



Classical Greece

CRETE, MYKONOS, AND ATHENS WITH STUDY LEADER PROF. SHANE HAWKINS

October 11 – 21, 2018

Greece – there are few places on earth whose history has shaped the modern world so powerfully and in so many ways. The birthplace of democracy, theatre, western literature and philosophy, with its timeless art and architecture, Greece is still at the center of our cultural imagination.

This trip has something to offer everyone, whether interests run from the pre-historic to the modern. Experience the Parthenon by moonlight, dinner by the sea in the shadow of the temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion, the famous ‘Palace of Minos’ at Knossos, and Mykonos’ ‘Little Venice’.

No trip to Greece is complete without a visit to the islands. We start in Crete with its Minoan ruins, museums, and monasteries and continue to the winding streets and beautiful beaches of Mykonos with a day excursion to sacred Delos, home of the Athenian treasury and birthplace of the god Apollo. In Athens we experience the resplendent Acropolis then to the ancient ruined citadel of Mycenae, site of Heinrich Schliemann’s famous discoveries.

Experience the history, culture, stunning vistas and beaches of Greece, while enjoying superb Mediterranean cuisine and friendly accommodations.

– Shane Hawkins



Study Leader: Shane Hawkins

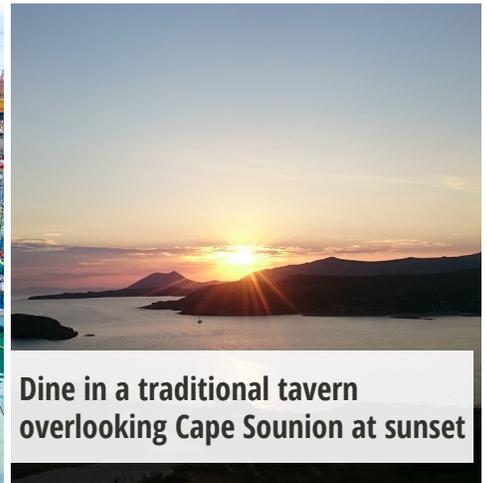
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EXCLUSIVE CARLETON MOMENTS



Enjoy Heraklion's village atmosphere



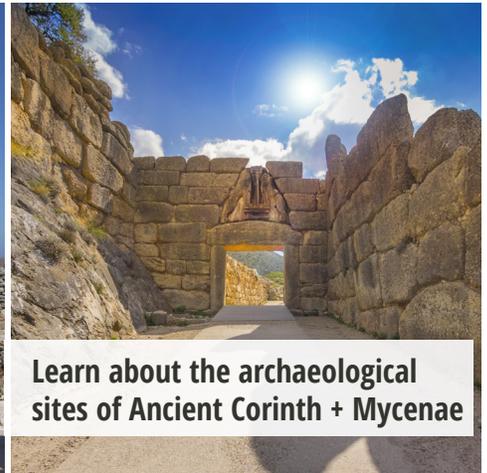
Dine in a traditional tavern overlooking Cape Sounion at sunset



Enjoy a private excursion by boat to Spinalonga



Visit the sacred island of Delos



Learn about the archaeological sites of Ancient Corinth + Mycenae

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Detailed Itinerary

Thursday, Oct. 11: Meet in Heraklion

Welcome to Greece! You are met on arrival and transferred to our hotel to settle in for a four-night stay in the centre of town. Join Shane Hawkins, your tour manager, and travellers for our welcome briefing followed by dinner.

Overnight: Aquila Atlantis Hotel, Heraklion

Meals: Dinner

Friday, Oct. 12: Heraklion

Enjoy a walking tour this morning to see the Old Port, the Venetian Walls, the Municipal Market, and the Venetian fortress of Koules. Visit the Heraklion Archaeological Museum housing the most important collection of Minoan antiquities. See Knossos, the capital of Minoan Crete, one of the grandest, most complex, and most flamboyant of Greek palaces.

Overnight: Aquila Atlantis Hotel, Heraklion

Meals: Breakfast



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Saturday, Oct. 13: Excursion to Malia, Kritsa, Spinalonga

Set off this morning on a beautiful day of touring nearby archeological sites. Visit the Minoan site of the Palace of Malia, then travel to the village of Kritsa to see the church of the Virgin Mary. Perched on the slopes of Kastellos and surrounded by olive groves, the village boasts panoramic views over the gulf of Mirabella Bay. Enjoy a wonderful lunch in a traditional tavern, then set off in a private fishing boat to the uninhabited island of Spinalonga to admire the ruins of the 17th century fortress.

Return to Santiago in the early evening.

Overnight: Aquila Atlantis Hotel, Heraklion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday, Oct. 14: Excursion to Faistos and Gortyn

Visit the palace of Faistos, one of the most important centres of Minoan civilization, and the site of Gortys, where places of interest include the Roman Odeum and the Great Inscription with the Law Code of Gortyn, the early Byzantine church of Saint Titus, and the Antiquarium. The afternoon is free to continue exploring on your own.

Overnight: Aquila Atlantis Hotel, Heraklion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Monday, Oct. 15: Ferry to Mykonos

Travel by ferry to beautiful Mykonos, the glamorous whitewashed paradise in the heart of the Cyclades. Soak up the atmosphere along the main town of Hora's lively waterfront, the 18th century "Little Venice" area of Alefkantra, dominated by grand captain's mansions, and the village of Ano Mera, situated around the historic monastery of Panayia Tourliani.

