

PIRAEUS, GREECE

Arrive: 0800 Monday, 19 September

Onboard: 1800 Friday, 23 September



Brief Overview: With more ancient sites than any other country in Europe, Greece is an **archaeological treasure**. Philosophers and theologians have long been drawn here to explore the roots of modern thought. In addition to the abundant historic and cultural treasures in Athens, you will find many fascinating sites and stunning natural beauty away from town as well.

Worth the Drive: Delphi's oracle and the soaring, mountain-top monastic retreats of **Meteora** make an excellent trip. The deep, narrow abyss of the **Corinth Canal** is an awesome feat of engineering and Ancient Corinth has a fascinating history as well – two of the books in the Bible's New Testament were written to the church in Corinth (I & II Corinthians).

Out of Town: Greek Macedonia offers a wealth of historic and natural sites such as **Pella** the former capital of ancient Macedonia, the monumental palace and royal tombs in **Aigai**, and the beautiful **Edessaiois Falls**. If it's an island you're aching to see, take a day-trip to Hydra or travel overnight to Santorini and stroll around **Fira** town, visit the archaeological site of **Akrotiri** as well as the beautiful and picturesque, iconic blue domes in the **village of Oia**.



Highlights:

Art and Architecture:

Day 1: PIR 100-101 Athens & Acropolis

Day 1: PIR 110-101 Athens, New Acropolis Museum & Plaka with Lunch

Cultural highlights:

Day 2: PIR 201-201 Delphi & Meteora

Day 2: PIR 111-201: Marathon, Tomb of the Athenians, & Kokkotos Estate

Day 3 & 4: PIR 116-301/401 Artistic Hydra

Nature & Outdoors:

Day 2: PIR 301-201 Macedonia: Mount Olympus & Thessaloniki

Day 3: PIR 117-301: The Oracle of Delphi

Active & Fun:

Day 1: PIR 114-101 iQuest Athens

IMPACT:

Day 1, 4, & 5: PIR 131 101/401/501 Invisible Tour

Day 3: PIR 132-301 DERE University Exchange

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Day 1: Monday, 19 September

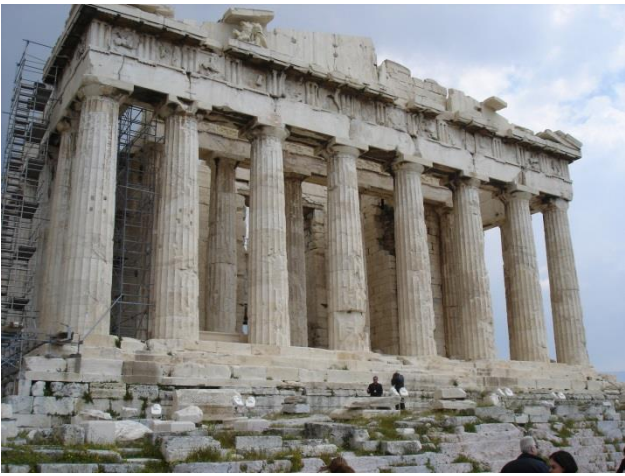
IMPORTANT: If you are registered in one of the following courses, you have a Field Class on this day. Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

COURSE #	FACULTY	DAY 1 - Monday, 19 September
TH 141	Professor Kimberly Bouchard	Introduction to Theatre (Section 1)
PSY 325	Professor Karla Gingerich	Psychology of Personality
POL 232	Professor Lewis Hinchman	International Relations (Section 1)
BUS 220	Professor Margarita Lenk	Ethics in Contemporary Organizations
SPCM 434	Professor Mary Meares	Intercultural Communications
JTC/ETST 316	Professor Donna Rouner	Multiculturalism and the Media
MKT 366	Professor Gail Taylor	Services Marketing

PIR 100-101

ATHENS & ACROPOLIS (GROUP A)

HALF-DAY



Athens is renowned as one of the greatest cities of the ancient world and the birthplace of western civilization. After a scenic drive through the picturesque marinas of Zea and Microlimano in the Piraeus area, you will head to the center of Athens. Along the way, you will see some of the most important sites of Athens such as

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$46	\$44
Child	\$23	\$22
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 19	0900
Return	September 19	1230
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acropolis Archaeological site Old Marble stadium 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 24		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

Constitution Square, the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus and the Old Marble Stadium.

