

TREASURES OF GREECE

Classical Southern Greece Journey



DAY 1: ATHENS

You will be greeted by our escort and then checked into the hotel. In the evening we will have a Greek night at Plaka. Overnight in Athens.



DAY 2: ARGOLIS TOUR

We will depart early in the morning for a full day in Argolis. We will visit Corinth, Mycene and Epidavros. Overnight in Navplion.

Ancient Corinth: We will reach the Corinth Canal which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Here we will have a short stop. Then, we will visit the Ancient Corinth, the remains of the Ancient Greece architecture. The city was the capital of the Roman Empire in earlier times and thus, it has vast collection of buildings and palaces. We will then visit the museum to get a better understanding of the area.

Myceanae: It is one of the oldest cities in Greece which flourished in about 1,200 BC and it developed a military culture. Myceanae is famous for the Lion Gate and the Cyclopean Walls. It reveals the urban plan of a well-developed town. We will visit the archeological site and the museum which contains finds from the Citadel and the surrounding area.

Epidaurus: In Epidaurus, we will visit the ancient theatre which is the sanctuary of Asclepios. UNESCO'S world heritage listed monument claims to be the birthplace of Apollo's son Asklepios, the healer. It was known as one of the most celebrated healing center of the classical world. Epidaurus is probably most famous for its theatre, one of the best preserved classical Greek buildings of the time.



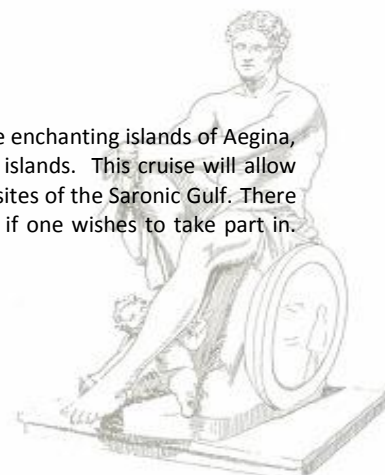
DAY 3: OLYMPIA – ATHENS

Our first visit will be the archaeological site of Olympia which is the birthplace of the Olympic Games. We will explore the archaeological ruins of the Olympic Village including the running track and the original Olympic Stadium. In addition, we will visit the remains of the sacred Temple of Zeus. Later, we will head for the new Archaeological Museum that houses some of the most magnificent and famous examples of ancient Greek sculpture in the world today. Overnight in Athens.



DAY 4: ONE DAY CRUISE

One day cruise to Poros – Ydra – Aegina. The 1 Day Cruise takes you to the enchanting islands of Aegina, Poros & Hydra. The ship sails from the Port of Piraeus to the 3 beautiful islands. This cruise will allow you to enjoy the beautiful Mediterranean ambient and intriguing historic sites of the Saronic Gulf. There will be an option of 3 specified tours at Aegina Island with extra charge if one wishes to take part in. Overnight in Athens.





DAY 5: KALAMBAKA

We will first drive to Meteora and visit the monasteries. The monasteries represent a unique artistic achievement and are one of the most powerful examples of the architectural transformation of a site into a place of retreat, meditation and prayer. Meteora is built under impossible conditions, with no possible roads and on rock pinnacles of deltaic origin which rise starkly over 400 m above the Peneas valley and the small town of Kalambaka. We will then drive to Delphi with stop at Ossios Loukas monastery. Overnight at Delphi area.



DAY 6: DELPHI – ATHENS

We will first visit the archaeological site and the museum of Delphi. Delphi was inhabited as far back as the Neolithic era. By the end of the Mycenaean period (1600-1100 BCE) it had become an important religious and political center of influence. While the function of the oracle during prehistory is obscured by the lack of records, the importance of Delphi during historical times is well documented by writers and archeologists. Delphi was known in ancient times as the navel of the world. We will visit the archaeological site which includes Tholos, the theater, the stadium, the Temple of Apollo and the museum of Delphi. Later we will drive to Olympia. Overnight in Olympia.



DAY 7: CITY TOUR

We will first have a morning sightseeing tour of Athens' most famous sights. Athens is the largest city and capital of Greece. It is the most glorious historical city around the world. It is the city where democracy was born and the wisest men of ancient times. The name of the city was named after the goddess of wisdom, Athena. The heritage of the classical era is still evident in the city which is represented by a number of ancient monuments and works of art. We will visit these significant sights. Important fact to know: the Acropolis is nominated to be one of the 7 wonders of the modern world! Overnight in Athens.

DAY 8: FREE DAY – DEPARTURE

Half the day will be given to you for free time in Athens for shopping and exploring the city on your own. In the evening, you will be transferred to the airport for departure.

CATEGORY:	HISTORICAL, ARCHEOLOGICAL & CULTURAL TRAILS
DURATION:	8 days / 7 overnights
INCLUDED:	accommodation on BB, bus transportation, local guides, entrances fees, all taxes
PRICE:	Please contact: info@melitours.gr

The tour can be generally rearranged depending on your needs. Arrival and departure are flexibly amended and the duration can also be shortened or extended. More services can be added.

