



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

Travel Solo Together

GREEK ISLAND ODYSSEY

Athens · Naxos · Paros
Mykonos & Delos · Santorini · Crete

with Women of the Midwest!

September 15-28, 2026



Dear Women of the Midwest,

If you've ever dreamed of discovering Greece through its history, flavors, villages, and sunlit islands, this is your moment! Athens, Santorini, Naxos, Paros, Antiparos, and Crete... a journey woven with beauty, culture, and unforgettable experiences.

Enchanting harbors, timeless villages, the birthplace of the Mediterranean Diet, and some of the most storied archaeological sites in the world—here, everyday life becomes extraordinary. Gentle island breezes, vibrant markets, warm hospitality, and food crafted with love remind us that where simple ingredients flourish, so does the spirit. And where there is connection to real food, there is always connection to real life. Let's embrace it all in Greece!

We'll follow the relaxed local rhythm, sampling regional specialties and savoring the delights of each destination. From seaside cafés to traditional villages, we'll meet the people who carry forward Greece's rich traditions. Together, we'll uncover ancient myths, wander legendary ruins, and explore landscapes shaped by sea, sun, and centuries of stories.

In Crete, we'll step behind the kitchen door for hands-on cooking, discovering treasured recipes passed down through generations. We'll taste the island's wholesome goodness, celebrate joyful moments around the table, and experience the vibrant culture that inspired one of the world's most celebrated ways of living.

Relax and unwind as you delight in an exceptional way of life—the Greek way!

Reserve your spot now on this magnificent odyssey through Greece. Come, join me, solo or two-by-two.

Yours in travel and adventure,
Barb Wallingford, Ambassador,
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.

Old Town Athens



Portara, with a view to Naxos Town



Delos, Island of Light



September 15, 2026 - Tuesday

Traveling to Athens, Greece

Your inspiring journey begins as we board our overnight flight to Athens. Settle in, enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service, and let the excitement build as you embark on your dream odyssey.

September 16, 2026 - Wednesday

Athens

Welcome to Athens! Upon arrival, we'll meet our private tour guide, who will accompany us throughout the journey. Before reaching the city, we stop at Cape Sounion, where the majestic Temple of Poseidon rises dramatically above the Aegean. A delightful seaside lunch follows before we continue to our hotel. Athens—one of the world's oldest cities—is rich with myths, mysteries, and enduring legends. Its sacred ancient sites, vibrant neighborhoods, and cosmopolitan energy create a captivating blend of old and new. The city flourished in the fifth century BC, when Athenian democracy shaped daily life in the Bouleterion and open discussion thrived in the Agora. Check into our hotel for an evening at leisure to relax and unwind. If you're still awake, take a moonlit stroll by the Acropolis—it's right next door.

B (in-flight) | L

September 17, 2026 - Thursday

Athens

After a delightful breakfast, we will head out to discover Athens. A short distance by foot takes us to the Acropolis, dominated by the Parthenon and built as a temple to honor goddess Athena in the 5th century BC. From the top of the hill, you will see the Agora, where Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle strolled. Next, we will visit the stunning Acropolis Museum, where lunch is served. We will continue by motorcoach through

the city to see the House of Parliament at Syntagma Square, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Public Library, the University, and the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympics of the modern era were held. The late afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy the city. Don't miss old town Plaka with its numerous shops (open until late!), enjoy people-watching and a local "meze" (plate with small bites) - the best way to taste the local delicacies. B | L

September 18, 2026 - Friday

Santorini

Today, we will embark on a six-hour ferry ride to Santorini, a truly magical island, a sparkling jewel in the Aegean Sea, famous for its whitewashed houses set against the backdrop of the cobalt blue sea and its black sand beaches. Molded by fire and sea, its majestic cliffs are said to guard the secrets of Atlantis. Upon arrival, we will explore the wines and delicacies of Santorini. We stroll through the ancient vineyards and discover the famous "kouloura," an ancient Phoenician technique for growing grapes in baskets. Check into our hotel for an evening at leisure. Bask in the golden sunset, relax, and unwind in one of the most beautiful places in the world. B | T | L

