



SACRED SITE TRIPS TO

Greece

Athens, Greece, seamlessly combines ancient history with modern allure. We will begin our journey in this beautiful ancient city, where we will meet on the roof top of The Hermes Hotel, and afterwards walk together into the Plaka, the old town of Athens, for our first meal together, experiencing the mythology, and timeless charm all around us.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY 4 - IOANNINA & PARGA

- Travel day
- 300
- Thermal Baths
- Arrival Meteora

DAY 5 - METEORA

- Full day exploring Monasteries
- Lunch
- Group Sharing

DAY 6 - TRAVEL TO PARGA

- Visit The Castle
- Visit The Sinversmithing Museum
- Visit The Cave of Perama
- Arrive Parga

DAY 7 - PARGA AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- River of Stix
- Caves
- Parga

DAY 8 - TRAVEL TO KEFALONIA

- Leftkada Waterfall
- Leftkada Town
- Ferry to Kefalonia

DAY 9 - KEFALONIA

- Today will be our free day for resting

DAY 9 - ITHAKA

- Kathara Monastery
- Walk through the old town
- Seafood lunch on the water
- Ferry to and from Ithaka

DAY 10 - KEFALONIA

- St Georges Castle
- Robola Winery
- St Gerosimos / church
- Melissani Lake
- Drogarati Caves

DAY 11 - OLYMPIA & TRAVEL TO NAFPLIO

- Depart by Ferry
- Sacred site Olympia and Mueseum
- Lunch
- Drive to Nafpio

DAY 13 - EPIDAVROS & TOLO

- Sacred Site of Epidavros
- Lunch in Tolo
- Afternoon Stoll Tolo

DAY 14 - NAFPLIO

- Make your own Greek Pot
- Lunch
- Palamedes Castle

DAY 15 - SOUNION & ATHENS

- Sacred Site of Sounion the temple of Poseidon
- Return to Athens
- Group Farewell dinner

DAY 16 - ATHENS

- Today after breakfast our group completes its journey

DAY 1 - ATHENS

- Athens

DAY 2 - ARACHOVA

- Leaving for Athens for Arachova
- Visit the Monastery of Osios Loukas with the Byzantine Mosaics
- Overnight at Arachova

DAY 3 - DELPHI

- Full Day at Delphi Archeological Site and Museum
- Overnight at Arachova
- Dinner at Itea



DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 14TH

Athens

Our journey will begin in the beautiful ancient city of Athena, settle into your room at The Hermes hotel where we will gather in the afternoon to begin our welcome and spend time connecting, before walking together to The Plaka where we will have our first meal together.