The Acropolis, one of the most photographed and recognizable hills in the world, dates from the 5th century B.C., when Athens set the tone for civilization in Europe. On the sacred rock of the **Acropolis** the monuments date from the prehistoric period to the end of antiquity. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, you will walk up the uneven footpath leading to the summit. Sights include the Propylaea, the **Temple of Apteros Niki**, the **Erectheum** and the architectural triumph of the **Parthenon**.

"It was amazing! Best way to see Athens! Good information and easy transportation. I recommend it to any who wants a quick glimpse of Athens." – Eve, Fall 2015 Voyager

"The program was especially helpful on the very first day in Athens to get a feel for the city and see such important parts of history!" – Shannon, Fall 2015 Voyager



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$53	\$51
Child	\$26	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 19	0900
Return	September 19	1500
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Acropolis Museum • Plaka old district of Athens • Traditional Greek lunch • Does NOT include the Acropolis itself 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 29		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

Become acquainted with the highlights of Athens stopping first at the Olympic Stadium, a nineteenth-century reconstruction on Roman foundations, in which the modern revival of the Olympic Games took place back in 1896. After you pass by some of the most important sites of Athens including Constitution Square and the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, you will arrive at Acropolis Hill with its spectacular view of the Parthenon and the glorious monuments on the Acropolis. Next, you will visit the New Acropolis Museum, an **archaeological museum** focused on findings from the **Acropolis of Athens**. The museum was built to house every artifact covering a large period of time, from the **Greek Bronze Age** to **Roman times** and **Byzantine Greece**. Nearly 4,000 objects are exhibited over an area of 14,000 square meters. After the visit of the museum, enjoy a traditional Greek meal at a local restaurant in Plaka. You will have free time to explore the picturesque streets of Plaka; the old preserved district of Athens with numerous craft shops, restaurants, and cafes.

“This was a great overview of Athens and the Acropolis area. Plaka was a cute area with several shopping strips with local stores! Gave a good background of history of the Acropolis” - Molly, Fall 2015 Voyager

“The art I saw at the New Acropolis Museum was mind-blowingly beautiful. It felt like my art history book was coming to life. I even got the chance to go to Plaka and shop Christmas gifts for my loved ones back home. I’d definitely return to Athens with my family someday.” - Monet, Fall 2015 Voyager



Ready, Set, Go! Athens iQuest is the best way to discover some of the most exciting and historical sites of the city. Participants are divided into teams of 10 and equipped with iPads® and a **custom app** for this hilarious experience completing challenges and playing games as they compete

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$101	\$97
Child	\$51	\$49
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 19	0830
Return	September 19	1500
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old district of Athens • Plaka • Acropolis area. 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 200		

to outscore the other teams – the live, interactive app allows teams to throw “roadblocks” and obstacles at each other to make it even more fun!

Teams will start the activity from Athens city center accompanied by an English Speaking Escort throughout the entire event. The challenges involve photographs, videos and/or puzzles. Some may even involve items that the teams must retrieve in order to complete the challenge. The top three teams that manage to answer the most questions, solve the riddles, and complete most tasks will be presented with Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$38
Child	\$23	\$19
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 19	0900
Return	September 19	1330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local NGO introduction • Athens not in the guide books • Free time for lunch on your own 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 8		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 15		

Through the Volunteer4Greece organization, Semester at Sea has connected with Diogenes, an NGO committed to providing support to the most vulnerable members of our society. They do this through two primary activities: 1) Shedia street paper is a unique publication with specific job opportunities for people experiencing poverty, homelessness and long-term unemployment; and 2) “Invisible Tours” is a city tour program in the center of Athens which contains some of the most important social institutions (soup kitchens, homeless shelters, rehabilitation programs etc.). Tour guides are street paper’s official vendors which were –or still are – homeless. Through the tour, the guides share information about the provided services by the institutions but also, they narrate stories about their personal experience of living in the streets which serves to break down barriers of stigma and promote humanity, solidarity and compassion. Professor **Jeanne Ballantine** will help participants connect this experience to the themes in the Global Studies course.

The basic goal of the tours is to energize the person-guide. To create chances to support themselves and to make one more step to the social re-integration. It is also of the same importance to listen to personal stories and gain mutual understanding. Understanding is the beginning of change.

