

# VISITING ANCIENT CITIES

## 8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Athens

Upon arrival in Athens you will be met at the airport by our representatives and transferred to your hotel.

Balance of day at leisure. Overnight in ATHENS.

#### Day 2 - Athens & The ACROPOLIS

Enjoy a morning tour of Athens. Visit includes the Acropolis and its Museum. Balance of day at leisure. Acropolis Hill includes the Parthenon (main temple) the best example of classic architecture of the 5th century BC, Erechtheion ( the temple with 6 female figures, Caryatides), Temple of Athena, Propylaia and the theatre of Herodotus Atticus Dionysos theatre and the first ancient court ( Mars Hill of Areios Pagos) . We will continue with a stop at the temple of Olympian Zeus , the Panathenian Stadium where the first Olympic games on 1896, we will continue to see the changing of guards in front of the Greek Parliament

Optional tour: We recommend for tonight "Athens by Night" including dinner and entertainment, cost p.p.

Or "Sound and Light and Greek Folk Dances" cost p.p.

Overnight in ATHENS

#### Day 3 - Athens - Aegina - Poros - Hydra

After breakfast, transfer to the pier for a full-day Saronic cruise, visiting the islands of Aegina, Poros and Hydra.

Aegina (Aigina, Egina, Egine, Ägina) is located 26 km / 16 miles below Athens, is part of the Saronic islands group and can easily be reached within 40 minutes from Piraeus.

Poros is a relaxing place for family vacations. The Town, constructed on the slopes of a hill, is the center of most activities on the island. The most tourist place is Askeli, a sandy beach with clean water and lined up with many tourist facilities.

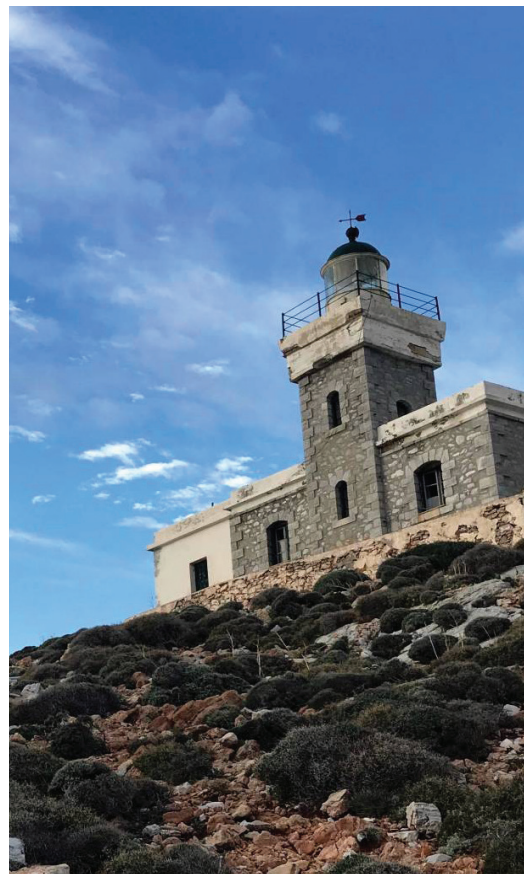
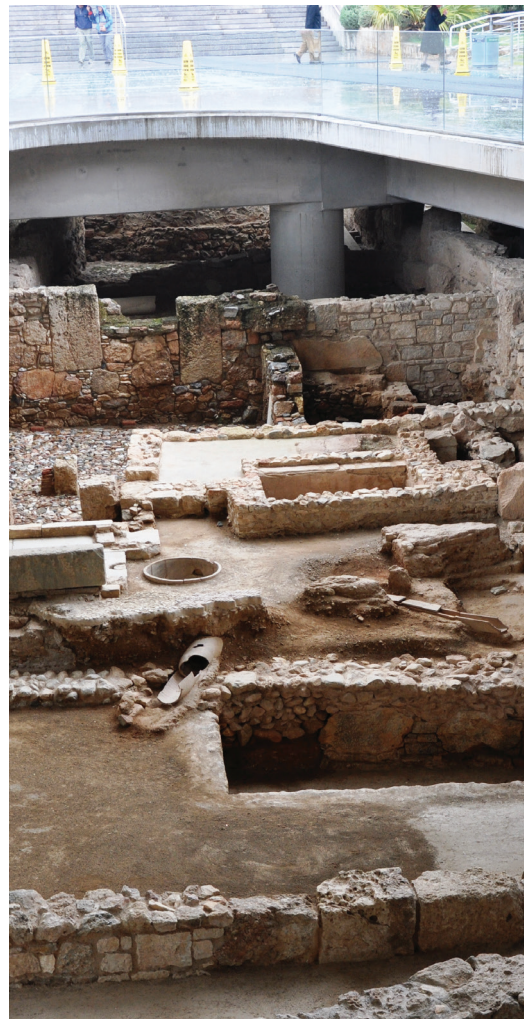
The town of Hydra island, which is the centre of the whole island, is built amphitheatrically around the port, combining nature and architecture. It's in the unique architecture and graphic scenes throughout the Island, or perhaps it's in its long history and rich heritage, or even - a fusion of all.

Lunch on board is included. Return in early evening and transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 4 - Athens - Nauplia

Departure for your 4 Day Classical Tour. Visit Corinth, Mycenae and Ancient Epidaurus and overnight in Nafplio, dinner.

Mycenae, One of the most significant archaeological destinations in Greece and a Unesco World Heritage site. The most important, and lavish, palatial centre of the Late Bronze Age in Greece: Hom-



er's "gold-rich Mycenae". According to the mythology of Ancient Greece, its founder was Perseus, son of Zeus and Danae. The myth of the Cyclops and the story of Heinrich Schliemann's discovery of the so-called Mask of Agamemnon is fascinating, as is a tour of the archaeological site in the Peloponnese.

Ancient Epidaurus, A living ancient theatre, a one-of-a-kind archaeological site and the famous Asclepius of antiquity – all within a natural landscape that makes for an ideal beach and culture holiday.

Nafplio, a stunning seaport town, consisting of fortresses, neoclassical buildings, old neighbourhoods, wide sidewalks and large squares. A town brimming with life that preserves its legends and entices you into its mystical ambience. It was the Venetians' "Naples of the East" and the first capital of Greece.

Overnight in Nafplio.

#### **Day 5 – Nauplia – Ancient Olympia**

The scenic drive through Central Peloponnese will lead you to Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic games.

City tour and overnight in Olympia.

#### **Day 6 – Olympia – Delphi**

Continue in Delphi, sanctuary of ancient Greek god Apollo. Overnight in Delphi, dinner.

#### **Day 7 – Delphi – Athens**

In the morning visit the sanctuary of Apollo Pythios and the museum. Return to Athens via Levadia and Thebes, arriving early in the evening. Overnight in ATHENS.

#### **Day 8 – Athens**

After breakfast, transfer is provided to the airport for your home-bound flight.

#### **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Private coach or vehicle for all the visits and transfers
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- 4 nights Accommodation in Athens based on BB or HB in 4\* or 5\* hotels (variety of boutique charming hotels handpicked and tailor made to your wishes), 1 night in NAFPLIA, one night in ANCIENT OLYMPIA & 1 night in DELPHI.
- Breakfast Daily
- Athens city tour - halfday -
- 4 Day Classical Tour on half board basis
- One day Saronic Cruise with lunch

Local Representation & Personal Assistance/service 24/7

Guided Tours, activities & unique experience

The price is tailor made on final accommodation choices, travel dates, and other preferences.