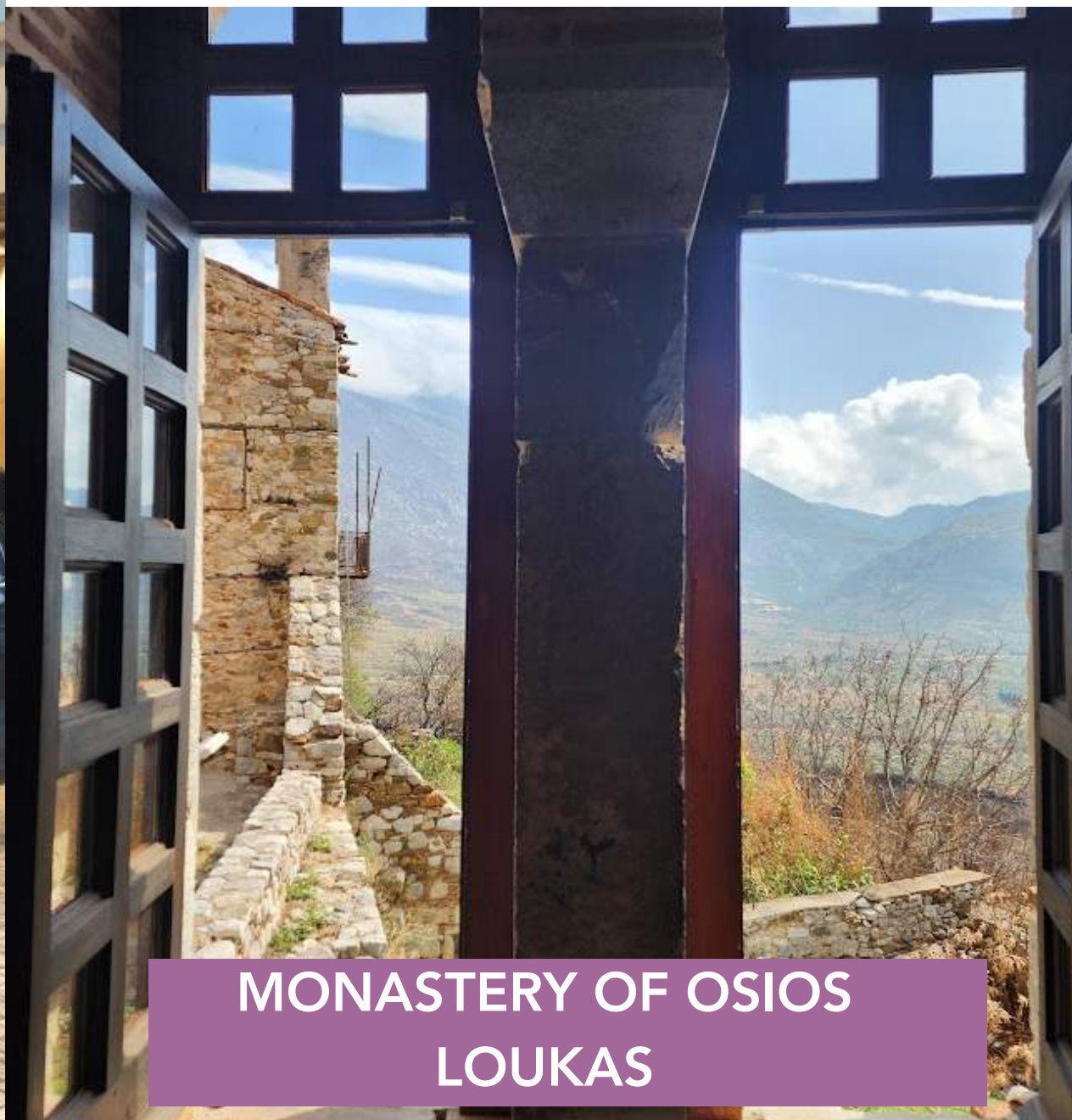


DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 15TH *Arachova*



LEAVING ATHENS TO
ARACHOVA

Today we depart for Arachova, on the way we will stop at the Monastery of Osios Loukas, as well a quick photo stop at the Corinth Canal.



MONASTERY OF OSIOS
LOUKAS

The Monastery of Osios Loukas, is renowned for its stunning Byzantine mosaics. The mesmerizing mosaics, adorned with vibrant colors and intricate designs, offer a glimpse into the religious and artistic traditions of the Byzantine Empire, making the Monastery of Osios Loukas a must-visit destination.



STAY IN ARACHOVA
DOMOTEL HOTEL

We will be staying at the Domotel hotel, Arachova In winter a popular destination for skiers, in summer the perfect stop over, allowing us to be acquainted with this beautiful township. After arriving at our hotel we will gather for a group talk before we embark on tomorrows adventures.



DAY 3 - SEPTEMBER 16TH

Delphi

DELPHI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

We will begin our journey today by starting at temple of Athena where we will prepare ourselves before we go to the Archaeological Site of Delphi followed by the museum. This spiritual Centre nestled on Mount Parnassus, we can explore the ruins of the Oracle of Delphi and the Temple of Apollo.

THE AFTERNOON

This afternoon we will go into the town of Delphi where we will have time to get acquainted with the beautiful treasures Delphi has to offer, we will have late lunch together at the wonderful restaurant, To Patariko Mas, before going back to our hotel to share the encounters of our day and enjoy the evening before we move on to our next destination tomorrow.

DAY 4 SEPTEMBER 17TH

Meteora

Departure to Meteora

We are now saying farewell to Arachova as we make our way to the incredible and breathtaking rock formations, where we find many monasteries perched on the top which is an incredible site to behold.

