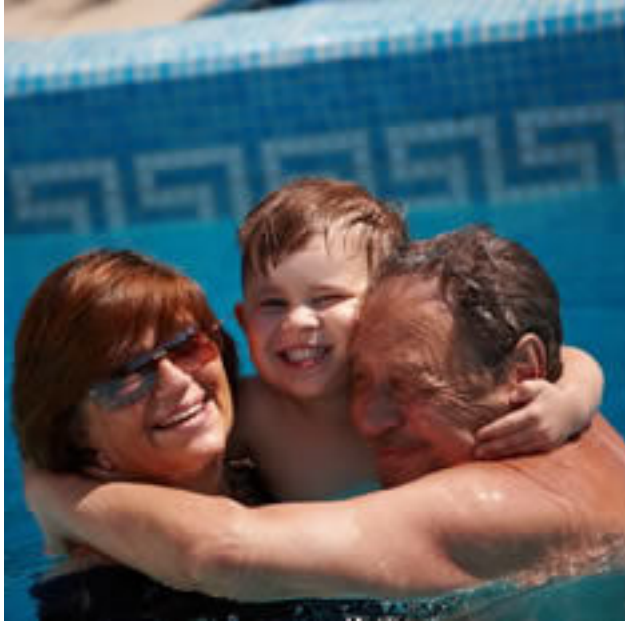


# Grand Greece



Greece makes a positively grand vacation intergenerational families. Grandparents have lots of quality time with their grandchildren because the pace in Greece in general and on this tour in particular is, as the Greeks say, *sigá sigá* --- meaning slow, slow. Lots of time to smell the oregano and rosemary growing wild on the side of the road.

There is no specific age requirement for grandchildren. Age is less important for this tour than the attitude of the child. The tour is geared towards Greece's great legacy as the cradle of Western Civilization. This means lots of archaeology and history embedded in the daily itineraries. It is an educationally oriented tour, particularly if you opt for the professional archaeology guides for private tours at the great sites.

## Chose Your Own Dates

Best from late April to early October

## Trip highlights

- Hippocrates' healing center
- Hot springs in the sea
- Day trip to Bodrum, Turkey
- Walk into a dormant volcano
- Fascinating aquarium by the sea

## Day 1: Athens

You stay in the heart of the city, the Plaka, amidst the neoclassical buildings and cafes and marble sidewalks. Rest up from jet lag. Biggest activity of the day is watching the "ballet" of the changing of the guards at Parliament.

## Day 2: Athens

For the 2004 Olympics an elevator was installed to help folks get to the top of the Acropolis, making it accessible for all persons, all ages, all abilities. Fun games in the afternoon: a scavenger hunt with a Greek mythology theme.

## Day 3: Athens

Travel south to the tip of Attiki, to the mighty Temple of Poseidon. En route visit the naval museum with a replica of those ancient Greek galleys known as trireme. For soothing relaxation swim in the healing thermal waters at Vouliagmeni.

## Day 4: Kos

Experience the calm and tranquility of tiny Nyseros. Take a short walk down into a dormant volcano that smells of sulphur and you can see the smoke rising from the earth. Swim at the local black sand beach. Alternate itinerary --- sail to Kalymnos, the home of the sponge divers --- visit the island's amazing aquarium.

## Day 5: Rhodes

Transfer to Rhodes by high speed ferry boat. Old Rhodes town is car-free which means it's more quiet than other places and safer for walking. In the evening listen to live bouzouki music.

## Day 6: Rhodes

Visit lovely Lindos, another car free town. It has an ancient Acropolis which the kids ascend to by donkey. Terrific views of the sea for miles around. Swim in the underwater sea cave! Beautiful hand-laid pebble mosaic terraces.

## Day 7: Rhodes

Valley of the Butterflies. Swimming in Kallithea, a small cove that once held an ornate Italian spa

## Day 8: Departures



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