“This will provide a look at the Greece most visitors will never see, and add a new dimension to your experience that is related to Global Studies.” – Prof. Ballantine



*Half of the 6 € tour participation fee (roundtrip transportation from the ship makes up the majority of program cost) is direct income for the guide. The remaining 50% is for the street paper’s operating expenses, training, media communication and taxes. If there is any unused balance, it will be used for the needs of the campaign “Kick Out Poverty” and the Greek National Homeless Football Team.

“This is a great way to learn about Athens beyond the surface.” - Dominique, Fall 2015 Voyager

“I loved getting to know our guide, he had an incredible story and was willing to openly share it with us. It’s important to see the good and the bad aspects of a city in order to really understand how the society works as a whole.” - Katherine, Fall 2015 Voyager

“I thought the trip was fantastic. I loved the tour guide and watching him share his story and take us to ‘off beaten path’ places in Athens. It told me a lot about Greece I wouldn’t have known otherwise.” – Jack, Fall 2015 Voyager



See what Fall 2015 voyagers had to say in this [IMPACT Invisible Tours](#) video!

Become a member of the Global Grins Delivery Squad by delivering toothbrushes and spreading the word about the link between good oral hygiene and disease prevention. More information about Global Grins can be found at www.globalgrins.org.

Day 2: Tuesday, 20 September

PIR 204-201

SANTORINI ISLAND TRIP (GROUP A)

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT



Santorini is one of the most photographed islands of Greece. It combines stunning sunsets and scenery, white, red, and black sand beaches, impressive traditional houses with a volcano view, and lively night life. Along with the myth of the Lost Atlantis, it's not difficult to see why travelers flock to this wonderful island.

The volcano of Santorini, which has been responsible for the destruction of many towns on the island throughout history, last erupted in the 1950's. Major highlights of the island are the archaeological site of Akrotiri and the beautiful and picturesque village of Oia. Taking this tour you will discover that, apart from the stunningly attractive setting of Fira, the rest of Santorini is also incredibly captivating.

From your hotel, head to the prehistoric site of **Akrotiri**, which is located on the south-western tip of the island. It was discovered in 1967 by Professor Spyros Marinatos, and excavations of the site are still being made today. The two and three-story houses decorated with marvelous wall paintings together with other finds give us a picture of a society which was very well organized and at the peak of prosperity. This was interrupted suddenly by the eruption of the **volcano**, which buried the entire city.

Following your visit to Akrotiri, take a scenic drive crossing the entire island as you head north to the beautiful **town of Oia**. Once a major fishing harbor, it is now the calmest place on the island. Built high up on the ridge of red rocks, Oia offers **brehtaking views** of the blue Aegean. Here you will stroll through the narrow streets with quaint houses and shops. In the evening, you will return to Athinios port, where you will embark Seajet for your journey back to Piraeus port and the ship.



Day 1: (D)

- Take high-speed sea jet to Santorini
- Check in at hotel
- Free time in Fira town (Lunch - OWN EXPENSE)
- Optional transfer to Perissa Beach
- 3 course dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight at hotel

Day 2: (B)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Private day tour of Akrotiri and Oia Village
- Free time in Oia (Lunch - OWN EXPENSE)
- Take sea jet to Piraeus
- Transfer to ship



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$405	\$389
Child	\$203	\$110
TIME		
	Date	Time
Group A		
Depart	September 20	0630
Return	September 21	2345
Group A-2: PIR 204-202		
Depart	September 20	0630
Return	September 21	2345
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akrotiri archaeological site • Oia village • Optional transfer to Perissa Beach 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 13		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 45		

GROUPS A & A-2 SOLD OUT



Delphi, home of the Oracle of Apollo, is located on the slopes of Mount Parnassos and at a height of 700 meters it was once believed to be the center of the earth. Meteora, meaning “suspended in the air” is second only to Mount Athos as being the largest and most important Eastern Orthodox monastery complexes.

