



# JOYS OF GREECE

## Ancient Sites + Mountain Villages + Idyllic Isles

12 DAYS + FOR \$8,299 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests

### Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + From Athens, our off-the-beaten-path itinerary brings to life the ancient sites, quiet villages and idyllic islands we love about Greece.
- + Experience Athens' diversity, from the Acropolis to a performance at the new Stavros Niarchos Cultural Center.
- + Admire the luminous frescoes and spectacular views from St. Stefan, one of the great Monasteries of Meteora.
- + Sit down to a traditional meal prepared by villagers in the forested mountains of Pelion.
- + Explore fabled sites of antiquity like the Temple of Apollo at Delphi and Temple of Poseidon at the tip of Cape Sounion.

### OUR JOURNEY

See 3 UNESCO World Heritage sites

#### DAY 1 | Welcome to Athens

On arrival, you'll be escorted to the deluxe *King George Hotel* in the heart of town. Join your fellow travelers tonight for a welcome dinner. MEALS D

#### DAY 2 | Glories of ancient Athens

Ascend the rocky outcrop that towers over Athens to tour the Acropolis including the iconic Parthenon and the Erechtheion. Visit the Acropolis Museum and enjoy a free afternoon. This evening, we'll take you to a performance at the outstanding, new Stavros Niarchos Cultural Center – subject to the evolving performance schedule. MEALS B

#### DAY 3 | Temple of Apollo at Delphi

Journey into the mountain landscapes of the storied Attica Peninsula to Delphi, set on a ridge in the shadow of Mt. Parnassus. Exploring some of the most amazing sites of the ancient world, your tour includes the Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo. Then visit the Delphi Archaeological Museum and check in to the *Hotel Anemolia*. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 4 | Monasteries in the sky

Amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Meteora, medieval monks built 24 monasteries high atop pinnacles of rock. Six remain active and today you'll visit St. Stefan, built in the 15th century with sweeping views high above the plains of Kalambaka. This is



one of only two monasteries where nuns still reside, and engaging with them adds a rich spiritual dimension to your visit. Continue to the **Hotel Xenia** in Volos. MEALS B+L+D

#### DAY 5 | *Untouched villages of Pelion*

As in ancient times, the hills of Pelion are deeply forested with chestnut, beech, olive and fruit groves. Its villages, too, exude a timeless air and you'll spend this day immersed in their charms. Take in the views from Makrinitza, perched on a hillside, and admire the fine mosaics of the 18th-century church in Milies. In Vyzitsa, women of the village will prepare a traditional Greek meal exclusively for our group. Then explore its cobblestone streets and fine old mansions at your own pace before returning to our hotel in Volos. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 6 | *The ancient sites of Volos*

Explore the Neolithic remains at Dimini where scholars have discovered evidence of a surprisingly sophisticated stone age community. A Mycenaean settlement that emerged later might have been the fabled city of Jason – who went in search of the Golden Fleece. A tour of the Archaeological Museum deepens your understanding of the region's ancient history. End your day with our exclusive visit to the Volos Lyceum, where the staff will lead a private tour of the local costumes on display. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 7 | *Across the seas to Skiathos*

Travel across the blue waters of the Pagasetic Gulf and into the Aegean to idyllic Skiathos, one of the Sporades Islands. On arrival, check in to the **Hotel Elivi**. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 8 | *An idyllic Greek island*

Experience the delights of Skiathos as you explore the labyrinthine alleys of Old Town with our guide and visit the hillside Evangelistria Monastery, founded in the 1700's. Enjoy a free afternoon. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 9 | *A day on Skopelos*

If there's a bit of déjà vu as you step off the ferry on this nearby island, perhaps it's because you recognize it from the hit movie *Mama Mia*. But without the film crews and celebrities, it's a timeless and idyllic place, filled with ancient frescoed churches which you'll visit with our guide. You'll also tour the folklore museum and a 17th-century nunnery set on a hill amidst the virgin pine forests. Return to Skiathos for a free evening. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 10 | *Day at leisure*

This entire day is yours to enjoy the idyllic setting of our luxury beach resort. You might also head into town where you'll find lively wine bars, cafes and tavernas – offering fine views of the harbor or tucked away down winding cobblestone streets. MEALS B

#### DAY 11 | *Back to Athens*

Fly to Athens and check in to the deluxe **Hotel Sofitel**, conveniently located across from the terminal. Then tour the Temple of Poseidon, dramatically set at the tip of Cape Sounion overlooking the sea. Delight in a congenial farewell dinner of fine Greek cuisine with local wine. MEALS B+D

#### DAY 12 | *Depart Athens*

Cross to the terminal for your flight. MEALS B

### Wonderful Hotels. Evocative Settings.



#### ATHENS – KING GEORGE HOTEL

With a privileged location on Constitution Square, our luxury hotel has been welcoming distinguished guests for nearly a century.



#### VOLOS – HOTEL XENIA

Our comfortable modern hotel enjoys a terrific setting in this lively port. Enjoy free WiFi and delightful breakfasts overlooking the gulf.



#### DELPHI – HOTEL ANEMOLIA

Within walking distance of the village of Arachova and close to the ancient sites, our modern hotel offers spacious executive rooms.



#### SKIATHOS – HOTEL ELIVI

With an idyllic beachfront setting, our luxurious hotel is perfect for exploring the Sporades Islands – and relaxing at tour's end!

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OUR ORIGINAL JOURNEY **Value**

- + Fully escorted with complete sightseeing in an intimate group of never more than 16 guests including all entry fees
- + 21 meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 3 dinners with wine at lunch and dinner
- + 11 nights at our handpicked deluxe hotels and evocative island resort
- + All on-tour transportation and transfers
- + Scenic ferry transfers from Volos to Skiathos and roundtrip to Skopelos
- + Your flight from Skiathos to Athens
- + Luggage handling and all hotel taxes
- + All gratuities are included, except for your Trip Leader
- + 4 or more guests save \$100 each
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

2023-2024 **Rates** LAND ONLY PER PERSON

### Never More than 16 Guests

2023	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
May 15, Jun 12		
Sep 4, Oct 2	\$8,799	\$1,500
2024		
May 13	\$8,799	\$1,500

Save up to \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking

### Go on a Custom Journey

Let our travel experts design a journey anywhere in Greece – by land or sea. Perhaps a private yacht charter.



Temple of Apollo at Delphi