



# Hidden Gems of Greece on the Azamara Onward!

5-Star Cruising from Athens with only 680 guests and a crew of 400

**Visit These Exotic Ports:** Syros, Volos, Chios, Patmos & Paros, Greece – Kusadasi/Ephesus, Turkey

⦿ Plus Two Pre-Cruise Nights in Athens and Shipboard Overnights in Mykonos and Thessaloniki! ⦿

April 11 - 24, 2027      14 Day - 12 Night Cruise/Tour

Experience the Mediterranean's crystal-clear waters on a boutique voyage through the Greek Islands with TRIPS and Azamara!

Your adventure begins with a **full, customizable day in Athens!** If you've been here in the past, you know there's never enough time to soak up the atmosphere of this ancient city. So we're giving you the full day to enjoy it your way! Whether you choose to shop and dine in the historic **Plaka** or finally check the **Acropolis** off your bucket list, **the city is yours to explore at your own pace.**

Aboard the **intimate Azamara Onward**, you'll escape the crowds and access smaller, hidden-gem ports. With overnight stays in Mykonos and Thessaloniki, you can truly embrace the Greek philosophy of **Siga Siga** — living life in a relaxed, unhurried way. From the diverse landscapes of Volos, Chios, and Syros to the treasures of Turkey, this journey combines unrivaled luxury with deep cultural immersion.

**Travel with TRIPS and discover a floating oasis where every destination feels like home!**

⦿ Enjoy Free Flowing Wine, Beer and Spirits and a Special AzAmazing Evening on the Azamara Onward ⦿

## Itinerary

### **April 11, 2027 - Your Adventure Begins!**

Today you'll board your international overnight flight to **Athens**, beginning the trip of a lifetime to the **hidden gems of Greece!**

### **April 12 and 13, 2027 - Two Nights in Athens, Greece**

Welcome to **Athens**, the historic heart of **Western civilization** for four millennia! Upon your arrival, a **TRIPS representative** will greet you and assist with checking into your hotel, where you can enjoy **breakfasts** on a **scenic rooftop**. While lunches and dinners for both nights are yours to explore independently, your **free day** offers a perfect chance for an optional tour of the **Acropolis**. There, you can witness the legendary **Parthenon**, celebrated as one of the world's most **architecturally perfect** wonders. Just a short walk from your stay is the **vibrant Plaka** district, famous for its **cobbled lanes**, traditional **tavernas**, and a charming village atmosphere in the center of the city.

Overnight: Athens, Greece - Royal Olympic Hotel (B)

### **April 14, 2027 - Board the Azamara Onward!**

After your hotel breakfast, you'll check out and then transfer to the port of **Piraeus** to board the **Azamara Onward** in time for a late lunch, where you can unpack for the next 10 nights! What better way to travel through the romantic Greek Isles than from **your floating luxury hotel**? And don't forget that one night during your voyage, an exclusive event you're bound to enjoy is the **AzAmazing Evening**, a festive destination-specific celebration! The ship sails at **6pm**. (B/L/D)

### **April 15, 2027 - Syros, Greece**

Step into the '**Cinderella of the Cyclades**' today! Let the aristocratic, colorful streets of **Ermoupolis** captivate you, from its impressive City Hall to the theater inspired by La Scala. For a change of pace, visit **Ano Syros**, a medieval **Venetian-founded** hilltop village with whitewashed houses and winding alleys, or lounge by the crystal-blue sea with a refreshing cocktail. Don't forget to indulge in local **loukoumi**, the

quintessential accompaniment to Greek coffee! You're docked here between **8am** and **6pm**. (B/L/D)

### **April 16, 2027 - Volos, Greece**

Welcome to **Volos**, one of Greece's most stunning coastal gems! You have over twelve hours to explore a city where history meets modern energy. Whether you're admiring the local churches, hitting the **shops on Ermou Street**, or soaking up the atmosphere at a seaside café, Volos will make you feel like a local. Looking for a bucket-list thrill? Head inland to **Meteora**. Just two hours away, these '**sky-high**' **rock pillars** and **centuries-old monasteries** create a **dramatic, breathtaking skyline** that looks like something out of a dream! You'll be here from **7:30am** to **8pm**. (B/L/D)

### **April 17 and 18, 2027 - Two Days in Thessaloniki, Greece**

Arrive in Thessaloniki at **8am on the 17th**, docking overnight until **2pm on the 18th** in a city where Aegean breezes whisper stories of old. As Greece's vibrant northern capital, Thessaloniki is a breathtaking tapestry of Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman history set against a bustling, modern seaside. **Stroll the scenic promenade** to the **iconic White Tower**, or journey to nearby **Vergina** to explore the awe-inspiring **Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai**. With its lively café culture, tantalizing local cuisine, and sun-drenched, palm-fringed shoreline, this city offers a dynamic, refreshing escape. (B/L/D)

### **April 19, 2027 - Chios, Greece**

Step into a living fairytale on **Chios**, where 12 hours (**8am** to **8pm**) feel like a journey through time. Wander the maze-like stone alleys of **Mesta**, a perfectly preserved Byzantine fortress village, and marvel at the intricate, black-and-white 'xysta' patterns adorning the walls of **Pyrgi**. Explore the **UNESCO-listed Nea Moni**, home to breathtaking 11th-century mosaics, before indulging in the unique, fragrant **taste of local mastic**, harvested nowhere else on Earth. As the sun sets, relax at a seaside taverna with fresh, locally caught seafood, where you are welcomed not as a tourist, but as family. (B/L/D)

