



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
24 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Greece

Athens & Kalamata

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Enjoy coastal life in bustling, seaside **Kalamata**.
- ▶ Stand in the glorious **Acropolis** and relish magnificent views of Athens.
- ▶ Wander through the ruins of the mighty Bronze Age kingdom, **Mycenae**.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of the first Olympians at the archaeological site of **Olympia**.
- ▶ Savor Greece's palate-pleasing bounty of **wine, olives, seafood and olive oil**.
- ▶ Journey to the beautifully preserved and less explored ancient city of **Messene**.
- ▶ Discover a one-of-a-kind treasure, breathtaking, mountainside **Mystras**, an important center of Byzantine culture.
- ▶ Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.
- **5 nights** in Kalamata at the first-class Pharae Palace Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Athens and transfer➡ to hotel
- Day 3** Athens
- Day 4** Mycenae | Winery | Kalamata
- Day 5** Kalamata | Messene
- Day 6** Mystras | Sparta
- Day 7** Olympia
- Day 8** Kalamata
- Day 9** Corinth Canal | Athens
- Day 10** Transfer➡ to Athens airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



Athens



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Discovery

AHI Connects: Greek Night. Join hands for a joyful Kalamatianos folk dance at a fun-filled farewell celebration featuring delectable cuisine, wine and live music.

Athens City Tour. Explore the birthplace of democracy and Western philosophy, theater and architecture. See Athens Academy, the University of Athens and the National Library, Athens' famous neoclassical trio. At the Acropolis Museum, gaze down through the glass flooring to view the ruins of an ancient neighborhood. Ascend the Acropolis and admire the classical lines of the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena. *(Active)*

Mycenae and Greek Wine. Learn about this powerful Bronze Age kingdom, a great naval power with influence throughout the Mediterranean, on a guided visit within its remarkable ruins. According to legend, Mycenae was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy. Afterward, visit a local winery for lunch and a tasting. *(Active)*

Kalamata's History and Cuisine.

Take a stroll in Kalamata's picturesque Old Town, and delve into its tumultuous past as you see its pretty harbor and landmarks. Stop on your route to sample freshly caught seafood and Kalamata's namesake olives.

Messene. Venture off to an under-the-radar gem in the countryside and be awed by the impressively preserved ruins of this classical city founded around 369 B.C. Unlike other sites, Messene was never built over by other settlements so its remains are remarkably intact. Marvel at the temples, agora, theater, stadium and much more on a guided tour.

Mystras, Sparta and the Greek Olive.

Take in the spectacular ruins of the medieval Byzantine city of Mystras dramatically set on a mountainside over the Laconian plain. Witness palaces, monasteries and churches adorned with frescoes in the heart of this Byzantine cultural capital. Then walk amid the ruins of ancient Sparta, one of Greece's greatest city-states. Later, visit Sparta's informative and interesting Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, which details why the olive is so prized by the Greeks.

Ancient Olympia. Visit this sacred site dedicated to Zeus and the celebrated birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games first played in his honor in 776 B.C. As you walk through the grounds, see the sites of renowned sporting events, discover what the earliest Olympic games were like, and study rare artifacts in the Archaeological Museum.

Corinth Canal. Cruise through this deep channel separating the Peloponnese from the mainland, which opened in 1893.

Enrichment

- ▶ **Greek History**
- ▶ **Classical Greece**
- ▶ **Contemporary Greece**

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Acropolis, Athens
2. Archaeological Site of Mycenae
3. Archaeological Site of Mystras
4. Archaeological Site of Olympia



Mycenae



Mystras



Ancient Olympia

Accommodations

NJV Athens Plaza Hotel ●●●●●

Pharos Palace Hotel ●●●●●



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AHI Sustainability Promise

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

Environmental Impact | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

Social Impact | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

Economic Impact | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, "shoulder seasons."

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

DATES & PRICES

June 24 – July 3, 2022

From Price **\$3,745**

Special Savings **\$250**

Special Price \$3,495

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$450 (limited availability).