Greece
Athens & Kalamata

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 3 nights in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.
- 5 nights in Kalamata at the first-class Pharae Palace Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- AHI Travel Assurance plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Inspiring Moments

- Enjoy coastal life in bustling, seaside Kalamata.
- Stand in the glorious Acropolis and relish magnificent views of Athens.
- Wander through the ruins of Mycenae, the mighty Bronze Age kingdom.
- Walk in the footsteps of the first Olympians at the archaeological site of Olympia.
- Savor Greece’s palate-pleasing bounty of wine, olives, seafood and olive oil.
- Journey to the beautifully preserved and less explored ancient city of Messene.
- Discover a one-of-a-kind treasure, mountainside Mystras, an important center of Byzantine culture.
- Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Itinerary

Day 1  Depart gateway city
Day 2  Arrive in Athens and transfer to hotel
Day 3  Athens
Day 4  Mycenae | Winery | Kalamata
Day 5  Kalamata | Messene
Day 6  Sparta | Mystras
Day 7  Ancient Olympia
Day 8  Kalamata
Day 9  Corinth | Athens
Day 10 Transfer to airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

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Above left: Parthenon  |  Above: Kalamata harbor

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Local winery for lunch and a tasting. (Active)

Mycenae and Greek Wine. Learn about this powerful Bronze Age kingdom, a great naval power with influence throughout the Mediterranean, on a guided visit within its remarkable ruins. According to legend, Mycenae was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy. Afterward, visit a local winery for lunch and a tasting. (Active)

Kalamata’s History and Cuisine. Take a stroll in Kalamata’s picturesque Old Town, and delve into its tumultuous past as you see its pretty harbor and landmarks. Stop on your route to sample freshly caught seafood and Kalamata’s namesake olives. (Active)

Messene. Venture off to this under-the-radar gem in the countryside and be awed by the impressive ruins of this classical city founded in 369 B.C. Unlike other sites, Messene was never built over by other settlements so its remains are exceptionally intact. Marvel at the temples, agora, theater, stadium and much more on a guided tour. (Active)

Sparta, Mystras and the Greek Olive. Walk amid the ruins of ancient Sparta, one of Greece’s greatest city-states. Then, take in the spectacular ruins of the medieval Byzantine city of Mystras dramatically set on a mountainside over the Laconian plain. Admire monasteries, chapels and churches adorned with frescoes in this cultural capital. Later, visit Sparta’s informative and interesting Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, which details why the olive is so prized by the Greeks. (Active)

Ancient Olympia. Tour this sacred site dedicated to Zeus and the celebrated birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games first played in his honor in 776 B.C. As you walk through the grounds, see the sites of renowned sporting events, discover what the earliest Olympic games were like, and study rare artifacts in the Archaeological Museum. (Active)

Corinth. In the archaeological site of ancient Corinth, view the Temple of Apollo and ruins from the Roman era, when Corinth was a major colony and trading center. Later, see the Corinth Canal, which first opened in 1893.

Enrichment

- Greek History
- Classical Greece
- Contemporary Greece

UNESCO World Heritage
1. Acropolis, Athens
2. Archaeological Site of Mycenae
3. Archaeological Site of Mystras
4. Archaeological Site of Olympia

Accommodations

NJV Athens Plaza Hotel | Athens
Pharae Palace Hotel | Kalamata

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.
Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.
Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.
Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Travel with Confidence

For six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely. We provide:
- Included AHI Travel Assurance Plan.
- Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- Home support staff and ground team.
- A global network of trusted partners.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

2024 Departures & Pricing

September 20-29, 2024

Full Price from $4,245
Special Savings $250
Special Price from $3,995

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional $295 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.