



CALIFORNIA REPERCUSSIONS



Carlson Maritime Travel

GREECE, 2021!



PROPOSED ITINERARY AND FLIGHT CHOICES:

KLM OPTION- 25 SEATS

KL 606	SFOAMS	155P	915A
KL1575	AMSATH	1220P	435P
KL1572	ATHAMS	600A	830A
KL 605	AMSSFO	950A	1145A

AIR FRANCE OPTION - 25 SEATS

AF 083	SFOCDG	335P	1125A
AF1832	CDGATH	1215P	425P
AF1033	ATHCDG	600A	830A
AF 084	CDGSFO	1055A	135P

These flights allow for one free piece of checked baggage at 50lbs max plus one free carry-on and one free personal item.

Additional charges for 2nd pieces of checked baggage.

Valid passport with at least 6 months expiration date required. Copies of each passport who purchase air through Carlson Maritime Travel will be required.

Day 1, Flight from SFO to Athens.

Day 2- (D) Arrival in Athens- If time permits, Panoramic City tour. Hotel Check-in at the **Royal Olympic Hotel.** Airport to hotel alone is a 45 minute drive.

The Royal Olympic is a family run five- star property in the center of Athens. The hotel lays just in front of the famous Temple of Zeus and National Garden. We are underneath the Acropolis and only 2- minutes walk to the new Acropolis Museum.

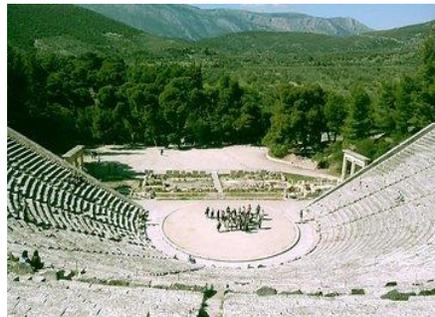
After our complete renovation that finished in 2009, the Royal Olympic was transformed to an art hotel very elegantly decorated and more important very well looked after in every detail. One of the aspects given particular attention to, was to create a very personal hotel and as much environmentally friendly as possible. Our Roof Garden Restaurant - Bar opened recently offering the ultimate dining and wine experience in front of the most spectacular view in Athens. Our famous chef will be delighted to guide you through the secret paths of Greek cuisine while enjoying the unforgettable view.



It is also one of the only hotels in Athens where a large bus can pull up in front of the hotel. Welcome Dinner in PLAKA with traditional Greek music and Greek dancing. Overnight Athens.



Day 3- (B) (PERFORMANCE) Acropolis and museum in the morning. Lunch on own. Outdoor concert in Athens in Syntagma Square which is the main square of Athens with significant pedestrian traffic and located right in front of the Parliament house. Overnight Athens. Dinner on own.



Day 4- (B,L) Full day cruise from 8:00am- 7:00pm to the islands of Hydra, Aegina, and Poros. Lunch included. Overnight Athens. Dinner on own



Let Us Delight You with the Beauty of the Greek Islands!

Athens One Day Cruise to 3 Islands of **Aegina - Poros - Hydra**

We thought this would be a great way for the group to see some of the Greek Islands without the big expense of traveling to and staying in the Greek Islands. It's a beautiful cruise with lunch on board.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Cruise to 3 islands: AEGINA, POROS, HYDRA
- *Free time to explore each island
- *Shopping and swim on Hydra
- *Excursion to Temple Aphaia and Aegina
- *Visit Trizina, the Russian dockyard or stroll through the Lemon forest on Poros
- *Lunch Buffet on board

MENU:

Greek bread, Mediterranean Salad, Greek Salad, Signature Cruise Salad, Marinated Perch, Pasta Napolitana, Greek Lemon Potatoes, Rice and Vegetables, Tomato and Green Beans, Revani, Greek Desert. Evening on own.

