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Classical Greece

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11 Days ● 16 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, The Acropolis and Parthenon, Metéora, Delphi, Olympia, Greek Farm Visit, Cooking Class, Greek Dance Class, Choice on Tour: Nafplio Walking Tour or Mycenae Archeological Tour

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Day 4	Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day 5	Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova
Days 6, 7	Europa Hotel Olympia, Olympia
Days 8, 9	Nafplia Palace , Nafplio
Day 10	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

Day 1: Sunday, November 16, 2025 Overnight Flight Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Monday, November 17, 2025 Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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 Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, November 20, 2025 Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova This morning, visit 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. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, November 21, 2025 Arachova - Delphi - Olympia This morning tour 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 mankind. Then 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. (B, D)

Day 7: Saturday, November 22, 2025 Olympia This morning, enjoy a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including 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. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sunday, November 23, 2025 Olympia - Nafplio Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio.** En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 9: Monday, November 24, 2025 Nafplio Today, **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour of Greece's first



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capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

Day 10: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 Nafplio - Athens

This morning, stop for a view of the Corinth Canal en route to Athens. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Greece's capital. Perhaps you'll browse the myriad shops of the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Or, visit one of the city's world-class museums such as the National Archeological Museum with its majestic bronze statue of Poseidon or the Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistorical to modern times. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece by gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

Experience It! Monasteries in Metéora

Atop towers of limestone rock that reach almost 900 feet in the air, the remote monasteries of Metéora seem like a direct line to the Divine. From early Christian times, Metéora's cliffs were heralded as the place to achieve peace and harmony, and thus, spiritual revelation, thanks to the isolation they provide. It's no surprise that the monasteries were erected here among the overwhelming rock formations and inspiring setting. These monasteries, and the monks who reside in them, are living out Byzantium history in their monastic communities built high on the vertical rocks and tucked away inside pristine natural beauty. Today, Christians from all over the world make their holy pilgrimage to these monasteries, and Metéora has become a preservation site for the 2,000 year-old Christian Orthodox creed.

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Book Now rates valid until May 17, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. Accessing one of the two monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Due to a limited number of tickets for the Acropolis, travelers who book within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

*In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered. Women are highly encouraged to wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees, however, if you choose to wear pants, you will be given a scarf to tie around your waist. Men must wear long trousers.

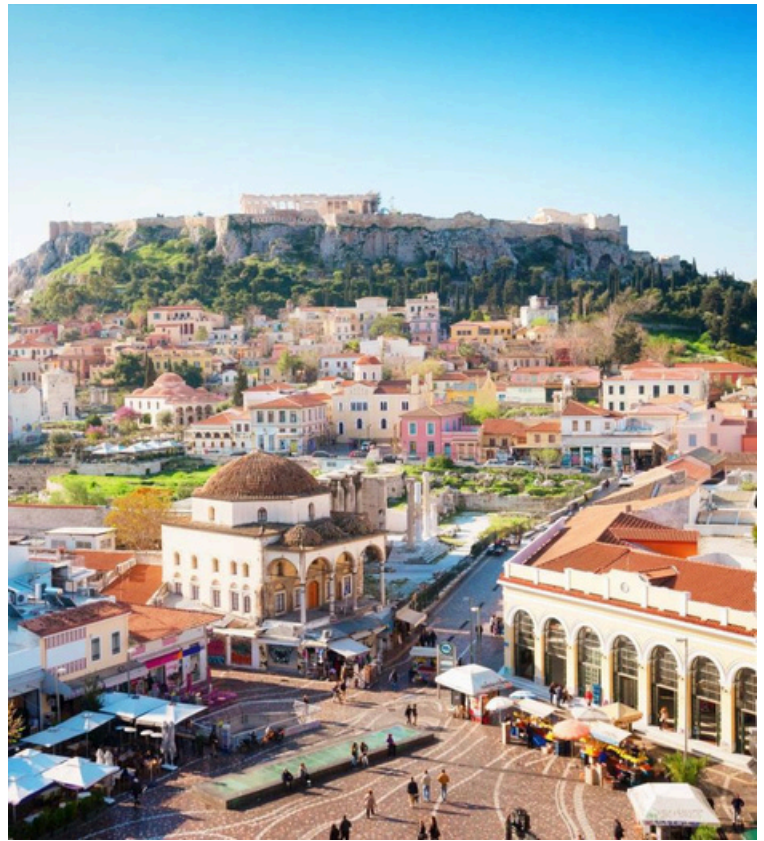
**For departures from mid February through March, hotel accommodations in Nafplio will be confirmed prior to departure at either Amphitryon Hotel or King Minos Hotel, located in the town of Tolo.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times. For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months



beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of May 10, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 18, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until May 17, 2025.

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