

# **Grecian Glory**

Rediscover ancient treasures and dive into the deep blue Aegean.

### Holy Sites and Trendy Isles

Conjure the roars of five ferocious marble lions — circa 7th century — on the Isle of Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo and Artemis and a holy site of Greek mythology. Ferry back to Mykonos to shop or bar-hop on the lively whitewashed waterfront before setting sail the next day for Santorini, with swimming, snorkeling and an onboard barbecue dinner. Kicking off with comprehensive guided touring in Athens, this is an ideal Greek overview.

### **Cycladic Jewels**

Discover the adornments that have made Greek people beautiful for more than 6,000 years at the Benaki Museum, the country's most comprehensive collection of Greek artifacts. After touring the jewelry exhibits with your field guide, head into the underground vaults, where you'll be able to handle some of the pieces not currently on display. You'll also be joined by a contemporary jewelry designer, who will show you the tools and techniques of the trade.

## Archaeological Dig

Sink your spade into history on an archaeological dig in Marathon. On a full-day tour that has you in the ground alongside experts from the University of Athens, you'll learn the basics of excavating priceless ancient sites and perhaps make some historical findings of your own. This quiet town is the site of the Battle of Marathon, when Greek forces defeated Persian invaders, and a burial mound is still visible nearby.

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