

TRAVEL TO

# Greece

**December 10–20, 2023**

- › Cost: \$3,890 (subject to change)
- › Payment plan
- › Financial aid is available for those who qualify
- › Earn credit hours
- › Invite your favorite traveling companion

## Your 11-day academic travel experience includes:

- › Round-trip land and air transportation
- › Three- and four-star, double-occupancy, hotel accommodations
- › Exclusive deluxe motor coach, faculty liaisons, tour director and local guides
- › Full breakfast daily and Greek specialty meals
- › Admission to all activities on the itinerary
- › Insurance: full accidental, medical and trip cancellation/interruption coverage

## Itinerary Highlights:

- › Tour historic Athens, with an up-close visit to the Parthenon and Acropolis.
- › Dine on Greek cuisine overlooking the Parthenon.
- › Discover the secrets of the Ancient Agora of Athens.
- › Explore the site where the Olympic Games originated.
- › Encounter the Archaeological Site and the Museum of Delphi, the most famous oracle of the ancient world.
- › Explore Crete, one of Greece's many islands.
- › Learn about Greek culture, taste the local food and wine, and enjoy free time to explore on your own.
- › Glimpse how medicine was practiced in ancient times as well as in Greece today.



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## **Academic Travel Abroad Itinerary: Greece 2023**

### **Day 1: Sunday, December 10, 2023 • Departure**

Today we embark on our incredible journey as we depart the Omaha Airport bound for Athens, Greece.

### **Day 2: Monday, December 11, 2023 • Athens**

We arrive in Athens and transfer to our hotel.

### **Day 3: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 • Athens**

We journey back 2,500 years as we visit historic Athens and discover the birthplace of our civilization. On our panoramic city tour we see the Acropolis, Parthenon, Ancient Agora, Monastiraki and central market, Temple of Zeus, and Hadrian's Arch. We take a funicular ride to the peak of Mount Lycabettus, the highest point in Athens, for a spectacular view of the city. Tonight, we have dinner overlooking the Parthenon.

### **Day 4: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 • Athens**

Today we have a free day to explore Athens on our own.

### **Day 5: Thursday, December 14, 2023 • Athens - Nafplion - Patras**

Our next stop is at Epidauros, where we test the near-perfect acoustics of its theater. A visit to the Sanctuary of Asklepieion informs us of the ancient art and practices of healing. Our visit includes the Epidauros Museum. We venture to Mycenae, an expansive citadel dating back to 1700 BC. We learn about the culture of the Bronze Age. Then we stay overnight in Patras, Greece's third largest city.

### **Day 6: Friday, December 15, 2023 • Patra -Olympia - Delphi**

Today we visit Olympia, where the ancient games originated. In the morning we will explore the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the ancient Stadium, the spot where the torch of the modern Olympic Games is lit, and the Archaeological Museum. Then we drive on through the plains of Ilia and Achaia until the magnificent bridge that crosses the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion. We pass by the picturesque towns of Nafpaktos (Lepanto) and Itea and arrive in Delphi for the evening.

### **Day 7: Saturday, December 16, 2023 • Delphi – Athens – Heraklion**

In the morning we visit the Archaeological Site and the Museum of Delphi, the most famous oracle of the ancient world. We then enjoy a couple of free hours in Delphi before departing and driving through the village of Arachova, renowned for its colorful carpets. We then return back to Athens via the ancient cities of Levadia and Thebes. We arrive in Athens early in the afternoon to take the flight to Heraklion

### **Day 8: Sunday, December 17, 2023 • Heraklion**

This morning we visit the Venizelio Hospital at Heraklion where we meet with hospital staff and learn about medicine as it is practiced in Greece. After, we see the Knossos Palace. Knossos is the largest palatial center from the Minoan period (17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> century BC – almost 4,000 years old!).

Thrapsano is our next stop, where we view ancient pottery in which wine was kept and see the pottery factory firsthand. Then, we visit Peza for a wine tasting!

**Day 9: Monday, December 18, 2023 • Heraklion – Overnight Ferry**

A local guide joins us as we tour the enchanting medieval Crete including the towns of Chania and Rethymno with their Venetian castles! Next, we visit Agrico, an estate that recreates centuries-old farming methods to produce mass amounts of delicious produce. Afterwards, we take an overnight ferry to Piraeus.

**Day 10: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 • Athens**

We arrive back at the port this morning. After our arrival, we visit the Hygeia Private Hospital and learn more about medical practices in Greece. We have some free time this afternoon before we enjoy a farewell dinner in a Taverna, complete with Bouzouki music.

**Day 11: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 • Return**

Unfortunately, our journey has come to an end. We return home with an abundance of new memories.