

Venice to Athens

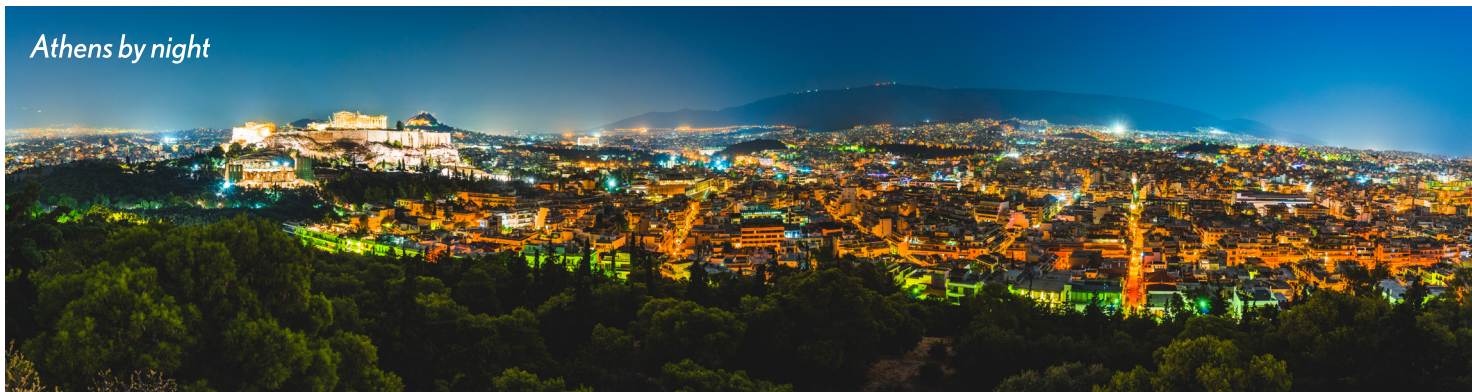
ATHENS POST-CRUISE VACATION PACKAGES



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Athens by night



Known as the original home of the Olympics and the largest city and capital of Greece, Athens is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the Acropolis and the medieval Daphni Monastery. This metropolis dominates the Attica region and is one of the world's oldest cities, with its recorded history spanning around 3,400 years.

Today, cosmopolitan and modern Athens is central to the economic, financial, industrial, political, and cultural life in Greece. It is recognized on the global stage for its geo-strategic location and its importance in finance, commerce, media, entertainment, arts, international trade, culture, education, and tourism.

The Greek capital is undergoing a radical period of urban renewal that did not stop with the 2004 Olympics. The magnificent Acropolis, crowned by the iconic Parthenon temple, rises above the city, standing watch over the evolving sprawling modern metropolis. Athens is now a conspicuously wealthier, more sophisticated cosmopolitan city. We invite you to extend your vacation with us to discover the cultural, exciting, stylish and ancient city with us on one of our customized post-cruise vacation stretchers.

TWO-NIGHT ATHENS PACKAGE (OCTOBER 13 – 15, 2018)

\$999 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY - CLASSIC ROOM

\$1309 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY - CLASSIC ROOM

\$1049 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY - DELUXE ROOM

\$1409 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY - DELUXE ROOM

INCLUDED

- Two nights at the Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens inclusive of a full buffet breakfast
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm (October 13)
- Athens, Archeological Museum, Acropolis & Plaka Tour inclusive of lunch (October 13)
- Full day tour to Mycenae & Epidaurus Tour inclusive of lunch (October 14)
- Private Evening at the Acropolis Museum inclusive of appetizers and drinks (October 14)
- Hotel dates are October 13 - 15, with checkout on October 15
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portage
- Guides and coach drivers
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

International air, transfer from to hotel to the Athens International Airport (ATH), meals where not listed.

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS - IMPORTANT

This post-package does require a HIGH LEVEL of mobility as we'll be visiting many archaeological sites inside and outside of Athens. Our activities will require a large amount of walking, sometimes just to get to the entrance of the sites as vehicles are not allowed in these areas. The package is not recommended for guests with limited mobility. All tours require extensive walking (on cobblestone streets, uneven ground, as well as up and down hills and stairs, some of which can be uneven) and standing for long periods of time. Even if you have slight amount of limited mobility and feel that you are still able to meet the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

THREE-NIGHT ATHENS PACKAGE (OCTOBER 13 – 16, 2018)

