PRIVATE TOURS GREECE

(0.80) - Mainland Greece + Zakynthos - Aegina / 16 Days Private Tour



ATHENS / CORINTH CANAL / EPIDAURUS / NAFPLIO / MYCENAE / OLYMPIA / ZAKYNTHOS / IOANNINA / DODONI / VIKOS GORGE / METEORA / DELPHI / AEGINA

16 Days Private Tour in Greece

HIGHLIGHTS

• Acropolis • Museum of Acropolis • Temple of Zeus • Panathenaikon Stadium • Academy / University of Athens / National Library • Plaka area • Vouliagmeni Lake • Sounion • Temple of Poseidon

• Isthmus of Corinth (Corinth Canal) • Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus

• Nafplio

• Mycenae

• Olympia

• Archaeological site of Olympia • Olympic Museum • Archaeological Museum of Olympia • Technological Museum of Archimedes

• Zakynthos

• Blue Caves • Shipwreck • Laganas Gulf and the Sea turtles

• Ioannina • Dodoni • Zaggori • Vicos Gorge

• Meteora • Monasteries of Meteora

• Thessaloniki

• Upper City • Rotunda • White Tower • St. Dimitrios Metropolis Church

• Dion • Battlefield of Thermopylae / Statue of King Leonidas

• Delphi

• Temple of Apollo and the Archaeological site of Delphi

• Aegina Island



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DAY 1: ARRIVAL

Transfer to the Hotel

DAY 2: ATHENS CITY TOUR (5-6 HOURS) AND SOUNION (Optional - FULL DAY 8-9 HOURS)

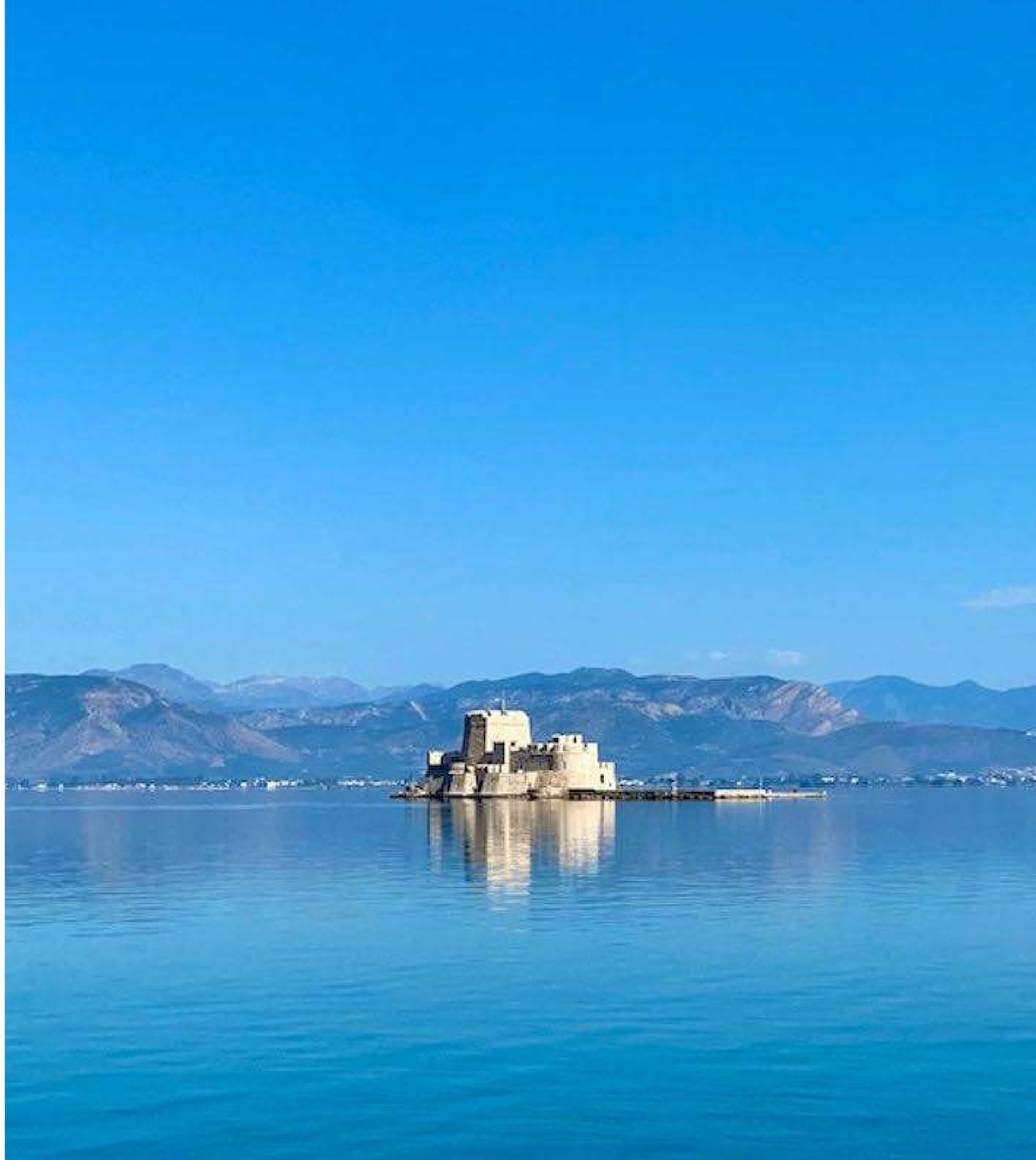
On the second day, we will begin with a city tour, visiting the Acropolis, a unique architectural complex, and the Acropolis Museum. Next, we will visit the Temple of Zeus and the Panathinaikon Stadium, and conclude the tour in Plaka (4-6 hours). If you want to include Sounio, we will drive along the scenic coastline of Attica until we reach the Temple of Poseidon (duration with Sounio: 8-9 hours). In the late afternoon, we will return to Athens.

