

# ATHENS, METEORA, VOLO, PILION, ATHENS

## Included With Every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Tour – Guide and official Guide where needed
- 4 night in in Selected Luxury Accommodations in Athens and 3 nights in Selected Luxury accommodation in VOLOS
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners as stated in the program
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- Sightseeing tours and activities as per itinerary one bottle of water daily

## Exclusions

- International airfare throughout the program
- International airport taxes, airport porter and extra baggage
- Meals other than those specified as included in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (minibar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides/drivers/porters/hotel, restaurant, or boat staff etc.
- Drinks or personal expenses or entrance fees for any extra sightseeing or optional activities
- All services which are not mentioned on the program above
- Optional tours

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# WELCOME TO ATHENS

## Day 1. Arrival in Athens

Pick-up from Athens International Airport. Check in to hotel. Optional Folklore night. Overnight in Athens.

## Day 2. Athens Acropolis and the Parthenon

After having breakfast your exploration of Athenian history begins with a tour into the Acropolis Hill. An ancient, fortified citadel built on a rocky hill which houses several ancient structures constructed in the 5th century BC such as the Erechtheion, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike and of course the Parthenon. The Acropolis and its monuments are considered as symbols of the classical spirit and civilization and form the greatest architectural and artistic complex passed by the ancient Greeks to humanity. The Parthenon, which was constructed as a temple in honour of the goddess Athena Parthenos, is one of the most famous structures in the world. Its decorative sculptures are regarded as the highlights of classical Greek art and the Parthenon is considered a timeless symbol of Ancient Greece, democracy, and Western civilization. The new Acropolis Museum was built to house all artifacts found on the archaeological site of the Acropolis. Designed by the Bernard Tschumi architecture office, in this modern museum visitors will admire its highlights such as the Caryatids, the Moschophoros, the Temple of Athena Nike frieze and many other brilliant examples of classical art. Following the Acropolis experience, there will be free time for exploring the Athens city centre. Recommended places are the Hellenic Parliament (which was originally built to be used as a Royal Palace), and the alleys of Plaka. Plaka is one of the oldest neighbourhoods of Athens, just below the Acropolis Hill, known for its picturesque neoclassical houses and its authenticity. It is also an area full of restaurants, jewelry stores, tourist shops and cafes. Transfer to hotel and overnight in Athens.

## Day 3. Athens Free day

Breakfast and Free day in Athens .

## Day 4. Meteora

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Meteora . Is a rock formation in the regional unit of Trikala, in Thessaly, in northwestern Greece, hosting one of the most prominent complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries, viewed locally as second in importance only to Mount Athos. Twenty-four monasteries were established atop the giant natural pillars and hill-like rounded boulders that dominate the local area, mainly from the second half of the 14th century under the local rule of Simeon Uroš. After visiting Meteora you have free time at Kalampaka. Transfer and overnight to Hotel in Volos.

## Day 5. Pilon

Breakfast and depart to visit the villages of Mt pelion, and witness the Magic Mountain that stands between Pagasitikos Gulf and the Aegean sea. This paradise is full of drinking fountains, plane and apple trees, oaks, gardenias, hydrangeas and camellias. Mount Pelion took its name from the mythical king Peleus, father of Achilles. It is the homeland of Chiron the Centaur, tutor of the ancient Greek heroes Jason, Achilles, Theseus and Heracles.

Firt stop is **Portaria** is one of the most cosmopolitan villages of Pelion, bustling with life since it hosts visitors throughout the year. Situated at the foot of Mount Pelion, it's the first village one gets to from Volos. Its popularity as a travel destination and its accompanying cosmopolitanism spring from its vicinity both to a skiing resort and also to the sea. Luxurious hotels, traditional hostels, rooms to let, restaurants and tavernas, coffee shops, bars, and shops selling souvenirs and traditional folk art items meet all visitors' tastes and needs. Then we will continue to visit Makrinitza, the balcony of Mt. Pelion.

**Makrinitza** known for offering one of the best panoramic views to Volos and the Pagasetic Gulf has retained the traditional Pelian architecture and construction. So one can admire its renovated lordly mansions, its romantic stone paved alleys, its elaborate fountains, its super centenarian plane trees and its lovely flowers, which all make Makrinitza one of the most breathtaking destinations of Pelion. There are also interesting art cafes and galleries revealing the artistic interests of its local people. Later in the evening return back to Volos free time . Overnight in Volos

## Day 6. Volos free day- Optional cruise

Breakfast and Free day in Volos . Optional Cruise in Volos where you will explore Pagasitikos gulf, you will visit unreachable islands and the beautiful island of Trikeri or Skiathos. Return back in the evening. Free time in Volos. Overnight in Volos.

## Day 7.

After Breakfast we will return to Athens. overnight in Athens.

## Day 8. Athens- return flight

Breakfast and transfer to Airport. Flight back home.