On the way, we will be visiting one of the most profound places in history, which is where the battle of Thermopylae, legendary last stand where 300 warriors led by where king Leonidas held back and resisted the huge Persian army in 480 BC.

From here we stop at the thermal baths Thermopyles, known for the therapeutic properties to cleanse ourselves before heading to our final destination, Meteora.



DAY 5 - SEPTEMBER

18TH

Meteora

Our itinerary includes a full day at the awe-inspiring Meteora Monasteries, where we'll marvel at their breathtaking beauty and rich history.

Perched atop towering rock formations, these monasteries offer a glimpse into centuries-old spiritual traditions and provide stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. After our exploration, we'll indulge in a delicious dinner at Metsovo, a picturesque town known for its hearty cuisine and charming ambiance.

This day promises a perfect blend of cultural immersion and culinary delights against the backdrop of Greece's stunning natural wonders.



**METEORA
MONASTERIES**



DAY 6
SEPTEMBER
19TH

Ioannina
to Parga

During our travels to Parga we will spend time to visit the town of Ioannina, we'll explore its highlights: the island in the lake, the historic castle, the Silversmithing Museum, and the mystical Cave of Perama. After lunch we will head to the beautiful town of Parga, where we will be exploring tomorrow.



ISLAND IN THE LAKE



PARGA BEACHES



THE CASTLE



THE CAVE OF PERAMA



PARGA TOWN

Parga day trip

DAY 7 - SEPTEMBER 20TH



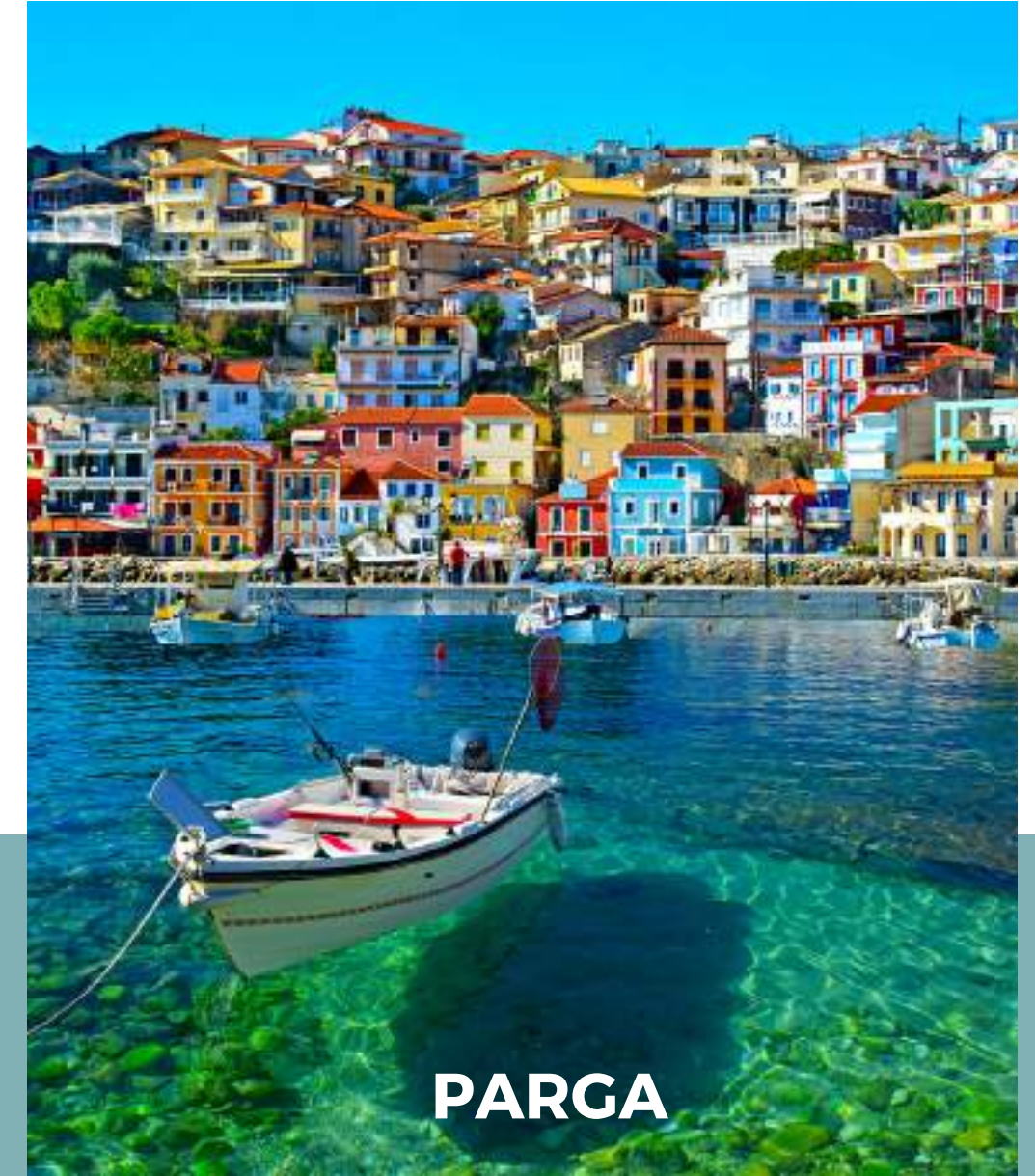
CAVES

Acheron River, situated in the Epirus region of north west Greece. Also known as the river of woe and one of five rivers in the underworld, where souls of the dead are ferried across.



RIVER OF STYX

This is described as a place of great healing, not a place of punishment. Here we will be looking to purge and cleanse, whilst calling in Pluto god of the underworld to support us in our own river crossing.



PARGA

We will complete our day visiting the ruins of Necromanteion (oratory of the dead), before spending the rest of our day in the beautiful town of Parga

