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## Classical Greece

<b>Duration :</b>	7 Days / 6 Nights
<b>Departure City :</b>	Athens
<b>Meals Included :</b>	
<b>Breakfasts :</b>	6
<b>Dinners :</b>	3

## Description

Few countries can boast the impressive cultural and archaeological riches present within Greece. This week long tour is designed to provide the traveler with a thoroughly enjoyable and informative experience. History will come alive as you walk through the ancient Agora in Athens, retracing the steps of Aristotle and Plato. The ancient theatre at Epidaurus will reveal impossibly perfect acoustics in a theatre dating back to the 4th century BC, that seats 15,000. You will also visit the ancient city of Olympia, the birthplace of the modern Olympics. Delphi was once considered to be the birthplace of the gods and the center of the known world. It's location is considered to be one of the most breathtaking in all of Greece. At Meteora, you will visit some of the most unique religious sites in Europe. Dating back over 600 years, the monasteries here are as mythical as they are breathtaking. If you have an interest in the history of European politics, culture and art, this Classical Greece tour will be a revelation.

### Package Includes

- Accommodation in select hotels as per itinerary
- All arrival and departure transfers
- All entrance fees to sites and museums
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Athens Guide magazine
- Athens map
- English speaking professional tour guide
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Sightseeing tours as indicated in the itinerary
- Transportation in deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach

### Package Does Not Include

- All personal expenses at hotels
- Gratuities of any type
- Insurance of any type
- International flights

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Athens Arrival

<b>Location:</b>	Athens, Greece
<b>Transfer:</b>	Airport (ATH) to City Center
<b>Description:</b>	Welcome to Greece! Upon your arrival in Athens you will be greeted in the public area of the arrivals hall and transferred to your select hotel. The remainder of the day is to be spent at your leisure exploring Athens at night. Overnight in Athens.

### Day 2 Athens Small Group Acropolis City and Acropolis Museum Walking Tour

<b>Location:</b>	Athens, Greece
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Acropolis, City &amp; Acropolis Museum Walking Tour</b>

This sightseeing tour will afford you the luxury of experiencing the two most important attractions of Athens. The Acropolis of Athens is one of the most famous archaeological sites in all of Greece. The new Acropolis Museum is the home to the masterpieces of the Acropolis, where they are displayed in stunning surroundings bathed in natural light.

The tour begins inside the Syntagma metro station where you will visit the metro Museum with very interesting archaeological artifacts from the daily life of Ancient Athens that came to light during the construction of the

metro.

You will then continue on to the House of the Greek Parliament, the Monument to the Unknown Soldier and watch the changing of the guard. Your tour continues towards the National Gardens and on to the beautiful neoclassical Zappeion Hall, in front of which tower the surviving columns of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, both of which you will have the opportunity to visit. From there you enter the famous Plaka district where you see the statue of Melina Merkouri.

You will enter the Acropolis from the south slope so as to avoid the crowds and also to visit the Dionysus sanctuary and Dionysus Theatre built in the 5th century BC. Your guide will take care of the tickets so you can skip the line. As you begin to ascend the sacred hill a breathtaking view of the city below will unfold.

Your guide will give you a detailed explanation of the glorious monuments of the Acropolis such as the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Propylaia, the Nike Temple and the surrounding monuments such as the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Ancient Agora, the Observatory as well as the Philopappos, Mars, and Pnyx Hills.

After your tour of the Acropolis site, you will have approximately 45-minutes to descend towards the New Acropolis Museum. You will have ample time to take personal photographs from many vantage points on and around the Acropolis prior to reaching the Acropolis Museum. Its unique design has incorporated the excavations which are visible under stunning glass floors. The Acropolis masterpieces are marked out and given the prominence they deserve through ideal interior atmospheric conditions, natural lighting. Additionally, there is easy visitor access, panoramic views and excellent layout of the exhibition areas. The museum exhibits about 4,000 artifacts.