September 19, 2026 - Saturday

Santorini

Today, we will visit the Archaeological Museum in Fira (Thira). Then, time on your own to explore more of Santorini. In the late afternoon, we have arranged a tour of Oia to take in the spectacular sunset and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant! B | D

September 20, 2026 - Sunday

Naxos

In the morning, we will board our ferry to Naxos (a short ferry crossing of 90

minutes). Hora (the Capital) is a port town filled with whitewashed, cube-shaped houses and medieval Venetian mansions. The island offers everything from delicious food and local liquors to beautiful white marble, incredible Cycladic scenery, local crafts, and some of the best beaches in Greece. We will experience it all! Our five-night stay in Naxos will be something you will never forget, and the island is the perfect base for visits to the surrounding islands. In the afternoon, we will take a walking tour of Naxos Town with tastings of local delicacies: cheeses, citrus liqueurs (kitron), and sweet pastries. Enjoy a night at leisure. B | T/L

September 21, 2026 - Monday

Naxos

Enjoy breakfast at our own pace before boarding our motorcoach for an island tour. Experience local villages and stunning scenery. We will learn about daily life, and be introduced to the history of local art. We will savor lunch at our tour guide's favorite tavern. It doesn't get much better than this. The late afternoon and evening are yours to relax and enjoy swimming in the crystal-clear waters. B | L

September 22, 2026 - Tuesday

Mykonos & Delos

In the light of the early morning we make our way to take a short ferry ride to Mykonos (45 minutes). From there, we will embark on our "caiques" for the sacred cradle of the Greek gods and goddesses - Delos. Greek mythology tells the legend of how the island of Delos appeared suddenly amidst the waves of the sea when Leto was looking for a safe place to give birth to her twins Apollo and Artemis. The birthplace of the deities was considered so sacred, in fact, that the island was declared off-limits for births and deaths of mortals. Return

Mykonos



to Mykonos in time for a leisurely lunch and time to stroll and explore before we return to Naxos. B

September 23, 2026 - Wednesday

Paros & Antiparos

Today, we will cross over to Paros (a 30-minute ferry ride) to discover the gentle charm of this captivating island. Paros beautifully blends elegance, history, and effortless relaxation. Wander through Naoussa, a graceful fishing village where whitewashed lanes meet a sparkling harbor filled with boutique cafés and inviting seaside views. Continue to Lefkes, a serene mountain village offering cool breezes, traditional stone paths, and a peaceful glimpse into authentic island life—perfect for unhurried moments of appreciation. In Parikia, we will admire the magnificent Church of Panagia Ekatonpiliani (the Church of the Hundred Gates), one of Greece's oldest and most beautiful churches—an inspiring place of quiet reflection and timeless spiritual grace. Just a 10-minute ferry ride away lies Antiparos, another relaxed little gem with golden beaches, chic cafés, and a warm, friendly village atmosphere. It's no wonder Tom Hanks likes to hang out here—the island offers the perfect blend of simplicity and charm (keep your sunglasses ready... you never know whom you might spot!). Our visit includes a delightful island tour and a trip to the famous Antiparos Cave, where impressive stalactites and centuries-old inscriptions create a true sense of wonder and gentle adventure. After a lovely day, we will return to Naxos in the late afternoon for a laid-back, easygoing evening. B

September 24, 2026 - Thursday

Naxos

Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Stroll, swim, soak in more of

Oia, Santorini at Sunset



Naxos. Tonight, we have a special dinner arranged ...dance lessons included! B | D

September 25, 2026 - Friday

Crete - Heraklion

After breakfast, we'll take the ferry (3 hours 30 minutes) to Heraklion, Crete, where a relaxing change of pace awaits. After checking into our comfortable hotel, the afternoon is yours to unwind, refresh, or simply enjoy the gentle rhythm of the city. In the evening, we'll take a pleasant stroll through Heraklion's lively streets, soaking in its history and welcoming atmosphere, before ending the day with dinner at a delightful local restaurant, celebrating Cretan flavors and warm island hospitality. B | D

