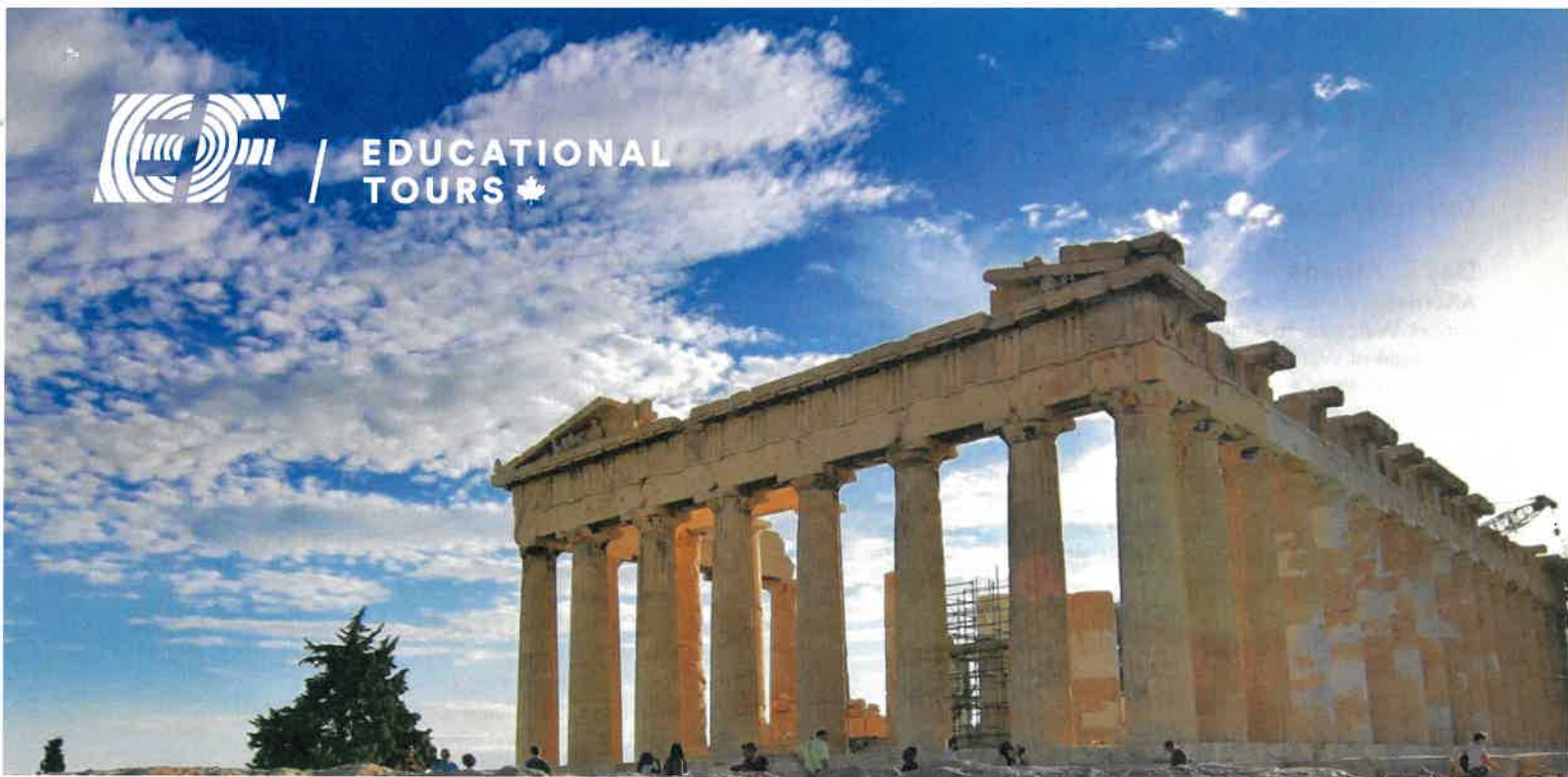




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Grecian Odyssey

9 DAYS // 12 WITH EXTENSION

Embark on a journey through Greece, where myth and history intertwine. Walk the ancient paths of the Acropolis, where the wisdom of Athena still echoes. Admire the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion and hear the epic tales of the sea god. In Olympia, explore 2,700 years of athletic history at the Archaeological Museum. Finish your adventure with a hands-on pottery workshop, learning the art of ancient Greek craftsmanship. This Grecian Odyssey isn't just a tour—it's a chance to immerse yourself in the rich legacy of Western civilization.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



Full-time Tour Director who's with you every step of the way



Expert-led sightseeing tours in iconic destinations



All transportation, including round-trip flights



Tickets to bucket-list experiences and attractions



Daily breakfast and dinner featuring regional cuisine



Overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms



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YOUR TOUR NUMBER

Your itinerary

Day 1: Fly overnight to Athens

Day 2: Athens

Afternoon: Arrive in Athens and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Welcome to Athens, the Cradle of Democracy and birthplace of Western civilization. A modern city with a strong connection to its ancient history, Athens has been a center of culture, politics, and history for thousands of years.

