



# Athens

Home



As central as it gets

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/4224985>

## Itinerary

- Syntagma Square & The Panathenaic Stadium
- Historic Plaka
- Monastiraki Square and Flea Market

- The Ancient Agora (Temple of Hephaestus, Odeon of Agrippa, Stoa of Attalos)
- The Acropolis (Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, Erechtheion, Theatre of Dionysus, Odeon of Herodes Atticus)
- The Acropolis Museum
- The National Garden & The Temple of Olympian Zeus

### **DAY 1 (9/3):**

9:05am - Arrive in Athens and buy *metro* tickets

Take the metro from the airport and get off at Syntagma station

Check in to As central as it gets

10:00 am - Nap

1:30pm - Lunch in Plaka

Shopping in Plaka

Check out some of the fresh produce vendors in Monastiraki square.

Shopping and coffee in Monastiraki Flea Market

Check out the incredibly well-preserved Temple of Hephaestus before passing the Odeon of Agrippa on the way to the Museum of Ancient Agora, housed in the Stoa of Attalos. Purchase an all inclusive ticket for Acropolis, Temple of Zeus, etc.

4:30pm - Back to the house to relax.

8:00pm - Dinner at Mostrou rooftop garden with an amazing view of the Acropolis.

9:00pm - Take a stroll through Plaka and Monastiraki at night

### **DAY 2 (9/4):**

7:30am - Grab a coffee and quick breakfast at the base of the Acropolis

08:00am -Get to the Acropolis right when the gates open to avoid the crowds and get some good pictures. Grab a map at the entry gate to be sure you don't miss anything!

11:00am - Go to the Acropolis Museum. Be sure to check out the live excavation sites through the glass floor outside the entrance.

1:00pm - Grab some lunch outside the Acropolis at Plakiotissa.

2:00pm - Shopping on Ermou.

3:00pm - Head East from the Acropolis to see the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Keep walking until you come to a large, busy road and you'll see the monument directly on the other side of it.

4:00pm - Walk back to the Metro through the National Garden and settle in for an afternoon nap.

7:00pm - Wake up, get dressed, and head out for dinner with live music at Malina Tavern.

10:00pm - Take an evening stroll around Monastiraki or Plaka.

### **Helpful Hints**

Don't let anyone "help" you in Athens unless you are willing to "tip" them

Avoid taxis unless absolutely necessary. When you do take one make sure you ask how much it will be before you get in. They round the fare up so you don't have to tip them.

Get to the Acropolis right when it opens - very crowded starting at 8:30

Tip 5 - 10% at restaurants

Gauge the price of restaurants by the Greek salad (5 euro or lower was a good price for us)

Don't overpay for coffee (stay under 3 euro)

Book ferry tickets two weeks before hand and get tickets at ports

Make sure you are in an air-conditioned part of the ferry

Always bring snacks on the ferries

You can check your luggage in at the garage of the ferry for free

### **Food to Try**

Tatziki, Spicy Cheese Dip, Horiataki, Spinach and Feta Pie, Moussaka, Meat platter, Gyro, Mythos, Ouzo, Cappuccino freddo with cream and sugar

### **Restaurants**

Mostrou, Malina Tavern

### **Travel**

Blue Star Ferry to Mykonos: 7:30am - 12:45pm

# Day Trip to Mykonos

Home



Studio for 4

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/2911956>

## Itinerary

- Windmills
- Little Venice
- Shopping
- Beaches

### **DAY 3 (9/5):**

6:00am - Take taxi to Pireaus and pick up ferry tickets

Grab a cheap coffee and breakfast (plus snacks) to take on the ferry

7:30am - Board Blue Star Ferry to Mykonos

12:45pm - Arrive in Mykonos

1:00pm - Sea Bus to Old Port to meet air bnb host

1:30pm - Check in to Studio for 4

Lunch at Captian's at Old Port

Wander up to the famous windmills.

Go shopping in Mykonos Town

7:00pm - Dinner in Little Venice

Drinks and dancing in Mykonos Town

**DAY 4 (9/6):**

10:00am - Breakfast at bakery

11:00am - Get to “bus station” and catch the bus to Ornos Beach

11:30am - Beach

2:30pm - Catch bus back

3:00pm - Lunch at Pepper in Mykonos Town

6:00pm - Back to Studio and relax

7:00pm- Sunset cocktails in Little Venice

8:00pm Wander through the streets of Little Venice

9:00pm - Dinner in Mykonos Town.

