Fees and Government Taxes.**

Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies:

Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply:

Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, all cancellation requests will forfeit the initial trip deposit

After that:

- For cancellations 61 - 90 days prior to the trip, 50% penalty of the total trip cost.
- For cancellations and no shows 60 days or less prior to the trip, no refunds.
- No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to Walking Connection via email and/or US Postal Service. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by Walking Connection, not the date it is posted.

8-Guest Trip Minimum: This trip requires a minimum of 8 paying guests to proceed at the stated price. An additional Small Group Surcharge may be assessed, or the trip may be canceled at the option of Walking Connection if sign-ups do not meet the 8-person minimum. This trip will be guaranteed to depart when we have reached the minimum number of guests or have been evaluated 90 or 60 days prior to departure. Additionally, if the minimum is not met, Walking Connection reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to operate the trip without a Walking Connection host. **Please do not make your international or domestic air arrangements until the trip is confirmed.**

Maximum of 12 guests

Mandatory Entry Requirement- US and Canadian citizens will possibly need an ETIAS to travel to Europe. The new European Travel Information and Authorization System, is proposed to be operational in 2027.

International Air Arrangements:

Before making your international airline arrangements, please contact Walking Connection by phone at (632)-800-3649 or email us at: info@WalkingConnection.com to reconfirm the trip details. Walking Connection will provide you with recommended arrival and departure airports, times, and any additional information you may need **BEFORE** you book your flights.

Your Local Guides and Trip Host/Escort:

At Walking Connection, our philosophy is straightforward: each trip is designed in partnership with locals and led by local experts. We collaborate with a select group of trusted travel partners to deliver exceptional experiences safely and responsibly. During this trip, you and your small group will be accompanied and led by one of our highly trained professional guides. A Walking Connection staff member will be hosting this trip, with a minimum of 8 paying guests.



Why You Should Always Get Travel Insurance!

Protect Your Investment - Your trip is an investment. Don't let unforeseen circumstances jeopardize it. With travel insurance, you can safeguard your finances against trip cancellations or interruptions.

Ensure Adequate Health Coverage - Health emergencies can happen anywhere. If your health insurance doesn't cover you abroad, or if you're traveling to a country where healthcare is expensive, travel insurance with medical coverage can be invaluable.

Emergency Evacuation Assistance - In the event of a medical emergency or natural disaster, travel insurance can cover the cost of emergency evacuation to the nearest suitable medical facility.

Reimbursement for Travel Disruptions - Unexpected delays, cancellations, or missed connections can throw your travel plans off course. Travel insurance reimburses you for additional expenses incurred due to travel disruptions, allowing you to navigate unforeseen challenges with ease.

Protection for Lost or Delayed Baggage - Lost, stolen, or delayed baggage can be a traveler's nightmare. Travel insurance offers coverage for replacing essential items or reimbursing necessary purchases, ensuring you're not left stranded without your belongings.

For Walking Connection Adventure Travel and Active Adventures.

Because they are active trips, often in remote areas of the world. Medical facilities and services, if available, may be limited and paid for in local currency before services are rendered. For these reasons, many countries and local governments **REQUIRE** visitors to have health and medical transport insurance to participate in adventure travel activities.

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This is your moment to slow down, connect with the world—and yourself—one step at a time.

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