

Best of Greece

8 Days

1 Country

12 Meals

From US\$1950 Per person, twin share

Walk in the very place western civilisation was born as your travels reveal all the best of Greece highlights. From the other-worldly cliff-top Meteora monasteries to walking the Sacred Way as the ancients once did in Delphi, this journey back in time will bring centuries of history to life.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidauros, Olympia, Delphi and Meteora with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** the Acropolis and Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidauros, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock monasteries in Meteora
- **View** the Parthenon, Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidauros and the battle site at Thermopylae
- **See** the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae

Your holiday

Day

1 Welcome to Athens Put the 'oh' in *opa* and embark on an unforgettable exploration of an ancient land of gods and goddesses, myths and legends. Your springboard to your spellbinding holiday is the vibrant capital of Athens, an effortless mix of ancient treasures and modern verve, which you will have an opportunity to explore after being transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Reception, including a light meal and welcome drink. (WR) **Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis**

2 Explore Amazing Athens Join your *Local Specialist* for a guided sightseeing tour to the ancient complex that was once the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation'. We'll have an opportunity to explore the Acropolis with its treasures and admire the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, the Royal Palace, Temple of Zeus and the Agora. *Dive Into Culture* and see remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum, and see Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, people-watch in Syntagma Square or go in search of the city's tastiest souvlaki. (B, )

3 Journey to Corinth, Mycenae and Nafplion We depart Athens crossing the mighty Corinth Canal to the wild Peloponnese Peninsula. Arriving in Corinth, we join a *Local Specialist* to explore an ancient city that several empires fought over throughout the centuries. We continue to Mycenae, a mighty kingdom of Ancient Greece, where we'll see the Beehive Tombs (the Treasury of Atreus), the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace, in the company of a *Local Specialist*. Later, we'll travel to Epidaurus to visit the ancient theatre and view the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine, whose snake-entwined staff remains the symbol of medicine to this day. (B, D) **Hotel: Amalia Nafplio**

4 Continue to Ancient Olympia We traverse the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening, we *Connect With Locals* joining the Karambellas family for dinner on their olive and wine farm at a *Be My Guest* experience featuring traditional dancing and characteristic Greek *philoxenia*. (B, BMG, ) **Hotel: Amalia Olympia**



Olympia olive oil tasting. Toast to good times and new friends with the Karambellas family on their olive farm where you'll taste their treasures and enjoy dinner and a dance. Read more at trafalgar.com.

5 Onwards to Patras and Delphi We join a *Local Specialist* this morning to delve into centuries of history. We'll visit the ancient Olympic site, the museum and the ruined remains of the Temples of Zeus and Hera. Leaving Olympia, we skirt the coastline north to Patras, crossing the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece before continuing to Delphi, our home for the night. (B) **Hotel: Amalia Delphi**

6 Off to Thermopylae and Kalambaka Tread in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks, who would descend on the sanctuary of Delphi to consult with the most important oracle in the classical world. Join your *Local Specialist* and walk the Sacred Way to the 4th-century Temple of Apollo. View the statues immortalising the strength of the athletes who once competed in the Pythian Games held in honour of Apollo and the Arts. A scenic afternoon drive brings us to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defence by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. We cross the lush Thessaly region, the 'breadbasket of Greece', then travel over the Pourmaraki Pass towards Kalambaka. (B, D) **Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka**

7 Admire Meteora and Return to Athens The UNESCO World Heritage monasteries of Meteora are our first stop today. Join a *Local Specialist* to visit two of the six Eastern Orthodox monasteries that cling impressively to immense, rounded rock towers overlooking the town. A scenic drive returns us to Athens, where we'll enjoy a rousing Farewell Dinner with our travel companions and reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece. (B, FD) **Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis**

8 Farewell Athens We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey or join a 3, 4 or 7-day Aegean cruise. See pages 134-135. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Greek Island Hopper Add-on

Why not add our 'Greek Island Hopper' trip after your visit to the mainland? Visit trafalgar.com and view full itinerary details for 'Best of Greece With Island Hopper'.

Trip code: **AGBH**

Optional Santorini Extension

Extend your time in Greece with a 3-night visit to Santorini. The Santorini Extension will start on Day 8. Visit trafalgar.com for itinerary details.

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Your 2022 Holiday Planner

Start Athens	End Athens	Start Athens	End Athens
■ Fri 07 Jan	Fri 14 Jan	★ Fri 19 Aug	Fri 26 Aug
■ Fri 04 Feb	Fri 11 Feb	Mon 22 Aug	Mon 29 Aug
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■ Mon 28 Mar	Mon 04 Apr	Fri 16 Sep	Fri 23 Sep
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■ Fri 01 Apr	Fri 08 Apr	Fri 23 Sep	Fri 30 Sep
■ Mon 04 Apr	Mon 11 Apr	Mon 26 Sep	Mon 03 Oct
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- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- ★ **Festive Meals:** Christmas and New Year's Eve dinners have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season. Travel to Europe often requires an overnight flight. Please arrange flights to arrive on or before Day 1.
- ◆ **Reversed Itinerary:** The departures marked will operate in reverse and may stay in alternative hotels to those listed opposite. All sightseeing and inclusions will remain as described.
- ★ **Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 20 - 100% discount on our standard single supplement.

Your 2023 Holiday Planner

If you're looking even further ahead, this trip departs every Monday and Friday from April to October 2023. Visit our website for dates and today's best prices.



Connect With Locals
WR Welcome Reception
B Breakfast



Stays With Stories
L Lunch
D Dinner



Dive Into Culture
RD Regional Dinner
FD Farewell Dinner



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