Day 5- (B,D) (PERFORMANCE) After breakfast the group will travel to Kalamata. (2 hrs 30 min). We will see the Corinth Canal which connects the Peloponnese to the rest of Greece. It was conceived by the tyrant Periander in the sixth century BC to link the Ionian and Aegean Seas. Its completion, however, didn't come about until the late 1800's after modern Greece gained independence. This evening, an outdoor performance. Dinner and overnight Kalamata at the PHARAE PALACE HOTEL.

Stay in style and elegance in the magnificent city of Kalamata! Pharae Palace Hotel is an ideal accommodation option in the city of Kalamata, regardless of the season, since it has been operating throughout the year, offering high quality services with main concern the satisfaction of its guests. Pharae Palace Hotel has 72 comfortable rooms, which have recently been renovated, and 4 luxury suites for those who love elegance. The simple but elegant aesthetics of the rooms of Pharae Palace Hotel, its modern facilities and qualified staff, all ensure an atmosphere of luxury and relaxation



Pharae Palace Hotel



Rooftop Bar

Day 6- (B,D) (PERFORMANCE) Hotel check-out. Travel to Nauplion and Tolo

If time permits, on the way from Kalamata to Nauplion, we will visit **Epidaurus**. It is one of the most popular archaeological sites in Greece, located on the north eastern side of Peloponnese, in the region of Argolis, Epidaurus Greece and is mostly famous for its Ancient Theatre. This theatre was constructed in the late 4th century BC to host religious ceremonial events in honor of god Asclepius, whose healing centre was located few steps away. Famous for its symmetry and the incredible acoustics, this classical theatre is surrounded by lush greenery and gives nice view to the valley below.

This evening an outdoor concert- Overnight in Tolo at King Minos Hotel.

King Minos Hotel 6/20 and 6/21

The King Minos provides superior accommodation for demanding clientele and is quite simply in a class by itself! The King Minos Hotel is situated on a hill overlooking the sea and the 2 Islands of Tolo, 150 metres from the beach and 400 metres from the town centre.



Day 7- (B,D) (PERFORMANCE TOLO VILLAGE) Free Beach day with evening performance at Tolo.



The Tolo beach stretches for about one kilometer ending in the small picturesque village port where the fishing boats tie up. The sandy beach has a wealth of sun loungers, parasols, taverns and cafes Outdoor concert. Overnight Tolo again at King Minos Hotel.

Day 8- (B,D) (PERFORMANCE) Today we depart Tolo to Delphi, We cross the **Rion Antirion bridge** to northern part of Greece and on to **Delphi** site of the ancient oracle. The Rio-Antirrio Bridge, officially the Charilaos Trikoupis Bridge, is one of the world's longest multi-span cable-stayed bridges and longest of the fully suspended type. It crosses the Gulf of Corinth near Patras, linking the town of Rio on the Peloponnese peninsula to Antirrio on mainland Greece by road.



Visit the actual site of the oracle with stadium, archeological site and the museum of Delphi. Performance this evening and overnight Delphi. AMALIA DELPHI HOUSE

Day 9- (B) (PERFORMANCE) Travel from **DELPHI** to **CHALKIDA** and on the **ATHENS**.

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and head to CHALKIDA. Delphi to Athens via Chalkida. Lunch on your own on the way. Performance. Dinner on own.

CHALKIDA:

Only 80 km away from **Athens**, the city of the sacred fountain of Arethousa is the main gate to the island of **Evia**. Thanks to its strategic geographic position, the city has remained a crossroad of cultures and ideas over the centuries, an apple of discord for many foreign conquerors. Today the cosmopolitan city of Chalkida, the administrative and commercial centre of the island built on both sides of Evripos straits, is a popular destination among Athenians for short breaks away from the hustle and bustle of the capital city. Thanks to its impressive ultra- modern cable bridge, the access to the city has now become easier and quicker.

Chalkida is particularly famous for the **tidal phenomenon** that takes place in Evripos, i.e. the swift change of water direction every six hours, created by the Moon's pull. During each change of direction, the water stops moving for about eight minutes. An ideal place to watch this unique phenomenon is the sliding Negroponte Bridge. Another favorite meeting point for the locals is the waterfront; a charming pedestrian street lined with elegant cafes and restaurants buzzing with life day and night! After performance in Chalkida, we continue on to Athens and check back into the **ROYAL OLYMPIC HOTEL**. Dinner on own.

