

A Journey through Greece

October 13 - 25, 2027 (13 days)

HIGHLIGHTS

* Panoramic Tour of Thessaloniki
* Baptistery of Lydia
* Experience Apostle Paul's Journey in Philippi, Kavala (Neapolis), and Veroia
* Vergina Museum
* Village of Kastraki
* Meteora & Meteora Monasteries
* Delphi including Oracle of Delphi and Sanctuary of Delphi with Temple of Apollo and The Sacred Way
* Panoramic Tour of Athens
* Visit Athens' Acropolis, Propyaea, and the Erechtheion
* Walking Tour of Athens including Plaka & Monastiraki
* Corinth Canal
* Ancient Corinth
* Nemea Wine Region Tasting
* Ancient Olympia
* Archaeological Museum of Olympia
* Messinia including an Olive Estate, Olive Mill, & Olive Oil Tasting Lesson
* Mani & Dyros Caves
* Archaeological Site of Mystras
* Romantic Town of Nafplion including Walking Tour
* Ancient Theater of Epidaurus

MAP AT A GLANCE



Nafplion



Day 1 - Overnight Flight to Greece

Sit back and relax as we embark on this trip of a lifetime! An R&J Tour Director is there to assist you throughout the tour.

Day 2 - Arrive Thessaloniki

Upon arrival at the Thessaloniki airport, our local guide will meet us and take us on a panoramic tour of Thessaloniki. Then we check into the hotel and enjoy getting to know one another during dinner this evening.

Included Meals: Dinner
Hotel: Park Hotel (2 Nights)

Day 3 - Thessaloniki

After breakfast, a scenic drive east brings us to historic Philippi. Our first stop is at the Baptistery of Lydia, which marks the traditional site where Lydia became the first Christian convert in Europe. From here we will continue to Philippi where Apostle Paul lived, preached, and was imprisoned. Our drive continues to Kavala (formerly known as Neapolis), the place where Apostle Paul, Timothy and Silas disembarked on the coast of Thrace. Lunch is served in Kavala. We then return to Thessaloniki for a free evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 - Thessaloniki to Kalambaka

After breakfast, we depart for Veroia, a comfortable one-hour drive west. Enroute, we stop at what is perhaps the most fascinating museum in Greece: Vergina, ancient Aigai, the first capital of the Macedonian kingdom. Here, beneath a tumulus (burial mound), archaeologists discovered the Royal Tombs, including the magnificent tomb believed to belong to King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. The underground museum preserves the tombs exactly as they were found, displaying extraordinary treasures such as golden wreaths, weapons, wall paintings, and the famous golden larnax bearing the Macedonian star. The atmosphere is both dramatic and deeply moving, offering a powerful glimpse into ancient Macedonia's royal past. We then continue to Veroia, where the Apostle Paul arrived after fleeing Thessaloniki due to persecution. In the town center, we visit the Apostle Paul Monument, marking the spot where he is believed to have preached to the Bereans. Veroia is also renowned for its remarkable collection of old Byzantine churches, many dating from the 11th to 14th centuries. As we walk through its charming historic quarter, we admire beautifully preserved frescoes, stone architecture, and the spiritual heritage that has earned Veroia the title of a "Little Jerusalem" of the Balkans. After lunch, we continue south toward Kastraki, a picturesque village nestled at the foot of the majestic Meteora rock formations. The drive takes approximately 2 ½ hours, offering beautiful views of the Greek countryside along the way. Arriving at our centrally located hotel in Kalambaka, you may choose to do some shopping or have a light dinner on your own.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Orfeas Hotel



Thessaloniki - Church of Saint Paul the Apostle

Ruins of Ancient Corinth



Day 5 - Kalambaka to Delphi

Enjoy breakfast before we visit the Meteora monasteries. Meteora is one of the most special places in the world! Meteora means "rocks in the air," and it is a complex of sandstone cliffs formed under the sea many years ago. These fascinating formations, sculpted throughout history, were exposed as the sea level dropped. The monasteries we will visit are built on these rocks. After lunch, we will head down south towards Delphi. It is the site of the famous Oracle of Delphi, where the conical stone Omphalos (navel), which marked the center of the world, was located. Delphi was a sacred precinct, dedicated mainly to the god Apollo, and became the most influential religious center of ancient Greece. After checking into our hotel, have a free evening for dinner on your own in town.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Acropole Hotel