DAY 8 - SEPTEMBER 21ST

Lefkada to Kefalonia

Today we will travel to a diamond in the Ionian Islands, Kefalonia, on the way we will journey through the neighbouring Island of LEFKADA, here we will explore just a small taste of this Island before embarking our boat to our final destination today



WATERFALLS OF LEFKADA

The high mountains that abound in Lefkada are the sources for many waterfalls that cascade through the mountainous terrain to the the sea. A gorgeous cascading waterfall is the Dimossari Waterfall It ends up in a gorge with white rocks.



LEFKADA TOWN

The town has ancient origins, most of what you see today has its roots in the Middle Ages, when the area was under the control of the Venetians. Narrow alleyways & colourful houses, with many bars & restaurants. A promenade is lined with cafés you can walk across the causeway to reach a historic castle.



KEFALONIA

We are now bound for our destination the beautiful island of Kefalonia, here we will spend four magical days exploring the magic this island offers us...

DAY 9 SEPTEMBER 22ND KEFALONIA FREE DAY

Kefalonia is a stunning island in the Ionian Sea, with natural wonders, historical sites, and charming villages.

Tomorrow we will explore some of the magic, swim at Myrtos Beach, explore the Melissani Cave, visit the Drogarati Cave, taste some local wines and more!

Day 10 September 23rd

Ithaka



Afales Beach



Statue of Odysseus



Kathara Monastery



Stavros Archeological Museum



Filiatro Beach



Folklore Museum

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF ITHAKI ISLAND, WHERE NATURE AND LEGEND BLEND TOGETHER. ENJOY THE TURQUOISE WATERS OF AFALES BEACH AND SEE THE BRONZE STATUE OF ODYSSEUS, A SYMBOL OF THE ISLAND'S MYTHICAL HERITAGE. FIND PEACE AT KATHARA MONASTERY AND LEARN ABOUT THE ISLAND'S PAST AT STAVROS MUSEUM AND THE FOLKLORE MUSEUM. END YOUR TRIP WITH A RELAXING TIME AT FILIATRO BEACH, A SANDY PARADISE WITH OLIVE TREES AND MANY MORE.

DAY 11 SEPTEMBER
24TH

Kefalonia

Today will explore my home away from home, Kefalonia, often referred to as the jewel of the Ionian.

