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7-10 Day Greek Get-A-Way, Pick Two – Athens & Messina



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-16 Day ITINERARY

Uncover the enchanting world of Greece with a tour of Athens, & Messina. Captivating history and enduring mythology entwine in the Greek city of Athens. Set amidst a backdrop of unrivaled archaeological sites, be enlightened by outdoor temples where gods were once worshipped and a trove of world-class treasures were discovered.

“Every perfect traveler always creates the country where he travels.” - Nikos Kazantzakis

Day 1 Arrival Athens: US – Athens

Arrive in Athens and meet your English-speaking Professional Representative in customs. You will receive a VIP escort to help you traverse customs and the airport. You will be escorted to

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baggage claim where you will meet your English-speaking private driver who will transfer you to your hotel (TBD).

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will enjoy a VIP check-in. If your room is not ready you will leave your luggage with the concierge. It will meet you in your accommodation later.

This morning we have arranged a special treat for you to recover from your long flight. You will enjoy a couple's massage in the spa to help refresh and rejuvenate you from your travels. Afterwards, you can relax in the spa until your room is ready. Additional treatments can be booked for this time period to relax, decompress, and rejuvenate in preparation of your exploration of Greece.

Lunch is on your own today. We recommend a leisurely champagne brunch or a relaxing lunch in the hotel.

After lunch it's time to get moving again. You will meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for an afternoon full of exciting sites, history & culture in Athens.



You will enjoy an exclusive and private City Tour. This introductory tour is crafted from your passions and preferences, so you will enjoy the places we visit today. Below is a sample itinerary for the city tour.

Along the Saronic Gulf stands Athens, the capital of Greece and the birthplace of Western Civilization. Named after the Greek goddess Athena, Athens has been a center of democracy,

philosophy, art and architecture for over 7,000 years.

Step through history on a private overview tour of Athen's ancient sites, including the Parthenon, Keramikos, Agora, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Arch of Hadrian and the Kalimarmaro.

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Visit the sculpture collections at the Metropolitan Museum and the British National Museum.

Afterwards, stop by Athens' Central Market for an authentic browse through the source of Greece's fresh cuisine and spices.

Conclude your day with shopping in the Kolonaki District, a trip to the Kaisairini Monastery, or a visit to Voukourestiou Street, renowned for its vast selection of jewelry stores.

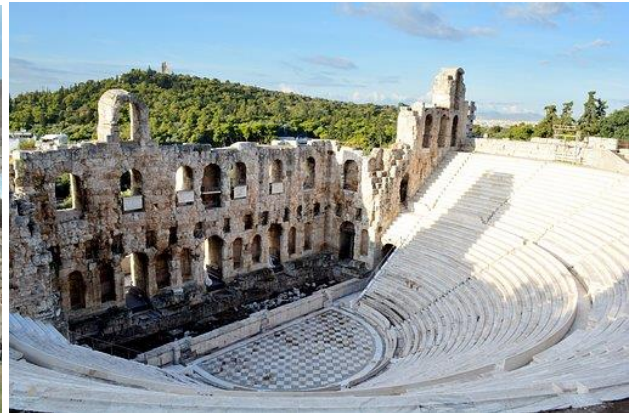
After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens.

Day 2 Athens: Athens

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a private historic and cultural morning tour.



Today we explore in depth, the Acropolis. Atop Athens' tallest hill, dominating the city below, stands the ancient temple complex built by Pericles in the 5th century B.C., known as the Acropolis.

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Explore the ruins of the iconic Parthenon, the temple that once served as a treasury for the Greek government.



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Marvel at the Porch of Maidens, named for its six caryatids, carved female statues, which replaced the traditional architectural columns of the structure.



Nearby stands the most intact temple of the time, the beautifully preserved marble Temple of Hephaestus, known as the Theseum, believed to have been the home of the Greek hero Theseus.

Once a monumental Doric temple, was destroyed the colossal monument known as the Roman Temple of Zeus, yet its fifteen limestone columns remain as striking ruins.