Overnight: Petinos Beach Hotel, Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Tuesday, Oct. 16: Excursion to Delos

Known as Apollo's birthplace, the sacred island of Delos is one of the most important mythological, archaeological, and historical sites in Greece. From its Sacred Harbor, the horizon shows the two conical mounds that have identified landscapes sacred to a goddess in other sites: one, retaining its pre-Greek name Mount Kythnos, is crowned with a sanctuary of Dionysus. We'll take the ferry to the island and spend the day here, visiting the sites and enjoying the ambience.

Overnight: Petinos Beach Hotel, Mykonos

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 17: Fly to Athens

A short flight takes us to Athens this morning. Enjoy lunch by the sea with spectacular views of Cape Sounion's Temple of Poseidon. Dedicated to the ancient Greek god of the sea, this temple dominates the southernmost tip of Attica, where the horizon meets the Aegean. Visit the site, then head into Athens city centre for an orientation tour of the main sites before checking into our hotel close to Syngtagma Square.

Overnight: Amalia Hotel, Athens

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, Oct. 18: Athens

This morning, set off to explore "the most perfect poem in stone", the Acropolis, the foremost site of Classical Greece. View the supreme achievement of Greek architecture at the Parthenon and other masterpieces including the Erechtheion Temple, the Propylaia and the Temple of Athena Nike. We'll also visit the dazzling modernist Acropolis Museum showcasing the Acropolis' surviving treasures still in Greek possession. Enjoy an afternoon walking tour in the pedestrian area around the Acropolis and free time to enjoy the Monastiraki Flea Market and the Plaka area.

Overnight: Amalia Hotel, Athens

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Friday, Oct. 19: Athens

We spend the day in Athens, starting with a visit to the Keramikos, the cemetery of ancient Athens continuously in use from the 9th century BC until the Roman times. We'll explore the Athenian Agora, located beneath the northwest slope of the Acropolis in the heart of the city. In the afternoon, visit the National Archaeological Museum to see its spectacular collections, a panorama of Greek civilization from the dawn of Prehistory to Late Antiquity.

Overnight: Amalia Hotel, Athens

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 20: Athens

Today takes us to visit the archaeological sites of Ancient Corinth and Mycenae. Visit the mostly Roman ruins of Ancient Corinth with the Temple of Apollo, the ancient theatre and the small museum. Explore the village of Nafplion, in a stunning location on a small harbor beneath the vast Palamidi fortress. Visit Mycenae, the “golden city” of ancient Greece, the epi-center of the Mycenaean world which gave its name to a period and a civilization that evolved throughout the entire Hellenic civilization. Celebrate our trip with a rousing dinner this evening.

Overnight: Amalia Hotel, Athens

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 21: Depart Athens

After breakfast at the hotel we are transferred to the Athens airport for homeward-bound flights.

Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in these notes are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.





Erechtheion

TOUR DETAILS

Tour Cost (per person): C\$4995*

Taxes & gratuities: C\$275

*Approx. Cost.

Single Supplement: C\$950

We would be happy to try to match you with a suitable roommate. If we are unable to, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.

Group Size:

12 – 18 participants

What's Included:

- Accommodations based on double occupancy in listed hotels or similar
- Airport transfers at destination for passengers arriving and departing as per the group itinerary
- All ground transportation as listed
- Internal flight (Mykonos to Athens)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Excursions as listed with experienced English-speaking local guides
- All entrance fees
- Taxes and Gratuities (as indicated)
- Fully escorted by study leader Shane Hawkins

Not Included:

- Roundtrip international airfare from your home
- Airport and departure taxes
- Airport transfers if arriving or departing separately from group itinerary
- Meals and beverages not included in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc.)
- Travel insurance
- Additional transport due to any emergency situation

Please contact Worldwide Quest for personalized flight arrangements.

Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of US\$500 per person is required to reserve a place on this tour. A second non-refundable deposit of US\$1000 per person is required six months prior to departure. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Joining Instructions

This tour begins with our briefing and welcome dinner on October 11. Please ensure that you arrive in Herakleon by 3PM to join the group. All travellers arriving on the start date of the tour will be met on arrival and transferred to the group hotel. This transfer is included in the cost of the tour. When you book pre-trip arrangements including flight and accommodations with Worldwide Quest, your transfer from the airport to our group hotel on arrival is also included. If you are making your own pre-trip arrangements, this transfer can be provided at additional cost. The tour concludes with a single complimentary transfer from the hotel to the airport on October 21st. Please contact us to verify timing of this transfer prior to making any flight arrangements.

Level of Activity: Moderate.

We will be doing quite a lot of walking over uneven terrain and on cobblestone streets. You should be comfortable walking for up to two hours unassisted. Please note that many archaeological sites are accessible only on foot. Not all museums have elevators, so you should be comfortable walking up two flights of stairs.

Accommodation

We are staying in hotels selected for location and comfort. The Atlantis is a first class hotel in the centre of Herakleon with unobstructed views of the historic harbour from its roof-top terrace and swimming pool. The recently renovated Amalia Hotel in Athens is located off Syntagma Square and within a 15-minute walk from the Parthenon.

Transportation

We will be using a medium-sized coach for our island and Athens drives. We will travel by ferry between Crete and Mykonos and by plane from Mykonos to Athens.

Weather

October is one of the nicest months to visit Greece, when the heat and crowds have dissipated. We expect daytime highs of 20°C with a mix of sun and cloud.

Travel Documents

You will require a passport for your trip to Greece. Please make sure that it is valid for six months after the date of your return home.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Terms and Conditions

For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946).

Cancellation Policy

All payments are non-refundable, however you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.