

Hidden Journey



THE ESSENTIALS

All taken care of

10 nights

Hotel accommodation

13 meals

10 buffet breakfasts
3 dinners
(including Be My Guest)

On-trip transport

All transport shown
All transfers shown

SMALLER GROUPS OF UP TO 26

SECRETS OF GREECE INCLUDING CORFU

The sound of cicadas and warmth of the Greek countryside are your companions along this Hidden Journey as you travel through rolling hills of olive groves to the vineyards of Nemea, and cross country to the island of Corfu with its cobbled alleys, arcades and the elegant Esplanade. Visit the bougainvillea-clad Achilleion Palace, the dramatic cliff-top byzantine monasteries of Meteora and Delphi's Sacred Way.

11 days - 1 country

Code: GSML

FROM **US\$3175** PP*

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

THE REAL THING

Trafalgar highlights



Enjoy our hand-picked Trafalgar Insider Experiences. Here's a sample of what you can expect

BE MY GUEST

Say 'opa!' to an Olympic olive oil and wine tasting experience with the Karambellas family on their 30-acre olive and wine farm, followed by a traditional meal and dancing

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Learn about the red wine making tradition of the Nemea region and enjoy a local wine tasting

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For all included sightseeing

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure

THE ICONS

City tour in Nafplion ▶ Olympia ▶ Meteora ▶ Delphi ▶ Athens

Orientation of Amphilochia ▶ Preveza ▶ Corfu ▶ Metsovo ▶ Meteora ▶ Galaxidi

Visit the Amphitheatre and Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus ▶ the Olympic Stadium in Olympia ▶ the island of Corfu ▶ monastery of Palaioastritsa and Achilleon Palace ▶ the towns of Ioannina and Metsovo ▶ the rock monasteries in Meteora ▶ Mount Pelion region ▶ the home of the Oracle at Delphi ▶ the port town of Galaxidi ▶ the Acropolis in Athens

View the Parthenon ▶ the Agora ▶ Royal Palace ▶ Temple of Zeus in Athens

See the Corinth Canal ▶ the Lion Gate ▶ Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae



YOUR HOLIDAY

1 Arrive Athens

Your Hidden Journey delving into the treasures of Greece begins in its vibrant capital, Athens, which you will have an opportunity to explore after being transferred to your hotel. Kick off your in-depth discovery of what was once the Cradle of Western Civilisation this evening, when you'll meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

2 Athens ▶ Epidaurus ▶ Nafplion (2 Nights)

We journey to a land of legends this morning. Our leisurely drive takes us to the scenic northeast Peloponnese and past the impressive Corinth Canal that straddles two gulfs. Our first stop is the ancient Theatre of Epidaurus and the Sanctuary of Asclepius, God of Medicine. Spend the rest of the day exploring the Venetian-inspired seaport of Nafplion. **(BB)** Hotel: Amphytrion/Ippoliti/Grande Bretagne

3 Nafplion ▶ Excursion to Mycenae

Meandering inland, we visit Mycenae. Stroll through the Lion Gate and Agamemnon's Royal Palace, before seeing the tomb of this fearless Greek leader who commanded the Greeks in their battles against Trojan forces. This afternoon we sample delicious local vintages during a **Cultural Insight** into wine production in the Nemea region. **(BB)**

4 Nafplion ▶ Olympia

Crossing the Peloponnese, we head towards the famous village of Olympia where athletes competed for supremacy in the ancient Olympic Games. This evening we join the Karambellas family on their 30-acre olive and wine farm for traditional **Be My Guest** experience including dinner and dancing. **(BB, BG)** Hotel: Amalia/Olympic Village

5 Olympia ▶ Amphilochoia ▶ Preveza ▶ Nikopolis ▶ Igoumenitsa ▶ Corfu (2 Nights)

We leave the Peninsula and return to mainland Greece, meandering north past the picturesque village of Amphilochoia and Preveza before arriving in Nikopolis to see where the Battle of Actium took place. Boarding a ferry, we cross to the beautiful island of Corfu. **(BB)** Hotel: Cavalieri/Bella Venezia/Corfu Holiday Palace

6 Corfu Sightseeing

Begin your day with an orientation tour of the island, followed by a visit to the Venetian Castle and the monastery of Palaiokastritsa. Later, we stop at the Phaeacian-styled Achilleion Palace, built by Elizabeth "Sissi" Empress of Austria and Hungary. Stroll through its Imperial Gardens and enjoy magnificent views of the lush valley and glistening Ionian Sea beyond. **(BB)**

7 Corfu ▶ Ioannina

We bid farewell to island living on Corfu and sail back to the mainland, continuing to the lively lakeside city of Ioannina where we spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(BB)** Hotel: Du Lac/Grand Serai/Frontzou Politia

