

## **GREECE THROUGH THE CENTURIES**

## (7 DAYS ATHENS)

**DAY 1. ARRIVAL ATHENS**: Arrival transfer from Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" to your hotel. Free day for you to rest and discover the wonderful Metropolis Athens is in our times.

**DAY 2. ATHENS CITY TOUR**: Breakfast in the hotel and departure for the Athens city tour. We bring you to see the Parliament, a beautiful building in the heart of the City and the Monument of the Unknown Soldier below. Troops of the Presidential army, are guarding the



monument all day in their beautiful traditional costumes worn during the Greek revolution of 1821 against the Ottoman Empire.

After that, we drive you in front of the Presidential residence, to visit the Panathenian Stadium or "Kallimarmaron". The stadium where the first contemporary Olympic games were held in 1896. A beautiful Stadium, build in its greatness by pure white marble. The temple of Apollo and the Gate of Andrianos follows just before you are transferred to the sacred hill of the Acropolis.

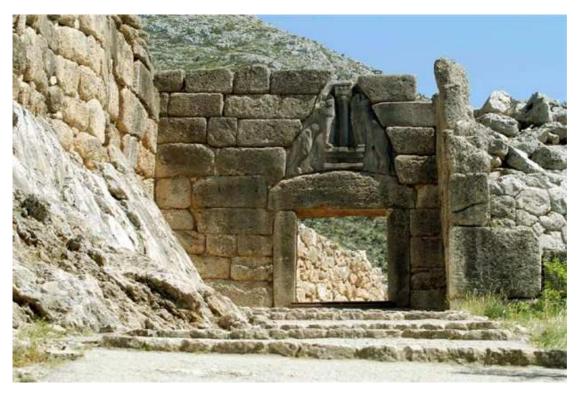


The Parthenon, the Erechthion and all the wonderful buildings of classical Greece wait for you! Last, but definitely not least, the new Acropolis museum! Considered already one of the top 5 museums someone must see worldwide!



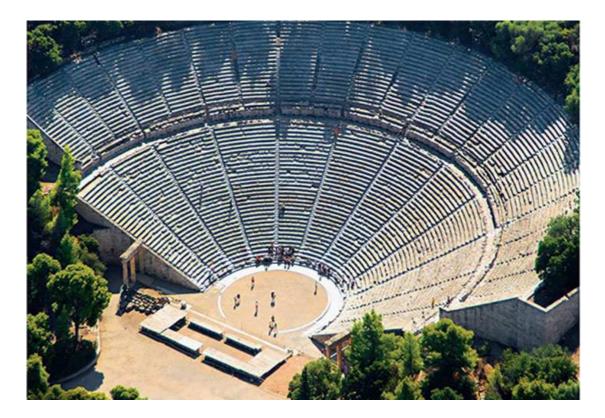
Having finished your visits, the old city of Athens "Plaka" awaits! Traditional Athens, traditional food, drink, all for you to enjoy before returning to your hotel. Your day ends early in the afternoon, full of color, memories and beauty!

**DAY 3. ARGOLIS**: After your breakfast, you are ready for your full day visit of Argolis. And if the word doesn't mean anything, the place will most definitely stay forever in your mind! Starting from **Mycenae**, the legendary town of King Menelaos, whose wife Eleni, Paris of Troy stole leading Greeks to the Trojan War! The breathtaking tomb of the King, the wonderful museum with all the King's belongings will always be marked in your mind for their beauty!



After Mycenae, we proceed to the picturesque **Nauplion**. Former capital of Greece (1828 – 1833) which is now characterized as a traditional settlement of world inheritance. But the visit has not ended yet. The ancient theater of **Epidauros** awaits for you in all its glory! The biggest (14.000 spectators), most beautiful theater in the entire world, will definitely leave you breathless.

When we return to the hotel in the afternoon, we know that this day will remain unforgettable.



**DAY 4. DELPHI**: After breakfast in the hotel, we leave driving North, on our way to Delphi. Passing the picturesque village of Arachova we arrive to the "Umbilicus of the world"! The centre of earth as ancient Greeks said! Where everybody was coming to visit the Oracle and worship the temple of Apollo. Athletes, Kings and normal people came here to find out what fate had written for them. The new museum inside the archaeological site is something that you will never forget! After lunch, we return to Athens during the afternoon for rest.



DAY 5. KALAMBAKA-METEORA: After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and we drive north to Kalambaka. Over this beautiful small city, a mesmerizing view will fill up your eyes! Meteora! Enormous rocks, build by nature and on top of them, some of the most beautiful Monasteries you have ever seen! No one really knows when these wonders were build, but during the Turkish occupation of Greece, monks and priests lived there, so no troop could ever reach them! We visit two of the 6 remaining monasteries. The Varlaam monastery and the Great Meteoron, both known for their incredible beauty!

After the end of the visit, we allocate to the hotel in Kalambaka for overnight.



**DAY 6. ATHENS - SOUNION**: After breakfast, we return to Athens and allocate to our hotel. We have the day free, until the afternoon when something really special awaits us. It is called Cape Sounion and the sunset you are about to see is something you will be telling your grandkids about! The temple of the god of the sea, the Mighty Poseidon is here! Right on the cliff, where Greek Mythology says, King Aegeas of Athens dived to death, after seeing the forgotten black boat sails returning from battle, telling him his son was dead. This is how the Aegean Sea got its name used until our days.

Return to the hotel late afternoon and overnight.



**DAY 7. TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT**: After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

## **Prices Include:**

- 5 overnights in Hotel Titania 4\* (or similar) in Athens
- 1 overnight in Hotel Divani Meteora 4\* (or similar) in Kalambaka
- Breakfast daily
- Arrival / departure transfer with English speaking assistant
- Half day Athens city tour with English speaking guide including Acropolis and the new Acropolis Museum
- Half day tour to Argolis with lunch
- Half day tour to Delphi with lunch
- Half day afternoon tour to Sounion
- 1 day tour to Kalambaka with Meteora monasteries visit
- All local taxes and tolls

NOTE: All hotels rates are subject to availability.

Rates can change in case the hotels offered have no availability the requested dates.