Upon arrival in Delphi, you will visit the Sanctuary of Apollo following the paved Sacred Way to reach the Doric temple of Apollo. The Adyton, a small restricted area inside the Temple, is considered to be place where the High Priestess Pythia sat on a tripod and delivered the oracles. Next, you will visit the Museum, containing a rare and exquisite collection of archaic sculpture including the world famous Charioteer. After a nice lunch, continue your drive to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

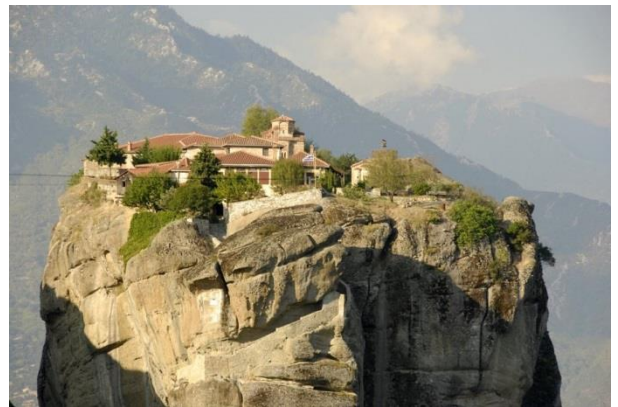
The next morning, you will head to the spectacular rocks of Meteora where giant rocks in bizarre shapes, ranging in height from 100 to 150 meters have monasteries precariously perched on top. Once a monastic community of 24 monasteries, this UNESCO World Heritage site, now consists of just five active orders. The monasteries were first built in the 14th century by monks who searched for a place where they could be isolated and pray undisturbed by the rest of the world. Until 1920 most of the monasteries could only be reached by getting into a net and being hauled up by a rope. Fortunately, steps were then hewn into the rocks in order to reach all of the monasteries. You will visit two of the most beautiful and earliest monasteries with a long history and spectacular views due to the great height. In both monasteries, you can admire superb icons and marvel at unique mosaics and frescoes, old manuscripts, and exceptional domed roofs. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Kalambaka before returning to Piraeus.

Please Note: conservative attire is required to visit the monasteries. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

“Delphi offers the chance to look at history through the ages, and the views from Meteora are breathtaking!” - Michaela, Fall 2015 Voyager

“Seeing the sunrise as we drove up through the cliffs of Meteora was the most magical experience of Semester at Sea thus far.” - Alexandra, Fall 2015 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$214	\$205
Child	\$110	\$102
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 20	0800
Return	September 21	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delphi Archaeological site and Museum • Meteora Monasteries 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		



Day 1: (L,D)

- Visit Delphi archaeological site and museum
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Drive to Kalambaka
- Hotel check-in dinner and overnight in Kalambaka

Day 2: (B,L)

- Depart for Meteora
- Visit of 2 Monasteries
- Return to Kalambaka
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Drive back to Piraeus

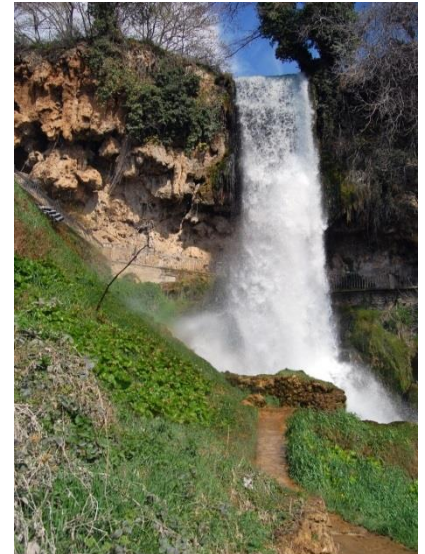


The historic area of ancient Macedonia (note: you will not visit the actual country of Macedonia) in the southern Balkans was divided among Greece, Serbia, Albania, and Bulgaria by the Treaty of Bucharest at the end of the Ottoman Empire. Greece obtained the largest portion. On this trip you will visit the area around Thessaloniki, second largest city in Greece, and also hike on Mount Olympus.

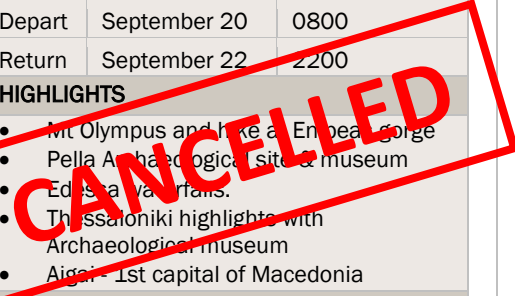
Begin with a 6 hour drive to the northern part of Greece. After stopping for lunch along the way, you will arrive at Aigai, the ancient, first capital of the Kingdom of Macedonia. It was discovered in the 19th century near Vergina. The most important remains are the monumental palace, lavishly decorated with mosaics and painted stuccoes, and the burial ground with more than 300 tumuli, some dating from the 11th century B.C. After visiting Vergina, you'll have a 1.5 hour drive to Thessaloniki and your hotel. You will have free time in the evening with dinner provided at the hotel.