**Helpful Hints**

Everyone eats very late in Mykonos

Get up early to take photos, everyone sleeps in

Get to the port for your ferry early, there are not many comfortable seats

**Food to Try**

Souvlaki, shrimp sagnaki

**Restaurants**

Captain’s

**Travel**

Champion 2 Ferry to Santorini: 9:00am - 11:45am

# Santorini

## Home in Oia



Nicoletta Ammoudi Studio B

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/4562213>



Studio 2 Persons

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/887770>

## Home in Firostefani



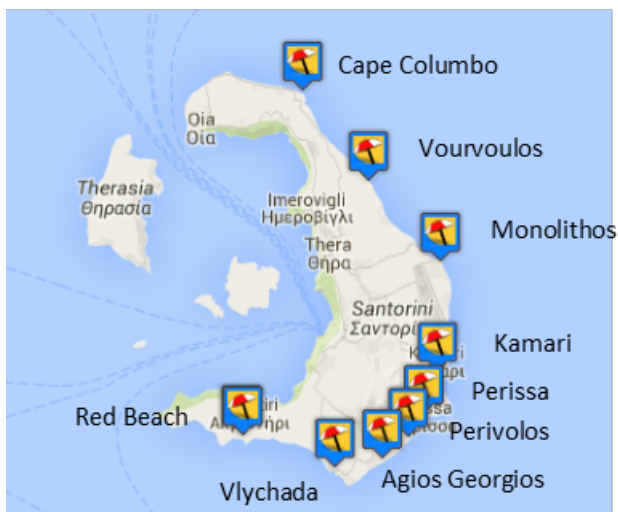
Amazing Studio! Volcano-Sunset View!

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/1072117>

### Itinerary

- Oia to Fira hiking trail 3 hr (taxi back).
- Cliff jumping in Amoudi Bay
- Lounge at Perissa Beach
- ATV the island to find secret beaches
- Red Sand Beach and White Beach
- Akrotiri Archeological Site
- Winery
- Brewery
- Volcano
- Skaros Rock

### Beaches



- **Red Beach:** Location: 12 km south west of Fira Description: Red beach is one of the most beautiful and famous beaches of Santorini. It has black and red volcanic pebbles and hot water. Type: Pebbled, Organised
- **Kamari:** Location: 10 km south east of Fira Description: The beach resort of Kamari is situated on the southern part of Santorini, right next to Perissa, with the enormous rock called Mesa Vouno between them. Type: Sandy, Family Friendly, Partly Organized, Diving Club, Water sports
- **Perissa:** Location: 10 km south east of Fira Description: Perissa is a tourist resort that gets very crowded in summer. An impressive and organized beach, Perissa has black sand on its shore. The remains of Ancient Thera are close by. Type: Pebbled, Family Friendly, Partly Organized, Diving Club, Water sports
- **Perivolos:** Location: 10 km south of Fira Description: Perivolos is the longest black sand of Santorini. This is an organized tourist resort with many hotels, taverns and beach bars. Type: Sandy, Family Friendly, Partly Organized, Water sports
- **Vlychada:** Location: 10 km south of Fira Description: Vlychada is a nice, organized beach on the southern side of Santorini. It has a small port where fishing boats and yachts moor in summer. Type: Sandy, Partly Organized, Nudism Friendly
- **Agios Georgios:** Location: 12 km south east of Fira Description: Agios Georgios is a popular beach, just 3 km from Perissa, on the southern part of Santorini. With black pebbles and organized, Agios Georgios is one of the most tourism-friendly beaches on Santorini. Type: Sandy, Partly Organized, Water sports
- **Cape Columbo:** Location: 12 km north east of Fira Description: Cape Columbo is one of the most isolate and quiet beaches on Santorini. Surrounded by a wild landscape, Cape Columbo often gets windy. In fact, it is the wind and the waves that have formed the wild rocks of Columbo. Type: Pebbled, Non Organised, Secluded, Nudism Friendly
- **Monolithos:** Location: 7 km east of Fira Description: Monolithos is one of the most family-oriented beaches on Santorini. The beautiful coast has a playground and a beach volley court, while it is surrounded by few hotels. Type: Pebbled, Non Organised, Secluded, Nudism Friendly
- **White Beach:** Location: 13 km south west of Fira Description: The cove right next to the Red beach is known as the White beach. It is very similar to the Red beach, with black pebbles on the shore, only that the surrounding cliffs are white. Type: Pebbled, Secluded, Nudism Friendly
- **Vourvoulos:** Location: 4 km north east of Fira Description: Vourvoulos is a beautiful beach but the strong wind that blows frequently makes it uncomfortable for swimming. Sometimes, waves can be really huge. Type: Pebbled, Non Organized, Secluded

