

## Classical Greece with Meteora and Rhodes [15 days] from €1450

Explore the glory of ancient Greece with this tour of Athens plus a 2-day classical tour. With overnight accommodation and an expert guide to accompany you, you will get acquainted with the country's most intriguing archaeological secrets in Athens, Meteora and Rhodes. Discover the mysticism of Meteora's monasteries. Rhodes stands at the edge of the Aegean. With natural beauty, dazzling alternation of landscapes, emerald crystal-clear waters and endless beaches with golden sands. The old town becomes the ideal medieval setting, conveying the atmosphere of that time.

### Highlights:

**Athens** (Acropolis, Acropolis Museum, Monastiraki, Thission, Temple of Olympian Zeus, historical centre)

**Meteora** (monasteries, the cave of Theopetra)

**Rhodes** ( The Medieval City of Rhodes, Mandraki, Lindos, Ancient site of Kamiros, the valley of the butterflies, Seven springs, Beaches)

>> **Daily Departures from April 15th to October 14th**

A package includes 14 nights' accommodation with breakfast, transfers, and visits.

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Arrival in Athens

Arrival at Athens airport - Transfer to your hotel in Athens - Free afternoon - Overnight at the hotel. Take a walk to enjoy the Athenian nightlife.

### Day 2 Panoramic tour of Athens

Depart for a half-day visit to Athens. Visit the **Acropolis** and take part in a Panoramic tour of the city by bus. During this route, you can admire the different contrasts offered to visitors of Athens. You will visit the city centre, **Constitution Square** (Syntagma), the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, The **Parliament** and **Neoclassical buildings**, and **Panepistimiou Avenue** (the Academy, the University and the National Library).

On the way to the Acropolis, you will see the **Hadrian's Arch**, the **Temple of Olympian Zeus** and then you will see the **Panathenaic Stadium** where the first Olympic Games of our time were held in 1896 (short stop). In the **Acropolis**, you can

admire the masterpieces of the golden age of Athens, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike and finally “the harmony between spirit and matter”, the Parthenon. Then you will visit the impressive sculptures, which adorned the temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion (with Caryatids) and of course the Parthenon. Back to the hotel. Afternoon free. Overnight.

**Day 3 Athens - Free day**

Enjoy your day by strolling along Plaka (the old Athenian quartier) with its narrow streets, which are full of traditional restaurants where you can taste typical dishes of Greek cuisine, and the famous drink “ouzo” and enjoy the atmosphere of this vibrant neighbourhood.

**Day 4 Epidaurus – Mycenae – Olympia**

Departure from Athens, we travel to the **Corinth Canal** (shortstop). We continue to Epidaurus and visit the theatre, known for its excellent acoustics. Depart for **Nafplion** (short stop), continue to **Mycenae**, visit the Citadel and the tomb of Agamemnon, and depart for **Olympia**, across the Peloponnese. Arrive for dinner and overnight.

**Day 5 Olympia – Delphi**

Visit Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games (Museum - Archaeological Site). Departure for Delphi, crossing the plains of Ilia and Achaia and reaching the large bridge of Rio, which connects the Peloponnese with mainland Greece (Antirio) through Nafaktos and other picturesque towns. Arrive for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6 Delphi – Meteora**

Visit Delphi (Museum and Archaeological site). Departure for Kalambaka, situated at the foot of Meteora a uniquely amazing scenery. Arrive for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7 Meteora – Athens**

After breakfast, drive to Athens. Free day. We suggest visiting some of the many museums, such as the unique Museum of Cycladic Art. Secondly, another beautiful museum to visit is Basil & Elise Goulandris Foundation and lastly the National Gallery which is devoted to Greek and European art from the 14th century to the 20th century.

**Day 8 Rhodes**



Arrival at Rhodes airport, welcome by our local correspondent, who will help you with the recovery of the car and departure to the hotel. Get a first taste of the city as you stroll through the city centre on foot. Overnight in Rhodes.

#### **Day 9 City tour of Rhodes**

Breakfast at the hotel and visit the city. Do not miss the three windmills near the Fort of St. Nicholas, the New Market, the public administration buildings, the entrance to Port Mandraki with its immense buildings built by the Italians and, of course, the two deer, where the Colossus would have stood, as well as the underwater aquarium (seen from the outside). As you continue towards Mount Smith, you will have the opportunity to admire picturesque panoramas of the city and the coast.