Travel by private motorcoach to the hotel in Athens

6:00pm: Group dinner at the hotel in Athens.

9:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 3: Athens | Cape Sounion | Corinth | Argolida

6:00 am: Wake-up call.

7:00 am: Breakfast at the hotel.

8:00 am: Travel by private motorcoach to Argolida via Cape Sounion and Corinth.

12:00pm: Time for lunch in small, supervised groups. With the support of the Tour Director, the Group Leader will determine boundaries of where groups can go during this time.

2:00pm: Guided visit to the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion.

At the southern tip of the Attic Peninsula, view one of the most imposing sights in the ancient world. High above the sparkling Aegean, the 5th century B.C. Temple of Poseidon, one of Greece's most evocative ruins, dominates the landscape. Sixteen elegant Doric pillars remain, and from this lofty cliffside location, you can see five Aegean islands on a clear day.

4:00pm: Stop for a photo at the Corinth Canal.

Journey by way of the Corinth Canal (Oedipus spent his childhood in Corinth) en route to Athens. The views of the adjacent mountains reflected in the water are some of the most impressive in Greece.

5:30pm: Arrive at the hotel in Argolida.

Continue to Argolida. Home to Greece's first capital, the peninsula is dotted with orange and olive groves. Together with the Isthmus of Corinth, Argolida forms the Saronic Gulf, known for its sailing and charters due to its proximity to Athens.

6:00pm: Group dinner at the hotel in Argolida.

9:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 4: Argolida | Epidaurus | Mycenae | Olympia

6:00am: Wake-Up call.

7:00am: Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am: Travel by private motorcoach to Olympia via Epidaurus and Mycenae.

10:00am: Guided sightseeing of Epidaurus and Mycenae. Visit the ancient site of Epidaurus, famous for its 14,000 seat open-air theater dating back to the 4th century BC. One of the best-preserved amphitheaters in all of Greece, its acoustics are world-renowned—a person whispering in the round orchestra can be heard from the top row of seats. Continue on to Mycenae a strategic city perched on a hilltop, overlooking valleys, mountains and the sea. In ancient times, "golden Mycenae" was considered one of Greece's greatest cities. According to Homer's epic, it was in Mycenae that Agamemnon began his legendary campaign against Troy.

12:00pm: Time for lunch in small, supervised groups.

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2:00pm: Participate in a Pottery Experience in Mycenae.

After your visit to Mycenae, travel a few kilometers outside the city to the a Pottery workshop. Here, a master craftsman will explain how to make the traditional Greek Clay pots, called Amforeas, and will then give you a chance to make your own! If you'd like to have the craftsman bake and finish your creation, you can arrange to have it shipped backed home for a small cost.

5:00pm: Arrive in the Olympia region.

Welcome to Olympia, most famously known as the site of the ancient Olympic Games. Despite its name, is it nowhere near Mt. Olympus, which is located in Northern Greece.

6:00pm: Group dinner at the hotel in Olympia.

9:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 5: Olympia | Delphi

6:00am: Wake-Up call.

7:00am: Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am: Travel by private motorcoach to Delphi.

9:00am: Guided sightseeing of Olympia.

Visit Olympia, site of the first Olympic Games almost 2,800 years ago. According to legend, Hercules proposed the idea of the Olympics, which were intended as a means of honoring Zeus. Back then the games were held every four years—a tradition that the modern-day Olympics upheld until 1994, when the summer and winter games were first split into different years.

11:00am: Visit the Olympia Site and Museum.

The museum houses some very impressive artifacts in its collection including sculptured ornaments for the Temple of Zeus, Hermes of Praxiteles, and Nike of Paionios. The museum reopened in 2004 after extensive renovations by architect Patrocolos Karadinos and is now a main attraction in Olympia.

12:00pm: Olive oil tasting.

1:00pm: Time for lunch in small, supervised groups.

With the support of the Tour Director, the Group Leader will determine boundaries of where groups can go during this time.

6:00pm: Arrive at the hotel in Delphi.

On the slopes of Mount Parnassus lies Delphi, home of the mystical Oracle. For centuries, ancient Greeks would communicate with the gods here, seeking advice and answers at this magical site where the heavens and the earth were said to meet. Delphi was considered not only the center of worship for the god Apollo, but also the center of the world.