Day 6 - Delphi to Athens

After breakfast, we depart for the legendary sanctuary of Delphi. At the archaeological site, we explore the Temple of Apollo and the Sacred Way, walking in the footsteps of pilgrims who once sought the oracle's guidance. We then continue to Athens. Upon arrival, we enjoy a panoramic city tour, taking in the highlights of Greece's vibrant capital, including views of the Acropolis, Syntagma Square, and other historic landmarks. Dinner is included this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Jason Inn Hotel (2 Nights)

Day 7 - Athens

Breakfast is served at the hotel before we depart to visit the Acropolis, the Propylaea, and the Erechtheion. From the Acropolis, we will be able to observe the Areopagus (Mars Hill), where Saint Paul delivered his first discourse to the Athenians. The first Athenian Christian, Saint Dionysius the Areopagite, was named in commemoration of this event. After dinner, our evening continues with a walking tour of the most important sights in Plaka and Monastiraki.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 - Athens to Kalamata

Have breakfast at the hotel before we depart for the breathtaking Corinth Canal, a spectacular engineering marvel slicing through the Isthmus of Corinth and marking the historic gateway to the Peloponnese. A perfect photo stop! We will then continue to Ancient Corinth to explore one of Greece's best-preserved archaeological sites and walk among the impressive ruins of this once-powerful ancient city. We continue to the celebrated Nemea wine region, the largest single vineyard zone in Greece and a distinguished Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) area. Here, we will savor a curated wine tasting featuring the region's signature red grape, Agiorgitiko, known for its rich aromas, velvety texture, and deep ruby color. Experience the flavors and traditions that define this celebrated wine-producing region. Enjoy a three-night stay in Kalamata. Dinner is included tonight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Pharao Palace (3 Nights)

Day 9 - Kalamata to Olympia to Kalamata

We start our day with breakfast and then travel towards Ancient Olympia, the most celebrated sanctuary of ancient Greece and the very birthplace of the Olympic Games. The journey itself will take us through the lush, green landscapes of the Western Peloponnese, transitioning from the coast to the peaceful valley where the sanctuary is nestled. The tour concludes with the Archaeological Museum of Olympia, home to masterpieces such as the famous statue of Hermes of Praxiteles and the preserved sculptures from the Temple of Zeus. Enjoy lunch in this area before we journey back to Kalamata.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

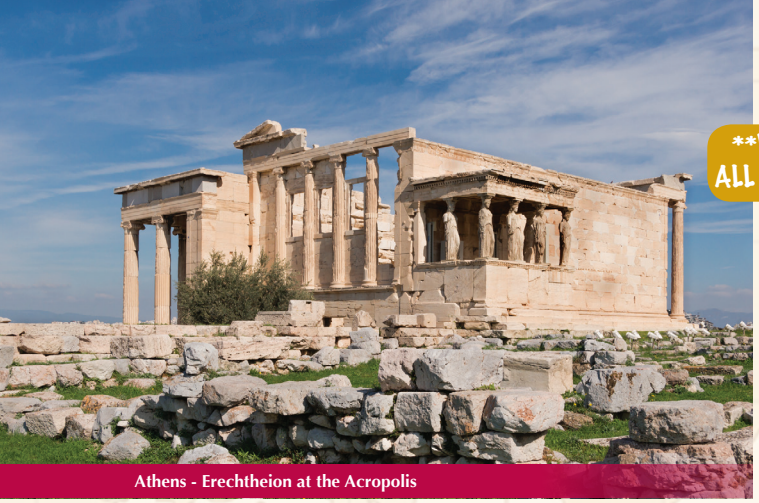
Day 10 - Kalamata to Messinia to Kalamata

After breakfast we depart to visit the region of Messinia, in the Peloponnese, the home of the world-famous PDO Kalamata Olive and some of the finest olive oil on the planet, often called "liquid gold."



