Bluebonnet Bespoke

Sample Itinerary: 8 Days in Santorini & Athens

Five unhurried days in a private villa on Santorini's caldera, then two days of ancient and modern Athens. This sample is based on a real Bluebonnet trip, with personal details removed. Every itinerary we design starts from scratch, so think of this as a starting point, not a package.

Length	8 days in Greece
Route	Santorini (5 nights), Athens (2 nights)
Pace	Relaxed: one planned moment a day, with sunsets left free
Ideal for	Mother-daughter trips, girls' getaways, milestone celebrations
Best seasons	May to June and September, for warm water and fewer crowds

Santorini

Stay: Andronis Arcadia in Oia, in a four-bedroom villa with its own infinity pool and hot tub. Everyone gets a private bedroom and bath, and the living space keeps the group together.

Day 1: Arrive in Santorini

Connect through Athens for the short hop to the island, where a private driver is waiting at the exit. Settle into the villa, then dinner on property at Beefbar, overlooking the Aegean. No car, no plans, nowhere to be.

Day 2: Sailing the Caldera

A private five-hour cruise on a 55-foot yacht from Ammoudi Bay, sailing beneath the cliffs of Oia, Imerovigli and Fira. Swim in the volcanic hot springs, snorkel at White Beach while the crew grills lunch on board, then a last swim at Red Beach. Wine and drinks are included, and a driver handles both ends.

Insider tip: pack a dark swimsuit for the hot springs. The sulfur-rich water can stain light fabrics.

Dinner is at Selene, the restaurant that helped define Santorini cooking, now set in a former 18th-century monastery.

Day 3: Beach Club Day

A slow morning at the villa pool or browsing Oia's shops, then across the island to Wet Stories on Perivolos, a black-sand beach. Lunch first, then front-row daybeds right at the water's edge for the afternoon. Dinner is on the terrace at Five Senses in Imerovigli, with the whole caldera spread out below.

Day 4: Cook Like a Local

A private cooking and tasting experience with a local host: Santorini salad, fava, tomato fritters and a main braised in Vinsanto, the island's sweet wine. Dietary needs are easy to accommodate. Dinner is a short walk from the villa at Omnia, a sharing menu served around a pool with an open view of the sunset.

Day 5: Spa Day

A day planned around the Evexia Spa: deep-tissue massages, a two-hour rest-and-calm ritual and custom facials, scheduled so everyone's treatments line up. The evening is left open for a walk to a caldera-side taverna in Oia.

Why we plan it this way: in Greece, sunsets are sacred and midday heat is real. We keep mornings active, afternoons slow and evenings unhurried, so no one is racing the light.

Athens

Stay: King George, a Luxury Collection Hotel, on Syntagma Square. Rooms are dressed with antiques and silk drapes, and the best of them look straight up at the Acropolis.

Day 6: On to Athens

A private transfer to the airport, the one-hour flight to Athens, and a driver waiting in arrivals. The afternoon is free, with our mapped walking route in hand. Dinner is at Dionysos Zonar's, a modern Greek menu at the foot of the Acropolis.

Day 7: Ancient Athens

An early start with a private, licensed guide and driver: Syntagma Square and Parliament, the marble Panathenaic Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, then up to the Acropolis and on to the Acropolis Museum.

Why we plan it this way: Acropolis entry now runs on timed slots, and the hill is hottest and busiest by midday. Going early means cooler air, thinner crowds and a guide who has already secured your tickets.

In the afternoon, follow our self-guided route at your own pace: the National Garden, the lanes of Plaka, a stop at Melissinos for made-to-measure leather sandals, then Ermou Street's shops down to the markets of Monastiraki. The farewell dinner is at Botrini's, chef Ettore Botrini's restaurant in a former schoolhouse with a garden for warm evenings.

Day 8: Homeward

Breakfast at the hotel and a private transfer to the airport, timed around each traveler's flight home.

What's Included

Every detail below was arranged before departure, so the trip itself took no planning on the ground.

- Private transfers for every arrival, departure and outing, plus the island flight between Santorini and Athens
- Seven nights at two hand-picked hotels, including a private villa for the group
- A private five-hour yacht cruise with lunch and drinks on board
- A private cooking and tasting experience

- A private guide for ancient Athens, with timed Acropolis entry
- Spa treatments, beach club daybeds and every dinner reservation, confirmed in advance
- Mapped walking routes and an Athens shopping guide, from Ermou Street to Monastiraki
- A know-before-you-go guide: what to pack, dining customs and a Greece tipping guide
- 24/7 on-the-ground support in Greece, plus a direct line to your advisor

Make It Yours

This is one way to see Greece. Yours might swap Santorini for Paros or Crete, add a few days on Mykonos, or bring the whole family. Tell us who's traveling and what you're celebrating, and we'll design the trip around you.

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