The next morning, you will head to the Archaeological Museum which houses interesting findings from the Archaic, Classical, and Roman periods - the most important exhibit being "The Gold of Ancient Macedonia". Continue the drive by the city's major highlights to Pella, another former capital of Macedonia. You will see the exceptional mosaics discovered in the remains of houses and public buildings. The museum is one of the best on-site archaeology museums in Greece, with a display of pottery, jewelry, and mosaics found at the site. After visiting Pella, drive to the city of Edessa where the rushing waters of the river Edessaïos fall from a height of 70m. After lunch you will drive back to Thessaloniki for some free time before dinner at the hotel.

After breakfast and check out from the hotel, you will head to Litohoron village at the foot of Mt Olympus. Here you will meet with your mountain hike instructor for a 4.5 hour hike at the Enipeas gorge on Mt Olympus. Upon returning to Litohoron village, lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Afterward, you will board your coach for a 5-6 hour drive back to Piraeus and your ship.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$741	\$710
Child	\$371	\$355
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 20	0800
Return	September 22	2200
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Olympus and hike at Enipeas gorge • Pella Archeological site & museum • Edessa waterfalls. • Thessaloniki highlights with Archaeological museum • Aigai - 1st capital of Macedonia 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 13		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 45		



Please Note: the Hike on Mt Olympus is STRENUOUS, but it was especially requested by past voyagers!

"Seeing the waterfall in Edessa was so beautiful! It made the drive worth it!" - Kelly, Fall 2015 Voyager

"The history of the region we saw was amazing. Having a chance to walk on Mt. Olympus and see such well-preserved tombs, and some not so well, was astonishing." - Savitskie, Fall 2015 Voyager

Day 1: (L,D)

- Arrive at Vergina
- lunch at local restaurant
- Visit Vergina site and the treasures of King Phillip the 2nd father of Alexander The Great
- Drive to Thessaloniki
- Check-in at hotel -dinner - overnight
- Evening at leisure

Day 2: (B, L,,D)

- Visit archaeological museum of Thessaloniki
- Visit Pella Archeological museum
- Drive to Edessa
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Visit waterfalls
- Drive back to Thessaloniki
- Dinner and overnight at hotel
- Evening at leisure

Day 3: (B,L,)

- Drive to Litohoron
- Hike at Enipeas gorge
- Lunch at Litohoron
- Drive to Piraeus



Visit the famous Tomb of the Athenians that covered 192 dead following the victory against the Persians in 490 BC. Located in the archaeological site of Marathon, it is an incredibly beautiful spot and is also a point along the classic Marathon route that ends

at the Panathenaic marble stadium.

Next, you will have a private visit to the George and Anna Kokotou family vineyard that produces excellent quality grapes using the principles of organic agriculture. The estate includes an organic olive grove consisting of approximately 400 olive trees of the Koroneiki and Manaki varieties. The semi-mountainous terrain along with the organic methods of cultivation and manual harvesting, combine to produce extra virgin olive oil of the highest quality. In addition, the cold extraction of the olive oil at a local olive press ensures very low acidity with minimal time from harvest to extraction. You will have the opportunity to taste the olive oil before returning to Piraeus.

