University of RI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presents…

Classical Greece
April 21 – May 1, 2024

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11 Days ● 16 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, The Acropolis and Parthenon, Metéora, Delphi, Olympia, Greek Farm Visit, Cooking Class, Greek Dance Class, Nafplio, Choice on Tour

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3 Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Day 4 Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day 5 Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova
Day 6, 7 Europa Hotel Olympia, Olympia
Day 8, 9 Nafplia Palace, Nafplio
Day 10 Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, April 21, 2024 Overnight Flight
Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Monday, April 22, 2024 Athens, Greece - Tour Begins
Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Athens
Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for “highest city,” the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you’ll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka
Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. This afternoon, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, April 25, 2024 Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova
This morning, visit Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock “towers” that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, April 26, 2024 Arachova - Delphi - Olympia
This morning tour the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece’s most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of mankind. Then travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnesse to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

Day 7: Saturday, April 27, 2024 Olympia
This morning, enjoy a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region’s best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)
Day 8: Sunday, April 28, 2024 Olympia - Nafplio Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. Stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece’s signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 9: Monday, April 29, 2024 Nafplio Today, it’s your choice! Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate - OR - linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece’s first capital city. Nafplio’s mix of Venetian and Neo-Classical architectural influences make it Greece’s most elegant city. (B)

Day 10: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 Athens This morning, stop for a view of the Corinth Canal en route to Athens. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Greece’s capital. Perhaps you’ll browse the myriad shops of the Plaka, Athens’ historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Or, visit one of the city’s world-class museums such as the National Archeological Museum with its majestic bronze statue of Poseidon or the Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistorical to modern times. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece by gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Athens Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Experience It! Monasteries in Metéora Atop towers of limestone rock that reach almost 900 feet in the air, the remote monasteries of Metéora seem like a direct line to the Divine. From early Christian times, Metéora’s cliffs were heralded as the place to achieve peace and harmony, and thus, spiritual revelation, thanks to the isolation they provide. It’s no surprise that the monasteries were erected here among the overwhelming rock formations and inspiring setting. These monasteries, and the monks who reside in them, are living out Byzantium history in their monastic communities built high on the vertical rocks and tucked away inside pristine natural beauty. Today, Christians from all over the world make their holy pilgrimage to these monasteries, and Metéora has become a preservation site for the 2,000 year-old Christian Orthodox creed.

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IDENTIFICATION
Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Due to the nature of this itinerary, both 3- and 4-star hotels that may be located in the vicinity of historic centers will be utilized.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

*Hotel accommodations while in Nafplio will be confirmed 60 days prior to departure at either Amphitryon Hotel, Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas or Amalia Hotel Nafplio.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you’re an on-the-go traveler. You don’t want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn’t a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, ferries, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 30-40 uneven steps and walking over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may find these transfers challenging and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions.

A deposit of $600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 15, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 31, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until October 22, 2023.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1123725
DEPARTURE DATE: April 21, 2024
TOUR: Classical Greece
GROUP NAME: University of Rhode Island OLLI

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Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

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**Athens Local Food Tour**

Experience Athens as a local! Join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting the cuisine of Athens. You'll make your way through three neighborhoods in the city, full of hidden gems that few travelers ever get to see. Be welcomed into several local restaurants, bakeries and markets to sample some of the area’s best culinary specialties and wine. Your guide will explain the significance each dish serves to the culture and region. You'll learn about common grocery items found in the markets and the importance of spices used in Greek cooking. Along the way, view the traditional architecture and see historic artifacts from ancient Athens that were recently discovered. This option doesn’t operate on national and religious holidays when most venues are closed. *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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MUST BE CURRENT OLLI MEMBER TO REGISTER

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver’s license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): ___________________________ Phone: ( ) ___________________________

ROOMING WITH: □ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

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AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour:

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next to Travelling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge. Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: □ Business Class $3,990

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. If Business class service has been purchased, it is for the international portion of the journey only. Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? ( ) Yes ( ) No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection $399 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette’s Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual’s travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of $1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

( ) Nafplio Walking Tour or ( ) Mycenae Archeological Tour

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: University of Rhode Island OLLI ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

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