**April 20, 2027 - Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey**

Arrive in the **Turkish** coastal town of **Kusadasi** for a full day of exploration (**8am to 10pm**). Step back in time with a visit to the nearby **ruins of Ephesus**. Once a major ancient Greek city, it was home to the **legendary Temple of Artemis** - one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Having been destroyed and rebuilt across centuries, the site now offers a **wealth of archaeological wonders** that highlight its pivotal role in early Christianity. Follow the footsteps of **Saint Paul** and **Saint John**, who famously challenged the locals to spread the Gospel throughout the region. Today, you can explore sacred sites like the **House of the Virgin Mary**, believed to be the final residence of Mary, and the **Basilica of St. John**, alongside architectural marvels such as the **Library of Celsus** built in 117 AD and the **Gate of Augustus**. (B/L/D)

**April 21, 2027 - Patmos, Greece**

From **8am to 6pm** today, you'll dock at the island of **Patmos**, known as the "**Jerusalem of the Aegean**." This sacred island is where **Saint John** authored the **Book of Revelation** within the Holy Cave of the Apocalypse. Since the 11th century, this cave - bearing the etched fingerprints of the Saint - has served as a sanctuary for the devout. High above, the **Monastery of Saint John the Theologian**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, **dominates the Chora skyline** with its fortress-like presence. Once a site of Roman exile, Patmos is now a radiant gem where spiritual legacy, whitewashed architecture, and serene beaches create a uniquely peaceful and authentic Greek experience. (B/L/D)

**April 22, 2027 - Paros, Greece**

Today, your cruise ship will anchor in **Paros** from **8am to 4pm**. Known as the "**Jewel of the Cyclades**," this island captures the quintessential Greek daydream - **pristine turquoise waters**, historic sites, and **world-class wineries** - without the intense crowds of its neighbors. Spend your morning lost in the **whitewashed alleys** of

**Naoussa**, a charming fishing village where colorful boats bob alongside chic boutiques and waterfront cafes. In the capital of **Parikia**, don't miss the fascinating Panagia Ekatonpiliani - "**Church of 100 Doors**." Legend has it that the **4th-century Byzantine church** contains 99 known doors, plus a secret hidden door. Before returning to the ship, settle into a shaded taverna along the charming streets of old town to **savor local delicacies** like **saganaki**, gyros and **fresh seafood** paired with a crisp Paros white wine. Whether you're lounging on a golden beach or exploring ancient ruins, Paros offers an authentic slice of island paradise. (B/L/D)

**April 22 and 23, 2027 - Overnight Stay in Mykonos, Greece**

Following a scenic sail from Paros, the Onward docks at lovely **Mykonos** on the **22nd at 7pm**, staying overnight until **6pm on the 23rd**. This iconic island charms with whitewashed buildings, blue-domed churches, and signature windmills. Don't miss the **Windmills, 16th-century landmarks** that overlook the sea and are the island's most iconic photo spot. Along the romantic waterfront, you'll find **Little Venice** with colorful houses with overhanging balconies kissing the waves. You have ample time to explore **Chora**, a pedestrian only maze of narrow alleys, **vibrant blue doors** and blooming bougainvillea. Originally designed to **confuse pirates**, more than one visitor has been flummoxed by the winding streets! You might also take a short boat trip to the **Delos**, the **mythical birthplace of Apollo** and one of Greece's most important archaeological ruins. (B/L/D)

**April 24, 2027 - Welcome Back to Athens, Greece!**

The Onward returns to **Athens'** port of Piraeus at **5am**. After breakfast and disembarkation, you'll transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of your Hidden Gems of Greece cruise/tour will last a lifetime!** (B)

<b>Hidden Gems of Greece on Azamara Onward</b>
<b>\$7,298.00</b> Club Interior Stateroom Category 10
<b>\$7,798.00</b> Club Oceanview Stateroom Category 05
<b>\$8,598.00</b> Club Veranda Stateroom Category V3
<b>\$8,798.00</b> Club Veranda Stateroom Category V2

Pricing is based on double occupancy. Single supplement is an additional 50% charge in your selected cabin category.



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**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available & recommended.**

Check with your club director for details.

- Inclusions**
- Roundtrip airport transfers
  - Roundtrip airfare to and from Athens, Greece (checked baggage fees are not included)
  - All transfers from airport to hotel, hotel to pier, and pier to airport
  - **2 night pre-cruise Athens hotel stay with breakfast**
  - **10 nights onboard the Azamara Onward** in your selected stateroom category
  - All meals while onboard the Azamara Onward **including free flowing wine, beer and spirits!**
  - Gratuities for dining, housekeeping and bar staff included
  - Select standard spirits, international beers and wines at all ship bars
  - Bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and teas included
  - **A Special AzAmazing Evening once during cruise!**
  - Portage of one suitcase per person
  - TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags
  - All cruise, port charges and government taxes

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

Reservations for "**Hidden Gems of Greece on the Azamara Onward**" are accepted on a first come/first served basis. An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour, of which **\$250.00** is non-refundable (\$500.00 for single occupancy).

The remaining **\$500.00** of this deposit is fully refundable up to November 3, 2026.

**Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before November 3, 2026. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

100% non-refundable on November 3, 2026.

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