DAY 3: ATHENS – CORINTH CANAL – EPIDAURUS - NAFPLIO

We leave Athens and drive towards the Peloponnese region. After a quick stop at the Corinth Canal, we will proceed to Epidaurus to visit the famous Theatre, renowned for its incredible acoustics, and the archaeological site of Asclepion, an ancient hospital and sanctuary dedicated to the god of medicine, Asclepius. The next stop will be the City of Nafplio, the first Capital of Modern Greece for a few years after Greece gained independence from the Ottoman Empire. Have lunch in the Old City and then explore the tourist area, characterized by its narrow streets, in this traditional part of Nafplio. We'll stay overnight in Nafplio.

DAY 4: NAFPLIO – MYCENAE – OLYMPIA

After we leave Nafplio, we will visit the nearby Archaeological site of Mycenae, which features the ruins of the Palace of Agamemnon, a museum, and the Treasury of Atreus. We will then drive to the next stop, Ancient Olympia (or Kalamata, depending on hotel availability).



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DAY 5: OLYMPIA - ZAKYNTHOS

It's day five in Olympia. We will visit the archaeological site, the stadium where the ancient Olympic games were held, and the two museums on the site: the Archaeological Museum and the Olympic Museum. We can also visit the Technological Museum of Archimedes in Olympia. After lunch, we can drive to the Port of Kyllini, where we will take the afternoon ferry to Zakynthos. There, we will stay for the next two nights.

DAY 6: ZAKYNTHOS

The following day, we can tour the island by visiting the Blue Caves and the famous Shipwreck. After lunch, we will drive to the Gulf of Laganas, where we may swim with sea turtles or take a boat tour around Zakynthos. Upon arrival on the island, you book your choice of activity at the port.

DAY 7: ZAKYNTHOS - DODONI - IOANNINA

The next day, we take the Ferry back to Kyllini, travel to Patra, and drive over the Rio suspension bridge, the longest in Europe (3,200 m). We will cross to Mainland Greece and make a short stop at the picturesque city of Nafpaktos before continuing north to the Archaeological site of Dodoni, with a final stop in Ioannina, where we'll stay overnight.

DAY 8: IOANNINA - ZAGORI - VICOS GORGE - METEORA

The next day, our first stop will be the Vikos Gorge (the deepest Gorge in the world, by analogy, in terms of length), followed by a short drive to the picturesque villages of the Zagori region, featuring beautiful arch bridges. Then we'll drive back to Ioannina and travel towards Metsovo, where we can make a short stop before our final destination, the Town of Kalambaka, where we will stay overnight beneath the rocks of Meteora and view the spectacular sight of the Rocks lit by night. We'll stay overnight in Kalambaka.



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DAY 9: METEORA - THESSALONIKI

The following morning, we will start by visiting two monasteries that perch atop the magnificent rocks, rising up to 600 m. UNESCO has designated the monasteries of Meteora as a unique cultural heritage phenomenon and included them in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988. After this visit, we will leave the rocks of Meteora behind and travel north to Thessaloniki, where we will stay for the next three nights.

DAY 10: THESSALONIKI – PELLA – MIEZA – VERGINA

The next day, we will visit Pella and the Archaeological Museum. Pella was the new Capital City of Macedonia, founded by Philippe, the father of Alexander the Great. After Pella, the next stop will be the school of Aristotle in Mieza, where Alexander studied for seven years under the great philosopher. Then, we'll travel to Vergina with a short stop at the Altar of Saint Paul before our next visit to Aigai, the Archaeological site of Vergina, featuring the Palace and the Tomb of King Philip of Macedonia. There, we can have lunch before we return to Thessaloniki.

DAY 11: THESSALONIKI CITY TOUR (4 - 6 HOURS)

Thessaloniki City Tour - Upper City - White Tower - St. Dimitrios Metropolis Church - Rotunda - Galerius Arch. (Duration 4 - 6 Hours).

DAY 12: THESSALONIKI – DION – THERMOPYLAE - DELPHI

The following day, we will depart from Thessaloniki and visit the Archaeological site of Dion and the Archaeological Museum situated at the foot of Mount Olympus. After our visit, we will drive towards Delphi, with a brief stop at the monument to the Spartan King Leonidas, located next to the battlefield of Thermopylae. We will stay overnight in Delphi.



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DAY 13: DELPHI - ARACHOVA - ATHENS

The following day, we will visit the Archaeological site at Delphi, which includes the Temple of Apollo, the most famous Oracle of the Ancient World for more than 16 centuries; the Theater; the Stadium; and the Archaeological Museum. Delphi has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. After Delphi, we will make a brief stop in the scenic, traditional village of Arachova before returning to Athens in the late afternoon, where we will spend the next three nights.

DAY 14: ATHENS - AEGINA

Aegina Day cruise.

DAY 15: ATHENS

Leisure day in Athens.

DAY 16: DEPARTURE

Transfer to the Airport.









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