

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR   02, 09, 16, 23, 30	APR   07, 14, 21, 28
MAY   07, 14, 21, 28	MAY   05, 12, 19, 26
JUN   04, 11, 18, 25	JUN   02, 09, 16, 23, 30
JUL   02, 09, 16, 23, 30	JUL   07, 14, 21, 28
AUG   06, 13, 20, 27	AUG   04, 11, 18, 25
SEP   03, 10, 17, 24	SEP   01, 08, 15, 22, 29
OCT   01, 08, 15	OCT   06, 13

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit [insightvacations.com/gloriesgreece](https://insightvacations.com/gloriesgreece)

Combine this trip with a seven-night cruise. Extend your trip to explore Mykonos and Santorini with the Treasures of Greece & the Islands .

📍 REGIONAL JOURNEY  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: DYNAMIC

7 DAYS  
1 COUNTRY  
11 MEALS  
11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

**Mycenae:** Discover ancestral pottery methods at an artist's studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Olympia:** Chef Farije shares with you her passion for local ingredients and high quality products. Learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes during a fun and immersive cooking demonstration.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

Taste unique flavours and savour Greek regional specialties over a colourful Highlight Dinner.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the Acropolis • Meteora monastery • The Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo in Delphi.

City tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi and Mycenae, all with Local Experts.

See Arch of Hadrian and Temple of Olympian Zeus in Athens • Leonidas Monument in Thermopylae • Delphi • Temple of Zeus and athlete's gymnasium in Olympia • Lion Gate and royal beehive-tombs of Mycenae • Nafplio.

# GLORIES OF GREECE

"Guests love meeting Yorgos, a friend of mine, who cultivates oranges and mandarins in the area of Pyrgos in Peloponnese. During harvest time, he treats you to fresh aromatic citrus fruits."  
– Lisa, Travel Director

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



ACROPOLIS, GREECE



METEORA



NAFPLIO



**DAY 1 WELCOME TO ATHENS**

An Insight host will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel, where there is time to settle in and relax.

*At 19:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and get to know your fellow travellers over a delightful evening of dinner and wine.* (DW)

Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

**DAY 2 ATHENS, CITY OF GODS**

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion.

Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C. See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans.

*Then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner from a fresh, seasonal menu.* (B) (DW)

Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka.

**DAY 3 THE PINNACLES OF METEORA**

Relaxed Start. With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'in the air.' The massive pinnacles of smooth rock are ancient, yet could also be the setting for a science fiction tale. Visit one of the monasteries, that adds to the strange and beautiful landscape and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Why not explore with a relaxed walk on the nature trails? Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Natural History Museum. (B)

**DAY 4 THE SACRED WAY AND ONTO OLYMPIA**

Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus.

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall, with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts expedition and the Trojan War.

Your travels continue to Olympia, where dinner is served in your hotel. (B) (DW)

Amalia Hotel Olympia/Olympion Asty.

**DAY 5 ANCIENT OLYMPIA**

It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 B.C., in dedication to Zeus. See the ruined Temple of Zeus that was built to honor the ruler of the gods. Continue your exploration through time to the athletes gymnasium and the Ancient Stadium of Olympia with its characteristic arch. The start and finish points for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory, with a photo at the starting line.

*In the evening, join a local chef for an entertaining cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek flavours, as you savour dishes prepared for your Highlight Dinner.* (B) (DW)

**DAY 6 MYCENAE AND NAFPLIO**

Today you leave the town of Olympia and begin your journey back to the Greek capital. Stop for a visit at the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones, used to build the city walls. Later, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER \* Experience as you meet the artisans at a family-run pottery studio and view beautiful works of art. Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio known for its beautiful architecture, colourful shops and vibrant cafes.

Your journey continues, following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, before arriving in Athens.

*In the evening enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner in true Greek style, paired with fine wine and good company.* (B) (DW)

Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

**DAY 7 DEPART ATHENS**

Relaxed Start. This morning after breakfast, your Grecian odyssey comes to an end. Take a complimentary transfer to Athens Airport for your onward journey. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit the towering rocks of Meteora with your Local Expert. (Photo by @Insighttracy, Day 3, Meteora)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Walk The Sacred Way and see the Temple of Pronea with your Local Expert. (Photo by @ErinTDGreece, Day 4, Delphi)

**KEY**

Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

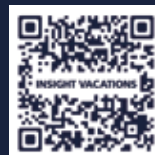
Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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