

## ANCIENT GREECE – MYTHS & LEGENDS

### THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP

**7 Days: Athens, Poros & Hydra day cruise, Delphi, Mycenae, Olympia, Aegina, Epidaurus, Nafplion, Corinth Canal**

#### **Tour Overview**

This tour starts in Athens with a panoramic tour of the historic landmarks of the city. A guided visit to the Acropolis to see the temple of Athena Nike, the Parthenon, and more. Next, we will transfer to the port of Trokadero for a day cruise to the islands of the Saronic gulf. Delphi is up next for a day full of admiring the amazing sights and learn the history. Then experience the wonders of the Ancient Olympia Complex, where the original Olympic Games were held. We see Nafplion, and Mycenae and a stop will be made in Peloponnese to see the Corinth canal.

Weather in November is mild and the crowds are gone.

#### **MON 13 NOV - Day 1: Arrival / Athens**

**(D)**

Arrive at Athens airport, welcome assistance, and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. In the evening we will gather again and after a briefing about our tour, we head at a local restaurant for welcome dinner. Return transfer to the hotel for overnight.

**Accommodation: Hotel St. George Lycabettus 5\* - 2 Nights**

<https://www.sgl.gr/>

#### **TUE 14 NOV - Day 2: Athens city tour / Athens**

**(B,L,D)**

The day is dedicated to exploring the city of Athens. Our day begins with our guided visit to the Acropolis, including the Propylae, the temple of Athena Nike, the Parthenon, the Erechtheion. From here, we continue on foot along Diorysiou Aeropagitou street, to the Acropolis museum, voted one of the best museums in Europe, where artifacts, including the Caryatides have found their home. After our visit, we continue for our walking tour through Plaka, the picturesque old part of the city with narrow streets and neo-classical buildings, by the tower of Winds, and through Monastiraki with the famous flea market, to Adrianou street, next to the ancient Greek and Roman agora. Our walk will conclude at a typical Greek restaurant for lunch, for typical Greek delicacies. After lunch and a short walk to Thisio, we board our coach again and continue with a panoramic tour to the most important monuments and landmarks of the city including the Panathinaikon stadium, the Zappeion, the temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Syntagma square, Parliament, tomb of the unknown soldier, Schliemann's house, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the old Parliament. Our panoramic tour will end at our hotel for some rest. In the evening, we gather again and

head to a local restaurant with live Greek music for dinner with the locals. Return transfer to our hotel.

**WED 15 NOV - Day 3: Day Cruise to Aegina, Poros & Hydra / Athens**

**(B,L)**

Early breakfast this morning and we transfer to the port for a day cruise to the islands of the Saronic gulf. Our first port of call will be Hydra. A picturesque little “vehicle-free” island, well-known to the international jet-set. Take a donkey ride, explore the little cobble-stoned streets, and visit the Mitropolis at your own pace. Next, we visit the island of Poros with its clock tower facing the Peloponnese. Last will be a visit to Aegina, a weekend retreat island for many Athenians. Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride. Before leaving make sure to buy some pistachios, as Aegina is world-famous for its production. During cruising, you enjoy a buffet lunch on board, and on the way back you will have to opportunity to see and participate in some traditional Greek dances. Return transfer to our hotel for the evening.

**THU 16 NOV - Day 4: Delphi / Olympia**

**(B,L,D)**

We depart from Athens this morning to head towards central Greece and the village of Delphi. Built on the slopes of mount Parnassos, with great views to the Corinthian gulf and the olive groves, Delphi used to be the most sacred spot in the world and a pilgrimage center for many centuries in antiquity. We admire the Sanctuary of Apollo, walk the Sacred way, and visit the temple of Apollo, home of Pythia (the oracle). We continue to the local museum with the famous bronze statue of the Charioteer. After our visits, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we drive through Itea and Nafpaktos, over the impressive Rio-Antorio bridge, and around Patras, to Olympia for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation: Hotel Europa 4\* - 1 Night**