“I loved hearing about the historical aspects of our trip and the winery was a blast – beautiful, inspiring, and very tasty!” – Julie, Fall 2015 Voyager

“the Kokotos estate was wonderful! Beautiful and quiet location amidst the mountains.. the wine tasting was excellent, as well as the cheese! I would not mind spending a few days there.” - Ellen, Fall 2015 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$88	\$84
Child	\$44	\$42
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 20	0930
Return	September 20	1630
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marathon Tomb • Kokkotos Estate • Lunch at the Winery (addition strongly suggested by previous voyagers!) 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		



Day 3: Wednesday, 21 September

PIR 204-301

SANTORINI ISLAND TRIP (GROUP B)

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT



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Adult	\$405	\$389
Child	\$203	\$194
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 21	0630
Return	September 22	2345
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akrotiri archaeological site • Oia village • Optional transfer to Perissa Beach 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 13		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 45		

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Day 1: (D)

- Take high-speed sea jet to Santorini
- Check in at hotel
- Free time in Fira town (Lunch - OWN EXPENSE)
- Optional transfer to Perissa Beach
- 3 course dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight at hotel

Day 2: (B)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Private day tour of Akrotiri and Oia Village
- Free time in Oia (Lunch - OWN EXPENSE)
- Take sea jet to Piraeus
- Transfer to ship



PIR 116-301

ARTISTIC HYDRA (GROUP A)

FULL-DAY



The charm of Hydra town certainly lies in its rich history and beautiful waterfront unspoiled by motorized vehicles. After you reach Hydra by hydrofoil, your adventure begins as you mount a donkey to explore the island. As your sure-footed steed carries you along the narrow winding streets, pause to look at the architecture of the ship owners' homes that line your path. Upon reaching a high vantage point at the church of St. Constantine, you

will marvel at the breathtaking views of the entire harbor area. Inside the church, an interesting collection of frescoes awaits. Upon your return to the port area, visit the Church of the Dormitian containing splendid icons, chandeliers and other offerings from the wealthy seafarers of the island. It is rumored that one of the chandeliers was stolen from Louis XIV and given to the church. During your free time at Hydra harbor, you can stop in at one of the many waterfront cafes and restaurants to enjoy a juice, snack or a Greek souvlaki. Don't forget to walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Hydra with numerous unique shops before a late afternoon hydrofoil back to Piraeus.

"A beautiful island which took us back in time and away from the busy city. The mule ride was a great bonding experience" - Elizabeth, FA15 Voyager

"Hydra is a wonderful Island! The whole trip is well balanced with information, mule ride, and free time. It is a great place to get lost, shop, and swim! Definitely worth the boat ride over for the day." - Jenna, FA15 Voyager



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$159	\$152
Child	\$79	\$76
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 21	0730
Return	September 21	1900
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydra town Donkey ride Lunch on your own 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 35		

PIR 117-301

THE ORACLE OF DELPHI (NEW!)

FULL-DAY



The grandeur of Delphi has to be seen to be believed. Nature and ancient ruins blend in an extraordinary way enhancing the beauty of one another against a setting of mountains, terraces, and trees. You will board your deluxe motor coach and depart Piraeus for Delphi via the National highway, passing by the towns of Thebes and Levadia. A short rest stop will be made in Levadia town.

Situated on the slopes of Mount Parnassos, at a height of 700 meters, one can easily see why Delphi was once

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$111	\$107
Child	\$56	\$53
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 21	0800
Return	September 21	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delphi Archaeological site Delphi Museum 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 200		

believed to be the center of the earth. Beginning your guided tour from the Sanctuary of Apollo, you will follow the paved Sacred Way to reach the Doric temple of Apollo. In its "Adyton" the High Priestess " Pythia" sat on a tripod and delivered the oracles. The Theatre and the Stadium used for the main events of the Pythian Festival are on terraces above the Temple.

To the right of the entrance to the Sanctuary is the Kastalian Fountain, where Pythia washed before speaking her prophecies. Across and below the road from the Spring is the Marmaria, or Sanctuary of Athena, with the conspicuous building of Tholos. Your visit continues to the Museum, containing a rare and exquisite collection of archaic sculptures including the world famous Charioteer. Lunch will be served at a local area restaurant. After lunch you shall return to Athens by the same road



Travel via coach approximately one hour to the campus near Thessaloniki. Mix and mingle with Greek & international students, a campus tour, a brief cultural presentation and a light lunch before returning to the ship. Back on your home campus, it's your turn to be the host

and provide a ship tour and continue the exchange onboard. Below is a general schedule for the day (times may vary depending on traffic, etc.).