Delphi - Temple of Apollo

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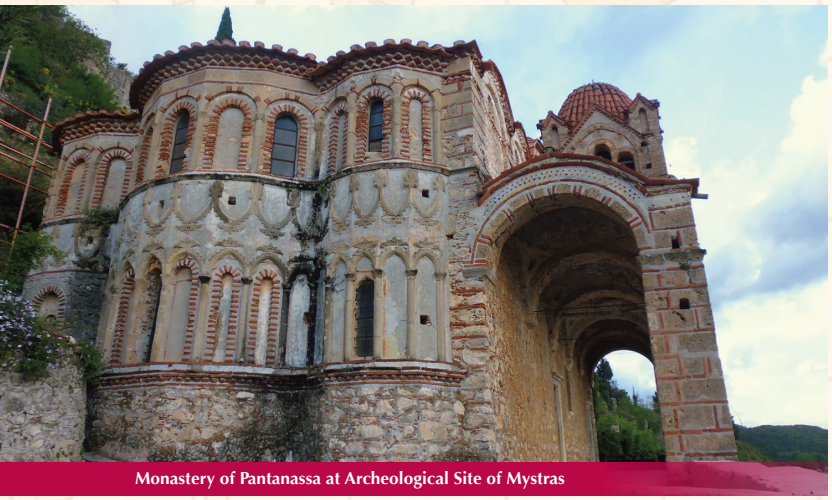
Athens - Erechtheion at the Acropolis

We have INCLUDED & will handle ALL local GRATUITIES for this tour!



Alexander the Great

Photo source: Thessaloniki.travel



Monastery of Pantanassa at Archeological Site of Mystras





Ancient Theater of Epidaurus



Vergina - Museum of Royal Tombs of Aigai



First we will visit an olive estate, then an olive mill, and we will finish with an olive-oil tasting lesson. Before returning to Kalamata, we will stop at a distillery where we will find out how ouzo is made! The afternoon and evening are at your leisure to enjoy our beautiful hotel and the surrounding area.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 - Kalamata to Nafplion

Start our day with breakfast before we check out and head to the rugged beauty of Mani and the mysterious Dyros Caves, where striking stalactites and crystal-clear waters await. Continue to the Archaeological Site of Mystras, the "wonder of the Morea," a stunning medieval city built around a 13th-century fortress and surrounded by dramatic landscapes. Our day ends in Nafplion, Greece's first modern capital and one of the country's most romantic towns, where we'll enjoy soaking in its charming streets and seaside ambiance.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: Liberty Hotel (2 Nights)

Day 12 - Nafplion

Our day begins with a delicious breakfast in the charming town of Nafplion, followed by a guided walking tour through its picturesque streets, historic squares, and neoclassical architecture. Afterwards, travel to the iconic Ancient Theater of Epidaurus, renowned for its exceptional acoustics! Return to Nafplion for a leisurely afternoon at your own pace, perfect for exploring local cafés, browsing shops, or enjoying the scenic coastal views. Tonight we will gather for a seafood farewell dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13 - Nafplion to Athens to Home

After breakfast we bid goodbye to lovely Nafplion and return to Athens where we will catch our flight for home. What a grand Journey through Greece we have shared together!

Included Meals: Breakfast

ETIAS - will be required to travel to Europe and will be the responsbility of the traveler to apply & pay.

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2027 Dates & Prices

Taxes & Fuel Surcharges Included in Price — Bag Fees INCLUDED

Dates:	**October 13 - 25, 2027 (13 Days)**	
Price Per Person:	**Call for Pricing after December 15, 2026**	
Price Includes:	**RT Airfare including taxes, fuel surcharges, & baggage fees! 19 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach, Fully escorted by R&J from MSP, GRATUITIES to Local Guides Included.**	
Deposit Due Per Person:	**$500 deposit p/p at time of reservation. Full payment due 100 days prior to departure.**	
Optional Travel Protection P/P:	**Call for Pricing after Dec. 15, 2026**	**320-235-5875 or 800-758-6877**
Travel Bucks:	**Travel Bucks will be earned on this tour**	
Tour Pace: (See page 9 for description)	**Moderate to Extensive Walking (Expect uneven terrain)**	
Identification:	**A Valid Passport is Required must be valid 3 months beyond Oct. 25, 2027.**	
Cancellation Fees: (without travel protection)	**Cancelling prior to departure between: 99-61 days: 50% tour cost non-refundable; 60-0 days: 100% tour cost non-refundable.**	

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