[www.hoteleuropa.gr](http://www.hoteleuropa.gr)

**FRI 17 NOV - Day 5: Olympia / Nafplio**

**(B,L,D)**

Built on the banks of the River Alfios, Olympia is beautiful, green, and placid. We enjoy a tour through the remains of the Ancient Olympia Complex (home of the original Olympic Games), including the Temple of Zeus, the Palaestra, and Phidias’s Workshop. We continue to the local museum, one of the richest in Greece, with the impressive statue of Hermes of Praxitelis. We then head for lunch at a local restaurant, and later in the afternoon, we cross the mountains of central Peloponnese, to arrive in Nafplion, for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation: Hotel Amalia 4\* - 1 Night**

<https://www.amaliahotels.com/nafplio/hotel/>

**SAT 18 NOV - Day 6: Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth canal, farewell dinner / Athens** **(B,D)**

After breakfast, we depart and head to Epidaurus, one of the most important healing centers in antiquity and today known for its best-preserved ancient theater in Greece, famous for its acoustics. After our visit, we continue to Nafplio. We take a short walking tour of the old town with the Neoclassical buildings and have some free time for lunch (on own). Our day continues

to Mycenae, «rich in gold» as Homer mentions, with the Cyclopean walls, and the tomb of Agamemnon with the famous Lion's Gate. After our visit, we continue for our return drive to Athens, making a short stop on the way, to admire the impressive Corinth canal. Check-in and free time to refresh, and later we gather again for our farewell dinner with great views to the city and the Acropolis.

**Accommodation: Hotel St. George Lycabettus 5\* - 2 Nights**

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**SUN 19 NOV - Day 7: Departure**

**(B)**

Breakfast and at the appropriate time transfer to the airport for the departure flight **Greece**

**November 2022 – Post Tour Extension**

**The Women's Travel Group**

**Extension to Santorini (3 Nights)**

**Day 7 – SUN, 19 NOV 23: Athens – Santorini**

Be transferred this morning from our hotel to the Athens International Airport to board the flight to Santorini

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Upon arrival in Santorini, please collect luggage and proceed to the exit for transfers to our hotel in Fira. Rest of the day at leisure

**Accommodation: Rocabella, Superior rooms – 3 Nights - Breakfast**

<https://www.rocabella-hotel-santorini.com/stay/>

**Day 8 – MON, 20 NOV 23: Santorini**

**Santorini Classic Highlights Tour (Shared)**

Enjoy an all-day pure Santorini experience that you can't miss! Joining this tour you will discover authentic Santorinian villages, details about the wine heritage of the island, amazing caldera landscapes and volcanic beaches, and you will have the opportunity to enjoy your lunch by the sea escorted by an English speaking guide. The Santorini Classic Highlights Tour concludes with Santorini's most treasured moments as we will take you to the village of Oia to enjoy the magnificent sunset! Embark on a tour that will take you only to the best of Santorini!

**Day 9 – TUE, 21 NOV 23: Santorni**

Day at leisure

**Day 10 – WED, 22 NOV 23: Santorini – Athens - Home**

Be transferred this morning from your hotel to the Santorini Thira Airport to board the flight to Athens

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Upon arrival in Athens, connect with onward international flights home.

***Note: Flights are not included in the Extension package and are strictly for guidance. The return flight from Santorini to Athens can be booked depending on the departure time of the international connection.***

**Quotation & Conditions of Contract:**

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS Per Person on Sharing Basis:**

