### Athens 5 Days

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#### **Overview**

#### **Athens**

- 5 Days
- Age 12+
- Greece
- Not Included:
  - Tips
  - Accommodation tax for the Hotels which will be paid upon arrival by the guests at the reception at each Hotel
  - Porterage service

#### **Tour Plan**



### Day 01: Athens – Arrival flight

Arrival at Eleftherios Venizelos Airport. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport. After boarding our luxurious vehicle, sit back and relax. After lunch we continue to the Cape Sounion tour. Drive along the coastal road, passing the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni & Varkiza to the most Southern point of Attica, Cape Sounion, where the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon stand. On the way, you have a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the little islands offshore. After visiting the Temple of Poseidon, you have time to walk at leisure on the rocky promontory of Sounion. After our guided tour to Archaeological site, we will have dinner and then overnight to Athens. (Lunch, Dinner)



#### Day 02: Athens - Full day Argosaronic cruise

Early breakfast and today we will explore the famous Greek islands by Saronic Cruise. We will cover three of the most beautiful islands of Saronic Gulf, Aegina, Hydra and Poros. These islands are small havens near Athens, here we will enjoy natural beauty, historical treasures, unique architecture, and glamorous, yet romantic atmosphere. The island of Aegina is one of the most popular tourist destinations as it is the closest island to Athens. Even though the island small, it boasts a great number of sights and natural beauties, highlight of which is the famous Aphea Temple. It forms in fact an equilateral triangle with the Parthenon and the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion, the so-called "holy triangle" of the antiquity. Second stop is Hydra island, which was built in the shape of an amphitheatre on a slope overlooking the Argosaronic gulf, is one of the most romantic destinations in Greece. Traditional stone mansions, narrow

cobblestoned streets, secluded squares and above all the banning of cars and the use of around 500 donkeys as means of public transportation, explain the reason why Hydra preserved its distinctive atmosphere through the passage of time. The town of Poros is built in the shape of an amphitheatre over two hills. Poros with the lush pine trees vegetation, crystal clear beaches, a lively waterfront adorned with shops, cosy cafes and restaurants, a picturesque capital with grand traditional mansions and picturesque cobbled streets, as well as a wide selection of entertainment venues are the ingredients of this quiet, yet cosmopolitan, destination. Overnight in Athens. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



# Day 03: Athens – Corinth Canal – Mycenae – Epidaurus

Today we will start the trip to the most characteristic Greek-Mediterranean scenery of Peloponnese. Leave by the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Then continue to the Archaeological site, the Museum and the Atreas treasures of Mycenae. Visit Epidaurus and see the Sanctuary of Asclepius and the Amphitheater of Epidaurus. Return to Athens. Overnight Athens. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



## Day 04: Athens – City Tour – Acropolis – Museum

Today get ready for the most amazing city tour, which gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. We will start our tour by visiting Acropolis with the Architectural Masterpieces in the world of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. Only 300m. away from the sacred rock of Acropolis stands the impressive New Acropolis Museum where at last 4000 priceless statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era. After our visit, we will visit the Temple of Zeus. We will continue our tour with the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. We will continue and pass by the Prime Minister's residence (ex Royal Palace), guarded by the Euzones in their colorful uniform, the Temple of Olympian Zeus – one of the largest in antiquity, the Hadrian's Arch – the symbolic entrance to the city, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Syntagma – Constitution Square. Free time. Overnight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



#### Day 05: Athens - Departure flight

Breakfast and transfer to airport to take your flight back home. (Breakfast)