\$1299 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

\$1779 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

\$1369 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – DELUXE ROOM

\$1929 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – DELUXE ROOM

INCLUDED

- Three nights at the Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens inclusive of a full buffet breakfast
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm (October 13)
- 3/4 day Athens, Archeological Museum, Acropolis & Plaka Tour Inclusive of lunch (October 13)
- Full day tour to Mycenae & Epidaurus tour inclusive of lunch (October 14)
- Private Evening at the Acropolis Museum inclusive of appetizers and drinks (October 14)
- Kokotos Estate & Wine Tasting (October 15)
- Hotel dates are October 13 - 16, with checkout on October 16
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portorage
- Guides and coach drivers
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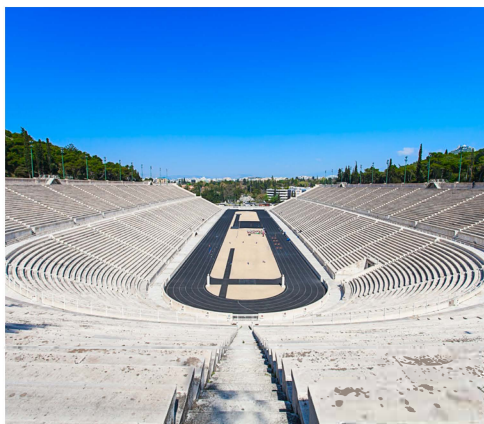
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ABOUT YOUR TOURS



Marvel at the Panathenaic Stadium



Take in the Parliament Building



Explore the Acropolis

ATHENS, ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, ACROPOLIS & PLAKA TOUR INCLUSIVE OF LUNCH (With Two- & Three-Night Packages)

After enjoying your last breakfast on the ship, you'll disembark the ship to embark on your adventure in Athens.

If this is your first visit to Athens, this is a wonderful introduction to one of the great cities of the ancient world. Here, you will see the Panathenaic Stadium built of marble where the Olympic Games were revived in 1896 and returned in 2004. The Parliament Building, stands proudly on Constitution Square, its colorful "Evzones" sentries guarding the Monument to the Unknown Soldier.

You'll pass the small harbor of Zea, whose 5th-century BC dock still survives, and the elegant promenade at Mikrolimano. In the center of historic Athens, you'll see the Hellenic Parliament and Syntagma (Constitution) Square, as well as the distinctively uniformed Presidential Guard, or "Evzones," at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Your city orientation tour also includes views of Panathenaic Stadium and the Temple of Olympian Zeus and a short photo stop at Acropolis.

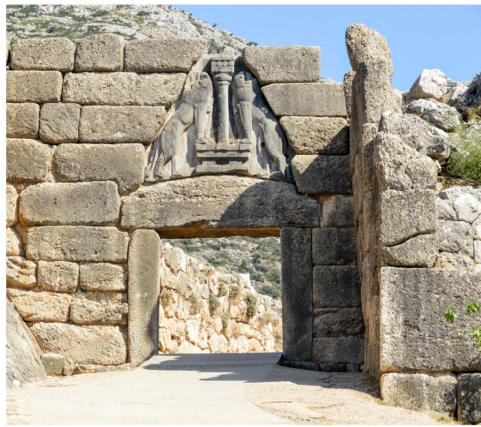
Your first visit today, will be the National Archaeological Museum, one of the world's great museums. With more than 11,000 exhibits, it provides a panorama of Greek civilization from the beginnings of Prehistory to Late Antiquity—a periodization used by historians to describe the time of transition from classical antiquity to the Middle Ages in mainland Europe, the Mediterranean world, and the Near East.

Next, you'll board your coach for a short drive to the Acropolis, a symbol of the glory of ancient Greece, and climb its smooth marble steps as visitors have for centuries. History will unfold before you as you reach one of the masterpieces of classical architecture, the Propylaea, which serves as the entrance to the complex. You'll see the Temple of Athena Nike, or Wingless Victory, and the Erechtheum with its classical Porch of Maidens, the Caryatids. The awe-inspiring Parthenon is a perfect example of classical architecture in the world, designed as a shrine to Athena and, at one time, housed a massive gold and ivory statue of the warrior goddess. Looking down from the Acropolis see the two ancient theaters in its shadow - the Greek theater of Dionysus where the masterpieces of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Aristophanes debuted to delighted audiences, and the grand Roman theater of Herod Atticus, restored and used for concerts and classical plays during the summer Athens Festival.

After you take in all that the Acropolis has to offer, you will walk to the Plaka, the old district of Athens, with its numerous, cafes, restaurants and souvenir shops. After a guided walking tour, you'll enjoy lunch at a traditional "souvlaki" restaurant where you will have the chance to taste the world famous Greek gyros in pita bread. After lunch, you can choose to either to go to your hotel with your guide or stay in the Plaka a little longer and make your way back to the hotel on your own later.



Photo stop at the Corinth Canal



Walk under the Lions Gate



Visit the Ancient Theater in Epidauros

FULL DAY TOUR TO MYCENAE & EPIDAUROS TOUR INCLUSIVE OF LUNCH (With Two- and Three-Night Packages)

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll board your coach to head towards Mycenae. You'll enjoy the pretty coastline of the Attica peninsula as you make your way south from Athens towards the Bronze Age citadel at Mycenae. Along the way, there will be a photo stop above the remarkable Corinth Canal, a six-kilometer long waterway carved through the limestone rock of the peninsula. Although, it was a commercial failure, it is a testament to the ingenuity and determination of nineteenth century engineers.

