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## AMAZING GREECE PANORAMA

### 7 days in the Cradle of Civilization

**FIXED DEPARTURES EVERY MONDAY FROM 25.03.2019**

#### **Day 1: Athens, Canal, ancient Corinth, Nafplion, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Sparta**

Greek tour starts from Athens early in the morning and drive towards the scenic coastal road of Athens to the magnificent structure of the Corinth Canal, which is in Peloponnese, the southern peninsula of Greece. The Canal connects the Saronic with the Corinthian Gulf in the Aegean Sea. A dream of the ancients that came true in 1893. Time for rest and some amazing photos above the Canal. Leaving the Isthmos and driving to the ancient Corinth (the city of Apollo and Afrodite, plus one of the most important visits of St. Paul and lived for almost two years making a very important misionary work). Ancient Corinth was an important state city during the ancient years, the richest and most famous port of the ancient Greece. We will make a short stop for some great photos and rest. There you will visit the archaeological site and museum, plus the church that has the 1st Letter to the Corithians written in four languages, Greek, Arabic, French and English. Let's drive to Epidaurus. There you will visit the ancient theater of Epidaurus with the fantastic acoustics that is even used nowadays mostly in the summer for festival, theatrical plays, music concerts. A must see is also the sanctuary of Asklipeios, son of God Apollo. We will go on to Nafplion, the first modern Capital of Greece from 1821 till 1834. You will see the Castle of the city, Palamidi that's over the town as well as Mpourtzi the island fortress, the first defense line of the port. A wonderful seaside place, ideal for some walking and taste the famous Greek cuisine and have a memorable lunch in a traditional restaurant or tavern .There you can see the old houses of the Nafplion, as well as the local shops that sell handmade objects and jewelry for all tastes and wallets. A perfect place for walking, shopping and lunch. It's up to you to choose from a variety of flavors of the most known Greek dishes. Then, the driver will take you to the Mycenae, the golden city of king Agamemnon, the one you united all the Greek cities to fight for a common purpose against Troy. Mycenae was the city from where the Mycenaean civilization started and has an archaeological site to check it out. There you will visit the burial Royal Tombs of the kings and queens, the cyclopean walls, the Lion Gate and the treasury of Atreas, the Cyclopean Walls. After we will drive you to Sparta and overnight there. Free leisure time.

#### **Day 2: Sparta, Diros Caves, Olympia**

Sparta is the home town of the brave Spartans. Don't be dissatisfied with the place, because the Spartans invest on their military NOT in their culture, that's why they became so fearless. They were following the "Agogi" system, training from their 7th year till their 30th age to be SOLDIERS. That was their profession! There are some cultural structures mainly built from the Romans on the 1st century AD, when they captured the city. You will visit the archaeological site, where is the Acropolis of Sparta, olive trees and columns that prove the greatness of the city once. Have some great photos in front of King Leonidas Statue, who fought the Persian army in Thermopylae along with his 300 men. Then, you will visit the archaeological and the oil museum. We will drive to the east south at Diros Caves, one of the most excellent lake caves in the world. They are located in Mani area, and were explored since 1949 because of their size and structure. About ten thousand square meters was explored until now. Stalactites and stalagmites that form imposing pillars are a unique sight in the chambers of Diros Caves and can be seen by small boats. By the end of the tour, we drive to Olympia and overnight there. Free leisure time.

### **Day 3: Olympia, Rio Antirio Bridge, Galaxidi, Itea, Delphi**

Ancient Olympia is the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games in Classical times. There you will visit both the archaeological site and choose between Archaeological Museum of Olympia with a great amount of artifacts and statues in it, and the Museum of the Olympic Games. The Games were held every 4 years from the 8th century BC until 4th century AD. You will visit the Temple of Zeus, Pelopion the stadium, the Temple of Hera, the Phyllipeion, the Phidias workshop and many other structures that worth your attention. You can feel the aura of the Olympic Games, fighting on the Pallestra or running around the stadium and understand why ancients took so seriously the cultivation of body, mind and soul. When you feel hungry get ready to taste the famous Greek cuisine and have a memorable lunch. The tour will guide you to a traditional restaurant or tavern. It's up to you to choose from a variety of flavors of the most known Greek dishes. After your lunch at Olympia, we will drive to Delphi, through the largest cable bridge in Europe, Rio Antirio, and the magnificent town of Nafpaktos and Itea. Overnight and free time in Delphi area.