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	FREE	FREE
Child	FREE	FREE
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 21	0930
Return	September 21	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the campus of Greek university • Mix & mingle with Greek students • Complimentary Lunch on campus 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		

- 9:30 am Depart the ship
- 10:30 am Semester @ Sea Visitors arrive on DERE E-ACG campus
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am Welcome on DERE E-ACG campus
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Tour
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Cultural Presentation/Discussion - Greek Islands' Societal Structure & Traditions
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm On-campus free time - mix and mingle with local students
- 3:00 pm S@S Guests Depart from Campus
- 4:00 pm - 5 pm Tour on-board the ship
- 5:30 pm Leave port of Piraeus to ACG

Day 4: Thursday, 22 September

PIR 116-401

ARTISTIC HYDRA (GROUP B)

FULL-DAY



The charm of Hydra town certainly lies in its rich history and beautiful waterfront unspoiled by motorized vehicles. After you reach Hydra by hydrofoil, your adventure begins as you mount a donkey to explore the island. As your sure-footed steed carries you along the narrow winding streets, pause to

look at the architecture of the ship owners' homes that line your path. Upon reaching a high vantage point at the church of St. Constantine, you

will marvel at the breathtaking views of the entire harbor area. Inside the church, an interesting collection of frescoes awaits. Upon your return to the port area, visit the Church of the Dormitian containing splendid icons, chandeliers and other offerings from the wealthy seafarers of the island. It is rumored that one of the chandeliers was stolen from Louis XIV and given to the church. During your free time at Hydra harbor, you can stop in at one of the many waterfront cafes and restaurants to enjoy a juice, snack or a Greek souvlaki. Don't forget to walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Hydra with numerous unique shops before a late afternoon hydrofoil back to Piraeus.

"A beautiful island which took us back in time and away from the busy city. The mule ride was a great bonding experience" - Elizabeth, FA15 Voyager

"Hydra is a wonderful Island! The whole trip is well balanced with information, mule ride, and free time. It is a great place to get lost, shop, and swim! Definitely worth the boat ride over for the day." - Jenna, FA15 Voyager



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$159	\$152
Child	\$79	\$76
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 22	0730
Return	September 22	1900
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydra town • Donkey ride • Lunch on your own 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 35		





STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$38
Child	\$23	\$19
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 22	0900
Return	September 22	1330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local NGO introduction • Athens not in the guide books • Free time for lunch on your own 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION:8		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 15		

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The Ancient Greeks certainly knew how to choose a site for a temple and Cape Sounion is no exception. The gleaming, white marble Temple of Poseidon stands on a craggy spur that plunges down some 60m to the sea below with breathtaking views. This spot was much favored by Lord Byron

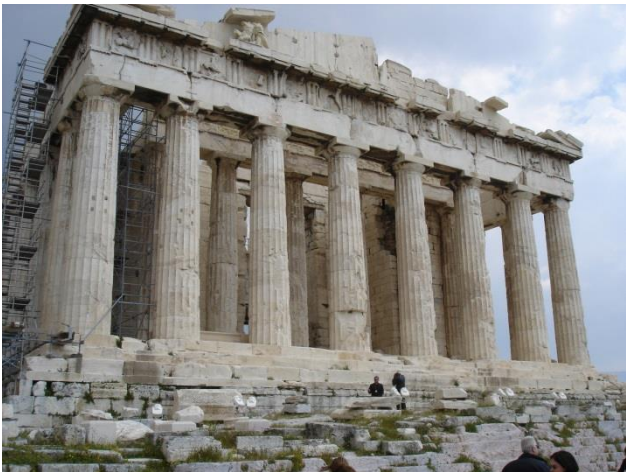
who mentions Sounion's marbled steep in Don Juan.

Along the way, you will enjoy splendid views of the sparkling Saronic Gulf on the scenic coastal road that passes through some of Athens most beautiful suburbs and beaches such as, Glyfada, Kavori, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza and Lagonissi. Upon arrival in Cape Sounion you will visit Poseidon's Temple built in 444 BC. Today, just 15 of the original 34 Doric columns from the Temple of Poseidon are still standing. The temple was built here during the Golden Age of Pericles' Athens, over the relics of an older sacred building.

