

Wonders of Ancient Greece featuring Athens, Meteora & Aegina Island

11 Days • 16 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners • Avg Group Size 37

Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings. This well-paced journey balances expeditions to Greece's important historic sites with ample time to explore on your own.

Highlights: Acropolis • Metéora Monasteries • Aegina Island • Olive Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class

 TRAVEL STYLE	Classic - See the highlights, feel the history, and experience the culture — all thoughtfully curated with time to take it in. These are the world's icons, done right.
 ACTIVITY LEVEL	Level 3: Active  See page 5 for more information
 ENHANCE YOUR TOUR	1 optional excursion available , see itinerary on page 2 Upgrade your accommodation , details on page 4
 EXTEND YOUR TOUR	Pre Tour: add a 3-Night Istanbul extension or arrive early with an extra night in Athens Post Tour: stay an extra night in Athens

Itinerary: Wonders of Ancient Greece



AT A GLANCE

On some dates similar accommodations will be used

Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza City Center	Athens
Day 4	Grand Meteora Hotel	Kalambaka
Day 5	Anemolia Mountain Resort	Arachova
Days 6, 7	Europa Hotel	Olympia
Days 8, 9	King Minos Hotel	Tolo
Day 10	Crowne Plaza City Center	Athens

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS	MUST-SEE HIGHLIGHTS	CULINARY INCLUSIONS
Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago. Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with an exclusive Greek dance class.	Take the ferry to Aegina Island to explore the town or nearby sites however you wish. Join a local expert to explore Athens and its famed sites. Explore the grandeur of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. View the Corinth Canal, one of the greatest engineering marvels of the 19th century.	Taste olive oil and homemade jams at a local farm in the Peloponnese countryside. Visit a family-owned distillery producing ouzo since 1869. Partake in a private Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek dinner.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza City Center or similar

Day 3: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for “highest city,” the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza City Center or similar

➕ **Optional Excursion:** Athens Local Food Tour - see details on [web](#)

Day 4: Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** Grand Meteora Hotel or similar

Day 5: Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova

This morning, visit Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries* situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** Anemolia Mountain Resort or similar

Day 6: Arachova - Delphi - Olympia

This morning, explore the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most significant religious centers during Classical times. A local expert leads you through the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum, home to an extraordinary collection of artifacts. It was here that the famed Oracle once offered prophecies that shaped the course of history. Continue your journey along the Gulf of Corinth and cross into the Peloponnese, arriving in the historic city of Olympia, a lasting symbol of ancient Greek achievement. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances during an exclusive Greek dance class. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** Europa Hotel or similar

Day 7: Olympia

Begin your day with a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – site of the first Olympic Games in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, visit a local farm in the countryside and meet the owners to gain insight into everyday rural life. Following your tour, enjoy a lunchtime tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades, and

traditional sweets. Later, learn to prepare some of the region's finest dishes as you take part in a private Mediterranean cooking experience, followed by a traditional Greek dinner. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** Europa Hotel or similar

Day 8: Olympia - Tolo

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside hotel in Tolo. En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. *Today breakfast will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** King Minos Hotel or similar

Day 9: Tolo - Nafplio - Tolo

Today, **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** King Minos Hotel or similar

Day 10: Tolo - Piraeus Port - Aegina Island - Athens

This morning, make your way to Piraeus Port in Athens, getting a view of the Corinth Canal along the way. Then, board a quick hour long ferry to Aegina Island. One of the Saronic Islands, Aegina is inhabited year-round, offering a glimpse into Greek island life. Spend your afternoon on this island, famed for its pistachios and fresh seafood, however you wish. Perhaps you'll soak up Aegina Town with its shops and local markets, or venture a little farther on your own by taxi to nearby archaeological sites. Gather with your fellow travelers to celebrate the end of a memorable trip over a farewell lunch before returning to Athens by ferry. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

🏨 **Accommodation:** Crowne Plaza City Center or similar

Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

See page 5 for essential tour information

Optional Hotel Upgrade Available

You may choose to upgrade your room at King Minos Hotel in Tolo to a sea view room overlooking the waters of Tolo Bay. Please inquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

Pre-Tour Extensions

Begin your tour earlier with a 3-night stay in Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures and legendary architecture. As the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, walk in the footsteps of centuries of travelers before you. From the towering Hagia Sophia to the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, you'll find an indescribable blend of nostalgia and modernity. Full of authentic flavors and legendary cultures, a trip to Turkey is not one you'll soon forget. Or would you like a pre night at Crown Plaza in Athens City?

