Athens & Classical Greece

Athens – 2 Days Delphi & Meteora circuit / 6 Days / 5 Nights

Day 1 **Athens Arrival at Athens International Airport**, reception and transfer to your hotel of choice. Free day to enjoy as you want. If the weather permits upon arrival in Athens, we propose to participate in an optional tour that we offer. (Cape Solunion or Athens by night Tour with Greek and traditional show (show).

Day 2 **Athens and city tour with Acropolis and Acropolis Museum.**

½ Day Athens City Tour includes a visit to the Acropolis archaeological site (Parthenon) and the New Acropolis Museum. After breakfast at the hotel, departure to see the city center, the Constitution Square (Syntagma), the Parliament House, the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University and the National Library. On your way to the Acropolis you see Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and stop for photos at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 took place. At the Acropolis we visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaeum, the temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheum and, finally, the Parthenon "harmony between matter and spirit", the monument that "brings order in the mind." Duration of the visit is approximately 3 hours, transfer to the hotel and accommodation.



Day 3 **Delphi**

After breakfast, pick up from the hotel for a 2-day excursion to Delphi and Meteora to explore some of the most famous sites on the Greek peninsula. Passing through the spectacular sites of Boeotia, Thebes and Levadia, our first stop is Delphi, the center of the earth and the universe for the ancient Greeks. Famous for its theater, the Temple of Apollo and its ancient ruins, Delphi was considered the navel of the world and played a very important role in the classical Greek world. We will visit the archaeological site and the Temple of Apollo, famous for its oracle. In the afternoon, we leave for Kalambaka, crossing the Thessaly plain in central Greece through the towns of Lamia (short stop) and Trikala. Kalambaka is a small town built at the foot of the majestic gray rocks of Meteora, just below the Monasteries (short stop for souvenirs). Accommodation in Kalambaka.



Day 4 Kalambaka & Meteora



Today, we leave in the morning for Meteora, on a cliff monastery excursion, visiting two different Byzantine monasteries, built on rock towers and offering fantastic views of the plain. Meteora is included in the list of UNESCO world heritage monuments. The monasteries sit atop sandstone towers, which provided monks with completely inaccessible retreats for centuries.

Meteora is considered one of the most beautiful areas of the Greek mainland and its group of monasteries is one of the country's most unique attractions. On our way back from the monasteries, there is an optional visit to a Byzantine-style icon factory. We return to Athens passing by the heroic monument of Leonidas, the king of Sparta at Thermopylae (short stop for photos).

The tour returns to Athens in the late afternoon.

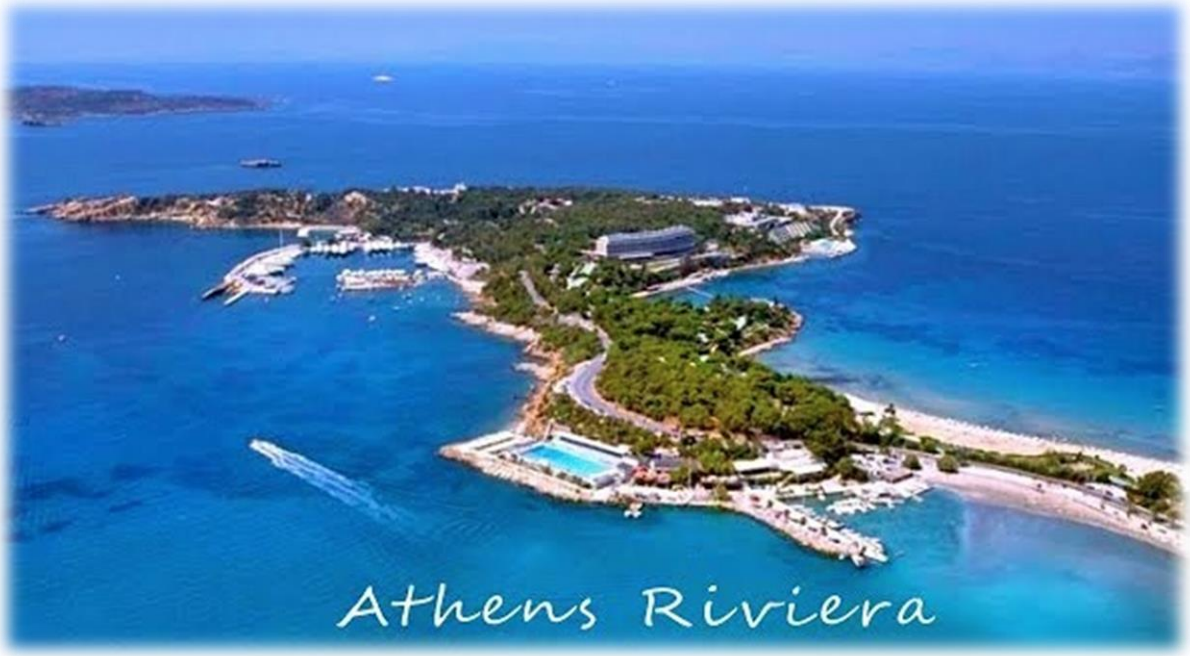
Day 5 Athens: FD Argolida (Mycenae & Epidaurus)

Free day to explore the city of Athens on your own or join one of our optional capture tours (FD Argolis with visit to Mycenae & Epidaurus & lunch, or many others).



Don't miss the opportunity to make the most of your stay in Athens by getting to know its daily life. Start the day with a walk through the city center of Athens, through the picturesque streets of Plaka and Monastiraki. Stroll through the flea market in the Monastiraki area or go shopping on Ermou Street, the main street of Athens.

Enjoy an afternoon coffee by the sea on the Athenian Riviera, where you can visit the Flisvos



marina or the Glyfada area. After some rest, a night in the Athenian bars in the city center is the perfect end to a wonderful day. We suggest a visit to the Kolonaki area to the chic bars or Karitsi Square if you want to experience the alternative form of nightlife.

Day 6 Departure from Athens

Breakfast at the hotel, morning free for last-minute shopping or strolling through the streets of Athens. Depending on your international departure flight, transfer to Athens International Airport.