You will visit the ruins of the temple of Apollo, the ancient outdoor stadium, as well as the Amphitheater. The tour ends at one of the gates of the famous medieval city of Rhodes, better known as the Old Town, classified as a historical monument by UNESCO. Here visitors will get a taste of the city's past and present. Stroll along the cobbled streets, near the impressive walls, under gates and colonnades, through squares with fountains and dark courtyards, through the rue des Chevaliers de St. Jean in front of the archaeological museum and finally walk past the Grand Master's Palace. In addition, you will be amazed at the number of small shops that sell everything from handmade jewellery, leather, ceramics and rugs, wooden items, and clothing. Overnight in Rhodes.

#### **Day 10 Excursion to Lindos in Rhodes**

Breakfast at the hotel departure to Lindos. From the moment you arrive in Lindos, one of the three ancient towns of the island, you will be captivated by the magnificent view over Lindos Bay. This village is a uniquely preserved monument, with traditional whitewashed houses, surrounded by the dazzling blue of crystal-clear waters. The astonishing beauty of the castle, the Acropolis of Athena Lindia on the top of the hill with a superb view, the bay of St. Paul (where the apostle arrived in 58 AD) and the cobbled streets of the village will fascinate visitors. A stroll through the narrow streets reveals the beauty of the island's architecture. Visit the acropolis to feel the living history of this place. Overnight in Rhodes.

#### **Day 11 Boat trip to Symi**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by boat to the island of Symi which is ranked among the most authentic in Greece. Brightly coloured houses, cobbled streets, countless churches and monasteries, seaside taverns and a multitude of stalls make up a unique environment. Arriving at the picturesque harbour, you will have time to venture into the shops. Lovers of marine cuisine will have the opportunity to taste it at one of the typical taverns, the boat will stop at the pier of the Monastery of Panormitis, on the west coast of the island. There you will discover the 12th-century Byzantine monastery dedicated to

Archangel Michael, with impressive frescoes and an interesting museum. Return and overnight in Rhodes.

**Day 12 Boat trip to Kastelorizo**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by boat to the island of Kastelorizo. On the easternmost side of Greece, you'll come across Kastellorizo, one of the smallest yet prettiest islands of the Dodecanese complex. Also known as Megisti during antiquity, the island has a long history starting in the early Neolithic era. Its ancient name lasted until the Middle Ages when the knights of St John built Castello Rosso on the reddish rock above the port. The name of the island was given because of the castle with the high double walls and battlements. Its economic growth started by the end of the 19th century thanks to fishing and shipping. The beautiful stately houses along the Kordoniou coast are reminiscent of those prosperous days. Overnight in Rhodes.

**Day 13 Visit of Filerimos/ Valley of butterflies in Rhodes**

**Day 14 Rhodes**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day in Rhodes. Overnight in Rhodes.

**Day 15 Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. Head to Rhodes Airport. Return of the vehicle to the airport. Assistance with the registration formalities. Depart.



Your package includes:

- Transfers to/from the airport
- 14-night accommodation to a 4\*,5\* hotel
- Tours as mentioned in the program with luxury buses
- City tours as mentioned in the program

Your package excludes:

- City Tax
- Entrances
- Extra meals
- Drinks
- Anything that is not mentioned in the included section

**NOTE:** Our company is not responsible for ferry cancellations due to weather conditions, but we are here to assist you in the best possible way.



## Price List

Departures are from Athens & include 4\* Hotels on B&B basis.

Departure Day	Double Per Person	Single Per Person	Child Price (below 12)
15 Apr 2023	€1550	€1899	€1330
22 Apr 2023	€1550	€1899	€1330
29 Apr 2023	€1550	€1899	€1330
06 May 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
13 May 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
20 May 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
27 May 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
03 Jun 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
10 Jun 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
17 Jun 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
24 Jun 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
01 Jul 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
08 Jul 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
15 Jul 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
22 Jul 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
29 Jul 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
05 Aug 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
12 Aug 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
19 Aug 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
26 Aug 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
02 Sep 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
09 Sep 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
16 Sep 2023	€1599	€1959	€1369
23 Sep 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
30 Sep 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
07 Oct 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350
14 Oct 2023	€1570	€1940	€1350

**\*\* Rates are net & non-commissionable**