- **Pre-Night Stay in Athens:** Arrive early and enjoy an extra night in Athens. This is an independent hotel stay before your guided tour begins.

OR

- **3-Night Istanbul Pre-Tour Extension**
 - **ACTIVITY LEVEL** - Level 3: Active
 - **EXTENSION STYLE - Guided:** Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

- **ITINERARY**

Day 1: Overnight Flight - Travel to Istanbul and immerse yourself in its vibrant history and culture.

Day 2: Istanbul, Turkiye - Arrive today in Istanbul, Turkiye's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West, Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. The city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires – which is seen through its blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity. Due to varied flight schedules, there are no included activities this evening.

Day 3: Istanbul - Discover the city with a local guide. Start your day at the Blue Mosque,* where vibrant blue tiles line the building's opulent interior walls. Then, visit Topkapi Palace, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. After free time for lunch, continue exploring Istanbul with your local expert and visit Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Wisdom. Make your way through the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, surrounding yourself with artisan crafts, buzzing energy, and exciting vendors. This evening, dive deeper in your exploration of Istanbul by sampling Turkish cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Istanbul - This morning, take in the high-rises and minarets of Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The remainder of the day is yours to spend however you choose! Explore the local boutiques or maybe taste the culture through Turkish favorites. Perhaps you

will choose to go on an optional excursion to a Hammam Turkish bath, where you'll enjoy an authentic scrub and foam bath. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Istanbul - Athens, Greece - Your tour ends today. Fly to Athens to begin your main tour. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Post-Tour Extensions

- **Post-Night Stay in Athens:** Extend your stay with an extra night in Athens. This is an independent hotel stay after your guided tour ends.

Essential Tour Information

What to Expect: Wonders of Ancient Greece

GROUP SIZE & AGE POLICY

Group Size: ***Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).***

PHYSICAL EFFORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Activity Level: The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Physical Requirements: In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. Accessing one of the two monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

Medical Equipment/ Devices: If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation Restrictions: Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Travel Requirements: Wonders of Ancient Greece

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY RULES

Passport/ Identification Requirements: Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Destination Entry/ Exit Requirements: Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

Customs and Immigrations: At the end of your tour, and upon returning to the U.S., please be prepared to fill out a Declaration Form for U.S. Customs. You are allowed to bring back up to \$800 USD per person of purchases duty free. (Dollar amount is subject to change without notice). There may be restrictions as to quantities and types of items that may be brought back to the United States. For purchases being shipped home, check with the store for the proper VAT forms and any shipping or duty fees that may apply.

What to Expect: 3-Night Istanbul Pre-Tour Extension

PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre/ Post Extension Type: This is a Fully Guided Extension. Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

Pre/Post Extension Minimum: This extension is offered on select dates and subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Please inquire at time of booking.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 3 travelers is not met to operate.

PHYSICAL EFFORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Activity Level: The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Physical Requirements: Travelers must be willing and able to embark and disembark the Bosphorus cruise boat by stepping on and off the deck.

Specific sites, such as the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, require walking and standing for longer periods of time.

Medical Equipment/ Devices: If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation Restrictions: Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Travel Requirements: 3-Night Istanbul Pre-Tour Extension

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY RULES

Visa Requirements: A visa for Turkiye is no longer required for U.S., Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand passport holders.

Destination Entry/ Exit Requirements: Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Terms and Conditions

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date. **Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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