

GREECE EXPERIENCE for Groups (12 Days / 11 Nights)

Day 1: Athens Arrival

Upon arrival at Athens International Airport the Destination Greece representative will welcome you and escort you to your hotel

Day 2: Athens - Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum

Enjoy breakfast and then start on a journey in the ancient past of Greece. We visit the most important sites of the city and the pinnacle of the ancient Greek state of Athens, the Acropolis and Parthenon. Conclude the day with a visit to the unique, world-known, Museum of Acropolis

Day 3: Athens - Cycladic Art and Benaki Museums



After breakfast we start with a visit to the Museum of Cycladic Art (MCA). The Museum of Cycladic Art is dedicated to the study and promotion of ancient cultures of the Aegean and Cyprus, with special emphasis on Cycladic Art of the 3rd millennium BC.

It was founded in 1986, to house the collection of Nicholas and Dolly Goulandris. Since then it has grown in size to accommodate new acquisitions, obtained either through direct purchases or through donations by important collectors and institutions.

Today, in the galleries of the MCA the visitor can approach three major subjects; the Cycladic Culture



of the Early Bronze Age (3,200 - 2,000 BC), the Ancient Greek Art, from the Bronze Age to Late Roman times (2nd millennium BC - 4th century AD) and the Cypriot Culture from the Chalcolithic Age to the Early Christian period (4th millennium BC - 6th century AD).

We continue with a visit to the Benaki Museum. Its group of collections comprises many distinct

categories totaling more than 40,000 items, illustrating the character of the Greek world through a spectacular historical panorama: from antiquity and the age of Roman domination to the medieval Byzantine period; from the fall of Constantinople



(1453) and the centuries of Frankish and

Ottoman

occupation to the outbreak of the struggle for independence in 1821; and from the formation of the

modern state of Greece (1830) down to 1922, the year in which the Asia Minor disaster took place

Day 4: Athens - Corinth - Tiryns - Mycenae - Nauplion

Today we start our drive on the coastal highway going south to the plains of Argos to visit Corinth, Mycenae, Tiryns. Overnight in Nauplion, the first capital of the Greek state

Day 5: Epidaurus - Olympia

We visit the theater of Epidaurus, world known for its remarkable acoustics. The theater is used today for ancient classical plays. We continue to Olympia, the cradle of the Olympic Games, for dinner and overnight

Day 6: Olympia - Delphi

In the morning we visit the Archaeological Site with the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the Ancient Stadium and the



Archaeological Museum. Then we drive on through the plains of Eliad and Achaia until

the magnificent

bridge which is crossing the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion. Pass by the picturesque towns of Nafpactos (Lepanto) and Itea, arrive in Delphi for dinner and overnight

Day 7: Delphi - Meteora

In the morning visit the Archaeological Site and the Museum. Depart for Kalambaka, a small town stated at the foot of the astonishing complex of Meteora, gigantic rocks. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka

Day 8: Meteora - Athens

Visit Meteora, a place of striking scenery, perched



on top of huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless Monasteries, where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Return to



Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae (short stop to see across the road the Leonida's Monument). Arrive in Athens early in the evening

Day 9: Piraeus, 3-day Cruise

After breakfast we drive to the port of Piraeus to embark the 3-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. Afternoon arrival in Mykonos

Day 10: Kusadasi (Turkey) - Patmos

Today's ports of call include Kusadasi (optional tour to ancient Ephesus) and the Revelation Island of Patmos (optional tour to St John's Grotto)

Day 11: Piraeus, 3-day Cruise

Early morning arrival at Heraklion-Crete. Optional tour to the ancient capital of the Minoan kingdom, Knossos. Early afternoon arrival at the island of Santorini who many believe to be the remains of Plato's Atlantis

Day 12: Piraeus - Departure

Early morning arrival at the port of Piraeus and transfer to Athens International airport for departure

SERVICES INCLUDED

- ✓ Arrival at Athens Int'l airport. Welcome and briefing by Destination Greece representative. Transfer to your hotel in Athens
- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights in Athens in a selected, centrally located hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- ✓ Guided tour to the Cycladic Art and Benaki museums
- ✓ Guided tour to the Acropolis and the New Archaeological Museum of Athens
- ✓ 5-day Classical tour of Greece visiting Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplion, Olympia, Delphi, Meteora. Accommodation in selected hotels sharing double occupancy in standard double rooms on half-board basis
- ✓ Transfer from hotel in Athens to the port of Piraeus
- ✓ 3-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. Accommodation in standard, twin-bedded cabins on full board basis
- ✓ Port taxes
- ✓ Transfer from Piraeus to Athens International airport
- ✓ All entrance fees for the guided tours included
- ✓ Professional, state licensed, English speaking guide
- ✓ All service fees and local taxes
- ✓ VAT
- ✓ 24-hour assistance telephone service

Not included

anything not explicitly shown in the services included above