



Grand Tour ATHENS 2024

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 3-night hotel accommodation in Athens
- Full day private guided Athens city tour (Including: Transportation, local guide, entrance to Acropolis, Museum and Ancient Agora)
- Half day private guided Cape Sounion tour (Including: Transportation, local guide, entrance to temple of Poseidon)
- All private transfers as mentioned.
- Entrance fees during guided sightseeing
- Daily breakfast
- 24-hour assistance phone number
- All taxes* (see important notes)

CRUISE INCLUDES

- On board Dining (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Snacks) (Vegetarian Meals included)
- Drink Package: Premium drink package.
- 25% discount on specialty dining
- 150 Euro or US\$ 160 (market depending) Excursion discount.
- 1 Hour Wi-Fi per day
- Port taxes, fees & port charges.
- Entertainment and daily activities
- Gratuities

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Meals (lunch and dinner), unless specified in the above "package includes."
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities

ITINERARY

Day 1 September 21:

Departure from IAD, Washington DC

Day 2 September 22:

Arrival transfer from Airport with Private Bus with A/C (+Driver) at disposal for 7 hours + Professional English-Speaking Guide + Entrance Fees to the Temple + Tolls & Taxes + Lunch by the Sea (Set Menu – Excluding Drinks)

Travel along the picturesque Apollo Coast to Cape Sounion (less than 40 miles from Athens), where you will visit the Temple of Poseidon. Poseidon occupied a position in Athenian founding mythology second only to Athena herself. The temple was built in 440 BC. C., on the ruins of a temple dating from the Archaic Period. It rises above the sea at a height of almost 60 meters. It is possible that the architect who built the temple of Hephaestus in the Agora of Athens also designed this temple. The temple was built in the austere Doric style and is in memory of King Aegean who, according to legend, jumped to his death from a cliff, thus giving his name to the Aegean Sea. Lord Byron, the poet, chose this temple to engrave his name on one of the columns in the 19th century and it can still be seen today. After the guided site tour, we will take the bus along the Athenian Riviera where after 30 minutes we will arrive at our designated restaurant to taste the core of Mediterranean cuisine. After we finish with lunch we will depart from Athens' south suburbs and head towards your hotel.

Accommodation: Titania hotel / 7 dbl/twin standard rooms on HB basis

Day 3, September 23:

Departure transfer to LAVRIO Port to Athens Center Hotel with English Speaking Assistant – cruise on their own

Day 4, September 24:

Cruise

Day 5, September 25:

Cruise

Day 6, September 26:

Cruise

Day 7, September 27:

Arrival transfer from LAVRIO port – Athens city hotel with English-speaking assistant.

Accommodation: Titania hotel / 7 dbl/twin standard rooms on HB basis

Day 8, September 28:

Delphi FD Tour with Archaeological Site, Museum (9-10 hrs.) Including

Private Bus (+ Driver) + Professional English-speaking Guide + Entrance Fees to the sites + Tolls and Taxes + Lunch excluded drinks.

In the morning we will visit part of the city of Delphi, "the navel of the universe" in the ancient world, one of the main religious centers of Antiquity, when the sanctuary of Apollo, god of harmony and music, guardian of Zeus' sacred laws, attracted countless pilgrims who They came to consult the oracle. We will walk along the Via Sacra decorated with countless offerings from Greek and foreign cities, until we reach the Temple of Apollo. In addition to the statues, the cities dedicated so-called treasures to the god to house offerings in the form of small temples, such as the treasure of Sifnos, the treasure of Thebes or the treasure of the Athenians, which we will visit. In addition to the entire monumental complex, including the oracle fool, a visit to the Delphi Museum is an absolute must when you are there. It is one of the most important museums in Greece, it houses the works of art found in Delphi in a simple and pleasant way. We will also see the famous statue of the Charioteer of Delphi, perfectly preserved, dating from archaic times and which was part of a bronze votive offering that represented the victorious chariot of the Olympic Games. Finally, we will start heading back to Athens and passing from the traditional villages of Arachova and Livadeia – famous for accommodating skiers in their stays to Parnassos mountain.

Accommodation: Titania hotel / 7 dbl/twin standard rooms on HB

Day 9, September 29:

Argolida FD Tour with Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus & Tomb of Agamemnon (9-10 hours) including

Private Bus (+Driver) + Professional English-Speaking Guide + Entrance Fees + Tolls & Taxes + Lunch excluded drinks. We leave Athens and make a brief stop at the famous Corinth Canal, which links mainland Greece with the Peloponnese peninsula, separating the Saronic Gulf from the Gulf of Corinth. We will go back three thousand years to visit the strategic enclave of the powerful Argolis, Mycenae, city of the Atrides cursed by the gods. Its impressive ruins evoke the memory of this fortress city from the 2nd millennium BC, 'rich in gold' in the words of Homer, which, ruled by warrior tyrants, plunderers, and hunters, was the cradle of the Mycenaean civilization. We will begin the visit by appreciating the Cyclopean walls, made with stones joined together without any mortar. We cross the famous Puerta de las Leonas, in which the symmetry of the forms is masterfully achieved. We thus enter the acropolis, where we can visit its palace and its circles of tombs, especially the Treasury of Atreus or Tomb of Agamemnon, the largest and most beautiful of all, with its majestic funerary chamber. We will also visit the museum of the archaeological site. Later we will delve into the culture of the 4th century BC, in a solitary area, in the middle of the gentle hills of Argolis, the remains of the sanctuary of Aesculapius appear, hero and god of Medicine, whose oracle came to consult all Ancient Greece. The beauty of the landscape, the majesty of its lines and the harmony of its proportions have made the Theater of Epidaurus the most accomplished example of the ancient world. Vision and acoustics are fully guaranteed from any part of the cave. Return to Athens around 7:00 p.m.

Accommodation: Titania hotel / 7 dbl/twin standard rooms on HB basis

Day 10, September 30:

Departure Transfer from Athens hotel – Athen's airport with English-speaking Assistant

PACKAGE PRICE:

NET price for the above package is \$ 5250.00 per person including tax.

Suggested accommodation:

Amalia hotel (4 star), Superior rooms

Celestyal Cruises, XB ocean view cabins

Important Notes:*Above itinerary is flexible on the starting date but please keep in mind that the cruise departs on Mondays.**

STANDARD PAYMENT

Once a partial or full payment is made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing (email or fax) and are in effect 24 hours after the date we receive them.

Cancellations up to 45 days prior to arrival: 20% charge of total package price. 45 to 30 days prior to arrival: 50% charge of total package price

Cancellations 29 or less prior to day of arrival, & no-show: No refund (100% penalty)