



Itinerary

Classical Greece

Nov 3, 2019 - Nov 12, 2019

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins



Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center
Athens

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 64°
Low 53°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Athens



Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, it's your choice! Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis -OR- embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Phnyx – where democracy was formed in Greece – and the Temple of Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center
Athens

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Rain 2"

Day 4: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka



Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations.

Hotel

Culinary

Weather

Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova



This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

Hotel

Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference
Arachova

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 65°
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Rain 2"

Day 6: Arachova - Olympia



Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class.

Hotel

Europa Hotel Olympia
Olympia

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 7: Olympia



Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.

Hotel

Europa Hotel Olympia
Olympia

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

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Rain 2"

Day 8: Olympia - Mycenae - Nafplio



Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio.

Hotel

Amphitryon Hotel
Nauplion

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9: Nafplio - Athens



This morning enjoy free time to further explore Nafplio before heading back to Athens. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center
Athens

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Low 53°
Rain 2"

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends



Your tour ends today.

Post Night: Crowne Plaza Athens City Center



The Crowne Plaza Hotel Athens City Center is situated in the heart of Athens, very close to the historical sites of Athens such as the Acropolis, the traditional Plaka area (old town) and Syntagma (Constitution) square. All guestrooms at the 5-star Crowne Plaza Athens City Center have modern interior design, with state-of-the-art technology and support, making them ideal for a pleasant stay in a relaxing environment.