









# CLASSICAL GREECE and Sentorini

A Guided Travel Experience Featuring Athens, Kalambaka, Delphi & 2 nights in Santorini

11 DAYS MAY 13-23, 2024











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Incredible 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 mountainside excavations of Delphi to the monastery-topped rock formations of Meteora to the stunning beauty that is Santorini, you'll walk in the footsteps of Greece's most renowned and mystical figures while experiencing the sights and tastes of modern Greece.

#### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO GREECE

May 13, 2024 Today board your overnight flight to Greece.

#### **DAY 2: ARRIVE ATHENS**

May 14, 2024

Arrive in Athens. Meet your Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Athens is the capital and in many ways the birthplace of Classical Greece. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. Overnight: Athens (D)

#### DAY 3: ATHENS

May 15, 2024

Today enjoy an ATHENS CITY TOUR, showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, , the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the ancient Olympic Stadium. It's no doubt that one of the highlights of Athens is the PARTHENON, standing tall on its perch atop the ACROPOLIS overlooking the city. Enjoy a guided visit of this ancient UNESCO World Heritage Site, dedicated to the goddess Athena. Also visit the ACROPOLIS MUSEUM housing art, sculpture and historical pieces dating from the Mycenaean period. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy this amazing city. Overnight: Athens (B)

#### DAY 4: CAPE SOUNION

May 16, 2024

This morning enjoy a special ATHENS CENTRAL

MARKET WALKING TOUR as you stroll with a local expert. A historic food market unlike any other in Europe, sample some of Athens most delicious culinary creations. Gain insight into Greece's fascinating food culture, the evolution of the country's cuisine and the healthy nature of locally produced, organic ingredients. Enjoy time at leisure before your afternoon excursion to Cape Sounion. Visit the ancient TEMPLE OF POSEIDON with its magnificent panoramic view of the Aegean Sea. Cape Sounion has long played an important part in Greek mythology and history, and the first recorded mention of it occurs in the Odyssey. After visiting the Temple, we will wait to admire one of the most amazing sunsets you could ever imagine. And when the sun begins to slowly touch the sea, enjoy dinner before returning to Athens. Overnight: Athens (B,D)



### DAY 5: ATHENS - KALAMBAKA

May 17, 2024

After breakfast, travel north through central Greece to THERMOPYLAE. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Continue to Kalambaka and explore this charming town. Visit the Kalambaka Icon Workshop. Byzantine Icons are created with the use of old traditional methods and visitors have the chance to watch this process in detail. Enjoy views of this naturally beautiful region as you transfer to your hotel. Enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight: Kalambaka (B,D)

#### **DAY 6: METEORA MONASTERIES** May 18, 2024

Today is sure to be a highlight as you visit two **METEORA 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. Later travel toward Delphi which clings to the side of Mount Parnassus at 2,000 feet. Our home for 2-nights will be the seaside town of Itea, situated on the north coast of the Gulf of Corinth. Located just a short drive from Ancient Delphi, it is an ideal base as you visit part of Greece. Enjoy dinner tonight and perhaps stroll the waterfront area for an after dinner treat.

Overnight: Itea/Delphi Area (B,D)

#### DAY 7: ANCIENT DELPHI

May 19, 2024

This morning, visit the ancient city of **DELPHI**, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. Visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumored to have successfully predicted events related to the Trojan War. After a comprehensive visit to Delphi, return to seaside Itea for an evening at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a meal at one of the many waterfront tavernas. Overnight: Itea/Delphi Area (B)

#### **DAY 8: TRAVEL TO SANTORINI**

#### May 20, 2024

Leave fascinating Delphi and head back toward Athens for your short flight to **SANTORINI**. Known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean", Santorini is the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. History and nature combine to make this one of the most unforgettable places in the world. Upon arrival, enjoy a WINERY TOUR & TASTING at a local pro-



ducer. Learn about the local wine making process and enjoy the stunning views. Later check in to your hotel for 2-nights and enjoy dinner. Overnight: Santorini (B,D)

#### **DAY 9: SANTORINI**

May 21, 2024

After a leisurely morning, discover this paradise as you tour the island and its villages, including the most famous village, OIA. A quiet lifestyle, whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches, winding lanes filled with boutiques and shops, tavernas, open air cafés and beautiful sunsets make this village postcard-perfect! Enjoy an included drink before enjoying one of the most iconic sunsets on the globe. Later return to your hotel. Overnight: Santorini (B)

#### **DAY 10: SANTORINI - ATHENS**

May 22, 2024

Wake to another Santorini morning and enjoy breakfast at your resort hotel. Visit to the excavation site of ancient AKROTIRI, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Later board your flight back to Athens. Upon arrival to Athens, transfer to your hotel and enjoy an afternoon coffee at a local cafe or some time for last minute shopping. Tonight, experience an authentic **GREEK TAVERNA FAREWELL DINNER.** Overnight: Athens (B,D)

#### DAY 11: RETURN HOME

May 23, 2024

Today transfer to the airport for your journey home after experiencing Classical Greece and Santorini. (B)

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#### ATHENS (4 NIGHTS) HOTEL AMALIA ATHENS OR SIMILAR

Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece. In this historic town, you'll walk in the footsteps of the great minds that created democracy, philosophy, theater, and more. Though a sprawling city, Athens has a compact, pleasant tourist zone highlighted by the famous Acropolis; the world's top ancient site.