### **Day 4: Delphi, Meteora, Kalambaka**

In the morning and after your breakfast, you'll visit both the archaeological site with the ancient theatre, and the museum. Delphi is the first touristic attraction of the antiquity, as it was busy all the year round. It was the place God Apollo had his sanctuary, that the prophesies were given to every man, every prince, general and king by Pythia the High Priestess. It was the center of the universe, according to Zeus, king of the Gods. You will visit the Oracle of Apollo, the Omfalos, the temple of Athena Pronaia, Kastaleia Spring and see some magnificent artifacts and statues, such as Eniochos the charioteer, the twin Brothers and Sphynx of Naxos. We will lunch there with a great view of mountain Parnassus and Itea and after that we'll drive to Meteora. Free Leisure time and overnight on Kalambaka or Kastraki.

### **Day 5: Meteora, Thermopylae, Return to Athens**

After your breakfast you will visit the monasteries of Meteora. They come second in religious importance and size after Mount Athos in orthodox Christianity. Meteora means "middle of the sky", "suspended in the air" or "in the heavens above" and the monasteries are built on high pillars at the northwestern edge of the Plain of Thessaly near the Pineios river and Pindus Mountains, in central Greece after the 11th century and on and they were never abandoned as there live monks and nuns up today. The monasteries are: St. Nicolas, Grande Meteoro, Varlaam, Rousannou, Holy Trinity and St. Stephen. There you will visit up to 3 monasteries, depends on the day and you, admire the wonderful, panoramic view and when you feel hungry get ready to taste the famous Greek cuisine and have a memorable lunch. The tour will guide you to a traditional tavern at Kalambaka or Kastraki. It's up to you to choose from a variety of flavors of the most known Greek dishes. Our next stop is the battlefield of Thermopylae or Hotgates and the Hot Springs, where King Leonidas and the 300 brave Spartans gave their lives for the freedom of Greece. Honor and Glory was their motto. They achieved both, as their memory lasts forever. After that religious and historical experience, it is time to return back to Athens.

### **Day 6: Athens, Acropolis, Greek by night**

Breakfast and city tour of Athens. From the Acropolis to Omonia Square, with the half-day sightseeing and Acropolis museum tour you'll see all the famous sites of ancient and modern Athens on this comprehensive morning tour. Offering a perfect overview of the modern city, this guided half-day tour will help you get your bearings if this is your first visit to Athens. The Athens half-day tour, depart for a photo stop at Panathinaiko Stadium where the first Olympic Games took place in 1896. It is the only stadium built out of white marble. Proceed, passing by Zappeion and Temple of Olympian Zeus. You will then pass the Athens Trilogy which includes the University of Athens, the Academy of Athens, and the National Library. Continue passing by National Garden, Hadrian's Arc, St. Paul's Church, Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown soldier, Schliemann's House (Numismatic Museum), Catholic Cathedral, Old Parliament, Constitution Square, Russian Orthodox Church, and finally ACROPOLIS (visit Propylaea, Temple of Athena Nike, Parthenon, Erechtheion with its Porch of Maidens). Continue the expert guided Athens sightseeing and museum tour with a pleasant short walk passing by Herodion and Dionysos Theater, in order to visit the Acropolis Museum. Avoid and skip the lines of the new museum. Main attractions such as votives, artifacts of everyday life, statues from archaic period, Caryatids, and of course the Parthenon hall with the metopes, the pediments and the frieze will impress you.

For the night we suggest you Greek Traditional Night. Experience authentic Athenian culture on this lively night tour. See the city's iconic sights and then enjoy a traditional meal accompanied by drink and Greek music and dance at a local tavern.