The tour ends at the Acropolis Museum.

Description:	Make your own way to your hotel at the end of the tour. Overnight in Athens at your select hotel.
Day 3	Athens - Corinth - Epidaurus - Mycenae - Olympia
Activity:	4 Day Classical Tour with Meteora
	<p>This morning you will be collected from your select Athens hotel and commence your 4 day Classical Tour of Greece. First you will drive to the Corinth canal for a short stop. You will continue onward to Epidaurus for a visit to the theatre and archaeological site and then to Nafplion. After a brief stop you will drive to Mycenae to visit the archaeological site and then depart for Olympia, passing through the central Peloponnese cities of Megalopolis and Tripolis. Evening arrival in Olympia for dinner and overnight.</p>
Hotel:	Divani Meteora Hotel
Pick up:	Select Athens Hotel
Pick up time:	07:00
Description:	After breakfast today you will be collected from your select Athens hotel and commence your 4 day Classical Tour of Greece. First you will drive to the Corinth canal for a short stop. Continue onwards to Epidaurus for a visit of the theatre and archaeological site and then to Nafplion. After a brief stop you will drive to Mycenae to visit the archaeological site and then depart for Olympia, passing through the central Peloponnese cities of Megalopolis and Tripolis. Evening arrival in Olympia for dinner and overnight.
Day 4	Olympia - Nafpaktos - Delphi
Description:	After breakfast today you will visit the archaeological site and the museum of Olympia. Afterwards you will drive via Patras to Rion where you will cross the newly built cable bridge to Antirion on the mainland of Greece. Continue through Nafpaktos to Delphi for dinner and overnight.
Day 5	Delphi - Kalambaka (Meteora)
Description:	Today will start with a morning visit of the archaeological site and the museum of Delphi. Depart for Kalambaka, driving through Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala. Afternoon arrival in Kalambaka for dinner, and overnight.
Day 6	Kalambaka - Meteora - Thermopylae - Athens
Description:	In the morning you will take in the breathtaking monasteries of Meteora. Your tour of this beguiling region will include visits to at least 2 monasteries (depending on the days of the week). First inhabited in the 9th century AD, the rock cliffs provided a refuge to ascetic monks looking for complete isolation from civilization. The region's importance grew in the subsequent centuries, reaching its peak in influence during the 15th & 16th centuries. In the early afternoon you will drive back to Athens, passing through Thermopylae and Kamena Vourla. Early evening arrival in Athens for your overnight at your select hotel.
Day 7	Athens Departure
Location:	Athens, Greece

Transfer:	City Center to Airport (ATH)
Description:	After breakfast this morning (time permitting) you will be greeted in the lobby of your hotel and transferred to Athens airport where you will board your flight home, full of a new appreciation for one of Europe's most enchanting countries.

Accommodation

Superior		
Athens		
	Athens Hilton	Rating : 5 Star Luxury
	Take in Acropolis views from the Hilton Athens Hotel, a contemporary oasis in the ancient, bustling city of Athens. This central Athens hotel is located in the heart of the city's commercial district, with the prestigious shops and cafés of Kolonaki surrounding it.	
Katakolon		
	Europa Hotel	Rating : 4 Star
	The Best Western Europa Hotel is set among the enchanting landscape of Ancient Olympia with a view of the Arcadian Mountains and the Alfios Valley.	
Delphi		
	Amalia Hotel Delphi	Rating : 4 Star
	The Amalia Hotel Delphi has an exquisite location at the foot of Mount Parnassus offering panoramic views.	
Kalambaka		
	Divani Meteora Hotel	Rating : 4 Star
	Divani Meteora hotel offers guests the opportunity to enjoy traditional Greek hospitality in a contemporary setting. The hotel is surrounded by the majestic, towering rocks known as Meteora in the charming village of Kalambaka.	

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- Number of Travelers
- Travel Dates

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