

# Big Classical Tour of Greece

## *Tour Itinerary*

DAY 1 - Athens - Corinth Canal - Nauplion - Mycenae - Tripolis - Megalopolis - Olympia - (D)

Leave by the coastal road to the Corinth Canal (short stop). Drive on and visit the Theatre of Epidauros famous for its remarkable acoustics. Then proceed to the Town of Nauplion (short 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 in Olympia, the cradle of the Olympic Games. (Dinner)

DAY 2 - Olympia - Ilia – Achaia - Corinthian Bay - Nafpactos (Lepanto) - Itea – Delphi - (D)

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 Ilia and Achaia until the magnificent bridge which is crossing the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion. Pass by the picturesque Towns of Nafpactos (Lepanto) and Itea, arrive in Delphi. Overnight. (Dinner)

DAY 3 - Delphi - Kalambaka - (D)

In the morning visit the archaeological Site and the Museum of Delphi. Depart for Kalambaka, a small Town situated at the foot of the astonishing complex of Meteora, gigantic rocks. Overnight. (Dinner)

DAY 4 - Meteora (Kalambaka) - Thessaly - Dion - Mount Olympos - Thessaloniki - (D)

Visit Meteora, among striking scenery, perched on the top of huge rocks which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless Monasteries, where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Depart from Kalambaka, drive through the plain of Thessaly and the valley of Tempa, arrive and visit the Archaeological Park of Dion. Admire also the gigantic figure of Mount Olympos, the highest mountain in Greece and home of the 12 Gods of Mythology. After the visit depart for Thessaloniki, the second largest and the most vibrant city in Greece. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 - Thessaloniki - Veria (Biblical Beroea) - Naoussa - Edessa - Pella - Thessaloniki - (D)

Depart in the morning for a unique approach to historical Macedonia. First stop at Veria (Biblical Beroea) to visit Saint Paul's Bema, and then stroll through the old Jewish neighborhood and the colourful market area. A walk in a city where past is present and around. Then proceed to Naoussa, to a site of exceptional beauty and importance: Aristotle's School, the impressive scenery where the great philosopher taught "the doctrines of morals and politics" to Alexander and the Macedonian youths. In only a few miles away is picturesque Edessa where we see the town's famous landmark, the Waterfalls. Then comes Pella, the capital of Alexander the Great. See the exquisite floor mosaics of the 4th century B.C. villas, in situ as well as in the new Museum. Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 - Thessaloniki - (D)

See in the morning the city that throughout the era of the Byzantine Empire, was the "co-reigning" city, second in population and prestige only to Constantinople. Visit unique monuments and feel the glorious Byzantine past in some of the oldest and most characteristic churches of the Christian world as well as in the Museum of Byzantine Culture, awarded with the Council of Europe's Museum Prize for the year 2005. Rest of the day free, to enjoy time in the lively center of the city. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 - Thessaloniki - Vergina - Thessaly - Lamia - Thermopylae - Thebes Athens - (B)

Drive to Vergina, to live the experience of a visit to the unique Museum, created in the Great Tumulus covering the royal tombs of Macedonia. See the astonishing findings from the tomb of King Phillip II, Alexander's father, and feel the thrill of the greatest discovery of the 20th century. After the visit we shall start driving south and through Thessaly, Lamia, Thermopylae (see the Leonidas' Monument) and Thebes, arrive in Athens late in the afternoon.

N.B. Please ladies for the visit of the Monastery you need a skirt and the gentlemen long trousers.

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**Legend:**

B : Breakfast    D : Dinner    L : Lunch

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## ***Price List***

<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Double / Twin PP</b>	<b>Triple PP</b>
01.04.2024	31.10.2024	-	-	-	-

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## ***Tour Details***

**In Brief**                      Prehistory, the Classical Period, roman Domination, The Byzantine Empire, the Crusades, Modern Times: Greece through the Centuries will unfold before you on these 7 days - 6 nights tour.

**Special Features**        You only need 7 days to visit this fantastic region of Greece.

**What's Included**        Transport by air-conditioned coach;  
Professional guide;  
Entrance fees;  
Pick up / Drop off to your hotel in Athens;  
All taxes, fees and handling charges;  
Breakfast and Dinner.

**What's Not Included**    Gratuities (optional);  
Drinks.

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## ***Hotels***

**Location**

**Hotel Name**

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## ***Departure Date***

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Finish Date</b>	<b>Day / Days</b>
A date is not scheduled.		

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