September 26, 2026 - Saturday

Heraklion

Today invites us to step deeply into the ancient world. We begin at the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion, home to the most extraordinary collection of Minoan treasures—vibrant frescoes, exquisite pottery, and timeless artifacts that reveal the grace and mystery of Europe's earliest civilization. From there, we travel to legendary Knossos, the palace of King Minos, where myth and history intertwine. As you wander through its restored halls and sunlit courtyards, it's easy to imagine the grandeur of a culture that shaped the ancient Aegean. In the afternoon, we head to Arolithos, a traditional Cretan village nestled in the hills. Here, we'll enjoy a hands-on cooking experience, learning authentic recipes passed down through generations and savoring the delicious dishes we prepare together. (Fun note: Crete is widely recognized as one of the birthplaces of the Mediterranean Diet—a way of eating celebrated for its freshness, balance, and vitality. Early research revealed that

Knossos, Crete



Cretans enjoyed remarkably low rates of heart disease and some of the best overall health in Europe, inspiring worldwide interest in their wholesome traditional lifestyle). The evening is yours—perfect for a leisurely stroll, a little shopping, or simply relaxing under the warm Cretan sky. B | L

September 27, 2026 - Sunday

Rethymno - Chania

Our final full day in Crete is one to savor. We begin with a morning walking tour of Rethymno, a charming town where Venetian elegance meets the warmth of everyday island life. Stroll through its atmospheric lanes, admire the graceful architecture, and enjoy the gentle rhythm of a place that seems to hold time still just for us. Then we continue to Chania, one of Greece's most enchanting coastal cities. We'll settle into our hotel for the night before we take a walking tour of Chania. To celebrate our journey, we gather for a joyful farewell lunch at Chalkina, a beloved waterfront restaurant known for its fresh Cretan flavors and soul-warming dishes. Here, we raise a glass to new friendships, shared memories, and the unique sisterhood formed along the way. It is a day filled with beauty, laughter, and the sweet satisfaction of having truly lived the experience to the fullest. B | L

September 28, 2026 - Monday

Traveling Home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Chania airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight to Athens. Then, clear security, and continue to our final destinations in the United States. B

The itinerary is subject to change

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

T = Tasting, D = Dinner



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Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$6,295

Per person in a single room: \$7,595

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at registration and can be paid by ACH (Automated Clearing House), check, or credit card. The balance is due on June 8, 2026, is non-refundable, and can be paid by ACH, check or credit card. When using a credit card for final payment a 3.5% processing fee applies as assessed by the credit card processing company. Checks must be received in our office at least 100 days before the tour's departure date. If you book within 100 days of departure, ACH or credit card payment is the required payment method.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Register by March 15, 2026: Receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 21 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour is rated a 3+ and involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. Expect to walk approximately 5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. *Porterage is not included during the ferry rides.*

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Group airfare: See separate insert.

Accommodation (final accommodation 90 days prior):

- Athens: Hotel Royal Olympic or similar
- Santorini: Hotel Splendour Resort or similar
- Naxos: Naxos Resort & Spa or similar
- Heraklion, Crete: Hotel Capsis Astoria or similar
- Chania, Crete: Hotel Porto Veneziano or similar

Included:

- 12 nights at local 4-star hotels
- 12 breakfasts at the hotels
- 10 meals (lunch or dinner) as per the tour program
- Local tastings as per tour program
- All transportation as per the tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour director
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones, where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, September 15-28, 2026
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of December 11, 2025

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag. Your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned
- Baggage handling during ferry crossings
- Gratuities to guide and driver (estimate \$15 p/day total)
- Professional fee, \$100 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with American Airlines:

September 15, 2026	Omaha* - Philadelphia	6:00 AM - 9:45 AM
September 15, 2026	Philadelphia - Athens	4:50 PM - 9:15 AM (September 16, 2026)
September 28, 2026	Athens - Chicago	11:05 AM - 3:00 PM
September 28, 2026	Chicago - Omaha*	4:45 PM - 8:13 PM

\$1,350 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**
Main Cabin Extra can be purchased and confirmed **once the tickets are issued** = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$600-\$900.
Premium Economy can be reserved **at the time of booking** your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$3,000-\$4,000.
Business Class can be reserved **at the time of booking** your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$7,000-\$9,000.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of reservation**. Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.
- **Taxes, fuel charges, and security fees** are subject to change.
- **Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

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