We will begin by making our way to the beautiful church and home of Saint Gerasimus, the saint of the Island, we will move on to the beautiful vineyard of the Robola grape, where we will enjoy our personal wine tasting. From here we will drive to Melisini Lake, the mid 50 earthquake exposed this underground area which is really breathtaking. We will also visit St Georges castle, 320 metres high peak looking over the villages of Taveilata and Peratata, and heading for a photo stop to the Famous Mytos beach, a day not to be forgotten!



DAY 12
SEPTEMBER
25TH

*Olympia to
Nauplio*

Our Kefalonia adventure winds up as we now travel by boat to the port of Kypseli, from here we will drive to the sacred site of Olympia. This is one of the most beautiful stops, steeped in history full of stories of the Olympians. We will before leaving we will visit the museum and lunch together. Destination, NAUFLIO.



MYTHS OF OLYMPIA



**MAKE YOUR OWN
GREEK POT**



OLYMPIA



OLYMPIA STADIUM



TEMPLE OF HERA

DAY 13 SEPTEMBER

26TH TRAVEL TO *Epidauros*

Today we will be visiting the sacred site of Epidaurus, rich in nature and offering an experience rich in healing and history. This will include the ancient theater dating back to the 4th century BCE, epidaurus is renowned for its exceptional acoustics and incredible well preserved state.

The Sanctuary of Asclepius, dedicated to the god of healing and his daughter Hygeia also dwell here, where we can explore the baths and temple ruins surrounded with lush hills and valleys that will enhance our healing experience today.

To complete our day before arriving back at Nafplio, we will lunch together in the beautiful village of Tolo, here we will enjoy our beach side lunch experience before heading back to the Ilion hotel for our group sharing and a free evening.



DAY 14 SEPTEMBER

27TH *Pottery & Palamidi*

Today get ready to bring out the inner artist as we head to Silo Art, the workshop of renowned local artist (and character) Stelios. Lets get grounded as we are guided in our personal class to make our own Greek pot!

We will have a guided tour of the artists workshop and after our creative juices are stimulated enjoy a sumptuous lunch prepared by Silo in the lovely grounds of the workshop. We will then board our bus to go back to the Ilion for a short break.

This afternoon we will head to Palamedes Castle, to experience the enchanting beauty, where breath taking views and rich history come together to create and unforgettable memory. Constructed between 1711 and 1714 this fortification control the Argolic Gulf, playing an important role during the Greek War of independence in 1820s. It stands today a symbol of resilience and history.





Day 15 Return to Athens September 28th



We will farewell Napflio today and head for Athens, before returning to our hotel we will visit the sacred site of Sounion (Temple of Posideon). *Myth speaks of the father - son tragedy when Aegeus, king of Athens believed his son had perished when he ventured to Crete to confront the Minotaur, this was not the truth as his son Theseus had forgotten to turn his sails from black to white, which led to his grief of the king to throw himself of the cliff... this powerful site highlighting the themes of hope, loss and the consequences of misunderstandings ...*On returning to our hotel we will have a small time for reflection before meeting to have our dinner together in the Plaka. Tomorrow we will all say 4. farewell after our breakfast to continue our journey or begin our travels home.

A FEW THINGS TO PREPARE

Passport & Visa

You must have at least 6 months valid on your passport and complete a ETIAS which can be filled out online. (ETIAS commences from 2025)



Currency Exchange

Euro is the currency in Greece and through out most of Europe. Banks, ATMs and currency exchange offices and easily found, travel cards are recommended.

Climate

May and September are both beautiful times to travel throughout Greece, in May, perhaps a light jacket at night, both months swimmers are a must! September the water has warmed up over summer.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a must, please check all the details throughly, recommendations will be emailed to you on registration.



PACKAGE PRICING

Price Inclusions: Accommodation including breakfast, Our own bus for 15 days, all day trips, entry fees to sites & museums, Ferry tickets, all group talks & inclusions, 6 lunches and dinners, pre group zoom calls 6 months prior

Twin Share
Early Bird

AU\$4950

Single
Early Bird

AU\$6250

Twin Share
Non - Early Bird

AU\$5650

Single
Non - Early Bird

AU\$6850

- An \$850 deposit is due to confirm your place in the program with a further \$850 due 12 weeks from deposit payment.
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