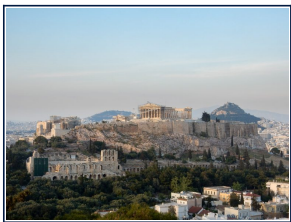




COACH TOUR - BEST OF GREECE - 7N/8D



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Best of Greece:
8days Tour (Trafalgar)

Classical culture meets modern metropolis in this exploration of mainland Greece, where ancient cliff-top monasteries and Spartan history mingle with the temples of Olympian gods.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...the aniseed bite of a welcome ouzo shot, warming a trail to your stomach, as you explore the Karambelas family's olive groves and vineyard in Olympia, before dinner, music and dancing.



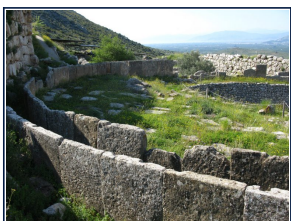
Day 1 : ARRIVE ATHENS (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to Athens. You are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Relax or spend time exploring the wonders of this ancient city. In the evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception, including a light meal and welcome drink, with your travelling companions and your Travel Director.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : Divani Palace Acropolis/Metropolitan





Day 2 : ATHENS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Classical Athens was a centre for the arts, learning and philosophy, and is widely seen as the cradle of Western Civilisation and the birthplace of democracy. One of the world's oldest cities, discover the rich heritage of Athens during your morning sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. Explore the Acropolis and view the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena and one of the world's greatest cultural monuments. Marvel at the Agora, the Royal Palace and the Temple of Zeus. Enjoy an included visit to the spectacular Acropolis Museum containing remarkable antiquities. See Hadrian's Arch, built to celebrate the arrival of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. Spend the rest of the day as you wish. In the evening perhaps choose to dine in a lively area of the city.



Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast



Day 3 : ATHENS - CORINTH - MYCENAE - EPIDAUROS - NAFPLION

Cross the mighty Corinth Canal to the Peloponnesian Peninsula and visit the ancient city of Corinth with your Local Specialist. In Mycenae – a mighty kingdom of ancient Greece and a military stronghold – see the Beehive Tombs, the Treasury of Atreus, the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace with your Local Specialist. Later visit the ancient theatre and view the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine in Epidauros with your Local Specialist. The rod of Asclepius, a snake-entwined staff, remains the symbol of medicine to this day. Arrive later in Nafplion where you will dine tonight at your hotel.

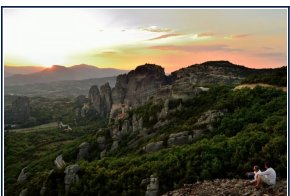


Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : Amalia Nauplia/Agamemmon



Day 4 : NAFPLION - OLYMPIA

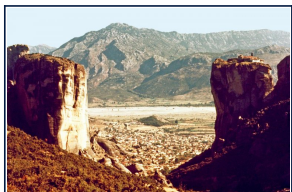
Enjoy a spectacular drive east across the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia. Connected to many gods and myths, Olympia is also the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening enjoy a Be My Guest dinner of authentic local cuisine on an olive farm.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Hotel : Amalia/Europa



Day 5 : OLYMPIA - PATRAS - DELPHI

Meet your Local Specialist and spend the morning visiting the ancient Olympic site and museum and the Temples of Zeus and Hera – the wife of Zeus and one of the most important deities in Greek mythology. Driving north to Patras, you cross the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece before continuing to Delphi.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Nafsika Palace/Aegli/Amalia

Day 6 : DELPHI - THERMOPYLAE - KALAMBAKA

Tour Delphi on the slopes of Mount Parnassos with your Local Specialist and see the site of the most important oracle in the classical world. Walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo dating from the 4th century. It was here that every four years athletes competed in the Pythian Games, dedicated to Apollo and the arts. A picturesque early afternoon drive brings you to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defence by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. After seeing the memorial, cross the fertile Thessaly region, the 'bread basket of Greece' and travel over the Pourmaraki Pass towards Kalambaka.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : Amalia/Dellas Boutique

Day 7 : KALAMBAKA - METEORA - ATHENS

Drive to Meteora, one of the largest and most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Greece. Visit two of the six monasteries built on sandstone rocks above the town with your Local Specialist. A scenic drive brings you back to Athens, where later you will enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your travelling companions.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Divani Palace Acropolis/Metropolitan

Day 8 : DEPART ATHENS

Say goodbye to your fellow travellers and Travel Director after an unforgettable journey or join one of the 3, 4 or 7 day Aegean Cruises. Airport transfers are available, conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Olympia, Delphi and Meteora

Visit the Acropolis, Acropolis Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi and the incredible rock monasteries in Meteora

View the Parthenon, the Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the ancient theatre and Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

See the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae

Dining

7 buffet breakfasts.

5 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Airport Transfers