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Radiology in Crete

Classical Tour to the Greek Mainland & Athens



October 8 – 14, 2022

Come experience the Greek cities built in ancient history. Our journey takes us back to ancient times to marvel at ruins, architecture and breathtaking views.

Day to Day Itinerary:

Saturday, October 8th – After breakfast, we will depart the Elounda Bay Palace for the airport and board a short flight to Athens where our journey begins. We will drive the scenic highway in the direction of the Corinth Canal. Built between 1882 & 1893, the canal was cut through 262 vertical feet of rock to form a water passage between the Ionian and Aegean Seas.



Our first stop will be the Theatre of Epidaurus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built against the lower slopes in a beautiful setting, the



Theatre of Epidaurus is the most famous and best preserved of all the ancient theatres in Greece.

Next, we will roam the archeological sites of Mycenae and Tiryns. Both sites were previously the two greatest cities of the Mycenaean civilization, which dominated the eastern Mediterranean world from the 15th to the 12th century B.C. and played a vital role in the development of classical Greek Culture such as the Homeric epic, the Iliad and the Odyssey.

Our final stop of the day is to the old city of Nafplion. Here the neoclassical old city, dominated by the impressive “Palamidi” fortress, remains relatively unspoiled from the days it was Greece’s first capital. Nafplion is known for its picturesque streets, outdoor cafes, Turkish fountains, mosques, and small harbor fortress “Bourtzi”. Lunch is included. Dinner & overnight at the Candia Castle Hotel. (B, L, D)



Sunday, October 9th– Our adventure today will start in Olympia at the Sacred Grove of Altis. It is here that the Olympic Games officially began in the 8th Century B.C. where competitors as far away as Sicily and Asia Minor took part. We will visit the vast archaeological site where the remains of colossal Temple of Zeus and Pheidias’ chryselephantine (one of the seven world wonders) statue once stood. One of the highlights of the tour is the visit of the stadium, where the Olympic Games were held in the antiquity. After the tour, we will visit the Archaeological

Museum which contains the famous statue of Hermes of Praxiteles. Lunch included at a traditional Greek tavern. We will spend the night at the Amalia Hotel in Olympia. Dinner included at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 10th – Today we will have an early departure and drive to Delphi. The tour takes us through the plains of Thebes and Levadia and through the impressive mountainous terrain, to what is considered one of the most famous archaeological sites of classical Greece. The Temple of Apollo will take us



on the once well-traveled path through the reconstructed treasury of the Athenians and the foundations of statues which once lined the entire route. We will also see the well-preserved theatre, built in the 4th Century B.C. and restored during the Roman period. Later in the day, we will have the chance to admire the unique collection of classical Greek antiquities at the nearby museum which holds two world-known masterpieces: the bronze statue of the Charioteer and the Naxian Sphinx. Lunch is included. We will spend the night in Delphi, at the Anemolia Hotel in Arachova. Dinner included at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 11th – This morning our journey continues onwards to Meteora. Visit the “8th Wonder of the World”, the byzantine monasteries of Meteora, perched 900 feet above the ground, on top of incredible rock formations. In the northwest corner of Thessaly, the wide bed of the Pinios River emerges from the mighty canyons of Eastern Pindus mountains that plummet abruptly onto the Thessalian plain. Here, in the shadow of the mountains are massive gray colored pinnacles rise towards the sky, sculpted by wind and water over thousands of years. These smooth, vertical rocks have become a favorite destination for rock climbers, who are, perhaps, the only ones today who can truly appreciate the journey of the 9th century settlers who first climbed them to settle in the caves and fissures of the rocks. Literally meaning “suspended in air”, the name Meteora soon came to encompass the entire rock community of 24 monasteries. Having no steps, access to the monasteries was by means of a net that was hitched over a hook and hoisted by rope. Today, only six monasteries survive as museums, they are sparsely occupied by a few monks and nuns, but offer a rare glimpse of Orthodox monastic life. Lunch will follow at a local tavern with nice views to the Meteora cliffs and town of Kalambaka. Dinner and overnight at the Grand Meteora Hotel in Kalambaka. (B, L, D)



Wednesday, October 12th – After breakfast, we make our way to Athens, stopping for lunch along the way. The remainder of the day will be at leisure. (B, L)
Our accommodations for the next **2 nights** will be at the Royal Olympic Hotel.

