

INSIGHT VACATIONS

The Art of Travelling in Style

GLORIES OF GREECE





KEY


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Hotels + Nights

① Scenic
Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

○ Optional Place
Visited

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 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO
Heritage Site

Day 1 | Welcome to Athens



An Insight host will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel, where there is time to settle in and relax. At 19:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and get to know your fellow travellers over a delightful evening of dinner and wine.

Meals: Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens.

Day 2 | Athens, City of Gods



Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion.

Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C. See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans.

Then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner from a fresh, seasonal menu.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Divani Meteora Hotel, Kalambaka.

Day 3 | The Pinnacles of Meteora



With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'in the air.' The massive pinnacles of smooth rock are ancient, yet could also be the setting for a science fiction tale. Visit one of the monasteries, that adds to the strange and beautiful landscape and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley.

The rest of the day is at your leisure. Why not explore with a relaxed walk on the nature trails? Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Natural History Museum.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Lively Trikala Town And Dinner - Experience the picturesque and lively town of Trikala, considered to have been the birth place of the "God of Medicine" Asclepius. Enjoy an orientation of the town; walk along the river side and the pedestrian streets in the company also of the locals out socializing for the evening. Afterwards Dine at a local restaurant Greek family style, and taste a variety of sumptuous dishes all served in the middle of the table, accompanied by plenty of wine!

Adult: 49.00 EUR

Day 4 | The Sacred Way and onto Olympia



Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall, with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels continue to Olympia, where dinner is served in your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Amalia Hotel Olympia/Olympion Asty.

Day 5 | Ancient Olympia



It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 B.C., in dedication to Zeus. See the ruined Temple of Zeus that was built to honour the ruler of the gods. Continue your exploration through time to the athletes gymnasium and the Ancient Stadium of Olympia with its characteristic arch. The start and finish points for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory, with a photo at the starting line.

In the evening, join a local chef for an entertaining cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek flavours, as you savour dishes prepared for your Highlight Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Amalia Hotel/Olympion Asty.

Day 6 | Mycenae and Nafplio



Today you leave the town of Olympia and begin your journey back to the Greek capital.

Stop for a visit at the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones, used to build the city walls. Later, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet the artisans at a family-run pottery studio and view beautiful works of art.

Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio known for its beautiful architecture, colourful shops and vibrant cafes.

Your journey continues, following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, before arriving in Athens.

In the evening enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner in true Greek style, paired with fine wine and good company.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens.

Day 7 | Depart Athens

This morning after breakfast, your Grecian odyssey comes to an end. Take a complimentary transfer to Athens Airport for your onward journey.

Meals: Breakfast