



Central Holidays™
Group Travel Experiences



GREECE – LAND OF GODS & HEROES

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

(7) KINETTA

LAND/AIR FROM JFK - OTHER GATEWAYS AVAILABLE

GREECE – LAND OF GODS & HEROES TOUR FEATURES



DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Extended stay in one location • Cultural connections and Greek interactions • Ouzo tasting • Discussions with local guest speaker • Local olive farm plantation visit • Beautiful countryside of Greece • Astounding archaeological sites • Bucolic villages • Ancient Athens – birthplace of Western civilization • World-famous Acropolis & Parthenon • Acropolis Museum • Corinth Canal • Archaeological site of Mycenae • Arched Tombs of Kings & Gigantic Lion's Gate • Cyclopean Walls • Picturesque Venetian town of Nafplion • Oracle & Museum of Delphi • Archeological site of Olympia • Temples of Hera and Zeus • Santorini, island of extreme beauty • Stunning sunsets and much more...

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **COCKTAILS** Local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks served nightly in the bar
- **SUPERB CUISINE** 20 included meals consisting of 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners. Wine included with lunch and dinner
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City tour of Athens including the Acropolis, Tour of the Acropolis Museum, Corinth Canal, Full day excursion to Ancient Sites & Mountainside Villages of the Peloponnese Peninsula including a visit to Mycenae, Epidaurus and Nafplion. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a discussion presented by a local guest speaker, olive oil tasting at a local farm and sampling of the traditional Greek aperitif Ouzo
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Athens
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACH** Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

OPTIONAL SANTORINI EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **DOMESTIC AIR TRANSPORTATION** Round trip flight from Santorini to Athens
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tour of Santorini including wine tasting
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport





DAY 1

DEPART USA

Depart from the United States on an overnight flight to Athens, Greece. Meals and refreshments served on board.

DAY 2

ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE - KINETTA —  (D)

Arrive Athens, the Cradle of Western Democracy, and proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by your tour director and transferred to your Kinetta hotel, located between Athens and Corinth Canal, amidst green hills overlooking the crystal blue Aegean Sea. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Relax and take it easy before your welcome dinner tonight.

DAY 3

KINETTA - CITY TOUR OF ATHENS —  (B,L,D)

Begin your day with our Cultural Discovery Series and join our local guest speaker for a discussion on Greece and its relations with European Union. Following lunch at the hotel, depart for an afternoon tour of Athens. Our expert guides will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. Continuing you will pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis, visit the Architectural Masterpiece – Parthenon, built in the 5th century B.C. as a temple to the goddess Athena. There will be time to explore Athens on your own before returning to the hotel late in the afternoon.

DAY 4

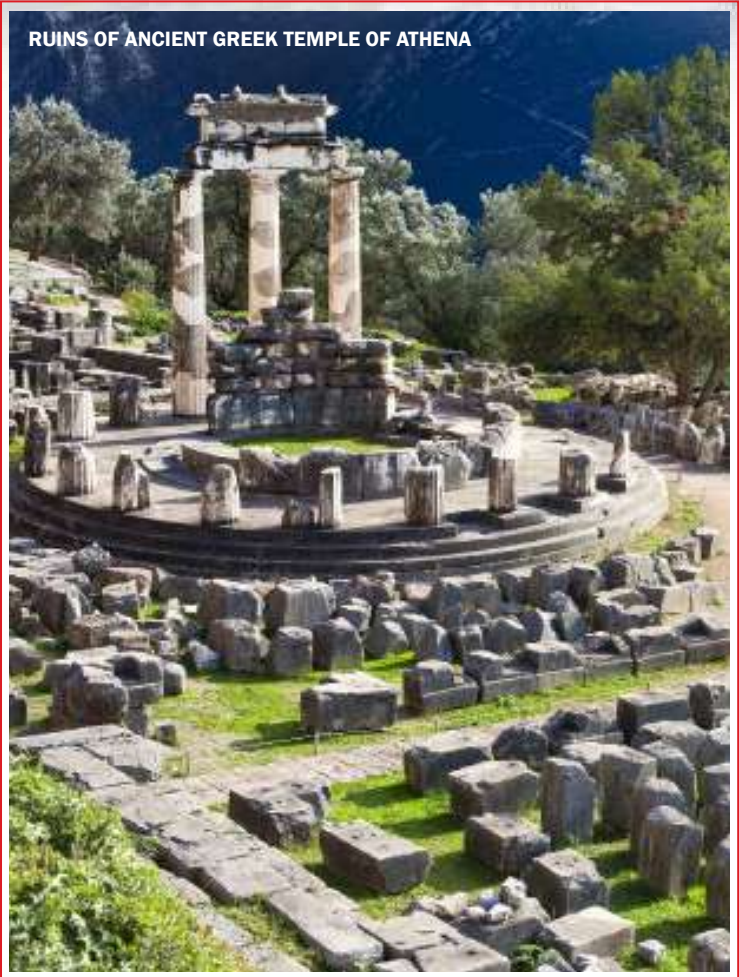
KINETTA - ARGOLIS - VISITING MYCENAE, NAFPLIO AND OLIVE OIL FARM  (B,L,D)

A unique full day trip in the province of Argolis! Following breakfast, you will head to Mycenae, the citadel of one of the oldest prehistorical civilizations famous all around the world for the story of the Trojan War. This is the place from where the Greeks had set off for the expedition in Troy in order to get back beautiful Helene and where the golden mask of Agamemnon was found. You will see the famous Lion's Gate, the monumental entrance, the Cyclopean Walls and the Treasury of Atreus, a monumental structure for the burial of the King. After a lunch break, continue to Nafplion, Napoli di Romania, one of the most beautiful cities of Greece. You will stroll around the alleys of the first capital of Greece to admire the local architecture, the great venetian castle of Palamidi and the stronghold of Bourtzi and the cathedral of Saint George. After a short walking tour, you will have free time on your own to enjoy the city. You will then proceed to an olive oil production plant where you can wander through the grounds, uncover captivating history, discover the production process and delight in a tasting of Greek olive oil.

