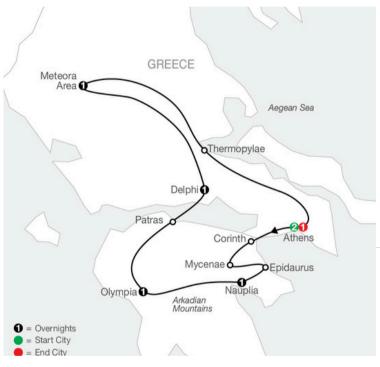


# Classical Greece ~ Sept 08 - 15, 2025

8 days from Athens to Athens



What will you need to pack for this enlightening tour of Classical Greece? A sun hat, your thinking cap, and your competitive spirit for starters. Thoughtprovoking scenery and stories await in the land of powerful Sun Gods, ancient philosophers, and legendary Olympians. From the world-famous Acropolis in Athens to the sacred Temples of Olympia, and the mountainside excavations of Delphi to the monastery-topped rock formations of Meteora, you'll walk in the footsteps of Greece's most renowned and mystical figures—and dance in them, too. A glass of traditional ouzo will loosen your joints to learn the lively steps of the sirtaki, made famous in the classic movie Zorba the Greek. A toe-tapping, hands-on adventure. vou'll also learn the secrets Mediterranean cuisine and how to make traditional tzatziki cucumber dip. Don't forget to bring your appetite, too!



# PRICE: \$2,589

Price is per person based on double occupancy excluding airfare and travel protection.

- Deposit of \$500 per person guarantees your spot
- \$289 Travel Protection, per person
- Single accommodations are on a request basis only and subject to availability.
- Airfare, travel insurance, airport transfers and additional hotel nights are extra. Please inquire

# **DAY 1 ARRIVE IN ATHENS GREECE**

Welcome to Athens! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome drink.

#### **DAY 2 ATHENS**

Marvels & Myths ATHENS Guided sightseeing includes a visit to the Acropolis and a stop at the Panathenaic Stadium. Free time this afternoon and evening.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** HISTORIC SPOTS Explore the heart of Ancient Greece, in the historic empire where 5th-century BC landmarks, including the Acropolis, never fail to amaze! See the Panathenaic Stadium, one of the venues of the first modern Olympic Games. Breakfast

# DAY 3 ATHENS-CORINTH-MYCENAE-EPIDAURUS-NAUPLIA

Greek History & Heroes CORINTH Cross the canal and visit ancient Corinth.

MYCENAE Free time for lunch. Guided visit of the excavations and museum.

EPIDAURUS Guided visit to the 2,300-year-old open-air auditorium before continuing to Nauplia. 132 mi / 212 km

**CULTURAL GEM:** The outdoor auditorium of Epidaurus combines perfect mathematic proportion with excellent acoustics. This fascinating archaeological treasure was used for the healing of patients from all over Greece and was dedicated to Asklepios, the god of healing.Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 4 NAUPLIA-OLYMPIA

Ruins & Recipes Take a scenic drive through the Arkadian Mountains.

OLYMPIA Join a guided visit to the archaeological site and the museum. Attend a cooking demonstration this evening to learn how to make traditional Greek tzatziki.

112 mi / 181 km

**LOCAL TASTES:** Dip into the delicious tradition of Greek tzatziki - a mix of yogurt, cucumbers, garlic, salt, olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, and herbs such as dill, mint, parsley, and thyme. Learn how to make this quintessential recipe loved the world over.Breakfast, Dinner

# A World Beyond.

# DAY 5 OLYMPIA-PATRAS-DELPHI

Digs & Dances Drive by the busy seaport of Patras. DELPHI Join a guided visit to the excavations and Archaeological Museum. This evening, learn how to dance the sirtaki while sipping a glass of ouzo. 149 mi / 239 km

CULTURE & TRADITION Dance in the steps of Zorba the Greek to learn the sirtaki. This passionate and dramatic dance goes very well with a glass of ouzo, the anice-infused drink the locals are so fond of. Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 6 DELPHI-METEORA AREA**

Monasteries in Magical Greece Drive past Lamia and Trikala en route to Kalambaka.

METEORA Guided visit of the Varlaam and St. Stephen's Monasteries. 155 mi / 249 km

**SACRED SITES:** Perched atop soaring huge cliffs are the monasteries of Meteora, of which six are still active. Visit the beautiful monasteries of Varlaam and St. Stephen's to marvel at this serenely mystical landscape with breathtaking views from above. Long revered for the perfect monastic retreat from the world outside, Meteora's spectacular array of massive sandstone cliffs create a surreal setting unlike any other.Breakfast, Dinner

# DAY 7 METEORA AREA-THERMOPYLAE-ATHENS

Grecian Battles & Beauty THERMOPYLAE Stop at the battle site

ATHENS Free time late afternoon and evening. 236 mi / 380 km

**LEGENDARY LIVES** The story of the Battle of Thermopylae is hard to beat for drama. You may recognize this tale of the heroic, yet doomed Spartans of 480 BC fighting against the Persian army, which is dramatized in the film "300." Their brave battle endures as a valiant symbol of bravery and sacrifice for a patriotic cause. Breakfast

### **DAY 8 ATHENS**

Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Breakfast





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