

Athens

Every Saturday, Sunday and Thursday
6 nights / 7 Days

Athens –Epidaurus –Mycenae –Olympia –Delphi –Meteora –Athens

Athens. The city with the most glorious history in the world, a city worshipped by gods and people, a magical city. The enchanting capital of Greece has always been a birthplace for civilization. It is the city where democracy was born and most of the wise men of ancient times.

Epidaurus: shrine of Asklepios – the God of healing and a world-famous theater
Mycenae: one of the major centers of Greek civilization, a military stronghold which dominated much of southern Greece.

Olympia: the birthplace of Olympic Games and temples dedicated to Zeus and Hera

Delphi: considered in ancient times to be the center of the earth, it is home to the world-famous oracle of Delphi dedicated to Apollo.

Kalambaka-Meteora: an impressive rock formation in central Greece hosting one of the largest and most precipitously built complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries, second in importance only to Mount Athos. The six monasteries are built on immense natural pillars and hill-like rounded boulders that dominate the local area.

Day 1: Athens

Every Saturday, Sunday & Thursday

Arrival to Athens Airport and private transfer to your hotel in the city center.

Check in at the hotel and free time for the rest of the day.

Optional tour:

A Night Out in Athens:

Dep. 20.15 - Ret. 00.30 – Every Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday & Saturday

Your evening begins with a short panoramic drive through the city center and on the slopes of the sacred hill you will be able to see, admire and take photos of the illuminated Acropolis.



Then a pleasant walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Plaka, the old city, will bring you at a Typical Greek Tavern where you will enjoy your dinner following a floor show with live music and Greek Folk Dances in traditional costumes.

The mesmerizing and graphic Plaka was developed mostly around the ruins of Ancient Agora of Athens in an area that has been continuously inhabited since antiquity.

During the years of Ottoman rule, Plaka was the known as the "Turkish quarter of Athens", and the seat of the Turkish Voivode (Governor).

During the Greek War of Independence, Plaka like the rest of Athens, was temporarily abandoned by its inhabitants because of the severe battles that took place in 1826.

The area was repopulated during the first years of King Otto's rule. Plaka had a sizable Arvanite community till the late 19th century, which led some to refer to it as the Arvanite quarter of Athens.

At the same period the neighborhood of Anafiotika, featuring traditional Cycladic architecture, was built by settlers from the Aegean island of Anafi.

In 1884 a fire burned down a large part of the neighborhood which gave the opportunity for the archaeologists to conduct excavations in the Roman Market and Hadrian's library.

Excavations have been taking place continuously since 19th century.

Rates:

85,00 Euro per adult including dinner

65,00 Euro per child including dinner

Return to the hotel after midnight.

Overnight the hotel in Athens.

Day 2: Athens

Breakfast at the hotel.

One Day Cruise to Hydra, Poros & Aegina Islands (included in package)

Start: 08.00 - 19.30 approximately

We pick you up from your hotel early in the morning in order to take you by coach to the port for embarkation on the cruise ship. At 08:15 the cruise ship departs and sails for the first stopover on the island of Hydra. You will spend approximately one hour, thus you have free time to explore the unique island. Embarkation and sail to the island of Poros, separated from Peloponnesse by a narrow strait and offering a most enchanting view of Poros town. Leisure time in Poros will be approximately 60 minutes.

After two hours trip we shall arrive to the last port, the island of Aegina, where you have time either to make an optional tour visiting the Athena Afea Temple or to swim to the nearest beaches of the island. Total time to be spent one hour and a half.

Lunch is served on board during the voyage. Re-embarkation and sailing back to the port. Arrive late in the afternoon and transfer by coach back to your hotel.

Evening at leisure.

Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

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Day 3: Athens – Epidaurus theater – Nafplion – Mycenae

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Leave by the coastal road to the Corinth Canal (short stop). Drive on and visit the Theatre of Epidaurus, famous for its remarkable acoustics. Then proceed to the town of Nafplion (short photo stop), drive on to Mycenae and visit the Archaeological Site and the Tomb of Agamemnon. Then depart for Olympia through Central Peloponnese and the towns of Tripolis and Megalopolis.

Overnight at the hotel in Olympia (Dinner)

Day 4: Olympia - Delphi

In the morning visit the Archaeological Site with the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the Ancient Stadium and the Archaeological Museum. Then drive on through the plains of Eliad and Achaia until the magnificent bridge which crosses the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion. Pass by the picturesque towns of Nafpactos (Lepanto) and Itea, arrive in Delphi.

Overnight at the hotel in Delphi. (Dinner)

Day 5: Delphi – Kalambaka Meteora

In the morning visit the Archaeological Site and the Museum. Delphi was regarded as the center of the world. According to mythology, it is here that the two eagles sent out by Zeus from the ends of the universe to find the navel of the world met. The sanctuary of Delphi, set within a most spectacular landscape, was for many centuries the cultural and religious center and symbol of unity for the Hellenic world. Depart for Kalambaka, a small town situated at the foothills of the astonishing complex of Meteora, gigantic rocks. Overnight at the hotel in Kalambaka. (Dinner)

Day 6: Meteora - Athens

The floating monasteries...

In the morning visit the gigantic rocks of Meteora which are perched above the town of Kalambaka, at a maximum height of 400 m (1200 ft.) The most interesting summits are decorated with historical monasteries and are included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

Only 6 of them have made it through the centuries, from an initial estimated number of 24. Mostly dating to the 14th and until the 16th century, these monasteries were built by monks who were previously hermits in the area, living in individual caves. Once united, these monks took months and years to carry the construction material to the top of rocks, using ropes, folding ladders, nets and baskets, and with much

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determination. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae (short stop to see Leonida's Monument located across the road). Arrive in Athens early in the evening. N.B. Please ladies for the visit of the Monastery you need a skirt and the gentlemen long trousers. Overnight in Athens.

Day 7: Athens

After breakfast, our driver will pick you up from the hotel & transfer to the Airport for your departure flight.

Hotel Accommodation in JOD

Athens Hotel	Cat.	Nights	Meals	Dates	Per person in DBL	Per person in SGL
Polis Grand	4*	6	Breakfast	1 MAY- 31 OCT	1250	1450
Grand Hayatt	5*	6	Breakfast	August	1305	1625
				MAY, JUN, JUL , SEP & OCT	1380	1730

Above rates include the following:

- 1) Economy Class air Ticket as mentioned above .
- 2) Hotel Accommodation as mentioned above
- 3) Transfers Airport / Hotel/ Airport by Private Car .
- 4) One Day Cruise at Hydra, Paros & Aegina Islands Tour .
- 5) Classical Greece -Epidaurus-Mycenae-Olympia-delphi - Meteora oOn Half Board Basis .

Important Notes:

1. Above offers are subject to availability of rooms upon your request and no reservation has been made for your trip at any of the mentioned hotels.
2. Above rates are subject to change without prior notice according to the airlines companies' regulations and currency fluctuations.

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