



# A Week in Ancient Greece: Athens, Delphi & Olympia

9 days | 12 days with Crete & Athens extension

Rich history, rugged ruins, remarkable beauty—you can find it all in Greece. And on this tour, you'll experience the country's wonders coming alive as the summer heat dies down and the locals return to their daily routines. Let the echoes of antiquity wash over you as you monument-hop in Athens, Delphi, Olympia, and Nafplio, unbothered by the peak season's typical crowds. To dig even further back in time, add the trip's extension to Crete—Greece's largest and most populous island—for a study of the Minoan civilization, and discover a culture that predated even Socrates by centuries.



## Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 5 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Acropolis
- Parthenon
- Temple of Apollo
- Ruins of Olympia
- Ancient Theater of Epidaurus
- Corinth Canal photo stop

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails, with some hills and stairs.

## Group size

15–38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Athens today.

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## Athens → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Athens

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Greece! Settle in to your hotel. Then, gather with your Tour Director and fellow groups members at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Athens

*Included meals: breakfast*

A local guide introduces you to the highlights of this bustling ancient capital, home to the world's first democracy.

- Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian.
- View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus.
- See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district.
- Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion.

Spend a free afternoon in Athens or add an excursion.

+ Cape Sounion

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## Delphi Region → 1 night

### Day 4: Transfer to the Delphi Region & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to the Delphi region for a guided tour of the legendary home of the mystical oracle. You'll visit the Temple of Apollo where, according to legend, the gods once communicated with mortals.

Enjoy a free evening in the Delphi region or add an excursion.

+ Arachova Village & Greek Dinner

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## Olympia Region → 1 night

### Day 5: Transfer to the Olympia Region & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Make your way to the Olympia region and tour the legendary city of Olympia with a local guide.

- View the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- See the ancient Gymnasium and site where the first Olympic Games took place.
- Step inside the Archaeological Museum of Olympia and enjoy free time to explore the exhibits.

*Please note: The sightseeing tour of Olympia may take place on Day 6 depending on the season.*

This evening, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

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## Nafplio → 2 nights

### Day 6: Transfer to Nafplio & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to the seaside town of Nafplio and explore the charming locale with your Tour Director.

- Stroll through Syntagma Square.
- Soak in the beautiful views of the port and the hilltop Palamidi Fortress.

### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Epidaurus

*Included meals: breakfast*

Head into the countryside for a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus.

- Enter the Ancient Theater of Epidaurus, one of the best-preserved Greek amphitheatres in the world.
- Learn about the site's many temples and ruins.

Spend a free afternoon in Nafplio or add an excursion.

+ Mycenae & Nemea Wine Tasting

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## Athens → 1 night

### Day 8: Athens via the Corinth Canal

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

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Travel back to Athens today. Along the way, stop at the Corinth Canal to snap a photo of the waterway that separates the Peloponnese peninsula from mainland Greece.

This evening, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers.

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## Flight Home → 1 night

### Day 9: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to visit Heraklion in Crete and further explore Athens.

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## + Crete & Athens extension

Even to the Ancient Greeks, the Minoans of Crete were relics of a bygone era. On this trip's extension, you'll go back—way back—to when they ruled modern Greece's largest island. Fly to the Cretan capital of Heraklion and investigate the ruins of Knossos, the mythical home of the legendary Minotaur. Then, after a free day to do as you please, return to Athens for a final night in the Greek capital.

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## Heraklion → 2 nights

### Day 9: Flight to Heraklion & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

This morning, fly to Heraklion, capital of the island of Crete.

Then, join a local guide for a tour of the city this afternoon.

- Visit the ruins of Knossos, where King Minos imprisoned the Minotaur in a labyrinth, according to the myth.
- Enter the Heraklion Archaeological Museum.

### Day 10: Free day in Heraklion

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Heraklion or add an excursion.  
+ Chania

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**Athens → 1 night**

**Day 11: Flight to Athens**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly back to Athens today. Then, gather with your group members and toast to your trip with a farewell drink.

Spend a free evening in Athens or add an excursion.

+ Athens Home-Hosted Dinner

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**Flight Home**

**Day 12: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/GWA](https://goaheadtours.ca/GWA) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 3: Cape Sounion

\$89CAD/\$99CAD\* (4.5 hours, departure time varies)  
Journey to the southern tip of the Attica Peninsula to take in the sights of the Poseidon Coast, including sandy beaches, natural and manmade harbors, and, of course, the Aegean Sea itself. High above the sparkling shoreline, the Temple of Poseidon dominates the landscape. Of the original structure, 16 elegant Doric pillars remain. Afterward, decide how you'd like to spend your free time. Take a moment to look out from the lofty cliffside vantage point, where you can see five Aegean islands on a clear day. You may also choose to enjoy a coffee, stop in the souvenir shop, or stroll through the area. Please note: This excursion involves some walking on uneven terrain.

included)

Join a local at their home in Athens to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Grecian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Greek culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 4: Arachova Village & Greek Dinner

\$109CAD/\$119CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

This evening, visit Arachova, a picturesque town at the foot of Mount Parnassus. Begin with a visit to the Convent of the Prophet Elias, an abbey that dates back to the 11th century. Examine its ornate Greek ecclesiastical wood carvings, then head back into town. The evening is yours to explore Arachova, stroll its cobblestone streets, and admire its Byzantine churches before capping the day with a traditional Greek dinner at a village restaurant.

## Day 7: Mycenae & Nemea Wine Tasting

\$119CAD/\$129CAD\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Head to the UNESCO-listed Archaeological site of Mycenae, an important city in the Mycenaean civilization that's linked to Homer's famous Greek epics, the Iliad and the Odyssey. You'll take a guided tour of the citadel, which was once home to 30,000 people. Then, visit a winery in Nemea for a tasting of four to five local wines paired with snacks, before transferring back to Nafplio.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 10: Chania

\$149CAD/\$159CAD\* (8 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Travel to historic Chania, where a local guide introduces you to the city's Old Town. You'll visit Chania's cathedral before a walk through the Venetian quarter, where you'll step inside Etz Hayyim, the only synagogue on the island of Crete and a symbol of the city's enduring Jewish community. After exploring the synagogue, your guided tour ends at the port, where you'll visit an ancient Turkish Ottoman mosque. Lunch is included on this excursion, as is free time to get to know this beautiful city at your own pace. Please note: Etz Hayyim is closed on Sundays.

### Day 11: Athens Home-Hosted Dinner

\$109CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)