ANCIENT GREECE
WITH SANTORINI AND CRETE
May 16-29, 2019

14 days for $6,392 total price from Houston
($5,895 air & land inclusive plus $497 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University
Howdy, Ags!

Join the Traveling Aggies on a special 14-day small group journey to discover the grandeur of the ancient world in Greece and experience the beauty of the Aegean isles. Classical Greece comes to life at unmatched archaeological sites, on idyllic islands, and alongside Athens’ contemporary life.

Begin in Athens, visiting the city's treasured sites and the National Archaeological Museum, then taking an excursion to Delphi's celebrated ruins. Your group explores Ancient Corinth and visits an olive oil factory. Spending three nights in a Peloponnesian resort hotel, take a private boat excursion to tranquil Hydra and visit the archaeological sites of Mycenae and Epidaurus. Next is a three-night sojourn in the Cretan capital, Heraklion. Visit the renowned Archaeological Museum and the Minoan Palace and board a private boat for a cruise to Spinalonga. During a two-night stay on the island of Santorini, tour a winery and the archaeological site of Akrotiri. Your memorable journey concludes with a final night in Athens.

With room for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig ‘em!

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel – Outreach and Engagement
The Association of Former Students

TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM – ANCIENT GREECE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Ancient Greece departing May 16, 2019. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from ________________________ I/We request an air upgrade to ________________________

I will share a room with ________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ______

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Ancient Greece, May 16-29, 2019, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________ Date _________________

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
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Day 1: Depart U.S. for Athens, Greece

Day 2: Athens After a late morning arrival in the Greek capital, there’s time to relax at our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

Day 3: Athens On this morning’s tour we visit the city’s most important sites, including the 5th-century Acropolis and Parthenon; and the renowned Acropolis Museum. We also take a walking tour of Hadrian Street and the Plaka district. This afternoon we visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to the world’s most significant collection of Greek artifacts. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. B,D

Day 4: Delphi Today’s excursion takes us to central Greece to explore Delphi, one of the most beautiful and celebrated ancient sites. Nestled between twin cliffs on a slope of Mount Parnassus and spilling out onto the Sacred Plain, Delphi is where the oracle representing the revered god Apollo presided over the ancient world. We see the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo; walk the marble Sacred Way; and climb to the 4th-century BCE theater still in use today. We also visit Delphi’s museum that houses the bronze “Charioteer,” one of antiquity’s greatest statues. After lunch in a local restaurant, we return to Athens late afternoon. B,L

Day 5: Athens/Corinth/Peloponnese We travel today by coach to the Peloponnesian Peninsula, Greece’s southernmost region separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal. On route we visit the ruins and museum of Ancient Corinth, one of the country’s largest cities in antiquity that was demolished by the Romans (146 BCE), who then rebuilt it a century later. Today, only low stone walls, foundations, and several Corinthian columns remain as testimony to the mighty city that once flourished here. The site boasts a strong connection to Christianity: Paul wrote his two letters, First and Second Corinthians, here; and we see the altar where he preached. Next: a visit to the Melas olive oil factory to learn about the history of olive oil production – Greece consumes more olive oil than any other country – and to enjoy a light lunch and tasting. This afternoon we reach

Small Group Tour Highlights

Athens sightseeing, including Acropolis and Parthenon • Excursion to ancient Delphi • Visits to archaeological sites of Corinth, Mycenae, and Epidaurus • Tour and tasting at olive oil factory • Half-day excursion to Hydra • Heraklion’s Minoan Palace of Knossos and Archaeological Museum • Private cruise to Spinalonga • Two-night stay on island of Santorini • Winery tour and tasting • Archaeological site of Akrotiri • Tour of National Archaeological Museum, Athens

