

ACUUS 2007 - EXCURSION PROPOSALS

1. ATHENS CITY TOUR

This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides take you to see the centre of the city, Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library.

Driving down Herodus Atticus Street, you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniform and the Presidential Palace. On your way to the Acropolis, you will see the Panathenaic Stadium (where first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896), the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Arch.

Depart for the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Guided tour of the Parthenon (Temple of Athena), the city's divine patroness, Propylea (Monumental entrance gate), Temple of Wingless Victory and the Erechtheion. From the Acropolis we see and comment about the theatre of Dionysus (the first of all western theatres). Continue to the Aeropagus, the open-air meeting place of the highest legislative and judicial body in Ancient Greece. Continue to the Ancient Agora, the civic, commercial and religious centre of the Athenian life.



Visit the temple of Hephaestus and the restored Stoa of Attalus, erected by Attalus II, King of Pergamos and now used as a museum. Out of Greek Agora in the same area, is the Roman Market and the Clock of Andronikos Kyrhestes, the so-called Tower of the Winds.

As you are near the Monastiraki area you will have the impression that you are entering a melting pot of sound; all kinds of music and voices of the street vendors can be heard simultaneously! The scent of the old wood and wood varnish, coming from the shops of antique furniture, predominant from Avissinias square, gives its place to that of new leather, in that part of Adrianou Street lined with shoe shops. You will surely be tempted to buy something.

COST PER PERSON: € 32

The excursion includes the following;

- ☒ Transfer from the hotel of residence to Athens City Center and vice versa
- ☒ Athens City Tour
- ☒ Entrance fees to Acropolis
- ☒ Walking tour to Plaka & Monastiraki
- ☒ Guidance by official guide
- ☒ Escort of our company
- ☒ VAT

2. CAPE SOUNION TOUR - HALF DAY TOUR

Depart by bus with destination the panoramic cape Sounio. You will be driven along the coastal road which offers a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf, passing through some of Athens most beautiful suburbs (Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza) to Cape Sounio where you will visit the 5th century B.C. temple of Poseidon that has one of the most breathtaking panoramic views in the world (on a clear day you can see at least seven islands). The Doric columns of local marble have 16 flutes instead of the usual 20. The precipice is a sheer 197-foot drop to the sea.



COST PER PERSON: € 47

The excursion includes the following;

- ☒ Transfer from the hotel of residence to the Poseidon Temple and vice versa
- ☒ Entrance Fee to the Temple
- ☒ Guidance by official guide
- ☒ Lunch in seaside restaurant with traditional Greek food
- ☒ Escort of our company
- ☒ VAT

3. DELPHI - FULL DAY TOUR



*" ... Now the serene sense is supping
with the Gods"*

This was the sense of the poet Angelos Sikelianos who between 1927 and 1930 revived the Delphic Festival, in Delphi the centre of earth, wishing to "instill the forgotten Delphic watchword in all human souls".

Driving through the mountains we reach the little village of Delphi. We will visit the museum of Delphi with its spectacular findings including the world famous Charioteer, the Naxian Sphinx,

the statue of Antinoos. We will wonder at the ancient sanctuary of Apollo, a place with history coming from Mythology with the oracle and the prophecy. The guided visit to the archaeological site and the museum will travel us to ancient times. Lunch will take place in a local restaurant and then we will return to Athens.

COST PER PERSON: € 55

The excursion includes the following;

- ☒ Transfer from the hotel of residence to Delphi and vice versa
- ☒ Entrance Fee to the Archaeological Site
- ☒ Guidance by official guide
- ☒ Lunch in restaurant with traditional Greek food
- ☒ Escort of our company
- ☒ VAT

4. ARGOLIS TOUR - FULL DAY TOUR

Depart for Mycenae in central Argolis, the most powerful, brilliant and sovereign state in Greece up to 1100 BC. Guided tour of the monumental Lion Gate, Royal Cemetery, Cyclopean walls, remains of the Palace and outside the Acropolis the so - called impressive beehive tomb of "Agamemnon".

Continue to Nafplion, the seaside town of Argolis where we will have lunch. Above on the cliffs, are the well preserved remains of Nafplion's two fortresses, Acronafplia and Palamidi, crowned by superb defensive walls, built and rebuilt by the Byzantine, Franks and Venetians. Nafplion is a wonderful old town with Turkish fountains and Venetian houses dripping with bougainvillea, all overlooking a wide, blue bay, in which sits the Venetian Bourtzi tower. Lunch will take place in a local taverna.

Continue to Epidaurus, via vineyards and old olive groves. Guided tour of the famous and best preserved of all the ancient theatres in Greece. The acoustics are so perfect that the merest whisper can be heard. This was the famous Sanctuary of Asclepios (Healing God) where there are remains of various temples, the Gymnasium and Stadion. Return to the hotel via the coast of Apollon.



COST PER PERSON: € 55

The excursion includes the following;

- ☒ Transfer from the hotels of residence to Argolis - Epidaurus and vice versa
- ☒ Entrance Fee to the Archaeological Site
- ☒ Guidance by official guide
- ☒ Lunch in restaurant with traditional Greek food
- ☒ Escort of our company
- ☒ VAT

5. SARONIC GULF ONE DAY CRUISE

Departure from your hotel and transfer to 1-day cruise vessel. We will first sail to Aegina, once an ancient commercial port and the first capital of modern Greece.

The biggest island of the Saronic Gulf inhabited as from the 2nd mil. B.C. with two important archaeological sites, a large cathedral dedicated to St Nectarios the last canonized Saint of the Greek Orthodox Church, a wonderful fish market, a unique fruit floating market, and an economy based on pistachio nuts. Aegina is famous today for its pistachio nuts and two - handled porous water jars (kanatia).



We will then sail to Poros, the island where the first naval arsenal of Independent Greece was established. This is the smallest of the three islands, covered with pine and lemon trees, situated very close to the Peloponnesian peninsula. Enjoy a beautiful walk up to the clock tower and admire the panorama. It provides delightful scenery marked by the low pine-wooded hills and the Lemonodasos, a picturesque spot where groves grow amidst water - mills.



Following Poros we will sail to Hydra which is the home of famous sea-merchant families with outstanding patriotic efforts in the War of Independence. Hydra is today a fashionable artist's colony, a retreat of intellectuals and a favorite film-making location. The colorful harbor is ringed by an amphitheatrically town, free of motor vehicles and characterized by the imposing well - preserved mansions of the sea captains of old. Here you may shop for gold and ceramics.

COST PER PERSON: € 80

The excursion includes the following;

- ☒ Transfer from the hotels of residence to the port of Zea and vice versa
- ☒ Boat ticket
- ☒ Guidance by official guide
- ☒ Lunch on board
- ☒ Escort of our company
- ☒ VAT