#### **DAY 5 (9/7):**

8:00am - Take taxi to port and pick up tickets

9:45am - Champion 2 Ferry to Santorini

11:45am - Arrive to Santorini by Ferry and take personal taxi to Studio B in Ammoudi Bay



12:30pm - Take the 300 steps from Ammoudi to Oia  
1:00pm - Lunch at Lotza in Oia, overlooking the caldera  
2:00pm - Explore the town of Oia, grocery shopping, and rent ATV for three days  
4:00pm - Drive ATV down to Ammoudi to relax and have some wine and cheese  
6:00pm - ATV to Karthos Beach and enjoy the sunset from Karthos Beach  
8:00pm - ATV back to studio  
10:00pm - Dinner at Sunset restaurant in Ammoudi Bay

**DAY 6 (9/8):**

9:00am - Pack a lunch and ATV the north part of the island to explore all the beaches.  
1:00pm - Grab a snack from a road side eatery.  
Lounge in the chairs at Perissa Beach  
7:00pm - Drinks and enjoy the sunset at the studio  
8:00pm - ATV to dinner at King Neptune in Oia.

**DAY 7 (9/9):**

7:00am - Oia to Fira hiking trail (3 hrs).  
11:00 am - Lunch in Fira  
12:00pm - Explore Fira  
1:00pm - Take the bus back to Oia and ATV back down to Ammoudi Bay  
(could take sunset cruise)  
6:30pm - Cliff jumping in Amoudi Bay at sunset  
9:00pm - Dinner at Dimitri's in Ammoudi Bay

**DAY 8 (9/10):**

12:00pm - Check out of Studio B  
12:30pm - Lunch near the bus station  
2:00pm - Meet hosts at bus stop: Oia square  
2:15pm - Check in at Studio 2 persons in Oia  
3:00pm - Shopping in Oia  
4:00pm - Sunbathing, drinks, and sunset on patio  
8:00pm - Dinner at Roka  
9:30pm - Gelato at Lolita's

**DAY 9 (9/11):**

12:00pm - Check out of Studio 2 persons in Oia  
12:15pm - Take bus Firostefani  
1:00pm - Check in to Amazing Studio!  
1:30pm - Lunch in Firostefani and grocery shopping  
3:00pm - Hike Skaros Rock or take ferry to the volcano  
7:00pm - Enjoy sunset and appetizers from amazing porch  
9:00pm - Order gyros and baklava from Why Not? Souvlaki

**DAY 10 (9/12):**

9:00am Cappuccino in Fira's square  
10:00am Visit the beautiful churches in Fira  
11:00am Take the bus from Fira to Kamari, ask to stop at Yellow Donkey  
Beer tasting at "Yellow Donkey" Santorini Brewing Company  
Walk to Cavana Rousso for wine tasting  
Walk to Estate Agros for wine tasting  
Walk to Art Space for wine tasting  
Wait at bus stop for bus to Fira  
3:00pm Late lunch in Fira  
5:00pm Back to studio to get in the pool and appetizers on the porch  
8:00pm Dinner in Firostefani

**DAY 11 (9/13):**

Rent ATV and drive to Akrotiri Lighthouse  
Venetian Castle  
Akrotiri Archeological Site  
Red Sand Beach  
Sea bus to White Beach  
Elos Beach  
ATV back to Firostefani  
Dinner at Bella Thira