"It was a great experience being able to go all the way to Cape Sounion, which would have been difficult to do on our own. The Temple of Poseidon is definitely a must see sight in Greece." - Wynton, Fall 2015 Voyager

"Very fun and quick trip! If you want to just explore a little and see more of Greece this is the trip for you!" - Dylan, Fall 2015 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$32	\$31
Child	\$16	\$16
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 22	1400
Return	September 22	1815
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poseidon Temple • Scenic drive along the coastal road 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 29		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 60		



Athens is renowned as one of the greatest cities of the ancient world and the birthplace of western civilization. After a scenic drive through the picturesque marinas of Zea and Microlimano in the Piraeus area, you will head to the center of Athens. Along the way, you will see some of the most important sites of Athens such as Constitution Square,

the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus and the Old Marble Stadium.

The Acropolis, one of the most photographed and recognizable hills in the world, dates from the 5th century B.C., when Athens set the tone for civilization in Europe. On the sacred rock of the **Acropolis** the monuments date from the prehistoric period to the end of antiquity. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, you will walk up the uneven footpath leading to the summit. Sights include the Propylaea, the **Temple of Aterros Niki**, the **Erectheum** and the architectural triumph of the **Parthenon**.

"It was amazing! Best way to see Athens! Good information and easy transportation. I recommend it to any who wants a quick glimpse of Athens." - Eve, Fall 2015 Voyager

"The program was especially helpful on the very first day in Athens to get a feel for the city and see such important parts of history!" - Shannon, Fall 2015 Voyager

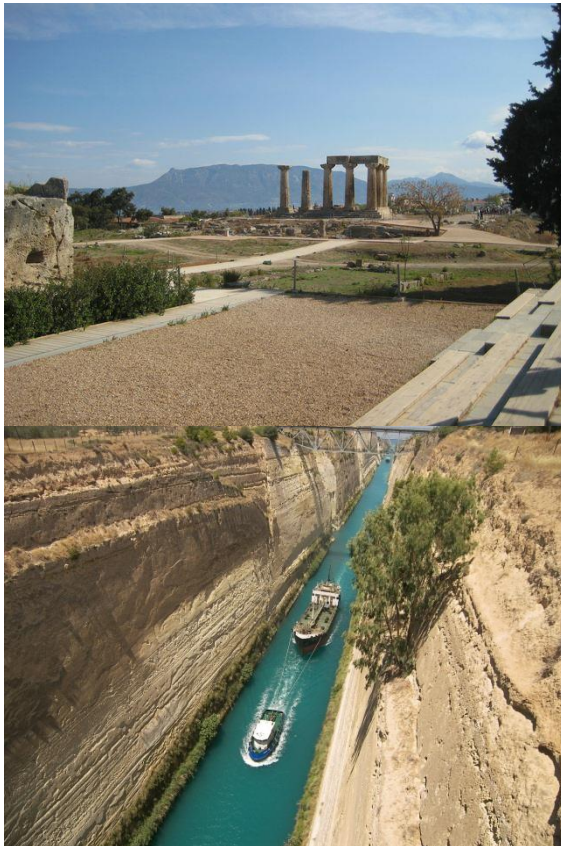
STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$46	\$44
Child	\$23	\$22
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 22	1330
Return	September 22	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acropolis Archaeological site • Old Marble stadium 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 24		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

Day 5: Friday, 23 September

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ANCIENT CORINTH & CANAL CROSSING

FULL-DAY



Roman times.

Back in ancient times, Corinth was one of the richest cities as evident by its remains, including the huge Agora (Market Place) and Apollo's Temple (6th BC century). The systematic excavations of the area, initiated by the American School of Classical Studies in 1896, continue today and have brought to

light the agora, temples, fountains, shops, porticoes, baths and various other monuments. The excavations also extended to the fortress on Acrocorinthos, the prehistoric settlements, the Theatre, the Odeon, the Asklepeion, the cemeteries, the Quarter of the Potters, and other buildings outside the main archaeological site. Next, you will navigate the famous Corinth Canal by boat. The Canal is 4 miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides reaching 170 feet. Its construction commenced in 1881, although the idea of connecting the Ionian and Aegean seas dates back to at least

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$69	\$66
Child	\$35	\$33
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 23	0830
Return	September 23	1330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corinth archaeological site • Canal crossing 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

"The boat ride through the canal was so cool. The water is this beautiful blue color and it was an awesome experience." - Jordan, Fall 2015 Voyager

"This was the perfect program for anyone who enjoys architecture and history. And even if you don't, the sights are incredible and the wine on the cruise is delicious. Highly recommended!" - Kelsey, Fall 2015 Voyager



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