8 Ioannina ▶ Metsovo ▶ Meteora ▶ Portaria (Mount Pelion)

The delicious flavours of Metsovo cheese and wine provide a fitting start to our day as we arrive in the picturesque mountain town of Metsovo. We continue to Kalambaka and admire the famous byzantine Monasteries of Meteora that stand almost impossibly perched atop colossal boulders. Our final stop before arriving in Portaria, situated on the magnificent Mount Pelion range, is the seaside town of Volos. **(BB)** Hotel: Despotiko/Xenia/Pelion Resort

9 Portaria ▶ Thermopylae ▶ Delphi ▶ Galaxidi

Traversing the peaks of Parnassos and Giona, we stop in Thermopylae, the site where Leonidas and his 300 Spartans fought bravely against the invading Persians. Join a **Local Specialist** for a guided visit to Delphi. Walk the Sacred Way to the 4th century Temple of Apollo and ramble through what remains of this ancient sanctuary which was once the site of the Pythian Games, a precursor of the modern Olympics. The picturesque seaside village of Galaxidi, our home for the night, emerges as our reward for crossing the craggy hinterland to the coast. **(BB)** Hotel: Nostos/Epavlis/Ganimede

10 Galaxidi ▶ Athens

We return to cosmopolitan Athens for a day of delving into antiquity, coming face-to-face with the treasures of Ancient Greece. We ascend to the Acropolis and join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour with magnificent views of Athena's Parthenon, the Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus. See Hadrian's Arch and view the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. On our final evening together, we join our fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate the millennia and miles explored together on this epic voyage of discovery. **(BB, FD)** Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

11 Depart Athens

We bid farewell to Athens and newfound friends as we prepare to depart Greece, or **join the 3-Day Santorini Extension**. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Athens	End Athens	Twin Share	Start Athens	End Athens	Twin Share
SU 15 APR	WE 25 APR	3175	SU 29 JUL	WE 08 AUG	3175
SU 29 APR	WE 09 MAY	3175	SU 19 AUG	WE 29 AUG	3175
SU 13 MAY	WE 23 MAY	3175	SU 02 SEP	WE 12 SEP	3175
SU 27 MAY	WE 06 JUN	3175	SU 16 SEP	WE 26 SEP	3175
SU 10 JUN	WE 20 JUN	3175	SU 30 SEP	WE 10 OCT	3175
SU 01 JUL	WE 11 JUL	3175	SU 07 OCT	WE 17 OCT	3175
SU 15 JUL	WE 25 JUL	3175			

Single Supplement (add to price above): **US\$940**p.p.

Past guest discount: SAVE up to US\$159	Triple room discount: SAVE US\$190
Young traveller discount: SAVE US\$310	Multiple trip discount: SAVE US\$79

⊕ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Group Size: Itineraries have a maximum of 26 guests.

Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.

Accommodation: Guests may be accommodated in alternative hotels in certain locations. The hotels in Galaxidi and Portaria are small capacity hotels. All hotels will be of the same or higher standard.

Airport transfers: Complimentary transfers will be provided for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Athens hotel booked by Trafalgar.

Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

WiFi: See page 256 for details.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra night hotels see page 261.

Visit trafalgar.com for availability, up-to-date itineraries and Optional Experiences.

OPTIONAL SANTORINI EXTENSION CODE: GSMS

On the final day of your trip, why not extend your holiday with 3-nights in marvellous Santorini?

11 Athens ▶ Santorini (3 Nights)

A short flight brings you to Santorini. Transfer to your hotel with an orientation on arrival and spend free time exploring. **(BB)** Hotel: El Greco/Cliff Side/Tzekos Villas

12 Santorini Orientation

Spend the day exploring the sun-kissed shores of Santorini - its quaint villages, vineyards and caldera. **(BB)**

13 Santorini

Another full day to explore Santorini. Indulge in its wines or consider a ride in a *kaiki* to the volcanic island of Nea Kamini. **(BB)**

14 Santorini ▶ Athens

Take a short flight back to Athens this morning. Say goodbye to Greece as you continue your journey home. **(BB)**

Flights: Onward flights from Athens airport should not be scheduled before 2pm.

From US\$1375 per person sharing a twin room.

This package ends at Athens Airport - should you wish to return to the city of Athens additional transfer charges will apply.

Insider Experience	RM Regional Meal
WR Welcome Reception	BG Be My Guest Dining
Free time	D Dinner
BB Buffet Breakfast	DW Dinner with Wine
FB Full Breakfast	FD Farewell Dinner
L Lunch	