



# ASTROMARK

Sacred Travel with like-minded friends to Ancient Places

## Greek Islands



**Registration for the 2019 journey to the Greek Islands is now closed.**

Check back in late June. I shall use this pdf document to provide photos of the trip. Then check back again in late summer 2019 to see when and where we shall go next, likely 2021 (but possibly fall 2020)

### Why now?

The astrology of 2019 is perfect for this trip. Uranus fully moves into Taurus the Bull until 2026. We shall open to this revolutionary and freedom-seeking energy in Crete. This is where the Minotaur culture existed, along with the most ancient city in Europe. Chiron, a famous Greek healing centaur, fully moves into Aries until 2026. Healing and pioneering a courageous new path is up now. Jupiter (Zeus) is in Sagittarius now, stimulating travel, adventure and expansion of your belief system. We are building up to 2020 when there is a major alignment in Capricorn that will affect the entire world. Capricorn restructures your life and the world- and it is associated with ancient sites, initiation into a new order, and accessing Akashic records. We shall get a head start on everyone else in opening to this rare alignment.

- ★ Stepping out of your day to day routine gives you a fresh outlook on your life
- ★ You meet the nicest people, some of whom you will know for a long time
  - ★ Tapping into ancient energies in sacred locations expands wisdom
  - ★ Imagine how you will feel, surrounded constantly by great beauty
    - ★ You get a fresh perspective on yourself and feel renewed
    - ★ International travel opens your view of the world

### What happens on the trip?

We tap into the energy of the area through meditation, healing ceremonies, short classes and we look at your personal astrology for the time period (no need to know astrology). This trip will be more relaxed than the previous land-based trip as we shall spend more than one night in each hotel plus down time as we ferry from island to island while viewing the beautiful Mediterranean. Many attendees offer their own talents through guided meditations, healing ceremonies, morning yoga, dream sharing, etc. Of course, you don't have to offer anything, nor attend a class if you prefer introspective time.

### Who typically comes on the trip?

Most of the attendees are between the ages of 35-75. They are interested in spiritual growth activities, although sometimes a spouse or friend comes with limited interest but they adapt. With the exception of the Tanzanian safari, it is about 65% women to 35% men (please encourage the men in your life). It is usually a mixed combination of singles, friends, couples, straight, gay, liberal and conservative.- a genuine melting pot. By departure, you have made some deep connections with your travel mates.

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## Greek Islands Itinerary 13 days, 12 nights May-June 2019

Depart USA on May 26, Arrive in Athens (ATH) on May 27

- May 27-29 Arrival Athens transfer to hotel - balance of day at leisure - overnight Athens  
Visit Athens with the Acropolis, Museum, Pnyx Hill, Ancient Agora
- May 30: Day trip to Delphi, Transfer to Pireaus for overnight ferry to Crete
- May 31-June 3 In Crete (Heraklion), morning breakfast and drop off luggage:  
Knossos Temple, Heraklion Museum, Full Day Lasithi & Diktian Cave  
Phaestos and sunset at Matala
- June 3-5: Travel to Santorini, visit Akrotiri  
Cruise to volcano and island tour
- June 5-6: Mykonos and tour Delos
- June 7-8: Athens and travel home

The official Greece website has lots of great photos and detailed write-ups on all these places:

<http://www.visitgreece.gr/>

A few notes (keeping in mind that changes are always a possibility in world travel):

- ★ Athens is a beautiful, safe city. There is a short walk up a hill to the Acropolis with great views. Pnyx Hill is where people gathered to share their views, arguably the beginning of modern democracy- not to mention great views of the city. Shop and eat in Plaka.
- ★ The Delphi Oracle site is a modest drive from Athens with a small hill leading up to the site. It is a can't miss visit to any trip to Greece. Wear good walking shoes.
- ★ Crete has the oldest city in Europe, and the Knossos Temple site is quite large. The Minotaur culture thrived here, and the half-man, half bull fits right in with Uranus moving into Taurus the bull. The Diktian Cave is associated with Zeus and likely the most important cave in Crete, possibly Greece.
- ★ Plato thought Santorini was part of Atlantis. Tune in to decide if he was correct! We shall take a boat cruise. Shopping anyone? Step back about 7,000 years to the bronze age in Akrotiri.
- ★ Mykonos is a cosmopolitan city named after Apollo's grandson. Some suggest it is a bit like Venice.
- ★ Delos, the birthplace of Apollo (god of light) and Artemis, is an ancient religious site and UNESCO world heritage site. No mortal could be born there, nor die there. It is one of the most important historical sites in all of Greece.



Acropolis in Athens

Delos



Delphi Oracle

Mykonos



Knossos, Crete



Santorini (Atlantis?)

Our guide Mariza

You will love her.



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## Greek Islands Price Page for May 27, 2019 trip

### Registration is open now.

I strive to create what I call "affordable luxury." Most of us do not travel the world on a regular basis, so why not treat ourselves right! I do my best to keep the cost reasonable, and that was a bit of a challenge compared to the 2011 land-based trip. Santorini and Mykonos are more costly islands and the ferry added to our cost. Still, I think it is comparable and/or better than other tours I have seen.

