



CLASSICAL GREECE

APRIL 7 – 21, 2024
15 days/14 Nights

Land Price
per person in shared occupancy
\$4,699

Single Supplement
\$1,129

Day 1 Sunday April 7, 2024
Depart USA to ATH

Day 2 Monday April 8, 2024
Arrive ATH. Fly from ATH to SKG (Thessaloniki)
Upon arrival, you will meet the bus driver and take your bus to the hotel in Thessaloniki. Overnight Thessaloniki.

Day 3 Tuesday April 9, 2024
HALF DAY TOUR OF THESSALONIKI. OVERNIGHT THESSALONIKI After breakfast, depart for your HD City tour of Thessaloniki. This multi-cultural city has been for ages a crossroad of Greek, Jewish, Turkish and Slavic civilizations, which made the city one of the most interesting places to visit! The picturesque old town, the Byzantine church of Agios Dimitrios, the Arch of Galerio, the Rotonda, and the lively center are the parts of the city which you will never forget! A visit to the archeological museum is included. (B)

Day 4 Wednesday April 10 2024
METEORA/KALAMBAKA/DELPHI After breakfast, this morning, depart Thessaloniki. A highlight of your stay in Greece will be a visit to the Meteora Monasteries. Only six monasteries are well preserved and four of them are still inhabited. We shall visit 3 of these fabulous monasteries, built high upon the steep rocks. Afterwards, we will make our lunch break, in a traditional tavern, down in Kalambaka. Afterwards, drive to Delphi for dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B, D)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: For entering the monasteries of Meteora, appropriate clothing is required. Ladies must not wear short skirts and must have long sleeves. Men are not allowed to wear shorts.

Day 5 Thursday April 11 2024
DELPHI/ATHENS After breakfast this morning, depart for your guided tour of Delphi, the center of the ancient world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo, the most famous oracle of the ancient world. Visit the Treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the Museum containing masterpieces of the ancient Greek sculpture such as the bronze Charioteer, the famous athlete Aghias and the Sphinx. Lunch break in the modern village of Delphi and return to Athens for your overnight. (B)

Day 6 Friday April 12, 2024
HALF DAY ATHENS SIGHTSEEING TOUR After breakfast this morning, depart for your Tour of Athens. This tour gives you the opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896 (short stop).

Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). At the Acropolis you will visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. Continue and visit a must-see in Athens, the place where finally the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era: The New Acropolis Museum, voted by the Sunday Times as the 3rd best museum in the world. (B)

Day 7 Saturday April 13, 2024
EPIDAUROS AND OLYMPIA After breakfast this morning, depart Athens. Your first visit will be Epidauros, the theatre (4th century B.C.) famous for its astonishing acoustics. Next, we will visit Olympia the Archaeological Site with the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the ancient Stadium, the spot where the torch of the modern Olympic Games is lit and the Archaeological Museum. We will then go to our hotel for dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Sunday April 14, 2024
OLYMPIA/SPARTI/MYSTRAS/MONEMVASIA After breakfast this morning, depart for your tour to Sparta (Sparti). Visit the remains of the ancient acropolis, the sanctuary of Artemis Orthia (6th C. BC), the tomb of Leonidas (5th C. BC) and the Menelaion and the ancient theatre, Continue for Mystras occupying a steep hill on the northern slopes of Mt. Taygetos. After our tour, we will check-in to our hotel in Monemvasia for dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 9 Monday April 15, 2024
MONEMVASIA/ATHEN/CRETE After breakfast return to Athens for our flight to Crete. Upon arrival, we will the a folklore dinner show. (B, D)

Day 10 Tuesday April 16, 2024
CRETE/KNOSSOS After breakfast this morning, we will depart for our Tour of Knossos & Heraklion. We begin our day visiting the largest and most impressive Minoan Palace, the Palace of Knossos. You will be taken back 4.000 years to the time of the oldest civilization in Europe. We continue our tour to Iraklion city. The central square, while surrounded by cafes, stores and restaurants, is dominated by the fountain of the Lions, built by Morozini the Venetian governor in 1628. The Town Hall is today housed in the Venetian Loggia, a building from the same era. Even more sights to be seen while taking a stroll around Heraklion will make your free time worthwhile. Afterword's, return to your hotel for overnight in Crete. (B)