Thursday, October 13th – Today we visit the Acropolis. We begin at the base where a series of steps invite us to ascend to the top of this sacred rock. Upon reaching the top we will pass through the Propylaea, the stately

entrance to the magnificent structures inside, and will be greeted by a spectacular view of the city and the entire basin of Attica. Once inside, you will immediately see the Parthenon, by far the best known and most awe-inspiring of structures on the Acropolis. Just north of the Parthenon is the Erechtheion, another well recognized structure with its graceful porch of Caryatids. At the conclusion of the tour, you may walk to Plaka area and then walk back to the hotel. (B)



Friday, October 15th – After breakfast, we depart for the airport for our flight home! (B)

Our Hotels:

Kandia's Castle Hotel, Nafplio – 5*

This 5* hotel is magnificently located on its own beach, in the rural area of Kandia, only a 20minute drive from the beautiful town of Nafplio, and other nearby places of interest and Archaeological sites.

[Hotel Link](#)

Amalia Hotel, Olympia – 4.5*

The Amalia Hotel accommodates guests in spacious and comfortable rooms with modern decoration, luxurious amenities and wonderful views of central Athens.

[Hotel Link](#)

Anemolia Hotel, Delphi - 4*

A unique resort in a mountainous landscape, where the earthy colors combined with the unique facilities and the stunning view that offer a once in a lifetime experience. Idyllically located on the outskirts of the historic Arachova village, Anemolia Resort offers unique views across the Delphi Valley and the Parnassos mountain range.

[Hotel Link](#)

Grand Meteora Hotel, Kalambaka – 4*

Grand Meteora Hotel is located at the foot of Meteora, in the heart of Thessaly plain. It is the most imposing and impressing accommodation in the area, next to the picturesque village of Kastraki. All the classic rooms have private balconies, where guests are amazed by the impressive splendor of Meteora.

[Hotel Link](#)

Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens - 5*

A family run 5* property located in the center of Athens. The hotel lays just in front of the Temple of Zeus, National Gardens and the Acropolis – only a 2-minute walk to the new Athens Acropolis Museum. After a complete renovation that finished in 2009, the hotel was transformed to an art hotel, very elegantly decorated and more important very well looked after in every detail.

[Hotel Link](#)

PRICING:

Per person based on double occupancy: \$2,975.00USD

Single Supplement: \$1,200.00USD

INCLUDED FEATURES:

Economy air from Heraklion, Crete to Athens

6 nights in selected **4* & 5*** hotels including all taxes and service charges.

All sightseeing and admissions as outlined in the itinerary.

6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners.

All travel via deluxe coaches with English speaking professional licensed guides

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:

These include, but are not limited to, airfare to and from your destination except where specified; airport/departure taxes; cost of passport and visas; taxes; excess baggage or overweight charges; laundry; phone calls; all items of a personal nature; Meals not detailed in the itinerary; health, accident, baggage, or travel protection plans. ***Gratuities for the tour guides and driver for the duration of the tour are not included.***

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

Sanditz Travel strongly recommends that you protect your travel investment by purchasing travel insurance.

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INFORMATION:

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RESERVATIONS:

Reservations for "Classic Tour to Greek Mainland & Athens" may be made by completing the booking form and sending it via email to Claudia at claudia@radiologyintl.com. All checks should be made out to Sanditz Travel and all credit card charges will be processed by Radiology Int'l. All reservations taken will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and with limited availability. A deposit in the amount of **\$1,500.00** per person is required to confirm your reservation. The balance will be due no later than **July 11, 2021**.

****In addition to the booking form, kindly read, sign and return the *COVID-19 Waiver* found on our website* www.radiologyintl.com**

CONDITIONS:

Tour prices are quoted in US Dollars and based on a minimum group of **20 participants**. In the event that the group falls below this number, Radiology International and/or Sanditz Travel reserve the right to make adjustments to the tour, the cost or cancel the tour.

CURRENCY:

In the event the currency between the US Dollar and the Euro fluctuates substantially, Sanditz Travel and Radiology International reserve the right to pass on a currency adjustment surcharge if the exchange rate experiences a major change.

CANCELLATIONS:

A \$500 per person administrative fee is nonrefundable from time of booking. A full refund will be granted on reservations cancelled more than 120 days prior to departure less a \$500 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure, a \$1,500.00 per person penalty will apply. Cancellations received within 90 days prior to departure are non-refundable.