

# Glories of Greece

This feature packed tour of mainland Greece is well paced and expertly planned. In fact, it is so successful that it has operated, due to popular demand, virtually unchanged for over 20 years. Two nights in Athens at the start allows you time to adjust before the regional touring begins.



Visit the showpiece of Athens, the Parthenon temple crowning the ancient Acropolis

A classic journey back to the 5C BC, when the Athenians erected the Parthenon, Delphi was in its heyday and the games at Olympia was the talk of the Mediterranean.

## Included Premium Highlights

- Climb the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon and enjoy amazing views over Athens
- Visit one of the monasteries of Metéora perched atop towering pinnacles of rock

## Included Other Excursions & Sights

- See Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Temple of Zeus in Athens
- Cross the breathtaking Corinth Canal
- Walk through the Lion Gate past the Cyclopean Stones to the 'beehive' tombs at Mycenae
- Tour the original Olympic Games site seeing the Gymnasium and Olympic Stadium
- Ascend the Sacred Way past the Treasury of the Athenians to the Temple of Apollo in Delphi
- Hear tales of Leonidas and his heroic Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae

## Included First Class Services

- Services of Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director Days 2 - 6
- Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- Athens hotel including service charges, taxes and portage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book and information pack
- Services of Insight's resident manager in Athens
- Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotel

## Included Quality Dining

- Get together with your friends for a Dine-Around evening in Athens (DA)
- 6 Breakfasts (BB), and 4 special-menu Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)
- Departures on tour for New Year's Eve, enjoy a festive celebration dinner

## 7 DAYS ~ GREECE CLASSICAL TOUR

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**DAY 1 – ATHENS AT LEISURE.** Welcome to Athens, the cradle of European civilisation! You are met at the airport and transferred to your tour hotel for a two night stay. Then there is time to settle in and relax or start exploring this ancient and thriving city. Later, get to know your fellow travellers and Insight Representative over a Welcome Drink. Hotel: Metropolitan (D)

**DAY 2 – ATHENS SIGHTSEEING.** All the glories of Athens are on display on today's sightseeing tour. Highlight of the tour, of course, is a visit to the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, built to house the statue of the goddess Athena Parthenos. You also see the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Hadrian's Arch - a magnificent list of treasures from the Classical age. This evening, get together with your friends and choose from a selection of local restaurants for your dining pleasure. (BB,DA)

**DAY 3 – ATHENS – OLYMPIA.** Follow the shores of the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal - an amazing rock-cut channel dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece. Now on to the ruined city of Mycenae, featured in epics of Homer. Walk through the Lion Gate and see the giant Cyclopean stones used to build the city walls. Visit the royal 'beehive' tombs where Schliemann uncovered golden treasure, and hear tales of Agamemnon who was hacked to death in his bath! Heading west, a delightful drive takes you through the mountains of Arkadia to Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. Hotel: Antonios (BB,D)

**DAY 4 – OLYMPIA – DELPHI.** See the Stadium where the original Olympic games were first held in 776BC, the gymnasium and the city's temples. Then head north across the Rio-Antirio bridge back to the mainland. Follow the coast road before ascending the foothills of Mount Parnassus to ancient Delphi. Now on to your hotel. Hotel: Amalia (BB,D)

**DAY 5 – DELPHI – KALAMBAKA.** A walk up the Sacred Way shows you the splendid Treasury of the Athenians and superb Polygonal Wall, its stones so perfectly interlocked, that even thousands of years have not harmed it. Now approach the legendary Temple of Apollo itself, where the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words'. Leave Delphi and head north into the heart of Greece. Stop at the pass at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defence by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans. Continue through the market town of Trikala to Kalambaka. Hotel: Divani (BB,D)

**DAY 6 – KALAMBAKA – ATHENS.** This morning, visit the amazing monasteries known as Metéora, incredibly perched on top of pinnacles of rock. Visit one of the monasteries and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley and Pindos Mountains. Afterwards, cross fertile Thessaly and enjoy a scenic drive along the coast back to Athens. Perhaps round off your tour with a Greek style dinner at a local taverna? Hotel: Metropolitan (BB)

**DAY 7 – DEPART ATHENS.** Sadly, your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to Athens airport for your onward flight. (BB)

Ascend the Acropolis to visit the Parthenon built in honour of the goddess Athena  
Choose from a selection of restaurants on your Dine-Around evening



Save up to US\$175 p.p. see reductions below

Starts Athens	Ends Athens	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction
Tue 01 Nov	Mon 07 Nov	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 05 Nov	Fri 11 Nov	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 19 Nov	Fri 25 Nov	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 03 Dec	Fri 09 Dec	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 10 Dec	Fri 16 Dec	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 17 Dec	Fri 23 Dec	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Fri 30 Dec	Thu 05 Jan	\$1799	\$460	\$150
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Sat 04 Feb	Fri 10 Feb	\$1525	\$410	\$70
Sat 11 Feb	Fri 17 Feb	\$1525	\$410	\$70
Sat 18 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	\$1525	\$410	\$70
Tue 21 Feb	Mon 27 Feb	\$1525	\$410	\$70
Sat 25 Feb	Fri 02 Mar	\$1525	\$410	\$70
Tue 28 Feb	Mon 05 Mar	\$1525	\$410	\$70
Sat 03 Mar	Fri 09 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Tue 06 Mar	Mon 12 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 10 Mar	Fri 16 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Tue 13 Mar	Mon 19 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 17 Mar	Fri 23 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Tue 20 Mar	Mon 26 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 24 Mar	Fri 30 Mar	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Tue 27 Mar	Mon 02 Apr	\$1725	\$460	\$150
Sat 31 Mar	Fri 06 Apr	\$1935	\$550	\$175

## Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Metropolitan, Athens	\$123	\$184	\$119

## Reductions

SAVE \$175 per person with Young Traveller Discount  
SAVE up to \$97 per person with 2nd Tour Discount  
SAVE up to \$97 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount  
For additional information regarding Insight's great Savings & Discounts, please see page 8.

## Notes

All prices are in US dollars. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the order of this itinerary may change at short notice.

## Festive Highlights

◆ New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included and this departure will operate in reverse.

## DEF Definite Departures (DEF)

These are regularly updated and listed on our website [www.insightvacations.com](http://www.insightvacations.com) (see page 8 for details).

Dine-Around & Included Sightseeing are worth approximately US\$223