**10 – 14 travelers**

**PER PERSON**

**\$2770**

**Deposit \$700 for main tour**

**Deposit \$300 for Santorini**

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT**

**PER PERSON**

**\$690**

**Extension to Santorini:**

**Land Arrangements Per Person on Sharing Basis:**

**PER PERSON**

**\$TBA**

**Single Supplement:**

**Per Person**

**\$TBA**

**AIRFARE UPON REQUEST**

**Inclusions:- Main Tour**

- ✓ Accommodation on BB, 4 nights in Athens, 1 night in Olympia and 1 night in Delphi
- ✓ Welcome & Farewell Dinner with wine in Athens
- ✓ Other Meals – 4 Lunches & 4 Dinners
- ✓ Deluxe a/c coach throughout the tour for all transfers and visits according to the above itinerary
- ✓ Whisper Headsets throughout your trip
- ✓ Porterage in & out at the hotels listed above
- ✓ Professional qualified English-speaking escort from Day 1 – Day 7
- ✓ Accommodation for Tour Escort in Olympia & Delphi
- ✓ The day cruise to Aegina, Poros and Hydra (including lunch and dances on board)
- ✓ Entrance fees to the various sites and museums
- ✓ All taxes and our services (except for the “overnight stay” tax - please refer below)

**Not included:**

- Personal expenses
- Meals other than those mentioned above
- Beverages during included meals. (wine is included for welcome and farewell dinners)

Hotel City taxes need to be paid directly – An average of € 3.5 per person per night.

**Extension Inclusions:**

- Accommodation at Rocabella Santorini Hotel with Breakfast – 3 Nights
- Shared Transfers
- Shared Sightseeing

**Not included**

- Personal expenses
- Flights
- Gratuities
- Meals

**Terms and Conditions:**

***COVID-19 and your personal responsibility:***

*Countries welcoming you and allowing open travel will have a Covid-19 rule-set in place. Visitors must be familiar with these requirements and are expected to adhere to all rules. Requirements will differ from country to country and may also change over time. It is therefore important that all travelers are secure in their understanding of what will be expected of them before departing their home and upon entering a foreign destination. Please ask your SITA Travel Expert about the specific entry requirements. Furthermore, understand that COVID-19 may be present anywhere. The World Health Organization and medical experts have stated that older citizens, as well as guests with existing health challenges, are exposed to heightened risks. It is important that travelers take personal responsibility for their well-being and strictly follow instructions, whether given verbally or through public announcements and signage. When traveling with SITA World Tours you agree to accept all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19. At SITA World Tours we encourage adherence to hygiene and distancing rules and sincerely wish that all of our guests travel safe and remain healthy*

**Airfares:** Based on current fares and subject to change without notice UNTIL TICKETED. Airfares are based on the current lowest fare, and subject to availability of the applicable class of service. It may be necessary to re-quote a fare at the time of booking, depending on availability. At the time of final payment, please check for any applicable increase in taxes and fuel surcharges. Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once ticketed. Details will be provided on request. **Please note that effective Jun 01 2019 it is mandatory to provide the passenger contact details - Tel # & Email - to the airline,** in order that they may provide updates directly to the passenger regarding schedule changes, flight delays, or cancellations. The passenger has the right, not to provide the contact

details, but the travel agency issuing the ticket requires notification of such refusal in writing, which will be added to the ticketing record.

**\*\*Insurance:** We strongly recommend Travel Insurance

**Inoculations:** We recommend that you contact Passport Health at 1-888-499 7277 or [www.passporthealthusa.com](http://www.passporthealthusa.com) for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

**Tour Reservations:** SITA requires a deposit of \$700.00 per person to commence reservations, of which \$350 is non-refundable. This amount will be adjusted with the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

**Tour Payments:** SITA accepts tour payments by Agency check and /or by clients Visa, Master & American Express credit cards. Signed statement on SITA form required by each client charging on credit cards unless payment is made electronically. Copy of form will be supplied by SITA. SITA does not accept 3rd party credit cards.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations received 90 days to 60 days prior to departure: 50% non-refundable. Within 60 days of departure 100% of the tour price is nonrefundable. We strongly advise you purchase travel insurance to safeguard your travel investments.

If you change to a single from a share and we cannot replace your share, we will bill you \$400 to protect your intended share.

Please refer to SITA's website for other applicable details. Your deposit for the tour is your acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.

The Women's Travel Group Terms & Conditions will take precedence when there appears a conflict with the general Terms & Conditions set forth by SITA World Tours.

**Tour documents:** Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 20-10 days prior to departure.