From here you'll continue to the modern-day village of Mycenae. Here you will get your first glimpse of the ancient citadel that looms above the village, sitting on a spur of Mount Zara. With your guide, you will begin a walk up the gentle stone ramp that leads to the Lion Gate. When excavations were carried out in 1841, this impressive stone gate was one of the first discoveries.

Within the walls, you will find the grave circle where the golden mask of Agamemnon was found, the postern gate, the foundations of Agamemnon's palace, and the entrance to the underground cistern. You will also visit the Treasury of Atreus, also known as the Tomb of Agamemnon. You'll enter this tomb by passing under a stone lintel said to weigh over 120 tons.

After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll continue to the ancient site of Epidauros. Epidauros was a small city in ancient Greece, on the Argolid Peninsula at the Saronic Gulf. One of the most popular archaeological sites in Greece, Epidauros is located on the northeastern side of Peloponnese, in the region of Argolis, and is mostly famous for its Ancient Theater. This theatre was constructed in the late 4th century BC to host religious ceremonies in honor of god Asclepius, whose healing center was located few steps away.

Famous for its symmetry and the incredible acoustics, this classical theater is surrounded by lush greenery and offers views to the valley below. A favored demonstration is to sit in the stands to listen for your guide to strike a match from the center of the stage. Before leaving Epidauros, you'll have time for a short visit to the on-site museum before boarding your coach and returning to Athens to freshen up before your private evening at the Acropolis Museum.

PRIVATE EVENING AT THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM (With Two- and Three-Night Packages)

After returning from your day visiting Mycenae and Epidauros, you'll have a chance to freshen up before boarding your coach once again for a short drive to the Acropolis Museum.

The Acropolis Museum is an archaeological museum focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens. The museum was built to house every artifact found from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece.



We will visit the Acropolis Museum



Marvel at ancient ruins



Stunning night view of the Acropolis

The museum was founded in 2003 while the organization of the museum was established in 2000. It opened to public on June 21, 2009. Nearly 4,000 objects are exhibited over an area of 14,000 square meters. After the private visit of this amazing museum, you'll be led to the Museum's rooftop restaurant to enjoy cocktails with hot and cold appetizers while admiring the stunning views of the Acropolis Monument. Adding to the atmosphere will be a live jazz trio, making this a truly magical evening!



Get ready for a special wine tour



Take in the views from the Kokotos Estate



Enjoy a wine and food pairing tasting

KOKOTOS ESTATE & WINE TASTING (With Three-Night Package Only)

After breakfast, you'll board your coach for the Kokotos Estate Winery for a special tour and wine and food pairing tasting.

Here, you'll experience a private visit to the family vineyards of George and Anna Kokotos that produce excellent quality organic grapes. In 1980, George and Anna Kokotos created a vineyard of seven hectares, planting international varieties including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Chardonnay. They have triumphed in producing wine of the highest quality. The excellent terroir—with soil which is poor in organic matter but rich in trace elements, the altitude of 1,476 feet, and the well-drained slopes of the vineyards —ensures the production of top quality grapes, which ripen fully giving a good concentration of fruit, sugars, flavor and aromas.

The estate includes an organic olive grove of 400 olive trees of the Koroneiki and Manaki varieties. The semi-mountainous terroir, organic methods of cultivation and manual harvesting (thus avoiding damage to the fruit) combine to produce extra virgin olive oil of the highest quality. In addition to the choice of varieties considered to be the best in Greece, the cold extraction of the olive oil at a local olive press ensures very low acidity with minimal time from harvest to extraction.

On this tour, you'll be guided around the farm, winery, and olive grove to learn about how the vineyards are certified organic and are cultivated with the utmost respect for the environment and the consumer. You will get to taste six different Domaine Kokotos wines while tasting a few Greek snacks and the famous olive oil.

After a pleasant morning spent at the Kokotos Estate you'll board your coach to return to your hotel in Athens and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure

ABOUT YOUR HOTEL



The Hotel Grande Bretagne



The GB Roof Garden Restaurant



Deluxe Room

HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE

With breathtaking views of the fabled Acropolis, regal Syntagma Square and the Parliament, lush Lycabettus Hill or the original Olympic Stadium, the multi-awarded, 5-star Hotel Grande Bretagne offers an unrivalled perspective of Athens' mythical history. Situated right in the heart of the city since 1874, the landmark hotel is within walking distance of the Plaka, exclusive shopping areas, museums, and the business district.

On-site amenities include GB Roof Garden Restaurant with uninterrupted views of the Acropolis, Lycabettus Hill and the Parliament, Winter Garden Restaurant, Alexander's Bar, GB Spa, fitness studio and indoor and outdoor swimming pools, steam room.

In-room amenities include LED television, hairdryer, safe, complimentary Wi-Fi, turndown service, complimentary bottle of water, blackout curtains, minibar, robe and slippers, iron/ironing board.

NEED MORE INFO? READY TO BOOK?

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