

Grand Tour of Greece 7 nights



Summary

Discover the land where Alexander became Great and the Gods were consulted through mysterious Oracles. Explore sun-bleached temples and magnificent monasteries, either teetering on pillars of rock or vividly painted with batwinged demons and sword wielding saints. Greece through the centuries will unfold before you on this 8 days tour

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Interest: group—family **Level of Comfort:** 5/5

Minimum # of passengers: None Maximum # of passengers: None

Information about the destination

- Currency: Euro
- Language: Greek
- Dialing Code: +30
- Transportation: private car, train, ferry boats & bus
- Recommended vaccine: None
- Banks & currency exchange: It is better to exchange currencies before you go





Day 1: Arrival – Athens

Upon arrival to Athen's international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel Rest of the day at leisure

Day 2: Athens - Corinth Canal — Nauplion — Olympia

Leave by the coastal road to the Corinth. Drive on and visit the Theatre of Epidauros famous for its remarkable acoustics Then proceed to the Town of Nauplion (short stop) drive on to Mycenae and visit the Archaeological Site and the Tomb of Agamemnon

Then depart for Olympia through Central Peloponnese and the towns of Tripolis and Megalopolis Arrive at Olympia, cradle of the ancient Olympic Games Dinner at hotel

Day 3: Olympia – Delphi

In the morning visit the Archaeological Site with the sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the Ancient Stadium and the Archaeological Museum

Then drive on through the plains of Ilia and Achaia until the magnificent bridge which is crossing the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion. Pass by the picturesque Towns of Nafpactos (Lepanto) and Itea, arrive in Delphi Dinner at hotel

Day 4: Delphi

In the morning visit the Archaeological Site and the Museum of Delphi

Depart for Kalambaka, a small town situated at the foot of the astonishing complex of the Meteora, those gigantic rocks that rise steep from the plain of Thessaly Dinner at hotel

Day 5: Meteora - Thessaloniki

Visit the Meteora: perched on top of huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless Monasteries, where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art

Depart from Kalambaka, drive through the striking plain of Thessaly and the Valley of Tempi, and admire the gigantic figure of Mount Olympos, the highest mountain in Greece and home of the 12 Gods in Greek Mythology Dinner at hotel

Day 6: Thessaloniki

In the morning visit the city that throughout the era of the Byzantine Empire was the "co-reigning" city, second in population and prestige only to Constantinople. Visit unique monuments and feel the glorious Byzantine past in some of the oldest and most characteristic churches of the Christian world as well as in the Museum of Byzantine Culture, awarded with the Council of Europe's Museum Prize for the year 2005

Rest of the day free, to enjoy time in the lively center of the city Dinner at hotel

Day 7: Thessaloniki – Macedonia - Thessaloniki

Depart in the morning for a unique approach to historical Macedonia
First stop at picturesque Edessa where we see the town's famous landmark, the Waterfalls
Then proceed to Naoussa, to a site of exceptional beauty and importance: Aristotle's School, the picturesque site where

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the great philosopher taught 'the doctrines of morals and politics' to Alexander the Great and the Macedonian youth. Then drive to Vergina (ancient Aigai), to live the experience of a visit to the unique Museum, created in the Great Tumulus covering the royal tombs of Macedonia. See the astonishing findings from the tomb of King Phillip II, Alexander's father, and feel the thrill of the greatest discovery of the 20th century. In only a few miles away is Veria (Biblical Beroea) to visit Saint Paul's Bema, and then stroll through the old Jewish neighborhood and the colourful market area. A walk in a city where past is present and around. Return to Thessaloniki

Day 8: Athens

Drive to Pella, the capital of Alexander the Great. See the exquisite floor mosaics of the 4th century B.C. villas, in situ as well as in the new Museum. Then proceed and visit the Archaeological Park of Dion (sacred city of the Macedonians, at the foot of mountain Olympus). After the visit you shall start driving south and through Thessaly, Lamia, Thermopylae (see the Leonidas' Monument) and Thebes, arrive in Athens late in the afternoon Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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