DAY 5

KINETTA - ANCIENT CORINTH —  (B,L,D)

After breakfast, depart from the hotel for a half day tour to Ancient Corinth with a short stop at the Corinth Canal, one of the 19th Century world's engineering masterpieces with history that starts as early as 602 B.C., that connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Next, visit the Ancient Town of Corinth, where St. Paul lived and preached for 2 years. The Ancient Corinth Archaeological Site and the remains of the city, which include The Agora (marketplace) and Apollo's Temple (6th Century BC) clearly show how rich and important Corinth was in ancient times. Visit to a local tavern for sampling of a traditional Greek aperitif Ouzo with local delicacies. Conclude your day with another Cultural Discovery Series lecture at the hotel.



RUINS OF ANCIENT GREEK TEMPLE OF ATHENA



BOURTZI CASTLE, NAFPLION

DAY 6 KINETTA  (B,L,D)

Following breakfast, depart for a tour of Delphi, Greece's most breathtaking ancient site. Famous in antiquity as the home of the oracle of Apollo, it is here where the Oracle representing the revered god Apollo presided over the ancient world. Perched on a mountain slope overlooking olive trees and the sea, Delphi continues to radiate as you marvel at the impressiveness of the site even in ruins. Visit the Delphi Museum, which houses valuable pieces of art including the bronze Charioteer, one of antiquity's greatest statues. Following lunch at a local restaurant, there will be free time to explore. Return to the hotel late in the afternoon.

DAY 7 KINETTA  (B,L,D)

Enjoy a day at leisure and relax at the hotel, or take an optional tour to Olympia. A full day excursion will take you to the majestic site of Olympia, where the first Olympic Games took place 2800 year ago. Today, a UNESCO World Heritage site, Olympia is also home to the ancient Sanctuary of Zeus - a vast expanse of well-preserved altars, temples, theaters, and marble statues. Highlights of the site include the Temples of Hera and Zeus, the Council House and the Treasuries, while the Archaeological Museum houses exquisite sculptures such as the statues of Praxiteles and Hermes.

DAY 8 KINETTA - ACROPOLIS MUSEUM TOUR  (B,L,D)

This morning you tour the Acropolis Museum, an award-winning collection of artifacts from excavations of the Acropolis, housed in a modern building specially designed for the purpose. After lunch in the city you will have free time to shop, explore independently, or pull up a chair and relax, watching the many moods of the Acropolis as the light changes and the clouds cast their ever-changing shadows. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner to Greece.

DAY 9 ATHENS TO USA OR EXTEND YOUR STAY WITH AN OPTIONAL SANTORINI EXTENSION  (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Athens airport for your return flight home.

ERECHEUM TEMPLE IN ACROPOLIS AT ATHENS**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 3 ④ 5 ACTIVE****Mobility Advisory:**

This trip is listed as a 4 out of 5, for active physical mobility. On a daily basis, travelers will be expected to walk, unassisted, at a moderate steady pace, occasionally over difficult terrain such as uneven cobblestones. Travelers will also be expected to be able to get on and off various means of transportation, unassisted.

**OPTIONAL SANTORINI EXTENSION****DAY 9 ATHENS - SANTORINI**  (B)

Enjoy your breakfast and transfer to the airport of Athens for a flight to the volcanic Island of Santorini. Upon arrival on Santorini, transfer to your hotel for check-in. Remainder of your afternoon is at leisure to admire the spectacular caldera with white washed houses perched on the edge, created by the eruption of the islands' volcano in ancient times.

DAY 10 SANTORINI - ISLAND TOUR WITH WINE TASTING  (B)

Begin your tour after breakfast by visiting the Monastery of Profitis Ilias which is at the highest point on Santorini and spans to 1,856 feet at the summit. From here you can see the surrounding islands and, on a clear day, the mountains of Crete, more than 100 km (66 mi) away. Continue to Pyrgos, which can be found at the highest point of Santorini, with panoramic views of the whole island all the way to the village of Oia. This hillside village was declared a protected settlement in 1995. Afterwards you will visit the Koutsoyannopoulos wine museum. Being the only one of its kind in Greece, the museum occupies a natural cave. It is eight meters below ground, 300 meters long and has a labyrinth-like shape and presents the history of wine and the life of vine-growers in Santorini since the 1600s. You will have the opportunity to see representations of the history of wine and to taste four of the best wines that winery produces today, in a specially designed winetasting area. Then you will visit Oia, a traditional settlement in the north of Santorini. The beauty of Oia is unsurpassed. In fact, it is almost impossible to describe in words. Small white house's tier the hillside, interspersed by splashes of rich okra, deep fuchsia, cobalt blue, oyster pink and earthy red. Oia is one of the most photographed places in Greece. It has inspired artists, poets and every visitor who visits Santorini. Oia is best known for breathtaking sunsets; if truth be told, sunrise in Oia is also magical. That afternoon there will be leisure time to relax or shop until you drop.

DAY 11 SANTORINI TO USA  (B)

After breakfast transfer to Santorini airport for your flight to Athens, connecting to your return flight home.

 (B) - BREAKFAST (L) - LUNCH (D) - DINNER

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at the guide's discretion due to local conditions. Santorini Extension - In some cases, due to airline schedule, an extra night in Athens may be required.



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