## Day 7: Athens, free day or Cruise to Hydra, Poros and Aegina

Breakfast and free day in Athens or optionally take a day cruise from Athens to the fabulous Greek islands of Hydra, Poros and Aegina for a relaxing day on the sea. With all your transport, transfers and buffet lunch organized, you can sit back and enjoy your leisurely day cruise with free time on each island to explore. After transferring from Athens to the port by motor coach, you'll set sail for the island of Poros, where you'll have free time for strolling and shopping. Next, it's on to the island of Hydra. You will have about 1 hour and 45 minutes at leisure to enjoy the unique charms of Hydra Island, whose amphitheater shape once served as a safe shelter for Saronic Pirates. From the decks, you will be able to admire the very special architecture and dramatic landscapes of this island, whose old traditional stone houses and mansions silently stand witness to a long and turbulent history. Upon arrival in Aegina (Aegina) you can either join an excursion to the Temple of Aphaia (cost not included) or take a walk around the main town. Aegina is one of the Saronic islands of Greece in the Saronic Gulf. The lovely island is only 31 miles (50 kilometers) from Athens, and is a popular getaway for Athenians during the summer months. After sailing back to the port you'll be transferred to the Athens Airport for flight back with all the great memories in your luggage.

06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS	10 – 20 PAX	21 – 30 PAX	31 – 40 PAX	41 – 59 PAX
Rate Per Person in double/triple room 3* & 4* Hotel	845 €	695 €	645 €	620 €
Rate per child (4-12 years old) in triple room	795 €	645 €	595 €	570 €
Rate per child (0-4 years old)	Free of charge			
Single Room Supplement	+ 150 €			

### INCLUDED

- ✓ 1 nights accommodation in Sparta 3\* & 4\* on BB basis
- ✓ 1 nights accommodation in Olympia 3\* & 4\* on BB basis
- ✓ 1 nights accommodation in Delphi 3\* & 4\* on BB basis
- ✓ 1 nights accommodation in Kalambaka 3\* & 4\* on BB basis
- ✓ 2 nights accommodation in Athens 3\* & 4\* on BB basis
- ✓ 12 meals and dinners india and Greek traditional veg food
- ✓ All Transfers & bus services as per given itinerary above, road tolls, fuel, parking
- ✓ English speaking guide in Athens (4hrs)
- ✓ English speaking experienced tour leader for entire program

### NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Drinks & beverages during meals
- ✗ Anything else not clearly mentioned as included into the above list
- ✗ Travel Visa
- ✗ Entrances & Tickets in places of visit / interests and into the museums
- ✗ Tips for the driver 2 euro per person per day
- ✗ City Taxes (where applicable)

### Note:

Optionally, you may extend your stay in Greece upon request with a 5 day trip to Mykonos and Santorini Islands. Do not forget to ask us for availability!

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- ! Any cancellation 90 days prior to the arrival will attract %20 of the total package cost cancellation as penalty
- ! Any cancellation 89 to 30 days prior to the arrival will attract %35 of the total package cost as cancellation penalty
- ! Any cancellation 29 to 07 days prior to the arrival will attract %50 of the total package cost as cancellation penalty
- ! Any cancellation within 07 days prior to the arrival will attract %100 of the total package cost as cancellation penalty

**NOTES:**

- In a room there can be maximum of 3 adults. However triple rooms are subject to availability.
- In some cases refundable Deposit Payment / Credit Card Guaranteed need to provide at Hotel. This deposit is not included in Tour Cost.
- On days when certain attractions, sights, monuments, museums, etc. are closed, the Tour Manager OR Local English speaking guide reserves the right to amend the Itinerary / cancel the visit.
- Entrances' prices stated above are subject to change without any prior information due to exchange rates changes or by the respected Institutions themselves.
- For convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However the inclusions remain unchanged.
- Indian lunches and dinners and local meals are Pre Set & a-la carte is not possible.
- There are no refunds for any unutilized services on tour.
- Any damage caused to hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be borne by the concerned passengers.