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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Friendly Planet Travel Sets Sail for the Greek Isles and Athens**

A guided tour of Athens, three days on Mykonos, and a four-day Greek Isles cruise starts at \$2,299

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—April 18, 2013—Stunning landscapes, crystal blue water, and dynamic history define Greece, often described as the cradle of Western Civilization. [Friendly Planet Travel](#), an international group tour operator, is offering travelers the chance to explore Athens, discover the beauty of Mykonos, and spend time exploring the gorgeously brilliant Greek Islands on the new 12-day [Athens, Mykonos, and Four Day Greek Isles Cruise](#), which starts at \$2,299.

“Greece is truly a magnificent destination, with deep history, gorgeous scenery, and ancient archeology to explore,” says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. “This tour is unique because it combines Athens; a three-night stay on Mykonos, one of Greece’s most popular and iconic islands; as well as a cruise to several other Greek Islands, so travelers can experience the islands in two ways - by both land and sea. This combination is designed to offer travelers a taste of Greece’s history while also including time for relaxing in the Greek Isles, some of the most exquisite and culturally rich coastal towns in the world. There couldn’t be a better opportunity to experience the breathtakingly beautiful country at a very attractive price.”

The package includes round-trip flights from New York, including fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; all transfers; six nights superior first-class accommodations in Athens and Mykonos; four nights aboard the MV Olympia in standard inside cabins; a local host in Athens; and 18 meals, including buffet breakfast daily in Athens and all meals aboard the cruise.

The journey begins in Athens, where travelers explore the outdoor cafes, pedestrian streets, parks and gardens, street bazaars, and ancient ruins while lodging at the first-class, centrally located [Divani Palace Acropolis](#). From there, travelers board the [Louis Cruise Lines’ Olympia](#) for a ferry ride to Mykonos, where they’ll spend three days at leisure enjoying the island’s

winding alleyways, whitewashed buildings, and sun-drenched beaches. While on Mykonos, travelers stay at the centrally located, four-star [Andronikos Hotel](#).

The tour then continues as travelers re-board the Olympia for a four-day cruise through the Greek islands. The first stop is in Kusadasi, Turkey, where travelers can explore the famous archeological site of Ephesus, before sailing to the Island of Patmos. Travelers continue to Rhodes for a day. It's known as the "Island of Roses" and has the largest inhabited medieval town in Europe.

The cruise then stops in Heraklion, where the ruins of Knossos, the ceremonial and political center of the Minoan civilization on Crete, are located. The last island on the itinerary is Santorini, known for its rugged landscape, whitewashed houses, and breathtaking views. The cruise ends by bringing travelers back to Athens for two days to leisurely explore the city, or they have the option to join one of several optional excursions. Optional shore excursions are also available throughout the cruise.

A four-day, [Classic Greece](#) post-tour extension is also available for \$850. The extension includes superior hotels; most meals, including three dinners; and guided touring of the classic cities of Corinth, Mycenae, Olympia, and Delphi, with all entrance fees included. On the extension, an optional Athens half-day and Cape Sounion tour is also available for \$145.

Friendly Planet's [Athens, Mykonos, and Four Day Greek Isles Cruise](#) tour is available on the departure dates of Oct. 16 for \$2,299; Sept. 25 for \$2,599; Aug. 14 for \$2,799; and June 19 and July 17 for \$2,899, if booked by June 11.

Friendly Planet also offers several other programs to Greece, including the 13-day [Aegean Greek Island Hopper with Athens](#) tour; the eight-day [Athens and 3 Day Greek Isles Cruise](#); the nine-day [Athens and 4 Day Greek Isles Cruise](#); the 13-day [Cyclades Greek Island Hopper with Athens](#) tour; the 10-day [Greek Island Hopper](#); and the 12-day [Highlights of Greece and Turkey Cruise](#).

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel's [Athens, Mykonos, and Four Day Greek Isles Cruise](#) tour, please visit the company's website at www.FriendlyPlanet.com or its blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com.

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