7:00pm: Group dinner at the hotel in Delphi.

9:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 6: Delphi | Athens

6:00am: Wake-Up call.

7:00am: Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am: Travel by private motorcoach to central Delphi.

10:00am: Guided sightseeing of Delphi.

Greeks believed Delphi to be the center of the world, and a site that originally belonged to Mother Earth. As you explore the sacred hills with a local guide, ponder the mysteries of what lies in your future, as did Greece's ancient military leaders, who left gifts for the Oracle in hopes of good fortune in battle. Then visit the Temple of Apollo where, according to legend, the gods communicated with mortals. Conclude with a stop at the Delphi Museum, whose collection boasts many artifacts dating back to 550 B.C., reminiscent of ancient Greece's mythical past.

12:00pm: Time for lunch in small, supervised groups. With the support of the Tour Director, the Group Leader will determine boundaries of where groups can go during this time.
2:00pm: Travel by private motorcoach to Athens. Welcome to Athens, the Cradle of Democracy and birthplace of Western civilization. A modern city with a strong connection to its ancient history, Athens has been a center of culture, politics, and history for thousands of years.

6:00pm: Optional Activity – Greek Evening

Tonight, opt to experience Greece's unique and colorful culture during an evening of traditional entertainment and cuisine. Enjoy an authentic meal composed of typical dishes at a specially selected taverna in or near the famous old Plaka district of Athens. Watch an enthralling belly-dance performance, and witness the fancy footwork and twirling bravado of traditional Greek dancing while musicians perform on bouzoukis, stringed instruments unique to Greece. Musical instruments, which date from the Bronze Age in Greece, have long played a central role in Greek tradition, as have regional dances. Experience firsthand this thrilling element of Greek culture!

**if your group does not select this optional excursion, you will have supervised exploration time with your Group Leader and Chaperones*

9:00pm: Travel by private motorcoach to the hotel in Athens.
10:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 7: Athens

6:00 am: Wake-up call.
7:00 am: Breakfast at the hotel.
8:00 am: Travel by private motorcoach to central Athens.
10:00am: Guided Sightseeing of Athens.

An expert local guide introduces you to the antiquities of Athens. Partially on your coach bus and partially on foot, get to know this ancient city named after Athena, goddess of war and wisdom. Climb up to the Acropolis to view the majestic Parthenon, an impressive architectural feat and symbol of western civilization. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess with her wings clipped to keep her from ever deserting the city. After descending from the "sacred rock" be sure to check out the marble filled Panathenaic Stadium, which held the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

12:00pm: Time for lunch in small, supervised groups. With the support of the Tour Director, the Group Leader will determine boundaries of where groups can go during this time.

2:00pm: Visit the Acropolis. Climb the Acropolis to view the majestic Parthenon, perhaps the world's greatest architectural feat. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess (her wings were clipped to keep her from ever deserting the city). Athens is named after Athena, the goddess of war and wisdom. After seeing the Presidential Guard in their traditional costumes, pass the stadium, where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896, as well as lively Omonia and Syntagma Squares.

4:00pm: Visit the Acropolis Museum. Visit this archaeological museum that houses nearly 4,000 artifacts from the acropolis and surrounding site. This museum opened in 2009 and is built on the southeastern slope that was once the route of the ancient road that led up to the "sacred rock".

5:00pm: Walking tour of Athens. Get to know Athens during your Tour Director-led walking

tour. Together you might stroll through the Plaka district or Monastiraki.

6:00pm: Group dinner at a restaurant in central Athens.
8:00pm: Travel by private motorcoach to the hotel in Athens.
10:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 8: Athens

6:00 am: Wake-up call.
7:00 am: Breakfast at the hotel.
8:00 am: Travel private motorcoach to central Athens.

10:00am: Optional Activity – Saronic Cruise

Journey through the islands of the Saronic Gulf. Your first port of call is ancient Aegina, already well-known in the days of the pan-Hellenic Games. Then it's on to Poros, site of the Temple of Poseidon. Here, Demosthenes, a Greek orator who led the Athenian opposition toward Macedonia, escaped a death sentence by committing suicide. Last stop is Hydra, whose inhabitants figured prominently in the Greek War of Independence (Greece was a part of the Ottoman Empire until 1821). You'll also enjoy an included lunch during the cruise.

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5:00pm: Group dinner at a restaurant in central Athens.
8:00pm: Travel by private motorcoach to the hotel in Athens.
10:00pm: Group Leaders and Chaperone team will facilitate room checks and lights out.

Day 9: Depart for Home

4:30am: Wake-Up Call.
5:30am: Breakfast at Hotel.
6:30am: Transfer to the airport for your return flight. Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

The itinerary is subject to change.

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