

Glories of Greece

This feature packed tour of mainland Greece is well paced and expertly planned. In fact, it is so successful that it has operated, due to popular demand, virtually unchanged for 20 years. Suited to visitors with limited vacation time or those combining with a cruise. Visits to the Parthenon, the ancient sites of Mycenae, Olympia and Delphi, as well as the monasteries of Meteora provide a unique history lesson for those interested in the birth of Western Civilization.

DAY 1 – DEPART CANADA.

DAY 2 – ATHENS AT LEISURE. Welcome to Athens, the cradle of European civilization! After being met at the airport and transferred to your hotel, there is time to relax or explore before a *Welcome Drink*. **Hotel: Metropolitan (D)**

DAY 3 – ATHENS SIGHTSEEING. Your sightseeing tour this morning delves deep into the glorious history of Athens. *Highlights of the tour, of course, is a visit to the Acropolis, still dominating the frantic bustle of modern Athens with its serene presence. Admire the Parthenon, built in honour of the goddess Athena and still amazing in its grace, despite the loss of the Elgin Marbles.* Then see the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. Why not join your fellow travelers for a night out with dinner and entertainment? (BB)

DAY 4 – ATHENS – OLYMPIA. Cross the breathtaking *Corinth canal* to the Peloponnese region and drive to the ancient ruined city of *Mycenae*. Walk through the *Lion Gate*, see the *giant 'Cyclopean' stones* which were used to build the city walls and visit the *Beehive Tombs*. A *delightful drive* takes you across the Arcadia Mountains to *Olympia*, birthplace of the Olympic Games in 776BC. **Hotel: Antonios (BB, D)**

DAY 5 – OLYMPIA – DELPHI. Tour *Olympia* this morning seeing sites of the ancient temples, the *Olympic Stadium* and *Gymnasium*. Cross the mainland and follow the coast to *Delphi*, clinging to the side of *Mount Parnassus* at 2,000 feet. *Ascend the Sacred Way*, past the splendid Parian marble *Treasury of the Athenians* to the *Temple of Apollo*, where the Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words'. **Hotel: Amalia (BB, D)**

DAY 6 – DELPHI – KALAMBAKA. Cross *fertile Thessaly*, the 'bread basket of ancient Greece', and head for *the amazing monasteries of Meteora, incredibly perched on pinnacles of rock*. Visit one of the *monasteries and enjoy stunning views* before continuing to your hotel in Kalambaka. **Hotel: Divani (BB, D)**

DAY 7 – KALAMBAKA – ATHENS. A morning scenic drive along the coast brings you to *Thermopylae*, famous for its heroic defence by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. After seeing the memorial, return to Athens for your final night in this fascinating city. **Hotel: Metropolitan (BB)**

DAY 8 – RETURN TO CANADA Sadly, your tour comes to an end today. Perhaps time to buy those last minute souvenirs before transferring to Athens airport for your onward flight. (BB)



Included Sightseeing Highlights

- Premium Highlights
Climb the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon and enjoy amazing views over Athens
- Personal Insights
Visit one of the monasteries of Meteora perched atop towering pinnacles of rock

Additional Excursions and Sights

- See Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Temple of Zeus in Athens
- Cross the breathtaking Corinth Canal
- Walk through the Lion Gate past the Cyclopean Stones to the 'beehive' tombs at Mycenae
- Tour the original Olympic Games site seeing the Gymnasium and Olympic Stadium
- Ascend the Sacred Way past the Treasury of the Athenians to the Temple of Apollo in Delphi
- Hear tales of Leonidas and his heroic Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae

Insight's First Class Services

- Services of Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director Days 3 - 7
- Travel by luxury 40 seat air-conditioned coach
- Athens hotel including service charges, taxes and portage
- Insight Traveler document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Services of Insight's resident manager in Athens

Quality Dining

6 Breakfasts (BB), and 4 special-menu Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS
- OVERNIGHT CRUISING

8 days from C\$187 per day

Starts	Ends	Price	Starts	Ends	Price	Starts	Ends	Price
Canada	Canada		Canada	Canada		Canada	Canada	
Nov 02 -	Nov 09	1850	Feb 12 -	Feb 19	1499	Mar 15 -	Mar 22	1699
Nov 06 -	Nov 13	1850	Feb 19 -	Feb 26	1499	Mar 19 -	Mar 26	1699
Nov 20 -	Nov 27	1850	Feb 22 -	Mar 01	1499	Mar 22 -	Mar 29	1699
Dec 04 -	Dec 11	1850	Feb 26 -	Mar 05	1499	Mar 26 -	Apr 02	1699
Dec 11 -	Dec 18	1850	Mar 01 -	Mar 08	1699	Mar 29 -	Apr 05	1699
Dec 18 -	Dec 25	1850	Mar 05 -	Mar 12	1699			
2010			Mar 08 -	Mar 15	1699			
Feb 05 -	Feb 12	1499	Mar 12 -	Mar 19	1699			

Supplements

Single room supplement		
2 Nov - 18 Dec '09		C\$535
5 Feb - 26 Feb '10		C\$536
1 Mar - 29 Mar '10		C\$537
Pre & post tour accommodation in Athens		
Per person per night	Twin	Single
Metropolitan	C\$125	C\$186
		C\$120

Reductions

Triple room discount	
2 Nov - 18 Dec '09	C\$165
5 Feb - 26 Feb '10	C\$75
1 Mar - 29 Mar '10	C\$150
Young Traveler Discount	C\$170
2nd Tour Discount	SAVE up to C\$85 p.p.

Additional visa requirements

Ask your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

Insight's Low Airfare Promise

Insight promises we will provide the best airfare available to us at the time you make your reservation. Please see page 4 for full details. Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

Notes

REF: 1951. Prices are per person sharing a twin room. *Tours depart and return Monday. Other tours depart and end Friday. Due to local schedules, religious festivals and other unforeseen circumstances, the order of this itinerary may change at short notice.

Included Premium Highlights are worth approx. C\$41