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Complete your morning tour with a trip to the new Acropolis Museum, which houses sculpture and artifacts with this Golden Age of Athens.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area. You may stay in the area or you can be returned to your hotel.

After lunch you are at leisure to return to the museum to continue your historic musings or to explore other areas on your own. You may choose to just relax in the hotel or venture out to explore the area surrounding your hotel.

****Celebrity hosted and other private experiences are available. In your creative planning session we will offer additional experiences to include in your itinerary for Athens.**

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Day 3 Athens: Athens – Cape Sounion

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Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a private tour. We start the day with the Temple of Poseidon, and then on to Lavrion.



On the southernmost tip of Attica, drive through Athens' cosmopolitan suburbs along the Saronic Gulf to Sounion. On a promontory surrounded by water lies the ancient temple honoring Poseidon, the mythological god of the sea. Built in 440 B.C., the temple is believed to have been the site where mariners left gifts for the god to protect them from evil. Framed by the blue color of the sky, the temple's white marble portico and six columns of the temple remains a spellbinding site over two millennia later.

Venture towards the nearby coastal town of Lavrion, home of Greece's oldest amphitheater, overlooking the sapphire Aegean Sea. With a history dating back to 3200 B.C., it was home to

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Greece's first silver mines and refineries. Walk alongside enormous cisterns and ore washeries to experience a side of Greek history unexplored by the masses.

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After lunch you are at leisure to explore other areas on your own. You may choose to just relax in the hotel or venture out to explore the area surrounding your hotel.

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Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens.

**** Evening entertainment is available to include in your itinerary. In your CPS, we will offer experiences to include in your itinerary that blend with your passions and interests.**

Day 4 Athens: Athens

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, you are at leisure for the day to relax in your hotel, or to explore the many areas of the city on your own.

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**** Evening entertainment is available to include in your itinerary. In your CPS, we will offer experiences to include in your itinerary that blend with your passions and interests.**

Lunch & Dinner are on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Athens.

Day 5 Athens: Athens – Messina

Early breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby for your private transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Messina.

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Upon arrival in Messina, you will be met by your private English-speaking Driver in the baggage claim area, to transfer you to your hotel.

Upon arrival at your hotel, you will be met by the Concierge for a VIP Check-in. You will leave your bags with the Concierge, who will insure they are delivered to your accommodation once your room is ready.

Meet your private English-speaking Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a highlights tour of Messina.

Lunch today is on your own. Your guide will make suggestions for dining along your route today.

After the tour you will be returned to your hotel.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Messina.



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Day 6 Messina: Messina

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, meet your private English-speaking Driver & your Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Messina possesses just about everything a traveler could wish for: Beaches, including one that makes all the Top 10 lists; an award-winning luxury resort; a string of mountain lakes; a bird-watcher's haven; succulent fruits and vegetables; and a monument or memory from almost every period of Greek history, from Homer's time to our own.



Today you will marvel at the spectacular ancient city of Ithomi, the historical capital where excavations have unearthed over 9 kilometers of city walls including ancient temples, a marketplace and a stadium.

Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the capital in the area you are visiting.



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After lunch, you will continue along the nearby west coast of the Peloponnese, where there stands the mythic field of dreams, Ancient Olympia.

Wander among the ruined temples and buildings of the setting for the first Olympics, almost 3,000 years ago.

Visit the Olympic museum, which displays artifacts dedicated to the ancient gods and includes the statues of Hermes and Apollo.

Be enthralled by nearby Pilos Castle, the setting for the 1827 War of Independence and the heavily fortified Methoni castle, which overlooks the region's wide sandy beaches.

At the end of your tour you will be delivered back to your hotel where you are at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Messina.

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Day 7 Messina: **Messina**

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, you are at leisure to relax in your hotel, spend the day at the beach, or explore on your own.

Lunch & Dinner are on your own. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Messina.

Day 8 Messina: **Messina – Athens – US & Home**

Breakfast in your hotel (included)

After breakfast this morning, you will check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport.

Flight to Athens, onward to the US & Home.

End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today ! 678-500-9548

Schedule Your Creative Planning Session Now!