**What's included:** Hotel accommodations for 12 nights, private bus for transfers in Athens and the islands, our favorite guide (Mariza), ferry tickets Piraeus to Crete to Santorini to Mykonos to Piraeus; Service and state taxes. Breakfasts are included. A group welcoming meal in Crete and farewell meal in Athens is included. Entrance fees to the places located in this itinerary are included. Mark provides short classes and personal astrology current cycles as it relates to the trip.

**Advance Registration price: (by 1/12/2019):**

**Double Room US\$ 4245; Single Room US\$ 5005**

Regular Registration Price: (after Jan. 12 if space available) Double Room US\$ 4345; Single Room US\$ 5105

**Deposit \$1000** along with registration pages 5, 6 & 7 mailed to Mark,

#### **What's not included:**

Airfare costs. USA residents should plan to depart on May 26 with arrival in Athens (ATH) on May 27 (preferably in the morning so we can all travel to the hotel together). If you want to come in early or stay later, our tour agent will be happy to help. I shall let you know the flights I shall be on.  
Athens hotel-Airport shuttle.

Hotel tax of about 3 euros per night per person. You must pay cash on arrival at each hotel.

We are staying 12 nights, so this will come out to approximately 36 Euros (*pay in cash*)

Most meals are not included. (Breakfast and two meals are included). Alcohol and some drinks are not included at prepaid meals. Because we all felt we ate too much on the previous trip, I thought prepaying fewer meals would allow you to better manage your dietary needs.

Tip for our guide Mariza. There may be other optional, minor tips yet to be determined such as the Athens driver or guides at some of the sites.

Medical and trip insurance are your decision and at your cost.

I do my best to provide accurate and transparent costs, but international travel can present unexpected costs. \*Note also some possible changes on the registration pages 5-7.

Full trip details will be updated here as things change. <http://astromark.us/sacred-travel>

Re-Download this pdf document from time to time to see changes:

**<http://astromark.us/Greece2019.pdf>**

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## Miscellaneous Notes of Interest

### Our hotels:

Hotel Parthenon in Athens, [www.airotel.gr/en/Parthenon-Hotel-795.htm](http://www.airotel.gr/en/Parthenon-Hotel-795.htm)

Hotel Marin Dream in Heraklion Crete, [www.marinhotel.gr/](http://www.marinhotel.gr/)

Hotel Nikolas, Santorini, [www.nikolashotel.gr/](http://www.nikolashotel.gr/)

Hotel San Marco in Myconos, [www.sanmarco.gr/](http://www.sanmarco.gr/)



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US State Department notes for Greece, Passport, etc.:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Greece.html>

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## Registration Form for the May 27, 2019 Greek Islands Metaphysical Journey (page 1 of 3)

Pages 5, 6 & 7 to be mailed to Astromark **Advance Price registration is now open.**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

The intent of the trip is to enhance our spiritual growth and tap into ancient energies in order to exist in a higher vibration when we come home. It is common for travelers to process information and issues differently. It is understood that travelers will be respectful of each other and the people we meet on the trip. Greece is a conservative, religious country, so we must be sensitive to their culture including being careful where we do our ceremonies, chanting, no burning incense, etc. Some locations require conservative dress. The itinerary can change so adaptability is required. You understand that you are responsible for getting up in the morning, getting breakfast, being on time for group departures, and advising Mark and/or Mariza if you will not be participating in an event. Failure can result in added cost to you (such as if you miss a ferry or bus) or dismissal due to inappropriate behavior with no reimbursement of cost. It is your responsibility to make sure you advise Mark and/or Mariza if you are experiencing any challenges or problems.

**Do you seek/have a roommate?** \_\_\_\_\_ If yes: Prefer:      male    female    either

There is no guarantee to provide a roommate for a double room, and that if one is not available, the single person cost will apply. Note: it is best to sign up early if you need help finding a roommate. I provide contact information to people seeking a roommate so you can talk about your sleeping needs and habits.

**If you already have a roommate: who is that:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please list any Health or Dietary needs:**

Our hotel breakfast are included in the price of the trip, usually a buffet. We have a shared dinner meal at the beginning (Crete) and end (Athens) of the trip. Please note that for prepaid shared meals, flexibility is needed. On the previous Greece trip, vegetarian requests often meant pasta and a side of vegetables. I would not count on them being in tune with GMO and gluten free requests. Shared meals are in good restaurants, but I have seen diarrhea in the healthiest of foreign countries. We did not include all meals because we all felt that we ate too much on the previous trip. This allows you to eat in a way that best suits both your body and budget. You would be wise to consider your Eurodollar needs. Mycanos and Santorini are expensive places.

