



CLASSICAL GREECE DAILY ITINERARY

OCTOBER 30- NOVEMBER 7, 2017

DAY 1 - 10/30 - NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ~ATHENS: Depart New York Newark Liberty International Airport on our transatlantic flight to Athens

DAY 2 -10/31- ATHENS~PATRAS: After arriving at Athens Airport, we will be met by our tour guide and transferred to Patras and check into our hotel in Patras for the next three nights. **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel this evening.

- *Please refer to your enclosed hotel sheet for all details*
- *All meals included daily*
- *A portion of wine and mineral water will be included with dinner nightly*

DAY 3 -11/1- DELPHI: Following **breakfast**, this morning we will drive to Delphi where the ancient Greeks consulted the Oracle of Delphi beneath the shadow of Mount Parnassus. Legend says that through the High Priestess Pythia, Apollo spoke to rulers, generals and commoners alike. We will have **lunch** in Delphi today. The Archaiologikos Choros (Sacred Precincts) formed a square in the heart of Delphi and were considered the "touchstone" between gods and mortals. The Mouseion Delfon (Museum of Delphi) contains an excellent collection of archaic and classical relics. We will cross over the Rio-Antirrio Bridge (the world's longest multi-span cable-stayed bridge) to return back to our hotel in Patras for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 4 -11/2- OLYMPIA: Following **breakfast**, this morning we will enjoy a full-day of guided sightseeing to one of the most renowned sites in all of Ancient Greece - Olympia! Here, the concept of the Modern Olympic Games was born during a long-gone-by-era when Greek athletes of antiquity competed in honor of the King of Deities. We will learn about the history of those original Olympic Games as we walk among the remains of the Gymnasium and the Temples of Hera and Zeus. Another "don't-miss-site" in Olympia is the Museum, home to Praxiteles' monumental statue of Hermes. **Lunch** is also included today in Olympia. Later on we will return to our hotel in Patras for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 5 -11/3- THE PELOPONNESUS~ATHENS: Following **breakfast**, please check out of your room at the hotel. Today, we will have an early departure onboard our private motor coach and begin our tour of the Peloponnese, the famous peninsula of Southern Greece. First, we will tour the magnificent 4th century BC theater in the ancient religious and healing center of Epidaurus. Next on our agenda, is a visit to the military stronghold of Mycenae, which was a major center of Greek civilization during the 2nd century BC for a guided tour of the archaeological ruins. Along our route, we will stop for **lunch**. In the afternoon, we will continue our journey and we will cross the engineering wonder - the Corinth Canal - constructed in 1893 and was cut from sheer rock. Where we will stop to see where Saint Paul addressed the

Corinthians. Afterwards we will continue to Athens to check into the Hotel Metropolitan where we will have **dinner** tonight. Overnight.

DAY 6 -11/4- ATHENS: Following **breakfast**, this morning, we will enjoy our guided sightseeing of the landmarks of Athens, including a visit to the world-famous Acropolis, the most significant attraction in all of Greece! We continue with a guided sightseeing tour of the fabulous, new Acropolis Museum, overlooking the ancient Theater of Dionysus, focuses on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens and was opened in 2009. We will return back to the hotel for **lunch** this afternoon. Tonight we will enjoy a Greek *taverna* **dinner**. Overnight

DAY 7 -11/5- SARONIC ISLANDS TOUR: Following **breakfast**, this morning we will enjoy a day at sea visiting the three beautiful Saronic Islands- Hydra, Poros and Aegina. Hydra is the favorite island of the jet set, whose old traditional beautiful stone houses and mansions silently witness to a long and turbulent history. The small narrow stone paved streets await you to explore them on foot or by the island's traditional "vehicle" - the saddled donkeys... captivating walks along the old seaside promenade crystal clear waters, radiant fine craft shops and the beauty of Hydra will conquer you! Our stay in Hydra is about two hours. Then it is on to Poros, the smallest of the three islands that we visit, featuring a narrow strait offering a most enchanting view of the town of Poros. Our stay in Poros is about one hour before we continue on to Aegina, the largest of the three islands, known for its famous pistachios. Today our **lunch** will be onboard the vessel. Afterwards we will return to Athens for **dinner**. Overnight.

DAY 8 - 11/6-ATHENS: Following **breakfast** this morning, we will enjoy a morning walking tour of the famed Plaka District, a historic area filled with stores and cafes, followed by **lunch** in a local *taverna*. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Athens, pursue your own sightseeing, shop, or simply relax and enjoy. **Dinner** is at the hotel this evening. Overnight

DAY 9: -11/7- ATHENS~NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Following **breakfast** please check out of your hotel room, your bus with your escort will pick you up at 10:30 to go downtown/old town where you will have some extra time to enjoy shopping, sightseeing etc..... At 2:30 promptly the bus will transfer us to the airport in Athens where we will board our return flight to Newark Liberty International Airport.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE