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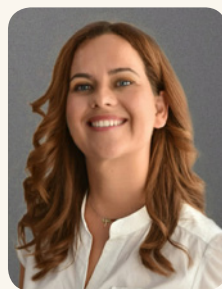
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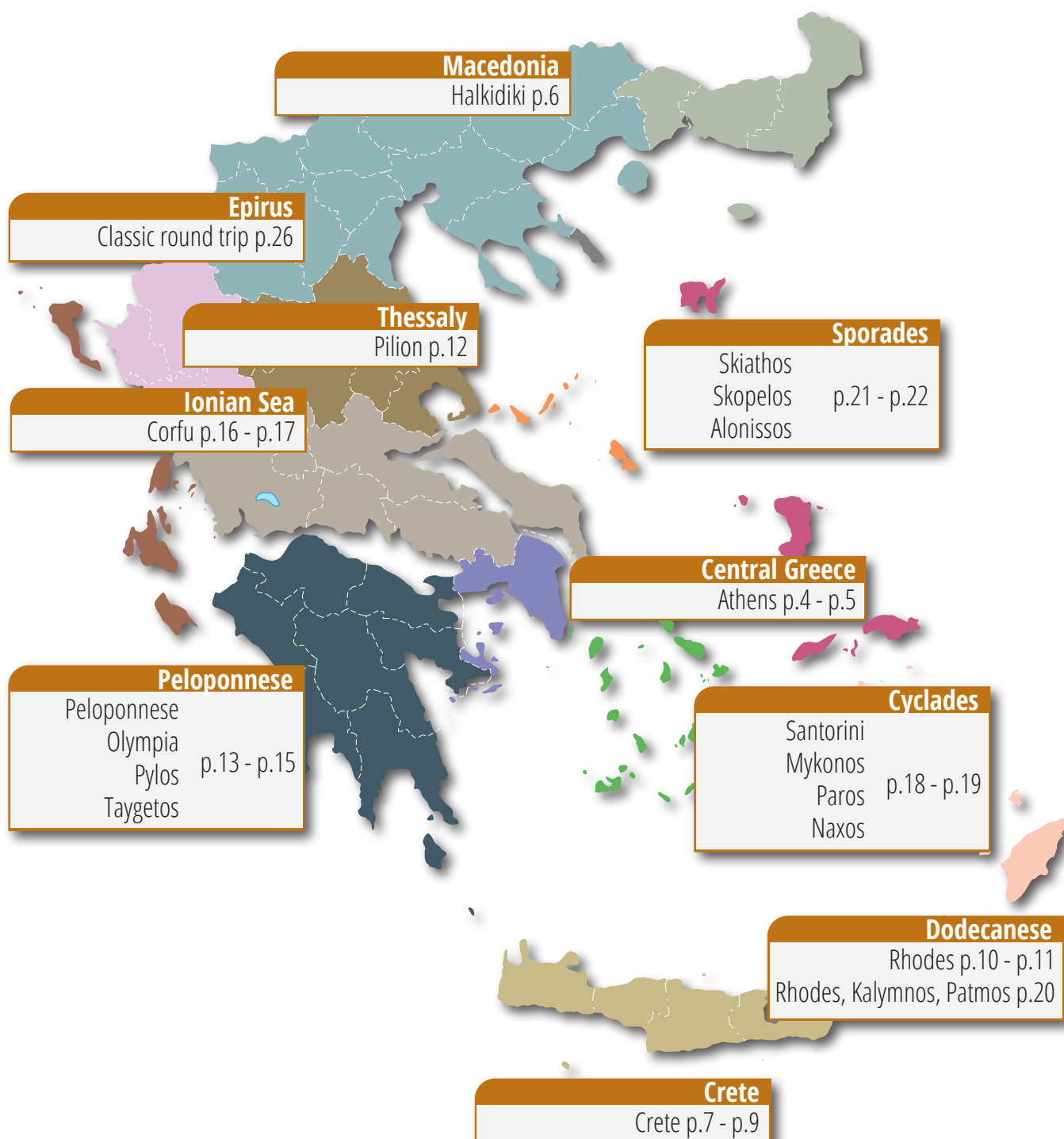
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Athens



City Break Athens

Athens, the capital of Greece, is one of the oldest cities in the world and has been inhabited since the Neolithic period. According to legend, the goddess Athena and Poseidon, the God of the sea, competed for the support of the inhabitants of the still nameless city. It was decided that whoever gave the city the most beautiful gift would be chosen as the patron. Athena won, by donating an olive tree that provided food, olive oil and wood ensuring the city was named after her. Today this vast metropolis combines millennial old history and modern lifestyle. Let us show you some of the most beautiful corners of Athens. Enjoy a trip into the past, the roots of philosophy and democracy. Discover the lifestyle of modern Greeks. Join us on a relaxing cruise to the islands in the Saronic Gulf.

Price includes



- 5 nights in a 4* hotel in Athens
- Buffet breakfast included
- Modern, air conditioned coach on all excursions / transfers
- A visit to "Plaka" with dinner in a traditional taverna
- A visit to the National Garden and the Acropolis
- A visit to the modern Acropolis museum
- A fully escorted 3 island cruise in the Saronic Gulf including lunch on board
- A traditional 3 course evening meal including wine
- Licensed guide to the sights
- Escort on arrival / departure
- Entrance fees not included

Package price per person 6 days

from € 460





Travelling from Athens to the cultural highlights of the South

The history of Athens dates back 3400 years and today the Athenians certainly know how to combine modern city living amidst ancient scenery. In the busy metropolis the Greek culture is still abundant whilst the locals enjoy life to the full. The country's metropolis combines landscape, sea, mountains, lifestyle, sports and, of course, hospitality. Enjoy the vibrant metropolis and the luxury and advantages of a centrally located 5 hotel for 8 days. Let us show you the many cultural highlights of Athens, Argolis and Delphi, whilst you accompany us on this wonderful journey and if you feel like it, why not visit the islands in the Saronic Gulf.*

Price includes



- 7 nights in a centrally located 5* hotel in Athens
- Buffet breakfast included
- Modern, air conditioned coach on all excursions / transfers
- 1 evening meal in the Plaka in a traditional taverna including house wine and water
- Escort on arrival / departure
- 3 excursions: Athens with Cape Sounion, Argolis with Ouzo tasting and Delphi
- Licensed guide on all excursions
- Entrance fees not included
- Optional 3 island cruise for 60 Euro per person

Package price per person 8 days

from € 879



Halkidiki



Explore Northern Greece on foot

Halkidiki is a peninsula in the north of Greece and is a nature lovers paradise, whether you're looking for a romantic getaway, want to hike through hilly terrain or just appreciate the beauty of the mountains and coastline. Its three peninsulas *Kassandra*, *Sithonia* and *Athos* are all very different in characters. *Kassandra* offers a better infrastructure and is a more hilly landscape. The *Sithonia* is 'untouched' nature at its best with a heavily forested mountain range and rugged coasts with small hidden bays in turquoise and light blue. *Athos* is a UNESCO World Heritage and a monastic republic. Here you can explore the paradise of Northern Greece with us – hike your way through three peninsulas, passing through flowering shrubs and along the wild coastline. You can enjoy olives, sheep's cheese and ouzo, whilst getting to know the locals and their customs.

Price includes



- 9 nights in a 5* hotel on Halkidiki
- Buffet breakfast and buffet evening meal in the hotel
- Modern, air conditioned coach on all excursions / transfers
- 6 hikes with English speaking hiking guides
- A visit to the second largest city in Greece, Thessaloniki
- Athos Cruise excursion
- Traditional 'Meze' on the last hiking day

Package price per person 10 days

from € 495





Knossos, Crete

Crete



On the roadster through Crete

Crete offers a variety of activities to take part in. It has a mild climate, numerous and fantastic beaches, mountains, hilly landscapes and traditional villages with their natural habitat. We invite you to explore the island by bicycle through the vineyard areas of Archanes to the Palace of Knossos or a departure from Psiloritis to Anogia through the original part of the island. Why not take a trip to the Libyan Sea and the Margarites pottery village. There are also various tours around Rethymnon through colourful herbal meadows and on little travelled country roads through the mountains. Along the way you will experience culture, some traditional snacks and always an opportunity to jump into the crystal clear sea to make your holiday week active and unforgettable.

Price includes



- 7 nights on half board in a good mid range hotel
- 7 packed lunches or picnics
- Exclusive transfers in modern, air conditioned coaches
- English speaking guide on the daily bike tours
- English speaking licensed guide at Knossos
- Daily bicycle hire for the tours including transport to the starting points
- Equipment hire such as helmets, odometers and speedometers
- A minibus is available for the entire duration of the tours
- 1 free single room for the tour leader (10 + 1)
- Entrance to Knossos

Package price per person 8 days

from € 610





A Hiking week in the west of the island

Discover the mountains of Crete, its impressive gorges, the changing climate and the great hospitality of its inhabitants - it will be a unique, natural and cultural experience. You will hike to the only fresh-water lake on the island, discover the monasteries on the Acrotiri peninsula and pass through the Kallikratis, Imbros and Mylisch canyons. You will take a refreshing dip in the Libyan Sea and visit the oldest Baklava bakery in Crete. Come with us on an unforgettable journey through the wild natural habitat of Crete.

Price includes



- 7 nights in a double or single room including breakfast and evening meal in a 4* hotel
- English speaking hiking guide
- Modern, air conditioned coach
- 1 lunch
- 1 picnic
- 1 tasting Baklava
- 1 farewell dinner
- 1 free single room for the tour leader

Package price per person 8 days

from € 560



Rhodes



The sunny island Rhodes

Rhodes is one of the Dodecanese islands and is the fourth largest in Greece, situated in the southeast Aegean. With more than 3000 hours of sunshine the island is one of the sunniest regions in Europe and is therefore called the "Sun Island". Spend a week at the 4*+ Hotel right on the beach, with "All Inclusive" and every imaginable comfort whilst you enjoy the Greek sun and discover your holiday island. Renowned for its medieval history is the old town of Rhodes. Let yourself be transported back to the time of the knights, visit the Palace of the Grand Dukes or stroll through the cobblestone streets of the medieval city. Discover the island`s natural beauty in the green oasis of the Butterfly Valley, the ancient city of Kameiros and the famous captain`s houses in the traditional village of Lindos, the "Pearl of the island".

Price includes



- 7 nights in a 4*+ hotel next to the beach
- All inclusive board
- Modern, air conditioned coach on all excursions / transfers
- Accompanied transfer on arrival and departure
- Three excursions: Rhodes Town, File-rimos, Kameiros, Lindos and Butterfly Valley
- 1 free single room for the tour leader

Package price per person 8 days

from € 570



Rhodes



“Kalos orisate” on Greece’s fourth largest island, Rhodes

Rhodes is the fourth largest island of Greece and the main island of the Dodecanese-islands in the south-east Aegean. The name of Rhodes is Pre-Greek. It probably has its origin in the New Greek word for pomegranate (ródia). With over 3000 hours of sunshine, the island is one of the sunniest regions in Europe.

Package includes



- 7 nights in a 4* hotel on half board
- Modern, air conditioned coach on all excursions / transfers
- Accompanied transfer on arrival and departure
- A la Carte Hiking Guide
- 5 hikes
- 1 free single room per 15 pax

Package price per person 8 days

from € 440





Hiking in the home of the Centaurs

In Greek mythology the Pilion Mountain was home to the centaurs. These fabulous creatures, half man and horse, were regarded as proud, strong warriors. The wise King Chiron taught the various warriors and the ancient heroes Jason and Achilles. According to legend, Chiron was transformed into a constellation by Zeus. The area of Pilion is without doubt, considered one of the most beautiful natural paradises of Greece. Deciduous and coniferous forests cover heights that reach 1800m to the north and fall to the south. The green forests often spill up to the turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea and the Pagasitic Gulf. Explore the green paradise "by shanks mare". Enjoy a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean Sea and try out the many treats of the region.

Package includes



- 7 nights in a 4* hotel in Pilion
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel
- Modern, air conditioned coach on all excursions / transfers
- 5 Hikes with English speaking Hiking Guide
- Ouzo with traditional appetizers
- "Glyko tou koutaliou" tasting
- Apple pie with coffee
- Cheese bread with coffee
- Train ride from Milies to Ano Lechonia
- Farewell dinner on last evening

Package price per person 8 days

from € 535



Peloponnese

Mani, Peloponnese

Peloponnese



Walking through the unknown Regions of the Peloponnese

Changing landscapes, fantastic nature, great beaches, entertaining stories, delicious cuisine and, last but not least, you will “witness” thousands of years of European culture. Hike with us the “wild” Mani, discover the Messine with its sandy coasts and relics from ancient times. Explore the green Lousiostal in Arcadia and the Byzantine ruins of Mystras on the Taygetos mountain. All hikes are easy to medium.

Package includes



- 7 nights in a good mid range hotel
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel
- 3 picnics
- Modern, air-conditioned coach
- English speaking Hiking Guide
- Farewell dinner on last evening

Package price per person 8 days

from € 465



Peloponnese



The island of “Pelops”

Peloponnese – the island of Pelops, named after a legend. The peninsula in southern Greece offers numerous ancient sites as well as an impressive mountain landscapes, traditional villages and wonderful bathing beaches. The ideal to spend a relaxing holiday. Enjoy a week in a 4 hotel near Kalamata, directly on the beach as you discover the sights of the area. Your hotel is within walking distance of the lively city of Kalamata. You will accompany us to Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will visit the ancient city of Messina and enjoy splendid views of the Ionian Sea, during a traditional lunch. A boat trip in the Gulf of Navarino and a visit to the small harbour town of Pylos with its castle fortress provide for a relaxed day out.*

Package includes



- 7 nights in a 4* hotel
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel
- Modern, air-conditioned coaches on all Excursions/Transfers
- Three Excursion, to Olympia, Pylos, Altmessine
- 1 lunch
- Boat ticket not included

Package price per person 8 days

from € 500



Corfu



Summer island of the Empress Sissi

The island of Corfu, south of the Albanian west coast stretches over 60km in length and is characterised by hills and mountains. Corfu has a climate which is ideal for growing wild flowers and subtropical vegetation, e.g. there are 36 different species of orchid on the island. In addition to its scenic beauty, the densely wooded mountains and jagged coasts with small romantic coves, the island offers numerous architectural highlights from the Venetian period. For a week you will experience the diversity of the island, which the Empress Sissi fell in love with. Discover the beautiful north, ride through the south, experience Corfu town with its Venetian fortress and the famous arcades and enjoy the exotic garden of the Achillion Palace, the former summer residence of the Austrian Empress. Let yourself be enchanted by the diversity of the island and take the opportunity to make a short detour to Albania – optional.

Package includes



- 7 nights in a 5* hotel on half board or a 4* hotel on an 'all inclusive' basis
- Modern, air-conditioned coaches on all excursions / transfers
- Accompanied transfer on arrival and departure
- Licensed guide on all excursions
- 4 excursions
- 1 wine tasting
- 1 tasting Kumquat products
- 1 free place for the Tour Leader

Package price per person 8 days

4*Hotel **from € 410**

5*Hotel **from € 550**





Hiking on the green island in the Ionian Sea

Corfu is the northern most island in the Ionian Sea, well known for its Venetian flair, which has remained there since her turbulent past and also its lavish vegetation. In addition to the dense forest mountains, the island has 4 million olive trees, which date back to the 16th century, when the Venetians promoted the planting of olives. Discover with us the diversity of the island and its fragrant orchid meadows. Stroll through the Venetian streets of Corfu town and hike with us at the feet of the Pantokrator and along the coast. You will be amazed by the magnificent view of Albania and, with us, reach the highest peak on the island. Enjoy the Corfiot cuisine. If you like, take a day trip to Albania and visit the ancient ruins of Butrint – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Price includes



- 7 nights in a 4* hotel on half board in Acharavi
- 1 welcome drink
- Modern, air-conditioned coach on all excursions/transfers
- Accompanied transfer on arrival and departure
- A la Carte Hiking Guide
- 5 hikes
- 3 lunches in traditional taverns including 1/2lt wine
- 1 picnic

Package price per person 8 days

from € 585



Cyclades



Islands of light

The Cyclades – who does not know them? Perfect ‘picture-postcard’ villages, with bright white houses and blue roofs, angled, narrow alleyways and stairways adorned with brightly blossoming bougainvilleas. One has the impression that there is nowhere else in the world with sea so blue and the air so pure. Mykonos – the party island of the jet set in the summer. Delos – Museum Island and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Paros – the marble island, where the most famous ancient statues were formed. Santorini – the volcanic island with the most beautiful sunsets in Greece.

Price includes



- 2 nights in Mykonos including breakfast
- 2 nights in Paros including breakfast
- 3 nights in Santorini including breakfast
- Accommodation in good mid-range hotels
- Licensed guide throughout
- All transfers in modern and air-conditioned coaches
- All ferry tickets
- All excursions
- Caldera cruise including dinner on board

Package price per person 8 days

from € 640



Cyclades



Active and relaxed

The Cyclades – not just picture-perfect villages! They are also known to have a constant breeze, which makes the air so pure and the colours so clear and the conditions ideal for... sailing with a catamaran, for example, in the caldera of Santorini. The islands also offer mountains that tempt you to reach the summit and fragrant herb meadows that invite you to take an easy hike... for example, on Naxos. The visitor will find crystal clear water, great for diving and gentle hills on Paros, ideal for leisurely bicycle tours. Join us on a discovery tour of the most popular Greek islands.

Price includes



- 12 days including 11 nights in good mid-range hotels with breakfast
- 2 nights in Athens
- 4 nights in Santorini
- 3 nights in Naxos
- 2 nights in Paros
- English speaking escort
- All transfers in modern and air-conditioned coaches
- All ferry tickets

Package price per person 12 days

from € 760



Dodecanese



Ancient worlds, byzantine churches and Castles of the Crusaders

One fifth of the total area of Greece is spread over 3054 islands. For every traveller who wants to explore Greece, this is a reason to start, with a visit of the Dodecanese. The island group consists of 18 permanently inhabited islands and is located in the south-east of the country. It extends partly to a few kilometres off the Turkish coast. The Dodecanese are known for their mild and dry climate, varied landscape and fantastic beaches. Go on an eleven-day discovery trip and visit seven fantastic islands. From Rhodes you travel to Kalymnos, Patmos and Kos. On the way, visit the islands of Symi and Leros on day trips. If you feel like it, you can also visit the small volcanic island of Nisyros.

Price includes



- 7 nights in Rhodes / Kalymnos / Patmos with breakfast
- 3 nights in Kos with half board
- Accompanied transfer on arrival and departure
- All transfers in modern and air-conditioned coaches
- All ferry tickets as per the programme
- English speaking Escort on Excursions
- Exclusive Excursions: Rhodes town / Leros / Patmos town with Johannes Grotte and monastery / Kos Island Tour
- On seat-base: Symi

Package price per person 11 days

from € 699



Sporades



Skiathos, Sporades

Sporades



Sporades Island Hopping

Sporades means “the scattered” and refers to the Aegean islands outside the central archipelago of the Cyclades. They are among the most beautiful Greek islands and are a “must” for every ABBA fan, because they have been world famous since the film “Mamma Mia”. Come with us on a trip around Skiathos and Skopelos. Get to know the islands, where in 2008 numerous scenes were filmed for the musical Mamma Mia. Join us on the daily cruise to the island of Alonissos, home to the Mediterranean monks. The island is located in the national marine park. Swim and snorkel in romantic coves with crystal clear water.

Price includes



- 4 nights in a 5 * hotel on half board in Skiathos
- 3 nights in a 5 * hotel on half board in Skopelos
- Modern, air-conditioned coach for the transfers
- Accompanied transfers from – to the airport
- All ferry tickets
- 1 cruise excursion
- 1 free place for the tour leader

Package price per person 8 days

from € 689



Round trips



The Greek Riviera of Olympus Relax with culture experience „light“

Mount Olympus at 2918 meters is the highest mountain in Greece. On its coast are kilometres of sandy beaches, ideal and inviting for a relaxing beach holiday. In addition to this, there are numerous, interesting sightseeing opportunities. Enjoy your week at a 4*+ boutique hotel, in an ideal location, as you discover all the sights of the area. Travel with us to the metropolis of the north, Thessaloniki. After the city tour, the lively city lures you to stroll through the market or to have a coffee under the arcades of the "Platia" Aristotelous. Discover the temple ruins of Dion, the nature in the National Park Olymp and the old knights castle of Platamon before you enjoy a hearty lunch with a magnificent view. Finally, you will visit the King's Graves of Vergina and end the holiday week with wine tasting.

Price includes



- 7 nights in a 4* hotel on half board
- Modern air conditioned coaches on all excursions / transfers
- Accompanied transfers on arrival and departure
- Four excursions to Thessaloniki, Dion Olympus, Castle of Platamon, Vergina
- Wine tasting with snacks
- 1 free single room for the tour leader

Package price per person 8 days

from € 455



Round trips



Wine trip

Wine is culture! In Europe, wine was first developed on the sun-drenched soil of Greece. In Homer's time, Greek wine was on everyone's lips and since then has been inextricably linked to the Mediterranean way of life. So why not combine the palate with some education? Culture, architecture, history and, of course, the art of viticulture. Who has not heard of names like Vergina, Meteora, Olympus? Get to know the history of the country, alongside its great wine.

Price includes



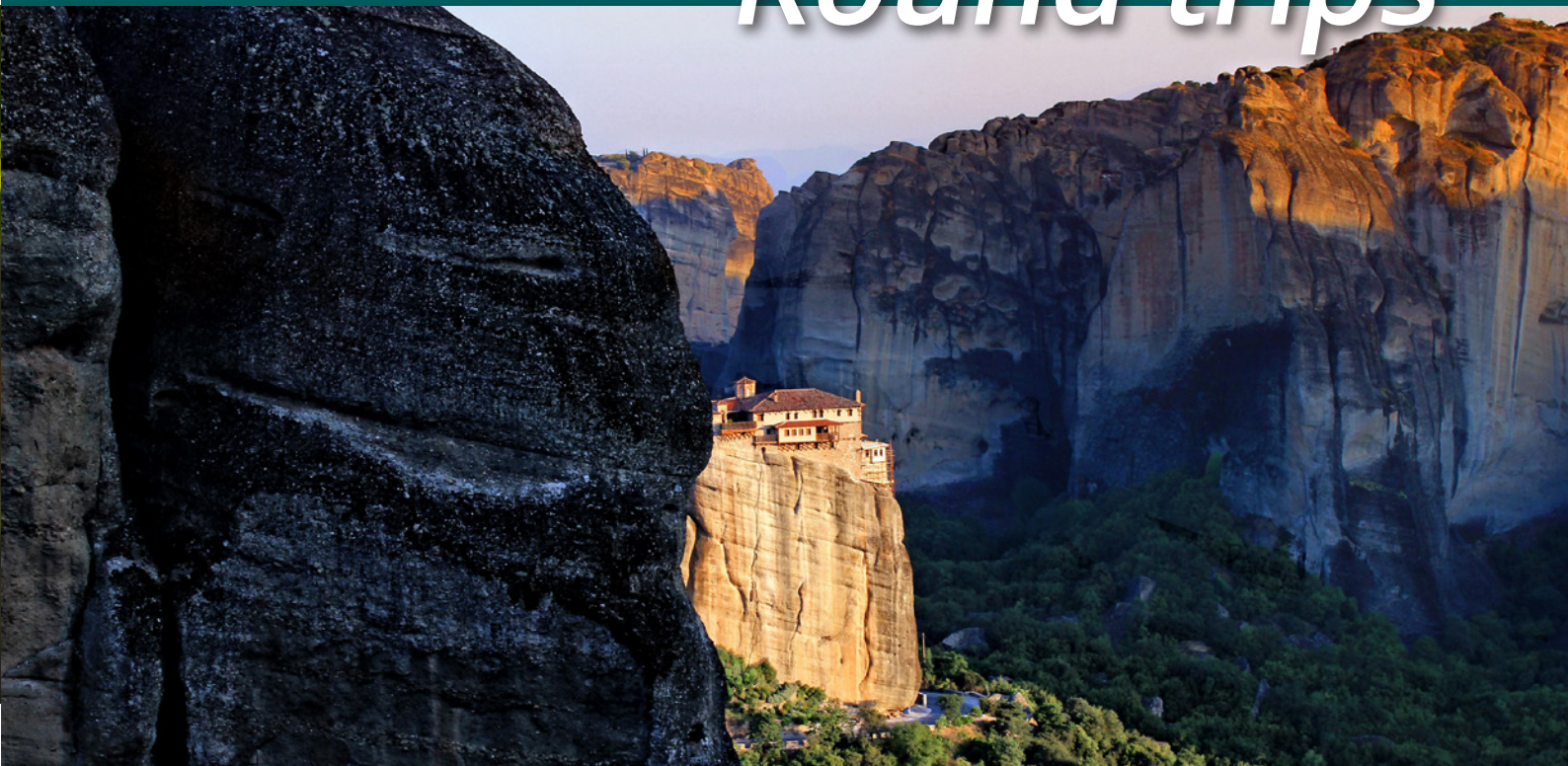
- 2 nights in a 5* hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights in a 5* hotel in Metsovo
- 3 nights in a 5* hotel in Litochoro/Katerini
- Buffet breakfast in the hotel
- Modern, air conditioned coaches on all excursions/transfers
- Licensed guide throughout
- Sightseeing in Thessaloniki with wine tasting in Halkidiki
- Sightseeing Vergina with Wine tasting in Naoussa
- Sightseeing Ioannina with Wine tasting in Metsovo
- Sightseeing Meteora
- Experience God mountain Olympus with National Park
- 4 buffet dinners in the hotel
- 3 dinners in traditional tavernas
- 1 free place for the tour leader
- All entrance fees / ferry tickets as per the programme

Package price per person 8 days

from € 800



Round trips



On the traces of the missionary journey of the Apostle Paulus in Greece

According to the New Testament, Paul was a successful, Christian missionary and one of the first theologians of Christianity. He is worshipped as a saint in the Orthodox, Catholic, Armenian, Coptic and Anglican churches, while the Protestant Church celebrates him with memorials. At first, Paul took part in the persecution of Christians; however, after his conversion he proclaimed the divinity of Jesus Christ and dedicated his life to spreading the Christian message. He travelled the eastern Mediterranean and founded Christian communities. Through his letters, which form a substantial part of the later New Testament, he remained in touch with them. Visit the stations of his mission through Greece on an eight day tour from the north of the country to the south. Your route will take you from Philippi at Kavala via Thessaloniki, Veria, Meteora and Delphi to the Peloponnese and to Athens.

Price includes



- 3 nights in a 5* hotel in Thessaloniki
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Kalambaka
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Delphi or surrounding area
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Korinth
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Athens or surrounding area
- Buffet breakfast in the hotel
- Buffet style dinner in the hotel
- Modern, air-conditioned coach
- Licensed guide throughout
- 1 free single room for the tour leader
- Entrance fees not included

Package price per person 8 days

from € 440



Round trips



Unknown regions and mountain villages

Uncovered Greece – hidden lakes, unknown mountain villages and other small surprises. Even though Greece is famous for its islands and seas, 60% of the land mass consists of small and large mountains. Get to know some of the most beautiful mountain regions in Greece. They begin with Pilion, whose mountain world is regarded as the empire of the Centaurs. These originate from mythology and are a mixture of humans and horses. Discover the region on a historical train journey through the impressive landscape. Let us take you to the Epirus and the Zagorochoria. Stroll through Ioannina and visit the small island of Nisi in the centre of the lake of the capital of Epirus. The Meteora monasteries are located on our route as well as Mount Olympus, the God's mountain of ancient Greece and the highest mountain in Greece. On this trip you will discover less developed tourist regions, their original villages and hospitable inhabitants.

Price includes



- 3 nights in a 4* hotel in Volos
- 1 night in a 5* hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights in a 4* hotel in Aristi
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Aspropotamos
- Buffet breakfast in the hotel
- Buffet style dinner in the hotels
- Modern, air conditioned coaches on all excursions / transfers
- Licensed guide throughout
- Wine tasting and Pitta-Baking course
- All tickets (train / ferry) as per the programme
- 1 free place for the tour leader

Package price per person 8 days

from € 700

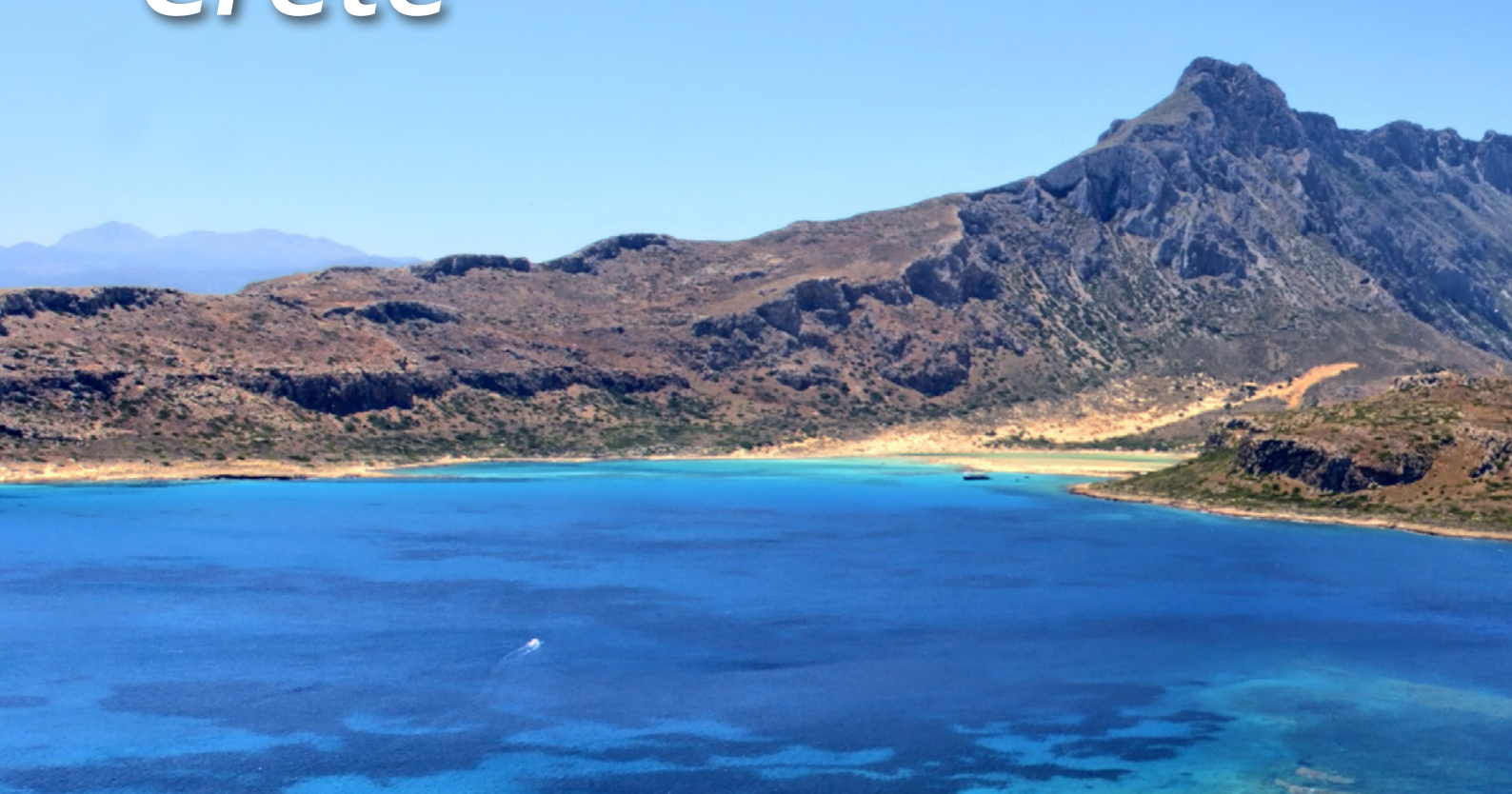




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Crete



Educational trip

Crete is the largest Greek island and, apart from its four Minoan palace complexes Zakros, Malia, Knossos and Phaistos, it has numerous other relics from its turbulent past. A visit to the island of Spinalonga, one of the last inhabited leper colonies of Europe, a visit of the monastery Arkadi and the old trade metropolis Aptera are not to be missed on your study trip through one of the most varied regions of Greece. The port towns of Chania, Rethymnon and Agios Nikolaos also have much to offer and last but not least Heraklion, a modern hub of the island. Join our journey through Crete and enjoy the mild climate and the great island cuisine on an island with thousands of years of history.

Price includes



- 7 nights in a 4* or 5* hotel with buffet breakfast included
- 1 dinner in a traditional tavern
- Modern, air-conditioned coach
- Licensed guide throughout
- 1 free single room for the Tour Leader
- Boat ticket for Spinalonga
- All entrance fees

Package price per person 8 days

from € 890





Day 1 Arrival at Heraklion, Crete

Meet and greet at Heraklion Airport and transfer to your hotel in Agios Nikolaos.

Day 2 Eastern Crete - Zakros and the Monastery Toplou

You start your Crete-week with the visit of one of the four Minoan palaces of Crete "Zakros". It sits in the far east of the island, where it was discovered by chance by a Cretan farmer working in his field. Continue to the monastery Toplou, known for its iconographic exhibition, among others the big icon "Megas ei Kyrie". After a break in the lively port of Sitia, return to Agios Nikolaos.

Day 3 Spinalonga, Crete and the palace of Malia

Today you will visit the island of Spinalonga. From Plaka you can reach the island on a 10minute boat trip. In ancient times there were fortifications on the island but it is most known as the last leper colony in Europe. After the sightseeing you will visit the church of Kera from the 13th century, near Kritsa. It is a three-aisled dome, decorated with numerous Byzantine frescoes. On the way to Heraklion you will visit the Minoan palace complex of Malia. You will then check-in at your Heraklion hotel for the next three nights.

Day 4 Knossos and Heraklion

You will start today with a visit to the most famous Minoan palace complex on the island. In his Od-

yssey, Homer told us about Knossos as the capital of Crete and the seat of King Minos. After a visit to the grave site you will continue to Heraklion to see the archaeological museum. After the National museum in Athens it is home to the most important antiques collection in Greece. There will be free time for lunch and a tour through the old town to the Venetian port and the opportunity to see the fortress Koules. You will then pass the fountain Morosini, the Markus-basilica and the Titus-Church.

Day 5 The South of Crete, Gortys, Phaistos

In southern Crete you will first visit Gortys, the Roman capital with the famous law boards. We then continue to the Palace of Phaistos, the second largest Minoan Palace complex in Crete and not far from Agia Triada, a Minoan settlement. Then on to Matala for a late lunch before returning to Heraklion.

Day 6 Eleutherna, Arkadi and Rethymnon

After a 'hearty' breakfast you will leave your hotel and head towards Chania to visit the excavation site of the ancient city of Eleutherna. The first settlements here were from the late Minoan period. Then continue to Arkadi Monastery. It is romantically situated amongst flower meadows near Rethymnon. It was part of the struggle for the independence of Crete and is considered the "national sanctuary" of the island. You will spend your lunch time in Rethymnon. In the port area and in the alleys of the

old town, between Venetian buildings and houses from the Ottoman period, are many traditional tavernas that will tempt you with their delicious specialties. In the afternoon it's onwards to Chania to your hotel where you will spend the next 2 nights. An evening tour of the old town is offered from the centrally located hotel.

Day 7 Aptera and Chania

In and around Chania are numerous sights. Your first stop today is the ancient settlement and commercial metropolis Aptera. The ruins include the remains of several thousand years of Cretan history. After sightseeing you will return to Chania and visit the archaeological museum following a tour of the old town and a lunch break. In the old town near the Kastelli-hill, you will discover the remains of the oldest settlement from the Neolithic period, 3400 BC. Today there are still buildings visible from the Venetian and Ottoman times. Time allowing, there will be a visit to the Byzantine collection in the chapel of the former San Salvatore Monastery. In the evening, free leisure time to explore the romantic city on your own.

Day 8 Armeni and departure in the afternoon

On the way to Heraklion you will stop in Armeni if time allows. It has a post Minoan cemetery, where over 200 grave chambers were discovered. It is then onwards to the airport and your return flight.

Crete



Crete culinary

Crete offers a variety of specialties and is known for its delicious cuisine. Because of its mild climate, countless herbs, spices, vegetables and fruit of all varieties plus the imagination of the local people contribute to the fact that Mediterranean Crete cuisine is becoming increasingly popular with us. Also the popularity of the so-called "Crete diet" has aroused interest in the islanders eating habits which is a diet based on the use of olive oil instead of animal fats; fresh herbs and mainly vegetarian food. Besides which the Agaeis and the Libyan Sea are home to huge amounts of fresh fish. You will also find the traditional "Tsikoudia", known as "Raki", on all dining tables. Enjoy a culinary journey through the specialties of the island.

Price includes



- 7 nights in good mid range hotels
- Breakfast and dinner included
- Modern and air-conditioned coaches on all Excursions/transfers
- Licensed guide throughout
- 3 lunches
- 2 wine tastings
- 1 tasting of olive oil and olive products
- Tasting of various sweets, pastries and cheese specialties
- Snail snack
- Cooking course and presentation of the Crete diet
- Entrance fees not included

Package price per person 8 days

from € 590





Day 1 Arrival at Heraklion airport, Crete

Meet and greet at the airport then accompanied transfer to the hotel. Check in and dinner together.

Day 2 The market halls of Heraklion and a noble drop at Archanes

You start today with a tour through the alleys to the market in Heraklion. For your 'second' breakfast you will visit a bakery where you can refuel with a typical Greek puff pastry, a bit of culture not to be missed. You will visit the Palace complex of Knossos, before ending the first day with a wine tasting.

Day 3 Crete's botanical garden, spices, vegetables and exotic fruits

A visit to the Crete botanical garden. Near Chania, nestled among wooded hills, it offers a host of innumerable native and exotic plants thanks to its mild climate. After a presentation of the famous "Cretan diet" and a healthy lunch, prepared exclusively from the organic products and herbs of the botanical garden, you will be transferred to Chania, where you will spend the rest of the day.

Day 4 Agios Nikolaos – wild herbs and delicacies of the Lassithi

Today we go to the port of Agios Nikolaos. You will visit a herbal farm with a tour through the small museum, the production hall and the herb garden. You will get to see a modern olive press and

learn how a young family builds on the traditional manufacturing processes of their parents and grandparents, leading the company into the future with modern equipment and the production of native and biological oils and olive products. You will also get to taste different types of oil and olive products. On the Lassithi plateau, vegetable and fruit cultivation is typical of the landscape. Enjoy a traditional vegetable dish - courgettes filled with rice and dill, it's a real highlight. Served with "Tsikoudia", as with the old Cretans!

Day 5 Baklava and other Specialities

In Rethymnon you will find the oldest Baklava bakery in Crete. Baklava is a sweet pastry specialty, made of layers of filo and filled with nuts and syrup. You will visit a baker who will make you look over his shoulder during the preparation but you will get to try the "end result". After a stroll through the old town of Rethymnon, you can take a trip to the Agia Irini Monastery where the nuns produce their own sweets and handicrafts. In the afternoon visit a snail farm. Snails are a traditional part of Cretan cuisine and today they are recognised as a specialty. They are used as the basis of different dishes and sauces and are popular as "mezedes" (starters) to a "Tsikoudia". In the garden of the family residence you will taste some of the specialties at the end of the day.

Day 6 Cooking course in the south of the island

Today, Vivi will be waiting for you so you can prepare your lunch together on a short cooking course, where you will learn how to prepare hearty Greek food. While your lunch is cooking in the oven, you will visit a craftsman in his workshop and see how the traditional Cretan Lyra is made here. Afterwards there will be time for a leisurely walk before returning for your lunch. In the afternoon you will visit a family-run winery. There will be a guided tour of the production hall and wine tasting with fantastic views over the Messara.

Day 7 Myzithra Cheese and the original Crete

In the rural area around Anogia, you will discover the original Cretans and their last traditional villages with their own specialties. Before you see how the famous "Mizithra" cheese is made, you get to see a local lady creating traditional weavings and an Artist carving wood figures over his shoulder. During a lunch with "Tsidoudia" you will taste different variations of the famous cheese specialty. At the end of the day, visit one of the most beautiful dripstone caves in Crete.

Day 8 Departure

Departure to the airport and return flight.

Halkidiki



Culture and sea bathing

Located in the northern Aegean, the Halkidiki peninsula is a holiday paradise for beach lovers and active holidaymakers. In addition to the most beautiful bays and beaches in Greece, there are numerous opportunities for sporting activities, for everyone, such as mountain biking, hiking trails through amazing landscapes and all water sports. There is also an 18-hole golf course. On the third peninsula, Athos is the world-famous monastic republic of the same name. The second largest city in the country, Thessaloniki, offers a city tour through its busy streets and the lively market halls. Discover the peninsula with a relaxing programme, leaving enough free time for bathing or other activities. A well-balanced holiday week awaits you in one of the most beautiful regions of Greece.

Price includes



- 7 nights in a 4 *hotel in Halkidiki
- Breakfast and dinner included
- Modern and air-conditioned coaches on all Excursions/transfers
- 4 excursions as per the programme
- Pitta presentation and tasting "Pitta with Ouzo or Wine"
- Ticket for Athos Cruise
- 1 free single room for the Tour Leader

Package price per person 8 days

from € 345



Halkidiki



Day 1 Arrival

Arrival in Thessaloniki, “meet and greet” at the airport and transfer to the hotel for check in. Dinner and breakfast included at the 4* hotel in Halkidiki.

Day 2 Sithonia

The Sithonia Peninsula is undisputedly the most beautiful area of Halkidiki after the Athos region. At the beginning of your adventure you will visit an Orthodox monastery. The church still plays an important role in Greek society today. In the middle of the fantastic landscape of primeval rock formations, olive groves and flowering shrubs, the route leads to Neos Marmaras. Break for a little stroll and the opportunity for a coffee under the Greek sun. Around the southern tip you will pass the natural port of Porto Koufo, a great spot to take photos, and continue to Sarti to the cosy and quaint seaside resort on the eastern side of the peninsula. Here you have time to take a dip in the sea with a view of Mount Athos or to try a typical “Ouzo Meze” on the beach in one of the numerous tavernas. On the way back we continue to Nikiti, the famous “honey village”, where you can taste a variety of honey from a beekeeper.

Day 3 Cassandra and the Greek “Pitta”

Kassandra, the green peninsula, is an experience at any time of the year. Along the west coast you will discover not only lively holiday villages, but also fantastic landscapes. Short stop in Nea Fokea, where according to legend, Saint Pavlos was supposed to have appeared from the rock before going to Afitos. Here you will learn how to make country-style puff pastry. While you continue to discover the peninsula, the Pitta bakes in the oven, being prepared for your lunch later, with a glass of wine or Ouzo. Drive to Nea Skioni, the church of Panagia Faneromeni. Visit and return to Afitos, where you have time for a short stroll through the village. Afterwards, enjoy your lunch break before returning to the hotel.

Day 4 Thessaloniki – City Tour

On this excursion to Thessaloniki, we will first show you the city landmark, the White Tower. It is a monument and museum on the city waterfront sprawling through the university quarter to the Venetian citadel and the old city wall. Afterwards visit the church of Agios Dimitrios, one of the oldest in Greece. Finally drive to the “Rotonda”. As the name implies, it is a round Roman building, presumably designed as a mausoleum for Galerius.

Nearby there are shopping streets where you can stroll through the picturesque streets of the Kapani Market and enjoy a refreshing Frappé in one of the street cafés. The archaeological museum can be visited on an optional basis.

Day 5 Athos - Cruise

On the easternmost of the three fingers of Halkidiki is a monastic republic, unique to Europe, Mount Athos – the “Holy Mountain”. Ever since its inception, every female being – whether human or animal – has been forbidden to enter. On a cruise along the coast, you can experience the magic of this landscape. From the ship one has a view of the monasteries built in the rocks, where today 1,700 monks still live. Often Dolphins accompany the ship, so do not forget the camera! In the town of Ouranoupolis you will have free time to eat or stroll. Afterwards, you will return to the port for the drive back to the hotel.

Day 6 – 7 Days of Leisure

Two days of leisure. Enjoy your holiday on the beach or the SPA area of your hotel.

Day 8 Departure

Check out and transfer to the airport.

Corfu



Greek Easter on Corfu

Get to experience a Greek Easter festival on the island of Corfu, known as the most beautiful Easter celebrations in the whole of Greece. This Ionian island is synonymous with "mythical" images. Nausicaa, daughter of King Alkinos, had saved Odysseus when he was stranded and shipwrecked on the island of the Phaeaks. Corfu is considered the fabled island where the Phaeaks lived. Easter is the most important festival in Greek Orthodox Church and is particularly celebrated on Corfu. Here, as in the whole of Greece, you spend the Holy Week – or "Megali Evdomada" – with fasting, devotion and the expectation of the resurrection of Jesus. Even those who have not fasted since Shrove Monday, banish meat and fish dishes as well as dairy and egg products during this Holy Week. Strict believers even forgo oil, because Holy Week is the time of abstinence. An exception is Palm Sunday - "Kyriaki ton Vaijion" – the end of the 40 days of Lent - "Sarakosti" - and the beginning of the Holy Week. On this day, when Christ entered Jerusalem, the Orthodox Church permits the consumption of fish.

Price includes



- 7 nights in 5 * hotel
- Buffet breakfast included
- 6 x buffet dinners included
- Easter dinner on Saturday, 15.4.17, in the Hotel
- Easter lunch on Sunday, 16.4.17, in the Hotel
- Modern, air-conditioned coach on all transfers/excursions
- Accompanied transfer on arrival and departure
- Half day trip on Easter Saturday with Escort
- Half day trip Corfu town with Escort
- Half day trip Achillion with licensed guide
- Entrance Achillion
- 1 free place in half double room

Package price per person 8 days

from € 549





Day 1 Arrival

Wednesday, 12. April 2017

On arrival, “meet and greet” by your guide and transfer to your hotel followed by check in.

Day 2 Achillion + Mouse Island

Thursday, 13. April 2017

Visit the Palace of Achillion, built in the 19th century by Empress Sissi. The Palace tour and walk in the subtropical gardens with views of the island will enchant you. Continue to Kanoni peninsula. From here you can take the most beautiful photos of “Mouse Island”, a famous landmark of Corfu. If you want, you can go by boat to the island. Half-day excursion including tour guide. Then return to the hotel. The date commemorates the last supper and the 12 Gospels are read.

Day 3 Procession & Epitaphs

Friday, 14. April 2017

The moving processions begin at noon in all churches. At first the epitaph of the Spiliotissa appears in the new fortress and Pantocrat church and most recently in the Episcopal Church in the Spilia Quarter. Holy Friday is a mourning day and many Greeks today, do not do housework. This is moved to Saturday. In the evening, the decorated coffin of Christ – Epitaphs – is present around the church, and it is an honour for the men to hold it.

Day 4 “Botides” & Resurrection of Chris

Saturday, 15. April 2017

The Holy Saturday is considered to be the strictest day of the year and marks the beginning of the actual Resurrection Ceremony. For this reason, a traditional unique custom is upheld in Corfu: the

crushing of the “Botides”. A giant piece of pottery, filled with water is thrown onto the street from the festively decorated balconies of the buildings along the Spianada. At around 11 am, this loud and somewhat dangerous ceremony begins, with thousands of people gathering on the street every year. Applauding and cheering, they watch as the gigantic jugs on the balcony railings are shaken and shattered right in front of their feet. The broken pieces are considered to be lucky and are collected by the visitors.

Half-day trip including English speaking escort:

The highlight of the Easter festival is the Resurrection Mass, when churchgoers receive the Easter light. At midnight, the liberating “Christos anesti – Christ is risen” is heard in all churches across the country. A fireworks display illuminates the night sky and suddenly the mood changes: everyone wants luck. After midnight the red Easter eggs are beaten. The victor, whose egg remains unbroken, is lucky and allowed to keep the broken egg. The holy flame is carried home, an oil lamp is kindled under the family symbol, and a cross is marked with the soot of the candle over the door. Afterwards the traditional “Majiritsa” – an oyster soup from lamb offal – is eaten and the fast is broken. Take part in the festivities. Celebrate the resurrection of Christ in the in-house chapel of the hotel. Take part in the next egg-beating and taste the Greek Easter dishes. Happy Easter!

Day 5 Easter celebration with dance and music

Easter Sunday, 16. April 2017

Again they beat their Easter eggs and hope that their own egg will be preserved. For many it is customary to stick the bowls to the door or scatter them in the garden – this is to bless the coming harvest. Enjoy a small barbecue by the pool with ouzo, wine, in house appetizers and Greek folks. Then there is the typical lamb meal with even more music. In Greece Easter Sunday is dedicated to the family. One celebrates the end of the fast together. At noon there is Avgolemono soup (lemon-egg soup) and different meat dishes.

Day 6 Day of leisure

Easter Monday, 17. April 2017

Easter Monday serves the rest. One is busy preparing the Easter lamb. The Easter lamb is consumed on Corfu – in contrast to the rest of Greece – mostly on Easter Monday. It is mostly grilled over the open fire and served with different appetizers. Today you can also celebrate with your family or friends.

Day 7 Day of leisure and Shopping

Tuesday, 18. April 2017

Today is dedicated to your personal wishes. Let yourself be pampered by the hotel’s amenities. Join us first for a short detour to the city. The shops are reopened and invite you to quickly buy a small gift for the loved ones at home. Half-day trip including English speaking escort.

Day 8 Departure

Wednesday, 19. April 2017

After a substantial breakfast, transfer to the airport and return flight.

Round trips



Classic round trip to the most famous antique sites

Greece is one of those rare gems, with a lot to offer in every respect. The land of the gods and heroes offers countless sights such as the Acropolis, the ruins of Delphi or the Corinth Canal, a thrilling cuisine and a sense of modernity. From a scenic point of view, there are high mountain ranges with valleys along rugged coasts with innumerable small coves and beaches covering 132,000 square kilometres of the country. On your round trip, you will not only see imposing relics from ancient times, most of them belong to the UNESCO world cultural heritage site but the scenic beauty will be remembered too. List of places of interest in the UNESCO World Heritage site: Acropolis – Epidaurus – Mycenae – Mystras – Olympia – Delphi – Meteora.

Price includes



- 7 nights on half board in good mid range hotels
- Modern, air-conditioned coach
- Licensed guide throughout
- Ouzo tasting
- Visit of an olive press and tasting of various olive products
- Dinner in a cosy tavern
- 1 free single room for the Tour Leader
- Entrance fees not included

Package price per person 8 days

from € 540



Round trips



Day 1 Arrival in Athens

“Meet and Greet” at the airport by the guide and drive towards Corinth. After a photo stop at the Canal of Corinth continue to the hotel and check in. Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast.

Day 2 Mycenae - Nafplion - Epidaurus

You start the day with a visit to the excavation site of Mycenae. The first excavations were carried out in 1841, when the lions gate was opened. In 1874 Heinrich Schliemann began his excavations and discovered the royal tombs of the Atrids. Continue to Nafplion, one of the most beautiful city ports in Greece. On the outskirts of the town lies the oldest Ouzo distillery in Greece. Here you will find a small museum where you will have a guided tour with Ouzo tasting. After a guided tour through Nafplion you have free time to stroll through the picturesque streets. Afterwards, you will return to Epidaurus, the cult and sanctuary of Asklepios. Visit to the famous open-air theatre with its incomparable acoustics. Before returning to the hotel, take a small detour to an olive press. The olive tree was used in ancient times as a holy tree of the goddess Athena. Even today, olive oil is used widely in our modern diet. Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast in Corinth.

Day 3 Mystras - Olympia

Today your trip continues to Olympia. First a visit to Mystras, the famous Byzantine town with its churches and monasteries, the Palaces and man-

sions, the city walls and the peaks. There is hardly a more mystical place on the Peloponnese than this. Then continue to Olympia. Dinner and overnight stay in Olympia with breakfast the following morning.

Day 4 Olympia

The highlight of the day is the visit to the extensive excavation site of Olympia, the site of the Olympic Games. In the museum, you will fall in love with the famous “Hermes” of Praxiteles – a masterpiece of antique sculpture. The lovely Alphios valley with its pines, cypresses, oil and eucalyptus trees form a harmonious backdrop for Olympia – one of the spiritual centres of ancient times. The sanctuary has not lost its fascination to this day. After the guided tour continue via the Rio Bridge to Delphi. Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast.

Day 5 Delphi

Today you will visit Delphi, the “Navel” of the ancient world, one of the most important excavations in Europe. Terraced, the ancient sanctuary is located on the green slopes of Parnassos and offers fantastic views of the hilly plain with its olive trees and the sea. A tour through the ancient ruins and temple complexes still makes visitors feel the magic of the ancient oracle. Afterwards continue to Kalambaka. Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast in Kalambaka.

Day 6 Meteora monasteries

In the morning you will visit the spectacular monasteries that adorn the rocks like eagles. Erected on pillars 300m high, the Meteora monasteries boldly protrude from the Thessalian plain. In the protective location of the rocks, a handful of hermits founded an orthodox monk community in the middle Ages, which consisted of twenty-four monasteries. Today only six are inhabited. It was only in the year 1925 that steps were constructed that led into the rock. Before that, the monks were pulled up with a rope winch in a basket or they had to climb up a wobbly rope ladder. Continue to Athens. Dinner and overnight-breakfast in Athens.

Day 7 Athens – Acropolis – Plaka

In the morning you will start your sightseeing tour of Athens. The trip goes past the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Parliament and Sindagma Square. Afterwards drive to the Acropolis, from where you have a wonderful view over Athens. After the Sightseeing, a tour of the Plaka will take place. Lunch and in the afternoon visit of the new Acropolis museum. The museum presents only findings and objects from the Acropolis. On 14,000 square meters, more than 4000 objects from ancient Greece can be seen. At the end of your trip enjoy a farewell dinner in a cozy tavern in the old town. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight-breakfast in Athens.

Day 8 Departure

Drive to the airport, check-in and return flight.

Round trips



Agricultural Greece

Greece is not an industrial country. The locals live off tourism and agriculture. This is, among other things, a direct result of its climate. The many hours of sunshine and the fantastic beaches attract lots of visitors every year. The mild Mediterranean climate and the partly, quite humid winters ensure ideal conditions for agriculture. In addition to agriculture and livestock, olive and fruit cultivation, new possibilities have been discovered, such as the sale of truffles. Come on a journey through the fertile north of the country and discover water buffaloes, visit a truffle farm, a kiwifruit orchard and some family-run wine cellars, heaven for the palate on this trip.

Price includes



- 7 nights half board as per the programme
- Modern, air-conditioned coach
- All entrance fees as per the programme
- 6 lunches as per the programme
- All wine and product samples as per the programme
- Boat ticket Kerkini
- Licensed guide throughout

Package price per person 8 days

from € 615



Round trips

Day 1 Arrival in Thessaloniki

On arrival at the airport in Thessaloniki, “meet and greet” by your guide followed by a short city tour. Onward transfer to your hotel. Check in, dinner and overnight with breakfast.

Day 2 Thessaloniki and Surroundings

Today you will start with the American Farm School just outside the city. Here you will explore the fruit orchards, the olive plantations and the dairy. Continue to the winery “Gerosvasiliou” in Epanomi. On three sides, the sea flanks the slopes, where besides the vineyards a variety of olive trees thrive. After an introduction to the mysteries of Greek wine production and a tour in the private museum, you will enjoy your first wine tasting before returning to Thessaloniki. It is the second largest city in Greece, the “gate” to the east, and the capital of the province of Macedonia. Remains from Byzantine and Roman times reflect the more than 2000-year history of the city. The extensive centre is partially surrounded by metre-high walls of the Byzantine period. From the Acropolis it goes down through the old town to the lively centre. On the way you will visit the church of Demetrios. In the city centre you will be amazed by the lively shopping streets and countless cafes that will entice you in. Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast.

Day 3 Nature paradise Kerkini

Today you will make your way to Kerkini. In 2006 the lake, its many adjoining mountain and forest regions were declared an official National Park. Here you will really experience the region up close. You will meet the legendary water buffalos of Kerkini, still half “wild” today and watch them dive into the world of the waterfowl whilst discovering how they were domesticated by the inhabitants. The lake “Kerkini” is known for its large colonies of different species of pelicans, and above all a natural Greek paradise. Visit a small, regional aquarium that houses the 32 species of fish native to the lake. Then ride along the coastline beside the lake to the dam. On a small, asphalted road, you pass the water buffaloes in their pastures, which are kept semi-domesticated, and you will pass countless resting places of the different kinds of water-birds. Next

is a visit to a cheese factory where buffalo milk is processed into a regional specialty. This cheese is similar in shape to the typical Feta cheese – you should definitely taste it! Today you will learn all about the everyday life of buffalos and the fishermen of the region and try the typical regional buffalo cheese. Return to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 4 Homemade treats

On this day you will visit a small family business “Marianna’s Vine Leaves”, where vine leaves are predominantly produced, packaged and exported around the world. After a guided tour, you will take a break to taste the delicacies prepared here. Afterwards drive to Katerini to check in at your hotel. Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast.

Day 5 Truffles, herbs and kiwis on the Mount Olympus

Today your day begins with a highlight! You visit a truffle farm and go on a truffle hunt with a trained forester and his dog. The truffle is – like every native fruit of the earth – naturally organic and was known in ancient Greece. It was said that this precious delicacy arose from the lightning that Zeus threw on the earth. Truffles, as food of the gods, were dedicated to the goddess Aphrodite, because of her ability to stimulate the libido. In addition to its aphrodisiac properties, the truffle also has therapeutic benefits in muscle and joint pain relief (due to its rich potassium) and has a cholesterol lowering effect due to pantothenic acid. After the truffle search, lunch together on the farm. Then visit the “Fructus Olympo Farm”. Did you know that Kiwis are cultivated in Greece? Near the farm you will visit kiwi fields and learn a lot about the world of herbs and fruits of Olympus. Of course you will also get to try them. Return to the hotel with dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6 Vergina and winery „Dalamaras“

Today your path takes you to Vergina first. Here the archaeologist Manos Andronikos discovered an intact tomb, in the autumn of 1977 in which the Macedonian king Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, was buried. The ashes of the dead lay in a cloth wrapped in an almost 8-pound gold

shrine, the lid of which adorns a six-pointed star. However, the real attraction of Vergina is the tumulus with the royal tomb of Philipp II. After the sightseeing you drive to the Dalamaras winery near Naoussa, a picturesque setting between the vineyards. The family business has been around since 1840. During your tour and lunch with wine tasting, you will learn a lot about the cultivation and production of the popular grape. Return to your hotel with dinner and overnight stay.



Day 7 Monastery Timios Prodromos

Today you start your journey south to Larissa, to the Timios Prodromos monastery. It is situated at 1,100 meters above sea level and is home to several nuns from different countries. They produce fruit and vegetables in a sustainable manner and market them all over the country. Do not miss the opportunity to talk with the nuns during the tour and get a lot of interesting information about today’s life in the monastery. Afterwards enjoy a lunch at a typical Greek taverna near the monastery before returning to the hotel. Why not spend your last afternoon in Greece at the beach in Katerini or let yourself be pampered in the hotel Spa? Dinner and overnight stay with breakfast.

Day 8 Departure

Today you will leave beautiful Greece. Transfer to Thessaloniki airport and return flight.

Round trips



Wines and culinary delights

Wine was considered a gift from God in ancient Greece. The ancient Greeks worshiped the god of wine - Dionysus, son of Zeus and Semele. "Greek wine is like the blood of the earth" – this refrain of a well-known German singer remains unforgettable. The Greeks have a huge appreciation of their food. Rarely will one find a Greek who eats alone. A "parea" – a good company – is just as important as eating. Join us on our trip and get to know the variety of food and drinks of our country.

Price includes



- 4 nights in a 5* hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights in a 5* hotel in Metsovo
- 2 nights in a 4* hotel in Aristi
- Buffet breakfast in the hotel
- Dinner/Buffer in the Hotel
- Modern, air-conditioned coach on all Excursion/transfers
- Licensed guide throughout
- 4 wine tasting
- 2 lunches with wine
- 1 free place in double room for every 20 people
- All entrance fees

Package price per person 9 days

from € 719



Round trips

Day 1 Arrival in Thessaloniki

Upon your arrival in Thessaloniki, “meet and greet” by your guide and transfer to your hotel to check in. In the afternoon you have time to explore the city on your own.

Day 2 Winery ‘Gerovassiliou’ and Thessaloniki

Today you will visit your first winery – Gerovassiliou in Epanomi. On three sides, the sea flanks the slopes, where, besides the grapevines there are a variety of olive trees thriving. You will have wine tasting before you leave for Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece, the “gate” to the east and the capital of the province of Macedonia. Remains from Byzantine and Roman times reflect the more than 2000-year history of the city. The extensive centre is partially surrounded by meter-high walls of the Byzantine period. Your bus takes you to the “White Tower”, the famous landmark of the city. You have enough time to explore the city centre on your own or to try a “Frappé” (Greek foam-covered iced coffee) in one of the many promenade café shops.

Day 3 Vergina and Winery ‘Dalamatras’

Today your route leads you first to the Dalamatras winery near picturesque Naoussa, nestled between the vineyards. This family business has been in existence since 1840. During your tour and a lunch with wine tasting, you will learn a lot about the cultivation and production of the popular wines. You then continue to Vergina. Here the archaeologist Manos Andronikos discovered an intact tomb in the autumn of 1977, where the Macedonian King Philipp II, father of Alexander the Great, was buried. The ashes of the dead lay in a cloth wrapped in an almost 8-pound gold shrine, the lid of which is adorned with a sixteen-pointed star. But the real attraction of Vergina is the tumulus with the royal tomb of Philip II. Visit and then continue to your next hotel in Metsovo.

Day 4 Winery Averoff and Metsovo

Metsovo is a traditional mountain village divided into two halves by a deep ravine. It is located on a hill at about 1200m and is known for the production of two types of cheese. In the late 1950s the area became an important part of the wine-growing region, although vineyards were

cultivated in the surroundings of Metsovo. You visit the Art Gallery Averoff, which houses works of great Greek painters, graphic artists and sculptors from the 19th and 20th centuries. Simple but aesthetically, the estate “Averoff” nestles on the vineyards with a breathtaking panorama view. Let yourself be immersed in the wine production and all its history while you enjoy local wine tasting. The famous “Metsovo” –hard smoked cheese made from cow’s milk or a mixture of cow and sheep-goat milk must not be missed here.

Day 5 Ioannina and Aristi

Today you leave Metsovo and continue to Ioan-



nina, the largest city of Epirus and on the shores of the lake, known in ancient times, as Pamvotis. Particularly impressive is the fortress of the city - the Frourio Citadelle - one of the oldest in Greece. It offers a splendid panorama of the city, Lake Pamvotida and the picturesque mountain landscape. We recommend the boat trip to the charming monastery island of Nissi, Ioanninon which is surrounded by reeds and situated in the middle of the lake. Leisure time with lunch, before you continue to your next mountain hotel.

Day 6 Aristi and the Zagorochoria (Optional)

Enjoy the breathtaking landscape with a view of the summit of Tymphi. Your hotel is built in traditional stone and ideally located to visit the “Papingo villages” or “Monodendri”. Let yourself be pampered by the hotel’s amenities or accompany us on an optional excursion to the surrounding area (Eláti – Kapéssovo – Monodéndri). You will visit a workshop and learn about all the stages of processing sheep’s wool: from washing and carding to its use in woollen garments. You will also get a sense of the effects of natural dyes on the wool and on natural textiles such as Chiffonide, raw silk and cotton gauze. We continue to Zagori

village “Kapéssovo”. Sterna is known as the small coffee pot with traditional products. Here you will find a cistern, built in 1848, 13m deep, which collects rainwater. Last stop today is Monodéndri, one of the most famous villages in the north of Epirus with old, feudal manor houses. Above the villages you have a breathtaking view of the Vikos Gorge. Passing the village square you will reach the “Agia Paraskevi” monastery. A part of the path, which is partly cut into the rock, leads from here to an uninhabited hermitage (not accessible). The lunch break gives you the opportunity to try one of the local specialties – the “Alevropitta” (flour pie). Monodéndri is known for its famous pies.

€ 33.00 per person including entrance to the workshop.

Day 7 Return journey to Thessaloniki

After your substantial breakfast you will return to Thessaloniki. Shortly before you visit the last winery of your trip. The vineyard dates back to 1911, when the founder imported glass bottles from USA for wine bottling. Today, they produce wines and liqueurs with the use of traditional methods.

Day 8 Homemade treats

On your last day you will visit the “Commune” Perek. It is located on a property with a fantastic view. It was founded by a community of citizens with the philosophy of life “back to nature”. All the basic foodstuff specialties are grown on the property or come from the neighbouring family farms. They are processed using traditional methods at the in-house “workshop” – in other words: from the field directly on the plate. During a guided tour through the plant and the workshop, you will learn a lot about the production of bread and cereal products as well as traditional dishes such as the recipe for the well-known filled vine leaves. At the joint lunch, where the local delicacies from the surroundings are served, you will end the morning comfortably.

Day 9 Departure

Your holiday trip ends today. We hope that you enjoyed it and return home with many pleasant memories and holiday photos. Transfer to the airport and return flight.

Terms and Conditions

1. The travel contract

The travel contract is made up of these general conditions: the confirmation invoice and the one which we send, containing a description of the travel services. Any special enquiries by the customer, any deviation from the services as described in the relevant invoice or brochure or any special request must be made in writing and outlined in the travel contract. If the confirmation differs from the customer's original one, the 'A la Carte Travel Greece' confirmation represents, for its part, a new proposal from 'A la Carte Travel Greece' to which 'A la Carte Travel Greece' is bound for 14 days - the customer may accept by returning the same within the above terms within 14 days.

2. Terms of Payment

The customer is obliged to pay 80% of the total price, as stated in the confirmation, 4 weeks prior to the start of the trip. The remaining 20% must be paid 2 weeks prior to the date of travel upon receiving all travel documents. If the customer makes his reservation 2 weeks before the start of the trip, full payment is due immediately after receiving the travel documents. Any amendment to article 2 must be agreed upon in writing between both parties.

3. Price alteration

Once the contract has been finalised, the price specified therein can only be modified by fluctuating transport costs, fuel costs, fees, entrance fees and taxes, as stated in our brochure. The price change must be proportionate to the changes in the underlying costs, and the cost details will be provided to the client. No price change is possible after the 20th day preceding the travel date.

4. Alterations to travel arrangements

Changes or alterations to the arrangements featured in the contract are allowed, provided that they are necessary, not significant and do not affect the major features of the tour (see below, art. 6.2). Any changes requested by 'A la Carte Travel Greece' or the client, must be made in writing. For any changes requested by the client 'A la Carte Travel Greece' reserves the right to charge a fee of € 29.00 per person for costs incurred. Subject to this, 'A la Carte Travel Greece' is entitled to a price increase as a result of changes requested by the Client.

5. Withdrawal

Any customer who cannot take part in the trip after making a booking can withdraw from the reservation by granting his place to another person. The claimant must meet all the requirements necessary to start the trip. The customer must notify 'A la Carte Travel Greece' by email or fax. This must be received by 'A la Carte Travel Greece' up to 4 days before the travel date. The notification must contain the details of the beneficiary (such as first name, surname, sex, date of birth and nationality). In all cases, a fee of € 29.00 per person shall be payable to A la Carte Travel Greece for any costs incurred.

6. Cancellation

6.1. If the client chooses to cancel their participation, cancellation charges are outlined as follows:

- For cancellations up to 28 days prior to arrival, 5% of the total price
- For cancellations up to 21 days prior to arrival, 15% of the total price
- For cancellations up to 14 days prior to arrival, 35% of the total price
- For cancellations up to 7 days prior to arrival,

50% of the total price

- For cancellations less than 7 days prior to arrival, 100% of the total price

6.2. The terms and conditions set out in the individual order confirmations have priority over the General Notification Rules (listed under item 6.1).

6.3. Both parties may withdraw from the contract without compensation in the event of unforeseeable Circumstances (such as force majeure, war, unrest, epidemics, social orders, natural Catastrophes, disasters, accommodation disruptions, uncontrolled strikes, etc. incidents).

7. Abandonment

If for any reason the client is unable to proceed with a tour, 'A la Carte Travel Greece' will refund the client, subject to 'A la Carte Travel Greece' being refunded by Third Party Suppliers. If the service providers do not provide a refund, the cancellation conditions according to paragraph 6 apply.

8. Minimum number of participants

If a tour is subject to a minimum number of participants as outlined in the travel arrangements and the minimum number is not met, 'A la Carte Travel Greece' may cancel the tour within 2 weeks prior to arrival.

9. Cooperation of the Client

The Client undertakes to avoid or reduce any damages.

10. Liability

A la Carte Travel Greece shall not be liable to the Client for any damage to the Client or his belongings that are caused by force majeure, unforeseen events or third parties. 'A la Carte Travel Greece's' liability is limited in accordance with international conventions, in particular: The Warsaw Convention, 12 October 1929:

- The Berne Convention, 25 February 1961
- The Brussels Convention, 20 April 1970

'A la Carte Travel Greece' shall not be liable for any damages caused by the Client's or services rendered by Third Party Suppliers and not included in the travel arrangements.

11. Complaints

Any disappointment or complaint which the Client may have concerning their travel arrangements must be reported immediately to 'A la Carte Travel Greece' so that 'A la Carte Travel Greece' or its representative may deal with it. Any complaint should be made in writing and sent by registered mail or fax within 14 days of the end of the tour as set out in the contract. Claims reported after this 14-days period will be considered only, if the Client was prevented from meeting the deadline for reasons beyond their control. However, any complaint received 6 months after the end of the tour, is not valid and will not be accepted, as stated in the contract.

12. Refund

The Client agrees and guarantees that:

- They are a travel agent / tour operator duly authorised to conduct their business in compliance with any rules and regulations, orders and decrees by the relevant authorities.
 - They conduct their business in compliance with any rules and regulations, orders and decrees by the relevant authorities.
 - It has stipulated insurance policies in compliance with any rules and regulations, orders and decrees by the relevant authorities and anyway consistently with its business activity.
- The Client shall indemnify 'A la Carte Travel Greece' against any

statement of claim brought by tour participants, which shall be compensated directly by the Client (without prejudice to any claims of the Client against 'A la Carte Travel Greece' should a liability of 'A la Carte Travel Greece' occur in accordance with the terms of the contract). Furthermore, the Client shall indemnify 'A la Carte Travel Greece' against any claims from third party suppliers in respect of any cancellations made in relation to services booked.

13. Information on passport, visa and health provisions

'A la Carte Travel Greece' shall, within reason, inform the Client about any material variation in the general instruction contained in the description of the trip. In no event will 'A la Carte Travel Greece' be responsible for organising or providing accurate information about any necessary visas from foreign authorities. The Client is solely responsible with the compliance of all necessary instructions to carry out the trip. Any inconvenience which arises from the non-compliance of the instructions above shall be at the risk of the Client. 'A la Carte Travel Greece' shall provide the Client with information regarding passports, visas and sanitary standards in accordance with Greek laws, but accepts no liability for any changes made by the relevant authorities (of which they are not aware, notwithstanding its common diligence). Should the Client not comply with all entry requirements applicable to travellers or not obtain relevant visas where necessary, due to the negligence of the Client and as a consequence thereof the traveller cannot proceed on the trip, 'A la Carte Travel Greece' can request payments of any expenses incurred.

14. Miscellaneous

A. Unless otherwise stated, the number of free places allocated to groups, is based on a minimum number of 25 paying passengers and calculated on utilising double rooms.

B. The total number of single rooms is subject to the number of double and triple rooms whereby a single room (including a single room for the driver) is available to every 4 double or triple rooms.

C. In a case where the minimum number of participants is not reached, a respective price increase shall be made. The client has the right to withdraw from the travel contract up to 2 weeks prior to arrival if a price increase exceeds 20% of the amount agreed in the travel contract.

D. You will be informed of the names and addresses of the service suppliers once we have received a definite rooming-list, no later than 10 days before the beginning of the services, unless otherwise agreed between 'A la Carte Travel Greece' and the Client.

E. Any objection or queries against 'A la Carte Travel Greece invoices' (price, number of passengers, etc.) shall be taken into account only if 'A la Carte Travel Greece' are informed within 35 days from invoice date. After this date the full amount will be collected as per the invoice.

15. Insurance

A la Carte Travel Greece is insured with the Bayerischen Versicherungskammer. We can inform you of the policy number and cover details on request.

16. Law and jurisprudence

The contract shall be subject to Greek law. Any controversy arising out of the travel contract is subject exclusively to the case-law of the Court of Thessaloniki / Greece.

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