#### KALAMBAKA & METEORA (1 NIGHT) AMALIA HOTEL KALAMBAKA OR SIMILAR

Kalambaka is built next to the massive, holy rocks of Meteora. For thousands of years, people found refuge on the cliffs of Meteora. The imperious, detached rocks, are a unique geological phenomenon and some are nearly 900 feet tall. In 1989, Meteora was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Monuments





#### ITEA/DELPHI AREA (2 NIGHTS) NAFSIKA PALACE OR SIMILAR

Itea, bringing together the modern with the ancient, provides the peace and tranquility of the sea, as well as giving visitors access to ancient Greek sites. The beaches around Itea, such as "Trokantero" and "Maiami", have been awarded the "Blue Flag" by the EU for their exceptionally clean waters.

#### SANTORINI (2 NIGHTS) MAJESTIC HOTEL SANTORINI OR SIMILAR

Santorini is the gem of the Greek islands, instantly recognizable around the world: multicolored cliffs soar out of a sea-drowned caldera, topped by drifts of whitewashed buildings. With its reputation for dazzling panoramas, romantic sunsets and volcanic-sand beaches, it's hardly surprising the island features on so many travelers' bucket lists.

Byzantine Icon Workshop

• 2 Nights in Itea/Delphi Area

Ancient Delphi & Museum

• Inter-tour Flight to Santorini

2 Meteora Monasteries

Sanctuary of Apollo

• 2 Nights in Santorini

Santorini Wine Tasting

Santorini Sunset in Oia

 Akrotiri Archaeological Site Greek Taverna Dinner



## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

#### • 4 Nights in Athens

- Athens City Tour
- The Acropolis Museum
- The Parthenon
- Temple of Zeus
- Ancient Olympic Stadium
- Athens Central Market Tour
- Temple of Poseidon
- Cape Sounion Sunset
- Themopylae
- Kalambaka

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY 1 2 3 4 5 ACTIVE

**INCLUSIONS** 

- 15 Meals (9-B & 6-D)
- Local Wines with Dinner
- Experienced Tour Manager
- Local Experts
- Deluxe Touring Vehicles
- Baggage Handling
- Whisper Listening Devices



This tour requires moderate physical activity. You should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

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-\$500 per person deposit due with Reservation Form to secure space.

\$4,399

PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY/LAND ONLY

\*GROUP AIR (LAX) AVAILABLE FOR \$1,600 PP

#### -Final Payment is due 120 days before departure -Single Supplement: +\$1,400 \*Group airfare option must be selected at time of booking

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

**DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT INFORMATION:** 



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TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: -\$XXX PP

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**Please Note:** A U.S. passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date) is required for this tour and is the responsibility of each traveler. Names submitted on the Registration Form should appear exactly as they appear on the passport.

#### **DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

-Deposit of \$500 p.p. is due with Reservation Form to secure space. -Final Payment is due 120 days before departure

\*Group airfare option must be selected at time of booking

#### **IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES**

- -This tour is operated by *Meridian Guided Travel* while *Good Times Travel* acts only as a booking agent.
- -A *Good Times Travel* tour director will accompany our group only with a minimum number of *Good Times Travel* guests.
- -The Airfare option is group airfare and upgrades may be limited. If you prefer to arrange your own flights, please advise us prior to final payment.
- -Airline checked luggage fees are not included and may apply. -Tour/air rates subject to increase until paid in full; itinerary/hotels are subject to change.
- Optional roundtrip LAX transfers are available through *Good Times Travel* for an additional fee.

#### **TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

We recommend all travelers protect their travel investments and themselves while they are away with a Travel Protection Plan. Contact *Good Times Travel* for Travel Protection information

#### **REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:**

All tour deposits and payments are fully refundable prior to 150 days before departure. Cancellations must be sent in writing to *Good Times Travel*. If a Travel Protection Plan is not purchased or you are canceling for an uncovered reason, the following fees apply for cancellations:

#### DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE/REFUND AMOUNT

Up to 150 days/Full Refund 149-120 days/Deposit Amount is retained 119-90 days/70% of total trip price is refunded 89-45 days/50% of total trip price is refunded Less than 45 days/No Refund

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#### **RESERVATIONS/PAYMENT CONTACT**

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Deposit (\$500 per person)       • Number of travelers       • Total Payment \$         Room Occupancy:       DOUBLE       SINGLE       Group Airfare:       YES       NO		
To avoid change fees, please submit legal name(s) (first/middle/last) exactly as they appear on your travel approved Government issued ID.		
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