

“To Nisi.” That’s how we Greeks say, **“The island.”**

Which is your Greek island of choice?

The Greek Islands are part of the country’s beauty and charm. As you are planning your trip to Athens for the Annual FIDI Conference you may be wondering where to head for a day, a weekend or a week before or after the event.

Take a look at Celebrity’s suggestions:

Closest to Athens

Aegina

Saronic Gulf: 17 miles from Athens

Ferry: 40 mins - 1.15 hrs from Port Piraeus, Athens

Suggested Length of Stay: Day trip

- This charming triangle shaped island is the closest to Athens. It features archeological sites, numerous beaches and excellent eateries.



Spetses

Saronic Gulf: 50 miles from Athens

Ferry: 2.5 hrs by ferry from Port Piraeus, Athens

Suggested Length of Stay: 2-3 days

- Spetses combines culture, history, nightlife and relaxation. Rent a romantic horse-drawn carriage since no cars are allowed here.



Hydra

Saronic Gulf: 40 miles from Athens

Ferry: 1.5-2 hrs from Port Piraeus, Athens

Suggested Length of Stay: 2-3 days

- Famous for its Greek naval history, Hydra has many historic sites. Rent a romantic horse-drawn carriage and admire the grand mansions built along its cobbled streets. No cars are allowed but you can rent a donkey Instead. Explore shops, beaches and scenic cafes all within walking distance from its picturesque port.



Popular & Fabulous

Paros

Cycladic Island: 95 miles from Athens

Ferry: 3-4.5 hrs from Port Piraeus, Athens

Airplane: 35 mins from Athens El. Venizelos Airport

Suggested Length of Stay: 3-5 days

• Known for its marble industry, Paros is one of the friendliest Greek islands. It's home to charming villages, vibrant nightlife and amazing beaches.



Mykonos

Cycladic Island: 94 miles from Athens

Ferry: 2.5-4 hrs from Port Piraeus, Athens or 2-3 hrs from Port Rafina, outside of Athens

Airplane: 35 mins from Athens El. Venizelos Airport

Suggested Length of Stay: 3-5 days

• Mid-May is the perfect time to visit this cosmopolitan island since it won't be too hot or too crowded. It's known for its nightlife, celebrities, boutique shops and gorgeous beaches.



Santorini

Cycladic Island: 128 miles from Athens

Ferry: 4-9 hrs from Port Piraeus, Athens or 4-8 hrs from Port Rafina, outside of Athens

Airplane: 45 mins from Athens El. Venizelos Airport

Suggested Length of Stay: 3-5 Days

• Tourists are always awed by this special island's surreal landscape, where villages are perched high on its multi-colored cliffs. It's known for its romantic charm, gourmet restaurants and the amazing sunsets. It has been noted as one of top ten islands in the world.



Far but Famous

Crete

Southern Aegean Sea: 184 miles from Athens

Ferry: 6.5-10 hrs from Port Piraeus, Athens
(depending on dest.: Chania, Heraklion, Rethymnon)

Airplane: 1 hr from Athens El. Venizelos Airport

Suggested Length of Stay: One week

- Take your time to take in the beauty of one of Greece's largest island. Discover the remnants of brilliant civilizations, explore glorious beaches and indulge in Cretan food.



Rhodes

Dodecanese: 260 miles from Athens

Ferry: 11-13 hrs from Port of Piraeus, Athens

Airplane: 1 hr from Athens El. Venizelos Airport

Suggested Length of Stay: 3-4 days

- Discover its classic Old Medieval Town and its vibrant New Town. Exquisite hotels, beaches, culture, nightlife and history all come together at one of Greece's most populated islands.



Corfu

Ionian Island: 234 miles from Athens

Bus/Car from Athens to Igoumenitsa: 7 hrs then take a ferry from Igoumenitsa to Corfu: 1-2 hrs

Airplane: 1 hr from Athens El. Venizelos Airport

Suggested Length of Stay: 3-4 days

- This beautiful "green" island, located off the northwest coast of Greece, is known for its ancient history, charming towns, nice restaurants, beaches and French, Italian and British influenced architecture.



Still can't decide which "*nisi*" to visit?

The Chrisovergis family will be planning a weekend excursion to Paros (see Popular and Fabulous above) right after the conference. If you are interested please let us know right away and we can suggest rooms and help with your itinerary. They'd love to meet up with you there!

Keep us in mind for any other questions you may have about your upcoming trip to our beautiful country.

Friend us: More suggestions will be posted on our **Facebook** page in the coming weeks.

