

# ATHENS, NAFPLIO, EPIDAUROS, MYCENES, 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 2 nights in Selected Luxury accommodation in Nafplion
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners as stated in the program
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- Saronic -island Cruise with Lunch
- Sightseeing tours and activities as per itinerary one bottle of water dailly

## 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 to Nafplio

After an early wake-up and breakfast, transfer to Nafplio.

One of the most beautiful towns in the area of Argolis (in eastern Peloponnese) as well as one of the most romantic cities all over Greece, Nafplio was the first capital of the newly born Greek state between 1823 and 1834. According to mythology, the town was founded by Nafplios, the son of God Poseidon and the daughter of Danaus (Danaida) Anymone. The town's history traces back to the prehistoric era when soldiers from here participated in the Argonautic expedition and the Trojan War alike. The town declined during the Roman times and flourished again during the Byzantine times. Frankish, Venetian and Turkish conquerors left their mark in the town and strongly influenced its culture, architecture and traditions during the centuries. Ancient walls, medieval castles, monuments and statues, Ottoman fountains and Venetian or neoclassical buildings mesmerize the visitor with their unique architecture and beauty.

Overnight in Nafplio.

## Day 4. Epidaurus & archaeological Site of Mycenae

Following a fulfilling breakfast at the hotel of Nafplio, transfer to Epidaurus.

The seductive Siren of the Saronic Gulf

Epidaurus: for many people, this word brings to mind the town's Ancient Theatre (c. 340–330 B.C.), a renowned monument included in UNESCO's World Heritage Site list as part of the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the god of medicine for the ancient Greeks. The dramatic performances staged in this

theatre were watched by the god's patients, during their stay at the healing centre. Since the 1950s, ancient theatre plays have been performed here every summer, as per the Athens & Epidaurus Festival programme.

We will continue with archaeological Site of Mycenae. Following in the footsteps of Mythology.

The charming and peaceful land of Argolida holds, within the bowels of its earth, one of the most important civilisations ever to see the light of day: the Mycenaean civilisation. Mycenae – the city of the legendary Agamemnon. Free time in Nafplion Overnight in Nafplio.

## Day 5. Athens

Breakfast at hotel , transfer to ATHENS free time for last-minute shopping and photos . Overnight in ATHENS

## Day 6. Athens -Hydra-Poros-Aegina

The cosmopolitan HYDRA with its cobblestone alleys, its unspoilt-over the centuries- unique architectural beauty, as well as the traditional means of transportation that can find on the island, its donkeys, will make the visitors fall in love with it at first sight. Enjoying a walk and discover the historic landmarks.

Leafy island POROS, with an insuperable natural beauty and thousands of pine trees, expanding from the steep and sandy beaches, making the romance and calmness island.

The historical AEGINA , which took its name by the beautiful nymph that , was kidnapped by Zeus. Aegina is well known across the world for the delicious pistachios, the beautiful beaches, the Temple of Aphaea and St.Nektarios Monastery. Additionally, our guests could book transportation, breakfast on board and excursions in the islands, with extra fees. Our company organizes shore excursions are Hydra walking tour, swimescape to Agistri Island with traditional boat from Aegina and the experiences of Afaia Ancient Temple and the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St.Nektarios on Aegina by bus. One day, Three Islands, 1000 Memories. A trip to the islands of pleasures.

## Day 7. Athens- return flight

Breakfast and transfer to Airport.

Flight back home