*"When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money.  
Then take half the clothes and twice the money." ~ Susan Heller*

Walking at archaeology sites requires good shoes and there may not be handrails at uneven steps or rough paths. I shall have my hiking pole with me. It is perfectly OK not to go into a site if you are tired or body parts hurt. If we are not changing hotels that day, you can also opt out on coming with the group as long as you let Mark or Mariza know (but there is no reimbursement for site entrance fees since they are prepaid). There are small hills to walk up at the Acropolis, Delphi, and likely at some of the islands. During the Egypt trip, everyone did everything at the beginning, and by the end, several people chose to sit and watch the scenery rather than taking the short hike into an archaeology site. Take care of yourself and don't overdo your limits.

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**Registration page 2 of 3 for Greece**

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Payment by checks saves you money. Make them payable to Astromark or Mark Dodich. I can also run credit cards on Square or Paypal. You are responsible for processing fees.

**Name exactly as it appears on passport:****Country issuing your passport:****Expiration date of passport:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_**Passport number:****Emergency contact name and phone/email:**

**Personal data:** I shall be offering short, personal astrology information to you that dovetails with the astrology of our journey. If you would like this, please provide the following. If Mark already has your data, just write "on file." Or write "no thanks" if not interested.

Name as you would like to see it on a chart:

Birth Date:

Birth Place:

Birth Time:

**Do you wish to offer anything?** (It is also OK to be spontaneous, waiting until you get to Greece). In the past, people have offered their talents—a meditation, a healing ceremony, a song/poem, morning dream sharing & yoga, etc. You do not need to offer anything nor do you need to participate in a class if you would rather have personal time. For example, I preferred to dream rather than wake up early for dream sharing, so please don't take it personally if people don't attend your offering. Keep in mind that Greece is highly religious, so we had to be quiet and pull off to the side at many of the sacred sites (loud chants and burning sage do not work.) Also note that there may not be time to get to all offerings.

**Yes No Circle one.** Is it OK to give out your email and/or phone, zodiac Sun sign to other Greece attendees? I shall create an information document for the trip. If you wish, email me your photo and I can include that. This helps us get to know each other and recognize each other at the airport.

**Travel Risks:** It is your responsibility to assess and take action regarding any risks on the trip. Decide if you wish to independently take travel or medical insurance. On the Tanzania safari, one person hit her head on the bathtub at home and the doctor would not allow her to travel. Fortunately, she had travel insurance and that saved her over \$7000. If your flight is delayed or you miss a bus/ferry, it is your responsibility to get to the next destination at your cost (I have never lost anyone.) Archaeology sites are likely to have hazards such as uneven trails, broken rocks, inconsistent stairs with no railing, and marble is slippery when wet. Schedule changes are common. Although we know about some additional cost such as the extra daily hotel tax that you must pay on arrival at each hotel, there is also the less-likely possibility of surprise costs. Adaptability and a sense of humor goes a long way in world travel.

**Registration Form for the May 27, 2019 Greek Islands Metaphysical Journey** Page 2 of 3

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## Registration Form for the May 27, 2019 Greek Islands Metaphysical Journey (page 3 of 3)

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**Important** → I understand that if the conversion cost of the Euro to the US dollar rises above \$1.25 dollars to buy one Euro when final payment is due, the cost may need to be adjusted. If the cost to buy a Euro drops below \$1.13 when Mark pays the invoice, Mark will compensate by buying an extra meal or offer something to compensate. Please understand that I must pay in Euro dollars and there is no way to control conversion rate. I don't want to inflate the cost to you in order to cover rate fluctuations, as that could inflate your costs to attend.

**Responsibility and Release of Liability:** Mark Dodich and Astromark is offering this trip using Travel Designers to manage our trip. Mark does not run these trips for profit, but he does hope to attract enough participants to cover his costs. You agree to release Mark Dodich and Astromark of liability from loss, injury, damage or other challenges that may arise. We do our best to schedule what I like to call affordable luxury hotels in safe neighborhoods. You are responsible for the security of your luggage, camera bags and other valuables. In many cases, you will need to take your own luggage to the room or bus, so decide if you really need to pack one more thing. If you need to leave the trip early, costs are your responsibility and there are no refunds except prior to the trip as noted in the cost section.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

**Early Bird Registration is fully refundable before Dec. 14, 2018**

**Registration deposit is 50% refundable from Dec. 15-, 2018—Jan 12, 2019, 33% after that.**

**Feb 1, 2019 partial payment plus deposit are 50% refundable by March 1; 33% by April 5, 2019**

After April 5, I shall endeavor to get back what I can, but it will be minimal. After April 22, 2019, no refunds.

### **Deposit \$1000 by Jan. 12 payable to either Mark Dodich or Astromark.**

If you prefer to pay by credit card or Paypal, you are responsible for covering processing fees (I use Square and Paypal, fees run 2.9-3.5% + tiny input fee). Paypal may allow you to skip fee if you set up friends & family.



**\$1500 partial payment is due by Feb. 1, 2019**

**Final Balance is due by: April 12, 2019**

### **Traveler:**

I have read the information in the Greece2019 document and agree to its terms and conditions. I shall participate within the parameters of the trip in a spirit of respect and positive contribution to the group.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address print clearly: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (        )        -       

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