Day 10- (B,D) (PERFORMANCE) Free day for lunch, shopping and explorations.

Free day in Athens for lunch, shopping and exploration. You might wish to visit the Athens Archeological museum. The National Archaeological Museum in Athens houses some of the most important artifacts from a variety of archaeological locations around Greece from prehistory to late antiquity. It is considered one of the greatest museums in the world and contains the richest collection of artifacts from Greek antiquity worldwide. We will have excursion guides for you and will offer dozens of day excursion to each of the participants prior to departure.

Take funicular up to the highest point of Athens Lycabettus Hill. See the view of Athens. Standing 277 meters above sea level, **Lycabettus Hill** (sometimes spelt Lykavitos) is the highest point of Athens. Although a beautiful walk up via a circular path, it will be a test of endurance and a challenge in summer. There is also a funicular to take you up to the top. The view from Lycabettus Hill is best enjoyed at sunset whilst waiting for the lights of the Acropolis, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Panathenaic Stadium and Ancient Agora to come on.

Tonight is our farewell Greek musical exchange concert. TBA (We are working on an indoor concert hall with an audience) Farewell Dinner (overnight Athens)

Day 11- (B) Breakfast at hotel, check-out EARLY, EARLY DEPARTURE.



HOTELS:

Because we need so many rooms, we are using large, major hotels with full amenities. We have chosen the following hotels subject to availability or similar in category:

ATHENS: Royal Olympic. Great location, within walking distance to major sites. One of the only hotels in Athens where the bus can pull up right in front of the hotel.



DELPHI: AMALIA DELPHI HOTEL



KALAMATA: PHARAE PALACE HOTEL



TOLO: KING MINOS HOEL



INCLUSIONS: 11- Days

- 5 Nights, Athens hotel,
- Welcome Group Dinner in the PLAKA
- 1 Night Kalamata with dinner one night
- 2 Nights Tolo with dinner each night
- 1 Night Delphi
- Farwell Group Dinner in the PLAKA
- Full day 3-Island Greek Cruise with lunch and excursions
- Deluxe motor coaches
- A Hearty Breakfast Daily, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners
- Entrance fees
- 7 Performances (times and venues to be determined)
- *Athens *Kalamata * Nauplion *Tolo *Delphi *Chalkida *Athens
- Farewell concert in Athens TBA
- Organization of Greek band or orchestra, or choir for musical exchange with audience
- Value added taxes plus Local taxes, hotel taxes
- Gratuities to your Guide, your Driver and your Greek escort assistant
- Fully escorted by representative from Carlson Maritime Travel and our satellite office in Greece
- Local English-speaking Greek tour guide throughout

NOT INCLUDED:

Drinks during meals - Air flights - Optional Insurance - Meals not indicated in itinerary – Fees for rehearsal space if required - Extra transfers for those not arriving with AF or KLM group

INSURANCE:

We are offering a group insurance policy for this tour. At least 10 participants are needed for a “group”

Pricing:

\$206.00 per person for land only-	Up to \$3000.00 covered
\$290.00 per person for land and air –	Up to \$4000.00 covered
\$331.00 per person for -	Up to \$4500.00 covered

Trip Cancellation:	Total Trip cost
Trip Interruption:	150% of Trip Cost
Travel Delay – 6 hrs	\$750.00/\$150.00 per day
Missed Connection – 3 hrs	\$500.00
Baggage/Personal Effects	\$1500.00
Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation	\$150,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	\$250,000
Accident and Medical Expenses	\$50,000

- *Pre-existing conditions are covered.
- *You are covered as soon as you make payment to Carlson Maritime Travel for your insurance
- *With no-pre-existing conditions, you may make your insurance payment at final payment
- *This insurance is optional



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