

4 Days / 3 Nights in Athens

Day 1: Arrival at the Athens International Airport. A



Destination Greece representative will welcome you and will brief you on your itinerary. Transfer to your hotel in Athens. Overnight in Athens

Day 2: Depart in the morning for the ancient Oracle of Delphi passing by the Olympic Stadium to see the Athens 2004 Olympics main venue. We continue through Thebes, Levadia (short stop) and Arachova for Delphi, known in ancient times as the navel of the world. Pass by Castalia Spring, visit at the archaeological site the Temple of Apollo famous for its Oracle and the Museum of Delphi, with its spectacular finds, including the bronze Charioteer, the Naxian Sphinx and the Statue of Antinoos.

After lunch in Delphi return to Athens via the picturesque mountain village of Arachova, built on the south slopes of Parnassus, well known for its attractive hand-woven carpets, rugs and quilts, as well as for its wine and cheese (short stop)

Day 3: After breakfast transfer to the port of Piraeus to embark the 1-day cruise to the Saronic Gulf islands of Aegina, Poros and Hydra. The ship departs at 8:15 am from the port of Piraeus near Athens where passengers are welcome by the professional



multilingual tour leaders in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

At 9:30 am the vessel arrives in Aegina. At the reception desk passengers may obtain shore excursion tickets to the magnificent 5th century BC

Classical Greek Temple of Aphaia, rising above a breathtaking scenery of dark green pine trees and deep blue sea. The three temples of Aphaia (Aegina), Parthenon (Acropolis) and Poseidon (Cape Sounion) form the famous 'Golden Mean Triangle'. Other options include a guided tour of the island and visit to the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nektarios. A bustling fish market, floating fruit market and Aegina's pistachio nuts are other attractions awaiting visitors. Lunch is served on board.

Next port of call the little island of Poros. Walk along winding streets, among rich pine forest and lemon trees to the top of a panoramic tower clock view of the Peloponnese. Alternatively you may wish to relax at a portside cafe and enjoy the scenery.

Finally, Hydra; enjoy one of the most cosmopolitan of Greek islands. The favorite of the international jet-set and an artist retreat dotted with art galleries, its narrow picturesque streets (no cars allowed on the island), white washed houses, stores of folklore art and jewelry, local delicacies, crystal waters and multiple cliff face views justly make this island a jewel of the Aegean Sea; ideal for shopping, swimming and photographs. Overnight in Athens

Day 4: Depart for the Temple of Olympian Zeus (visit) then proceed to Panathinaikon Stadium, cradle of the first Olympic games, which took place in 1896 (short stop). Pass by the Prime Minister's residence, the Ex-Royal Palace, guarded by the colorful Evzones, the Zappion Conference and Exhibition Hall, the National Garden, Hadrian's Arc, St. Paul's Church, the Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown soldier, Schliemann's House (Numismatic Museum), the Catholic Cathedral, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Old Parliament, Constitution Square, the Russian Orthodox Church and the Acropolis where we will visit the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, Parthenon and the Erechtheion. Transfer to airport for departure

SERVICES INCLUDED

- ✓ Accommodation for 3 nights in a selected, centrally located hotel sharing double occupancy in standard double room on bed and breakfast basis
- ✓ Organized, guided Delphi full day tour, (lunch included)
- ✓ 1-day cruise to the Saronic Gulf islands of Aegina, Poros and Hydra (lunch included)
- ✓ Organized, guided Athens sightseeing
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfer
- ✓ VAT, all service fees and local taxes, all entrance fees as per the itinerary, 24-hour assistance telephone service