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Athens
2-4 Athens Electra Palace Hotel Deluxe
5-7 Heraklion’s Castle Sup. First Class
8-10 Santorini Palace Hotel First Class
11-12 Athens Electra Palace Hotel Deluxe
14 Depart Athens for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 4, we tour the ruins of Delphi, believed by the ancients to be the “navel [center] of the world.”
Day 6: Epidaurus/Mycenae/Nafplion  Among the highlights of this morning’s visit to the vast archaeological site and museum of Epidaurus: the 2,300-year-old theater, a masterpiece of Greek architecture known for its perfect acoustics and still in use today. Long associated with healing and medicine, Epidaurus comprises one of the most complete sanctuaries remaining from antiquity. This afternoon we tour the imposing ruins at Mycenae, a UNESCO site that represented the pinnacle of civilization from the 15th to the 12th centuries BCE. A key influence on the development of classic Greek culture (and hence Western civilization), Mycenae also is linked to Homer’s epics, *Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. We see the Tomb of Agamemnon, with what was the world’s highest and widest dome for more than a thousand years; and the Lion’s Gate, the only known Bronze Age monumental sculpture in Greece. Then we visit nearby Nafplion, a gem of a Venetian/Byzantine town with picturesque narrow streets, fortifications, and a bounty of waterfront cafés – and where we enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we dine together at a local taverna. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Peloponnese/Hydra  This morning we travel to the port of Ermioni, where we board a private boat for the ride to Hydra, the car-free Saronic island where donkeys provide the transportation. After lunch together at a local taverna, we have free time to enjoy this picturesque island as we wish. Late afternoon we return to our resort for an evening at leisure. *B,L*

Day 8: Peloponnese/Heraklion, Crete  En route to Athens this morning we stop to see the Corinth Canal, cutting at sea level through the narrow Isthmus of Corinth to the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean. We continue on to the Athens airport for the 50-minute flight to Crete, arriving mid-afternoon in Heraklion, the Cretan capital. After checking in at our hotel, we enjoy an afternoon at leisure; this evening we take a walking tour of the Venetian/Ottoman-influenced town center prior to dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 9: Heraklion/Knossos  Today we visit one of Greece’s greatest museums: Heraklion’s Archaeological Museum housing artifacts from 5,500 years of Cretan history, from the Neolithic period to Roman times. The museum is especially renowned for its Minoan collection, much of which was excavated from the palace of Knossos – our next stop. The political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur, ancient Knossos is considered Europe’s “oldest city” and the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. Following our tour and lunch, we return to Heraklion for a visit to Koules Fortress, the well-preserved 16th-century bastion at the entrance to the old port. Then the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B,L*

Day 10: Heraklion/Spinalonga/Agios Nikolaos  After an hour’s drive this morning, we board a private boat for a cruise through the Bay of Elounda to Spinalonga, a former Venetian island fortress later occupied by the Ottomans then used as a leper colony from 1903 to 1957. From here we travel to the colorful harborside town of Agios Nikolaos, with its galleries, shops, cafés, tavernas, and tiny Lake Voulismeni, where, legend has it, the goddess Athena once bathed. *B,D*

Day 11: Crete/Santorini  We depart this morning by high-speed ferry for Santorini, southernmost of the Cycladic islands. Once believed to have been the
legendary lost island of Atlantis, Santorini today attracts both Greeks and visitors alike with its stupendous setting of cubiform whitewashed houses sitting atop the jagged cliffs of a crescent-shaped caldera. Upon arrival we visit Venetsanos Winery for a tour and tasting then have free time in the town of Thira for lunch and to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we head to the town of Oia, known for its iconic whitewashed architecture and stunning views. \(B, D\)

Day 12: Santorini Today we tour Santorini’s archaeological site of Akrotiri, a Bronze Age Minoan location that was abandoned in the 17th century BCE following a volcanic eruption – whose ash also preserved the excavations that we now see. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this idyllic island as we wish. \(B\)

Day 13: Santorini/ Athens After a late morning flight to Athens, we check in at our hotel then are free for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure, perhaps to visit the Plaka for last-minute shopping or to stroll the broad plaza of lively Syntagma Square. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking the Acropolis at the rooftop restaurant of our hotel. \(B, D\)

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer to Athens’ international airport this morning, where we connect with our return flight home. \(B\)

"Tell me, O muse, of travellers far and wide.”
— Homer

Your Tour Price Includes
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: May 16, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Land Only (transfers not included) $5,095

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $497, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
- Business Class – $7,795 per person; Premium Economy – $995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For more information and reservations, please call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at 800-633-7514.

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as a payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests