

2020 ATHENS MARATHON

4 Day / 3 Night - Classical Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 – MON 09 NOV – ATHENS TO OLYMPIA

Breakfast and early departure by the coastal road to the Corinth Canal

This is the narrow land bridge which connects the Peloponnese peninsula with the mainland of Greece, near the city of Corinth (1hr 30min trip plus 15min short stop for photos).

We then drive for a further 1hr 20min to visit the Theatre of Epidaurus, famous for its remarkable acoustics, then proceed to the town of Nafplion (30 min trip) for a short visit.



Continue to Mycenae (30 min trip), home of the legendary King Agamemnon and centre of pre-classical Greece where you will have an hour to visit the Lion Gate, the Royal Tombs and the Cyclopean Walls, which still remain one of the mysteries of the ancient world.

From here we will have a late lunch (at own expense) so be sure to purchase snacks the day before so that you can munch on during the day.

After lunch we depart on a 2hr 50min drive to Olympia through Central Peloponnese and the town of Tripoli. A 15 min stop will be made at a service station along the way and arriving in Olympia around 7.00pm.

Dinner and overnight in Olympia at 4* Europa Hotel or similar

DAY 2 – TUE 10 NOV – OLYMPIA TO DELPHI

Breakfast and visit the Archaeological Site, including the temple of Zeus, the temple dedicated to the goddess Hera, the magistrate residence, the Bouleuterion where the athletes took their Olympic oath, the Palaistra, the Atelier of Phidias and the Gymnasium. Visit Archaeological Museum of Olympia.



Drive on through the plains of Elia and Achaia until the magnificent bridge crossing of the Corinthian Bay from Rion to Antirion.

Pass by the picturesque towns of Nafpaktos (Lepanto) and Itea before arriving in Delphi at around 5.30pm (3hrs 30 min drive from Olympia), which for many centuries was considered to be the centre of the world to the ancient Greeks.

Dinner and overnight in Delphi at 4* Amalia Hotel or similar.

DAY 3 – WED 11 NOV – DELPHI TO KALAMBAKA (METEORA)

Breakfast and then visit the Archaeological Site and the Museum of Delphi.

After lunch in Delphi, depart on a 3hr 30min drive with a stop or two along the way, to Kalambaka, a small town stated at the foot of the astonishing complex of Meteora, gigantic rocks. Approximate arrival time into Kalambaka is 6.00pm.

Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka at 4* Grand Meteora Hotel or similar



DAY 4 – THU 12 NOV – KALAMBAKA (METEORA) TO ATHENS

After breakfast we visit Meteora, situated amongst striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless Monasteries, where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art.



Return to Athens on a 4hr+ bus journey via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae (short stop at Leonida's Monument).

As we will arrive into Athens around 7.30pm you may consider one night's accommodation for your onward journey the following day. Please contact Travelling Fit for further details.

NOTE: ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME



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