**DAY 12 (9/14):**

12:00pm - Check out of Amazing Studio!  
12:30pm - Lunch

Take taxi to port and pick up tickets

Highspeed4 Ferry to Crete

Arrive to Crete by Ferry and get rental car

Drive to Iliotropio Studios

Check in at Iliotropio Studios

Dinner in Chania

### **Food**

Breakfast and Lunch - Pelekanos in Oia

Dinner - King Neptune in Oia - zucchini balls

- God's Garden in Perissa - moussaka
- Xani's on Perissa's main road - lamb plate
- Dimitri's in Vlychada - seafood

Gelato - Lolita's in Oia

### **Helpful Hints**

You just hop on the bus and you buy your ticket during the ride

Find your nearest "take away" food because it can get expensive in Santorini

### **Food**

Wine!, Santorini Salad, mussels in garlic, calamari, zucchini balls, fish, gelato

### **Travel**

Highspeed4 (ferry) to Crete: 5:30pm - 7:15pm

# Crete

## Home in Chania



Illiotropio Studios

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/3542516>

### Itinerary

- Knossos
- Chania Town
- Seitan Limania Beach
- Elefonisi Beach
- Samaria Gorge



**DAY 12 (9/15):**

Arrive to Crete by Ferry and get rental car

Drive to Knossos & explore

Drive to Iliotropio Studios

Check in at Iliotropio Studios

Dinner in Chania

**DAY 13 (9/16):**

Creten breakfast at Ela Taverna

Shopping in Chania

Drive to Seitan Limania Beach (bring snorkel gear)

Dinner with live music in Chania

**DAY 14 (9/16):**

Breakfast at Ela Taverna

Drive to Elefonisi Beach (bring snorkel gear), Lunch in Kissamos on the way

Dinner in Chania

**DAY 15 (9/17):**

Drive to Samaria Gorge and explore

**DAY 16 (9/18):**

7:30am - Drive to Airport and drop off car

9:20am - Flight to Athens

10:10am - Arrive in Athens

10:30am - Taxi to Piraeus to get pick up tickets

12:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Ferry to Hydra

3:40pm - Arrive in Hydra

### **Helpful Hints**

#### **Food**

#### **Travel**

Return by plane to Athens: 9:20am - 10:10am

Ferry to Hydra

# Hydra – aka Ýdhra

Home



Nereids Guesthouse

<http://www.nereids-hydra.com/en-index.html>

## Itinerary

- Sea taxi
- Agios St. Nikolaos beach
- Follow the coastal path to the rustic, picturesque village of Kaminia and have lunch at Kodylenia's Taverna in Hydra

### **DAY 16 (9/18):**

3:40pm - Arrive in Hydra and take donkey to Nereids Guesthouse

4:00pm - Check in to Nereids Guesthouse

4:30pm - Shopping and grocery shopping in Hydra

7:15pm - Sunset off of the path to the beaches

8:00pm - Dinner at Ciao

### **DAY 17 (9/19):**

Walk path to the beaches and stop off at all of them

Explore the town of Kamini on the way

Lunch at Kodylenia's Taverna

Dinner at Secret Port

**DAY 18 (9/20):**

Walk to the Lazaros Koundouriotis Mansion Museum

Lazaros Koundouriotis Manison

Lunch at Porto Fino at the port

Visit the cannons

Sea Taxi to beach or hike to monasteries

Dinner

**DAY 19 (9/21):**

11:50am - Ferry to Athens

1:30pm - Arrive in Athens and take taxi to Acropolis truly charming apartment

**Food**

Breakfast and Lunch -

Dinner - Kodylenia's Taverna in Kaminia, Taverna Leonidas in Hydra, Taverna Gitoniko aka "Manolis and Christina" in Hydra

Dessert -

**Helpful Hints**

**Food**

**Travel**

Ferry from Hydra to Athens



# Day 19 & 20

Home



Acropolis truly charming apartment

## **DAY 19 (9/21):**

1:30pm - Arrive in Athens and take taxi to Acropolis truly charming apartment

2:00pm - Check in Acropolis truly charming apartment

3:00pm - Walk the path around the Acropolis

4:00pm - Purchase souvenirs in Plaka and Monastiraki

6:00pm - Grab a quick dinner

## **DAY 20 (9/22):**

7:30am - Metro to Syntagma, Syntagma to Airport

11:20am - Plane Home

11:50pm - Arrive Home