

# ATHENS DAY CRUISE

## SHORE EXCURSIONS PRICE LIST

DESCRIPTION	ADULT PRICE	CHILD PRICE	STUDENT PRICE
Walking Tour Hydra	31,00 €	16,00 €	16,00 €
Panoramic Tour Aegina	24,00 €	19,00 €	19,00 €
Swimming Tour Marathonas	24,00 €	24,00 €	24,00 €
Aegina Cultural Tour (Aphaia & Agios Nektarios)	28,00 €	21,00 €	21,00 €
Combo Walking & Panoramic	39,00 €	30,00 €	30,00 €
Combo Walking Tour & Aegina Cultural Tour	46,00 €	32,00 €	32,00 €
Combo Walking & Swimming Tour Marathonas	34,00 €	34,00 €	34,00 €
Agios Nektarios	12,00 €	12,00 €	12,00 €

## AEGINA PANORAMIC TOUR

Crossing the Northern part by bus, the most beautiful part of Aegina with its crystal blue water and its traditional houses! Discovering the hidden jewels of the island, with fantastic views and amazing colors as well as big plantations of pistachio trees.

Six stops at the most significant sightseeing of the island (listed below) without getting off the bus (photo stops), a twenty-minute stop at the Monastery of St. Nektarios, followed by a stop at a traditional Greek "taverna" for our passengers to try local delicacies. During the excursion, the host/ess is giving all the information needed upon pistachio nuts, the island's history and many fun facts.

1st stop: Ancient city of Aegina- Archaeological site of Kolona.

2nd stop: "The mother of Aegina" statue by Christos Kapralos, one of the most important Greek sculptors.

3rd stop: The house of Nikos Kazantzakis, famous writer of "Alexis Zorbas" (the movie of Michalis Kakogiannis with Antony Queen and Irene Papas – Zorba the Greek).

4th stop: Souvala.

5<sup>th</sup> stop: Panoramic View.

6th stop: View of small chapels up in the hill of the medieval capital of the island, famous Palaiochora.

7<sup>th</sup> stop: Monastery of Saint Nektarios.

8<sup>th</sup> stop: Greek Traditional Restaurant, where our visitors get to try "ouzo", Greece's national aperitif alongside with some of the most popular Greek food specialties "meze", mainly based on seafood.

**Tour:** 1h 30min.

Bus transportation, guided tour and tasting at the Greek restaurant included in the price.



## AEGINA CULTURAL TOUR

Crossing the island by bus and while the experienced guides provides all the relevant information about the island of Aegina, history and pistachio wise, the passenger anticipates visiting the famous ancient temple of Aphaia alongside with the monastery of St. Nektarios.

First stop, the **archaeological sanctuary of Aphaia**, which is one of the most impressive buildings of the post-archaic period. The temple dominates the area and it was founded by the Aeginians to commemorate the Minoan deity Aphaia, daughter of Zeus and Carne. The temple is of a Doric rhythm, one of the best-preserved temples in Greece. It is considered by many the model which the architects of Parthenon had in their minds. Moreover, it is said that together with the temple of Parthenon in Acropolis, Athens and the temple of Poseidon in Cape Sounio, are forming a sacred isosceles triangle, one of the greatest mysteries of the Greek antiquity.

Licensed guide gives a detailed tour inside the archaeological area and the stop lasts half an hour.

Second and final stop, the **Monastery of St. Nektarios**. The Monastery of Saint Nektarios was built around 1904-1907 by St. Nektarios, the Bishop of Pentapolis. St. Nektarios lived in the monastery and died in 1920. In 1961 he was declared a Saint. The church's architectural style is basilica with a dome, same with the one of Santa Sofia in Istanbul. The monastery is a convent for women and 14 nuns live in it. The memory of the Saint is celebrated on November 9<sup>th</sup> and once more on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.

A guide once more gives a tour and the duration of our stay is approximately half an hour.

**Tour:** 1h 50min

Bus transportation, guided tour and archaeological entrance fees included.



## HYDRA WALKING TOUR

As Hydra is the only Greek island without cars, here we propose our unique Walking Tour. The island holds many "titles" such as cosmopolitan, historic, heroic, thus there is a great history to be explained by our host/ess. Some of the sightseeing included are:

- Right after the disembarkation from the cruise ship a short briefing is taken place before the tour.
- Oldest Navy School of Europe (dated by the 18th century in a neoclassical building)
- The statue of captain "Miaouli" who represents the modern history of Hydra as well as the efforts and contribution to the victory of the Greeks against the Turks during the war of the independence of Greece in 1821.
- The donkeys- Hydra's main mean of transportation!
- Oldest pastry shop of the island where hospitality and a treat of the famous sweets called "amygdalota" prepared with rose water, almonds and orange flowers, is enjoyed by the visitor.
- Going down to the harbor we will see the hospital and the Town Hall.
- The monastery dedicated to the Assumption of Virgin Mary and its miraculous icon. It was built in the 16th century and the decoration in its interior is very rich because of donations by rich captains and admirals that leaved all their wealth in the monastery.
- The Ecclesiastical and Byzantine Museum of the monastery admiring icons and ecclesiastical items of the 17 – 18 – 19th centuries', is a very important part of the tour.

**Tour:** 1h 10min

Guided tour, pastry tasting and entrance to the Cathedral's Museum included.



## MARATHONAS SWIMMING TOUR

Upon disembarkation from the cruise ship at Aegina, a bus is waiting. We offer you a bottle of cold water. There is a ride by bus approximately 10 minutes to the "Marathonas beach".

Free time for swimming for about one hour to the crystal turquoise waters. There is a beach bar where you may have a soft drink, coffee, or beer, included in the price. Full time duration of the excursion One Hour and a half.