UQ ALUMNI TRAVEL

GREECE, 2024
30 September—7 October
Welcome to Athens

Day 1 | 30 September

Put the 'oh’ in opa and embark on an unforgettable exploration of an ancient land of gods and goddesses, myths and legends. Your springboard to your spellbinding holiday is the vibrant capital of Athens, an effortless mix of ancient treasures and modern veneer, which you will have an opportunity to explore after being transferred to your hotel.

This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a sight meal.

Included meal/s: Dinner
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens or equivalent

Explore Amazing Athens

Day 2 | 1 October

Join our local expert for a guided morning sightseeing tour to the ancient complex that was once the ‘Cradle of Western Civilization’. Our journey into antiquity includes the opportunity to explore the Acropolis with its treasures; the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena; the Royal Palace; the Temple of Zeus; and the Agora, once the haunt of Socrates and Plato.

Dive into culture and see remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum and see Hadrian’s Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, people-watch in Syntagma Square or go in search of the city’s tastiest souvlaki – the choice is yours.

Included meal/s: Breakfast
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens or equivalent

Journey to Corinth, Mycenae, Nafplion

Day 3 | 2 October

We depart Athens and cross the mighty Corinth Canal to the wild Peloponnesian Peninsula. Arriving in Corinth, we join a local expert to explore an ancient city that several empires fought over throughout the centuries.

We continue to Mycenae, a mighty kingdom of ancient Greece, where we’ll see the Beehive Tombs, also known as Treasury of Atreus; the Lion Gate; and the remains of Agamemnon’s Royal Palace, in the company of a local expert.

Later, we travel to Epidauros to visit the ancient theatre and Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine, whose snake-entwined staff remains the symbol of medicine to this day.

Arriving in the Venetian town of Nafplion later, we’ll dine in our hotel this evening.

Included meal/s: Breakfast, dinner
Hotel: Amalia Nafplio

Off to Thermopylae and Kalambaka

Day 6 | 5 October

Tread in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks, who would descend on the sanctuary of Delphi to consult with the most important oracle in the classical world.

Join our local expert and walk the Sacred Way to the 4th-century Temple of Apollo. View the statues immortalising the strength of the athletes who once competed in the Pythian Games, held in honour of Apollo and the Arts.

Continue on to a family-run honey farm where you can taste the rich thyme honey freshly collected from the hive and come up close to the unique biodiversity of the area.

A scenic afternoon drive brings us to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defence by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. We cross the lush Thessaly region, the 'breadbasket of Greece', then travel over the Parnos Pass towards Kalambaka.

Included meal/s: Breakfast, dinner
Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka

Admire Meteora and Return to Athens

Day 7 | 6 October

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A scenic drive returns us to Athens, where we’ll enjoy a rousing farewell dinner with our travel companions and reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece.

Included meal/s: Breakfast, dinner
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens or equivalent

Farewell Athens

Day 8 | 7 October

We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey.

Included meal/s: Breakfast
Hotel: Amalia Delphi
KALAMBAKA
METEORA
THERMOPYLAE
DELPHI
PATRAS
OLYMPIA
MYCENAE
CORINTH
NAFPLION
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