



Best of Greece

September 30-October 10, 2022

On this Best of Greece tour, discover the best of historic and mythical—as well as modern—Greece. As the birthplace of Western civilization, Greece has some of the world's most fascinating archaeological sites. You'll travel to Olympia, legendary home of the Olympic Games, and Delphi, where people visited in ancient Greece to seek the advice of the Oracle. But that's not all...you'll experience modern Greece as well. Cross over one of the world's longest cable-stayed bridges, the spectacular Rion-Antirion Bridge, which links the Peloponnese peninsula to the Greek mainland. From the ancient ruins to contemporary engineering—with beautiful landscapes in between—this tour through Greece is designed for you!

Day 1, Friday, Sept. 30: Depart the U.S. Board your overnight flight and wake up in Athens.

Day 2, Saturday, Oct. 1: Athens. Welcome to Athens, Greece....The City of the Violet Crown. After getting settled, you meet your Tour Director this evening. Overnight at Golden Age Hotel or similar for 2 nights.

Day 3, Sunday, Oct. 2: Athens. Today you will have the chance to explore Athens on your own. Maybe visit one of the museums or stroll through the Plaka district. Cosmos will have some optional excursions available to purchase...such as a 3-island cruise, visiting Aegina, Poros and Hydra. (B)

Day 4, Monday, Oct. 3: Corinth & Nauplia. This morning you will have a guided tour of Athens, featuring the highlights of this ancient capital with a visit to the Acropolis. Next, cross the Corinth canal and head for the coast to Nauplia, known for its' castles, beaches and food. Overnight at Hotel Victoria or similar for 1 night. (B)

Day 5, Tuesday, Oct. 4: Epidaurus, Mycenae & Sparta. The journey starts with a stop in Epidaurus, located in the hilly countryside dotted with pine trees and oleanders. In this magnificent setting, visit the ancient open-air theater that can still seat 14,000 spectators. Next will be an excursion to the archaeological site and the museum of Mycenae, a city fortress cursed by the gods but rich in gold and warrior kings. You will finish the day in Sparta,



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Athens City Tour
- Visit to Acropolis
- Olive Oil Museum
- Excursion to Mycenae archaeological site
- Monasteries in Meteora
- Free day in Athens
- Sparta
- 3-Island Cruise (extra cost)
- Local Tour Director
- Daily Breakfast, 3 Dinners

where history hangs between reality and legend. Overnight at Maniatris Hotel or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 6, Wednesday, Oct. 5: Mystra & Olympia. A great day is planned as you enjoy a visit to the medieval Byzantine citadel of Mystra, at one time known as the “Florence of the East.” This archaeological site was once the second most important town after Constantinople. Before arriving in Olympia, you will stop for a visit to an olive oil museum. Overnight at Olympia Place or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

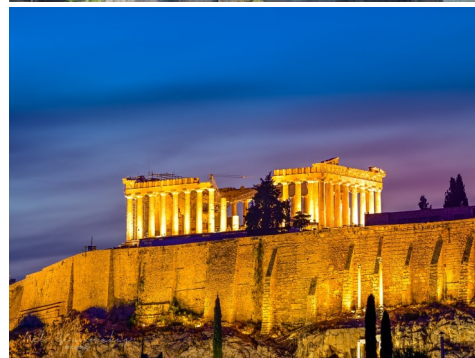
Day 7, Thursday, Oct. 6: Patras & Delphi. This morning you can explore Olympia, where the athletes of antiquity performed in honor of the king of deities. After your free time, drive north to Patras, the capital of the Peloponnese and the west coast’s largest port. Continue via the spectacular Rion-Antirion bridge through the picturesque fishing villages along the south coast of the mainland to legendary Delphi. Overnight at Hotel Apollonia or similar for 1 night. (B)

Day 8, Friday, Oct. 7: Kalambaka. Enjoy some free time this morning or join the optional tour of the archaeological site in Delphi. Once called the “Navel of the Earth”, Delphi was home to the greatest oracle of the ancient world, where people flocked to seek advice. Now, it’s one of the grandest sites in Greece. Overnight at Famissi Eden Resort Hotel or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 9, Saturday, Oct. 8: Meteora & Athens. You will take the short drive to Meteora, a cluster of spectacular Christian-Orthodox monasteries perches in an unforgettable manner on a set of rising rock formations. They were originally built by hermit monks living in caves carved into the rocks. Overnight at Golden Age hotel or similar for 2 nights. (B)

Day 10, Sunday, Oct. 9: Athens. You will have a full day at leisure to explore the unseen parts of the city, do last -minute shopping or maybe join the optional Greek dinner. (B)

Day 11, Monday, Oct. 10: Depart for home. There are two kinds of people.....Greeks, and everyone else who wish they were Greek” After touring around this beautiful country, you will forever be a little part Greek. Enjoy breakfast and then head back to the airport for your flight back to the United States. (B)



Tour Price (double occupancy)

\$1,529 per person

****Airfare and airport transfers not included. Please speak with your Burkhalter Travel Advisor about options.****

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