Day 11

Wednesday April 17, 2024

CRETE/SANTORINI/OLA After breakfast this morning, we will depart to the port for our ferry to Santorini. Upon arrival, we will have an afternoon Visit Oia & a winery. Here, we will visit the Koutsoyannopoulos wine museum. Being the only one of its kind in Greece, the Koutsoyannopoulos Wine Museum occupies a natural cave. The Koutsoyannopoulos Wine Museum presents the history of wine and the life of vine-growers in Santorini since the 1600s. You will have the opportunity to see representations of the history of wine and to taste four of the best wines that the winery produces today, in a specially designed wine-tasting area. Then we visit Oia, which is a traditional settlement in the north of Santorini. The village is approximately 150 meters above sea level. Small white house's tier the hillside, interspersed by splashes of rich okra, deep fuchsia, cobalt blue, oyster pink and earthy red. Oia is one of the most photographed places in Greece. It has inspired artists, poets and every visitor who visits Santorini. Oia is best known for breathtaking sunsets. In Oia there are two types of dwellings, the cave houses dug into the volcanic rock on the Caldera cliffs, and the captains' houses. The cave houses used to be the homes of ship crews, whereas the captains' houses belonged to the affluent class of ship owners. Many of the churches in Oia were dedicated to sailors. (B)

Day 12

Thursday April 18, 2024

SANTORINI After breakfast this morning, we will depart for our Tour of Santorini Island. On this half day tour, you will have the chance to visit the most important places of Santorini: Profitis Ilias mountain the highest peak of the island (567 meters) is located between Pyrgos and Kamari. A walking tour through Megalochori will show one of the most beautiful

traditional villages of the island. Typical traditional Cycladic houses, neoclassic buildings and small houses dug in the volcanic rock blend together with harmony. We find here also the typical small white churches with blue domes. Enjoy a guided visit (with professional licensed Guide) at Akrotiri, one of the most important prehistoric settlements of Greece. Akrotiri is a Bronze Age settlement on the volcanic island of Santorini (Thera). The settlement was destroyed by a huge eruption during the 17th century BC and buried under the volcanic ash, which preserved the whole city in perfect conditions to be referred often as "Prehistoric Pompei". Free time for photos at the famous Red Beach, well known for the unique color of the sand and the hill behind it. Soaring red lava cliffs which drop right to the sandy shore and into the clear blue sea. (B)

Day 13

Thursday April 19, 2024

SANTORINI After breakfast this morning, the day will be at leisure until we depart in the afternoon to discover Santorini's beautiful coastline on a delightful cruise, which includes BBQ meal with drinks. Sail past the big lighthouse south of the caldera. Explore secluded volcanic beaches, experience the volcanic hot springs, or simply relax on deck. Sunset Tour: visits Red beach, White Beach, hot springs, stops below Oia for the sunset. (B, L)

Day 14

Thursday April 20, 2024

SANTORINI/ATHENS This afternoon transfer to Santorini airport for your return flight to Athens where you will have a farewell dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 15

Thursday April 21, 2024

RETURN TO USA FROM ATHENS

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner





Tour Features

- Arrival/Departure Group Transfers
- Transfers throughout as per itinerary.
- Meals as per itinerary.
- Three day/Two-night guided coach tour of Thessaloniki, Meteora, Delphi, and Sounion with a private licensed English-speaking guide and all entrance fees.
- Three day/Two-night guided tour of Epidaurus, Olympia, Sparti, Mystras and Monemvasia with a private licensed English-speaking guide and all entrance fees
- Half day tour of Santorini Island with Akrotiri guided visit and brewery visit
- Half day tour of Thessaloniki with guided visit to Archaeological Museum
- Half day tour of Athens with guided visit to Acropolis & Acropolis Museum
- Half day tour of Knossos with guided visit to Knossos & Heraklion Museum
- Afternoon Visit Oia & winery (Approx. 4 hrs)
- Shared caldera sunset cruise with BBQ
- Farewell Dinner in Athens at Local Restaurant
- Folklore shows with dinner in Crete.
- All transfers in Heraklion and Santorini
- Flights ATH/SKG, ATH/HER and JTR/ATH
- Highspeed ferry HER/JTR



Hotel List

Thessaloniki 04/08 – 04/10
Holiday Inn Hotel on Bed and Breakfast

Delph 04/10 – 04/11
Amalia Hotel on Half Board Basis (Breakfast & dinner)

Athens 04/11 – 04/13
Titania Hotel on Bed and Breakfast

Olympia 04/13 – 04/14
Europa Hotel on Half Board Basis (breakfast & dinner)

Monemvasia 04/14 – 04/15
Filoxenia Hotel on Half Board Basis (Breakfast & dinner)

Heraklion 04/15 – 04/17
Atlantis Hotel on Bed and Breakfast

Santorini 04/17 – 04/20
El Greco Hotel on Bed and Breakfast

Athens 04/20 – 04/21
Titania Hotel on Bed and Breakfast



Terms & Conditions

Please Note:

Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

Conditions:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Pricing subject to change and based upon availability. Optional Travel Protection is highly recommended, prior to final payment.



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