



## Greece and Italy (08 Nights / 09 Days)



Routing : Athens - Olympia - Rome - Florence - Venice

### Day 01 WED : Athens - Arrival

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Evening transfer to Plaka neighbourhood.

Arrival to Athens. At night we provide an evening transfer to PLAKA area. This neighbourhood is full of small Greek taverns where you can enjoy the rich folklore of this country.

### Day 02 THU : Athens

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** City tour in Athens.

We will enjoy a scenic visit of this modern city, which includes the Panathinaikos Stadium and the Royal Palace.

Note: Occasionally, the tour of Athens may take place on Wednesday right after arrival depending on how this stage develops and the sunlight. Free time during the day to walk around and discover unforgettable places.

### Day 03 FRI : Athens - Corinth - Epidaurus - Nafplio - Olympia

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Ancient Greek theatre of Epidaurus. Visit the highly picturesque seaport town of Nafplio in the Peloponnese region. Dinner is included.

We will depart for the Peloponnese region in the morning. We will stop at the CORINTH CANAL. Afterwards, we will arrive in EPIDAUROS enjoying the view of gorgeous landscapes. We will visit the magnificent Ancient Theatre which is surrounded by a unique landscape. We will later journey to NAFPLIO, a town by the Aegean Sea. We will visit its historic centre, its lovely marina and its medieval castle. Lunch break and free time to stroll around. We will resume our journey to OLYMPIA at mid-afternoon. Supper included.



## Day 04 SAT : Olympia - Patras - Amfilochia - Arta - Igoumenitsa (board ship)

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Guided visit to Olympia. Overnight voyage from Greece to Italy.

We will visit OLYMPIA archeological site with a local guide. You will have a chance to visit its museum and archeological site (guided tour, ticket to the park not included) which the cradle of the Olympic games in ancient times. We will get back on route to PATRAS, Greece's third largest city. We will visit its active, lively centre. Afterwards, we will travel to Northern Greece, AMFILOCHIA. Short stop in this quiet coastal town; ARTA, a city in the Epirus region that has a Roman bridge. Arrival in IGOUMENITSA. Supper time and boarding to cross the Ionian Sea. Night on board, overnight accommodation in double cabins with private bathroom (we recommend bringing a handbag along to spend the night on board. Breakfast on the boat Sunday morning is not included).

Note : The ferry used, which is the only one available, leaves at one in the morning, but boarding is not usually possible until after midnight. Sometimes due to late arrival, the ferry might be delayed. It is a simple ferry (double cabins with private bathroom). Occasionally, due to weather conditions, vessel inspection or schedule changes, strikes, fully booked ferry boats or other reasons, we are forced to adapt the schedules of the following day itinerary according to the berthing time of the ship or fly from Athens to Rome, in which case the visits to Amfilochia and Arta are cancelled and a Sunday visit to Naples and Pompeii is included.

## Day 05 SUN : Brindisi - Trani - Naples - Rome

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Highly picturesque seaport town of Trani. City of Naples.

Arrival in BRINDISI early in the morning. We will follow the Adriatic coastline in Southern Italy. We will visit TRANI, a picturesque little town by the sea, and its fishing port, its old cathedral and its lively streets. Lunchtime. We will resume our trip to NAPLES, where we will arrive in the afternoon. Short sightseeing tour in its historic centre before resuming our journey to ROME.

## Day 06 MON : Rome

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** City tour of Rome. Roman Coliseum (admission price included) and visit to the Vatican City.

In the morning, we have a scenic tour of the city, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal city". We visit the tiny state of the Vatican. The Vatican City is a principal centre of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter's Basilica. And we have also included admission to the Roman Coliseum, the principal symbol of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide transport to the Via Cavour area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and international food. Return to hotel.

## Day 07 TUE : Rome - Florence

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Tour with a local expert from Florence. View from Piazzale Michelangelo.

We will leave Rome, heading north. This route is graced with beautiful landscapes. Upon arrival in FLORENCE, we head straight to Piazzale Michelangelo, an impressive site in the city. In the evening we provide a tour with a local expert, and walk through the historic centre, taking in places such as the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Piazza della Signoria. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Free time to explore. In the evening, you can dine at your favourite restaurant. In this district you can find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and international food.

## Day 08 WED : Florence - Venice



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**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Vaporetto boat on Venice's Grand Canal. Visit and admission to the San Marcos Basilica, where we can admire the technique of crafting Murano Glass.

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the Apennine Mountains. Arriving in VENICE, we will board a Vaporetto to travel around on the canals in the historic centre. With a local guide, we will visit the marvellous Plaza de San Marcos and enter the marvellous basilica (entry cost included). Afterwards, we shall be able to visit the Murano glass factory city. It is marvellous to see the technique of crystal blowing. Free time. At the end of the afternoon, you will have the chance to eat dinner in the Mestre area, where you can choose the type of restaurant that you prefer (Indian, Oriental, Italian, etc.)

#### Day 09 THU : Venice

After breakfast, end of our services.

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