



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
24 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Greece

Athens & Gytheio

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Enjoy coastal life in charming, seaside **Gytheio**.
- ▶ Stand in the glorious **Acropolis** and relish magnificent views of Athens.
- ▶ Wander through the ruins of **Mycenae**, the mighty Bronze Age kingdom.
- ▶ Journey to the beautiful island and medieval city of **Monemvasia**.
- ▶ Get to know the **Mani**, a region known for its independent spirit, stone tower houses and beautiful beaches.
- ▶ Savor Greece's palate-pleasing bounty of **wine, olives, seafood and olive oil**.
- ▶ Discover a one-of-a-kind treasure, breathtaking, mountainside **Mystras**, an important center of Byzantine culture.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.
- **5 nights** in Gytheio at the first-class Las Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Athens and transfer➡ to hotel
- Day 3** Athens
- Day 4** Mycenae | Winery | Gytheio
- Day 5** Gytheio | Areopoli | Limeni
- Day 6** Mystras | Sparta
- Day 7** Monemvasia
- Day 8** Gytheio
- Day 9** Corinth Canal | Athens
- Day 10** Transfer➡ to Athens airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



Monemvasia



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**Oregon State University
Alumni Association**

Discovery

AHI Connects: Greek Night. Join hands for a joyful folk dance at a fun-filled farewell celebration, featuring delectable cuisine, wine and live music.

Athens City Tour. Explore the birthplace of democracy and Western philosophy, theater and architecture. See the Athens Academy, University of Athens and National Library, the city's famous neoclassical trio. At the Acropolis Museum, gaze at the ruins of an ancient neighborhood through glass flooring. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the classical lines of the Parthenon. *(Active)*

Mycenae and Greek Wine. Learn about this powerful Bronze Age kingdom, a great naval power with influence throughout the Mediterranean, on a guided visit within its remarkable ruins. According to legend, Mycenae was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy. Afterward, visit a local winery for lunch and a tasting. *(Active)*

The Mani Peninsula. Discover the Mani, remote, rugged and beautiful. Tour Gytheio, a major port in ancient times that charms visitors today with postcard scenes of fishing boats bobbing in the harbor. Embark on a scenic drive through the Mani, where orange groves that dominate the eastern landscape turn into a blanket of olive trees as you head west. Walk through the cobbled streets of Aeropoli. Visit Limeni for stunning views of the crystal-clear turquoise bay. Visit a working olive mill with a rare traditional stone mill. Enjoy a lunch of the region's specialties at a local restaurant.

Mystras, Sparta and the Greek Olive. Admire the ruins of the Byzantine city of Mystras dramatically set on a mountainside overlooking Sparta. Witness monasteries, palaces and churches adorned with frescoes in this medieval cultural capital. Then, walk amid the ruins of ancient Sparta, one of Greece's greatest city-states. Visit Sparta's informative and interesting Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, which details why the olive is so prized by the Greeks. *(Active)*

Monemvasia. Soak up the history and ambiance of this stunning island gem. Step through the castle gate and into a medieval fortified city. Admire elements of the city's Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman past. Wander through the charming labyrinth of cobblestone streets, lined by honey-colored stone mansions, churches and mosques. See Christos Elkomenos, the most famous church of the Lower Town, and Agia Sofia, a Byzantine church that sits atop a cliff.

Corinth Canal. Cruise through this deep channel separating the Peloponnese from the mainland, which opened in 1893.

Enrichment

- ▶ **Greek History**
- ▶ **Classical Greece**
- ▶ **Contemporary Greece**

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Acropolis, Athens
2. Archaeological Site of Mycenae
3. Archaeological Site of Mystras



Athens



Mycenae



Mystras

Accommodations

NJV Athens Plaza Hotel ○○○○○○

Las Hotel ○○○○○○



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AHI Sustainability Promise

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

Environmental Impact | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

Social Impact | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

Economic Impact | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, "shoulder seasons."

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

DATES & PRICES

September 15-24, 2023

From Price **\$4,145**

Special Savings **\$250**

Special Price \$3,895

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$850 (limited availability).