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Athens

EXCURSIONS

1/ HALF-DAY AFTERNOON ATHENS SIGHTSEEING (City Tour + Acropolis) – BY BUS



This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city.

Our expert guides take you to see the center of the city. Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus and you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896.

On the Acropolis, visit the architectural masterpieces 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.

- Price per person : 55,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Entrance fees / Transport by luxury air-conditioned coach / All taxes

This tour is available from Monday to Friday – Duration : 15:00 – 18:30

2/ ATHENS WALKING CITY TOUR (Small City Tour + Acropolis) – BY FOOT



This city tour will not only show you the most important landmarks and sights of the historical center of Athens but will also include a complete tour of the Acropolis with an in-depth guided tour of this world heritage site and its major breathtaking monuments.

The tour begins inside the Syntagma metro station where you will visit the metro Museum (in 10-15 minutes) with very interesting archaeological artifacts, from the daily life of Ancient Athenians, that came to light during the construction of the metro. You will then continue on to the House of the Greek Parliament, the Monument to the Unknown Soldier and watch the changing of the guards.

The tour continues towards the National Gardens and on to the beautiful neoclassical Zappeion Hall, in front of which tower the surviving columns of the Zeus Temple and Hadrian's Arch (visit). Then, walk towards the Acropolis through the beautiful pedestrian walk way of Dionyssiou Areopagitou.

You will enter the Acropolis from the south slope so as to avoid the crowds and also to visit the Dionysus sanctuary and Dionysus Theatre built in the 5th century BC. As you begin to ascend the sacred hill, a breathtaking view of the city below will unfold. Your guide will give you a detailed explanation of the glorious monuments of the Acropolis such as, the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Propylaia, the Nike Temple, the Agrippa Monument and the surrounding monuments such as the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Ancient Agora, the Observatory as well as the Philopappos, Mars, and Pnyx Hills. The tour ends on the Acropolis.

- Price per person : 50,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Entrance fees / All taxes

This tour is available every day of the week – Duration : approx. 3hrs15 (09:30 – 12:45)

3/ ATHENS FOOD TOUR (Old Athens + Central Market + Monastiraki) – BY FOOT



Seize the opportunity to taste a wide variety of Greek delicacies ranging from the mouth-watering sweet and syrupy “loukoumades” to traditional “bougatsa” or the savoury “pastourma”, Feta cheese and famous Greek olives.

Discover another side of Athens which lies in the shadow of the famous Acropolis where a kaleidoscope of colors, smells, tastes and textures await. Your expert and totally passionate about food guide will lead you past produce stalls bursting with color, intoxicating spice shops, enticing sweet shops, and of course the bustling central food market of Athens.

You will visit various specialty food shops, colorful and alluring delicatessens, aromatic and tempting bakeries and sweet shops, restaurants, dairies, spice, grocery and pie shops where you will sample and taste the most traditional Greek food.

A genuine Athenian food tour would not be complete without a visit to the vibrant central Varvakeios food market, with its bustling energy and loud bargaining. This dazzling galaxy of fruit and spice, meat and fish will enchant you.

Our guides will knowledgeably lead you through a food stroll and introduce you to small, hidden specialty food shops. They will provide valuable insight both on the unique and intricate culinary heritage of Greece as well as the famous Mediterranean diet, hailed today as a model of healthy living. The tour ends close to Monastiraki Square.

- Price per person : 49,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Food & Beverages sampling / All taxes

This tour is available every day of the week – Duration : 09:30 – 12:45

4/ HALF-DAY TOUR to CAPE SOUNION - BY BUS



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.

- Price per person : 43,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Entrance fees / Transport by luxury air-conditioned coach / All taxes

This tour is available every day of the week - Duration : 15:00 – 19:00

5/ DELPHI FULL-DAY TOUR - BY BUS



Drive through the fertile plain of Beotia, crossing the towns of Thebes connected with the tragedy of King Oedipus - Levadia and Arachova (short stop on the way back).

Arrive at Delphi, the center of Ancient World - the "Omphalos" (Navel of Earth) - whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic World.

On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios.

Visit the Treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the Museum containing such masterpieces of Ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias.

Optional lunch in the modern village of Delphi. Return to Athens by the same route.

- Price per person : 86,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Entrance fees / Transport by luxury air-conditioned coach / All taxes

Supplement for lunch : 12,00 € per person without drinks

This tour is available every day of the week – Duration : 08:45 – 19:00

6/ ARGOLIS FULL-DAY TOUR - BY BUS



Leave by the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea, (short stop). Drive to Mycenae, the Homeric city of Atreides, the city "rich in gold" of the ancient poets. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, and the Royal Tombs etc ...

Optional lunch in Mycenae.

Depart for Nauplion through the fertile plain of Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress (short photo stop). Leave for Epidauros, to visit the Theatre (4th century B.C.) famous for its astonishing acoustics. Return to Athens by the National road connecting Epidauros with Corinth.

- Price per person : 86,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Entrance fees / Transport by luxury air-conditioned coach / All taxes

Supplement for lunch : 12,00 € per person without drinks

This tour is available on Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday & Saturday – Duration : 08:45 – 19:00

7/ ONE-DAY CRUISE in SARONIC ISLANDS



In the morning, transfer by bus from your hotel to Piraeus port, for your embarkation to the cruise boat.

At 8h15 the ship sails for Hydra, the gem of the Saronic Gulf : no cars, no scooters, just donkeys, rocks, sea and beautiful houses. Here you have free time for a walk or a swim.

Embarkation and sail for Poros, the smallest of the three islands, separated from the Peloponnese by a narrow strait and offering a most enchanting view of Poros Town. Your time at leisure in Poros will be about 60 minutes. Lunch will be served during the voyage. Time will fly quickly....and after a two hour trip we shall arrive to our last port of call, the island of Aegina, famous for its pistachios plantations. While on shore, you will have time for walk along the harbor or a swim. Optional excursion, by bus, to the fine preserved Temple of Afea Athena.

Embarkation for the voyage of return to the port. Arrive to Piraeus, late in the afternoon. Transfer to your hotel.

- Price per person : 86,00 €

Including : Lunch on board without drinks / Pick-up service from most of hotels in Athens / All taxes

This tour is available every day of the week – Duration : 08:15 – 19:15

8/ 2-DAYS DELPHI & METEORA TOUR – BY BUS



1st day: Leave for Delphi via Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Arrive in Delphi and visit the Archaeological Site.

After the visit, free time for lunch. Depart for Kalambaka, passing through picturesque villages and towns of Central Greece. Dinner and overnight.

2nd day: Visit Meteora* and enjoy a unique and most impressive scenery with ageless Monasteries, containing priceless historical and religious treasures, standing between earth and sky atop huge rocks.

Free time for lunch. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae (short stop to see across the road the Leonida's Monument). Arrive in Athens early in the evening.

*** For the visit of the Monasteries, ladies need a skirt and gentlemen long trousers + long sleeves shirts.**

- Price per person in 4* hotel : 193,00 €

- Price per person in 3* hotel : 165,00 €

Including : Professional English or French-speaking guide / Entrance fees / One night accommodation / 1 dinner without drinks / Transport by luxury air-conditioned coach / All taxes

Supplement for lunch : 12,00 € per person without drinks

This tour is available every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 16/5 – Duration : 08:45 – 19:45

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