ATHENS & THE ISLAND OF POROS



GREECE

An Exclusive Educational and Travel Experience





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\$2,845	\$250	\$2,595*

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A land steeped in mythology and legend, Greece has captured the minds and hearts of artists and writers for centuries. The magic of this ancient land is yours to

discover as you immerse yourself in the ancient capital of Athens and the idyllic island of Poros. See the priceless treasures of Athens, from the remains of the Acropolis to the fashionable Plaka district. Walk along the charming streets of Poros Town, and admire its sun-drenched hills and sapphire waters. Explore the remains of the palace at Mycenae and the tombs that are believed to belong to Agamemnon and Clytemnestra. Marvel at the theater in Epidaurus, whose acoustics are still so superb that a whisper on stage carries all the way to the top of its perfectly preserved seating. Enjoy the cosmopolitan island of Hydra. Witness the glory of Greece — both past and present — on this exciting travel adventure.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Groups are limited to 36 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Experience the diversity of Greece while spending six nights on the island of Poros and three nights in Athens.
- Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites: the archaeological sites of Mycenae, Epidaurus and the Acropolis in Athens.
- Examine the archaeological treasures housed in the new **Acropolis** Museum.
- Explore the narrow, winding streets of the car-free island of Hydra.
- Immerse yourself in Greek traditions of **food and wine** as you sample local delicacies.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Three nights in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe InterContinental Athenaeum Athens Hotel.
- Six nights on the island of Poros, at the first-class New Aegli Hotel.

Transportation

 All deluxe motor coach and hydrofoil transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner featuring Greek music and dancing.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy nine breakfasts, four lunches and six dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional **specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service** Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Campus Director** throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Athens, Greece.*
* Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ ATHENS

Upon arrival, transfer* to the InterContinental Athenaeum Athens Hotel.

Attend a Welcome Reception at the hotel this evening.

DAY 3 ~ ATHENS

Excursion: Athens City Tour. See the neoclassical buildings of the Athens Academy, Athens University and the National Library. Then visit the amazing Acropolis, crowned with its magnificent Parthenon. Examine treasures and legendary sculptures housed at the Acropolis Museum.

Local Flavor: Sample local specialties for lunch at a restaurant in Athens. **Independent Exploration:** Spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure and explore on your own.

DAY 4 ~ POROS

This morning, board a hydrofoil and transfer to the island of Poros and the New Aegli Hotel.

Tonight, attend a festive Welcome to Poros Reception and Dinner.

DAY 5 ~ POROS

Educational Focus: Classical Greece ~ Greek History, Part II. Excursion: Poros. Stroll the charming streets of Poros Town, lined with whitewashed houses. Walk through St. George Square, past bustling shops along the waterfront and arrive at the Archaeological Museum of Poros.

Educational Focus and Local Flavor: *Meet the People.* Meet a few locals for lunch at a popular taverna.

DAY 6 ~ NAUPLIA/EPIDAURUS Educational Focus: Classical Greece ~ Greek History, Part I. Excursion: Nauplia and Epidaurus. Discover coastal Nauplia, situated on a rocky peninsula jutting into the Argolic Gulf. From a maze of narrow, winding streets, admire the prominent profile of Palamidi Citadel, which zigzags across a hilltop ridge. Continue to Epidaurus, home to the best-preserved ancient Greek theater, which is still in use today.

Local Flavor: Enjoy local specialties during lunch at a restaurant.

DAY 7 ~ HYDRA

Excursion: *Hydra*. Cruise to Hydra, considered to be the most fashionable Saronic Isle. Distinctive for its architecture, rugged terrain and lack of cars — motorized vehicles are prohibited on the island — Hydra's lovely waterfront is lined with many lively cafés and shops.

Educational Focus: Contemporary Greece.

DAY 8 ~ MYCENAE

Excursion: *Mycenae.* Travel to ancient Mycenae and see the vestiges of what was the most powerful kingdom in Greece from the 16th-13th centuries B.C. According to Greek mythology, the fortress here was the seat of Agamemnon's kingdom.

Local Flavor: Visit an operating winery and savor some of the region's wines followed by lunch.

DAY 9 ~ POROS

Educational Focus: Greek Art.
Independent Exploration: Spend
the day at your leisure in Poros and
pursue your own interests.
Tonight, gather with your fellow
travelers for a Farewell Reception,
Graduation Ceremony and a Farewell
Dinner.

DAY 10 ~ ATHENS

This morning transfer to Athens. **Excursion:** *Corinth Canal.* Drive along the coastal road and see the famous Corinth Canal, which separates the Peloponnesian peninsula from mainland Greece.

Independent Exploration. Check in at the Athenaeum InterContinental Hotel and enjoy some time at leisure to explore the city, shop or relax.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a final evening dining on Greek cuisine at a restaurant.

DAY 11 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. *

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ACCOMMODATIONS



INTERCONTINENTAL ATHENAEUM ATHENS HOTEL Athens

This InterContinental Athenaeum is located near the Parthenon and a short distance from the Plaka, the scenic Old Town of Athens. This deluxe hotel has a business center, 24-hour fitness center, swimming pool, spa and several lounges and restaurants, including a rooftop restaurant with stunning views of the city. The guest rooms are equipped with every modern convenience.



NEW AEGLI HOTEL Poros

The New Aegli Hotel is wonderfully situated overlooking scenic Askeli Bay. Each guest room features a spacious balcony that affords a breathtaking view of the sea and surrounding landscapes and is appointed with individual climate controls, minibar, safe, satellite TV and Wi-Fi. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool and beach access. The restaurant offers terrace seating and is noted for its Greek specialties.

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