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# **EPIC GREECE**

10 or 14 days | Athens | Delphi region | Meteora region | Thessaloniki | Extension to Crete Island

Welcome to Greece—a country of historical heroes, mythological legends, and iconic landscapes. Your epic saga begins in Athens, a city as beautiful as it is old. Then, escape the city to Delphi, where Alexander the Great asked the oracle of Apollo who would be the fairest conqueror of them all (spoiler: it was him). Explore the undiscovered capital of northern Greece, marvel at the snowcapped peaks of Mt. Olympus, and eat feta everywhere in between. This is Greece. This is history come to life.

#### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**

#### Full-time Tour Director

**Sightseeing:** 5 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (6 *with extension*); 1 walking tour led by your Tour Director (5 *with extension*)



**Entrances:** Acropolis; Delphi archaeological site; Delphi Museum; Meteora Monastery; Archaeological Park of Dion; Archaeological Museum of Dion; Archaeological Museum of Pella; Museum of Royal Tombs in Vergina; *with extension: Knossos Palace; Heraklion Archaeological Museum; boat cruise to Spinalonga Island* 

**Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.



All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers (*2 internal flights with extension*); comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels (*12 with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily.





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## YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

– MELISSA, TRAVELER





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#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Greece

#### Day 2: Athens

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.

#### Day 3: Athens

- Take a guided tour of Athens. See the city's ancient Olympic Stadium, its central square, and the Acropolis with an expert local guide.
- Visit the Acropolis Museum, home to ancient ruins and pre-historic artifacts.
- Take a walking tour of Athens with your Tour Director, and see the historic Plaka neighborhood.

#### Day 4: Athens | Delphi region

- Travel to Delphi, where Greek mythology meets Macedonian history.
- Take a guided tour of Delphi. Visit the Delphi Archaeological Museum and the Temple of Apollo, where Alexander the Great once asked the oracle if he would conquer the ancient world.
- Visit the Delphi Museum.

#### Day 5: Delphi | Thermopylae | Meteora region

- Travel via Thermopylae to the Meteora region.
- Stretch your legs at the battle site of Thermopylae, and strike your best Spartan pose for a photo.
- Arrive in Meteora, a town suspended in the "middle of the sky."
- Take an expert-led tour of the Meteora Monasteries, built atop natural rock pillars. Set high in the sky, the location feels almost magical, and provides breathtaking views. It was settled during the 11th century by monks, and attracted not only the deeply religious, but also ancient Greek philosophers, poets, and painters.

#### Day 6: Meteora | Dion | Thessaloniki

- Travel via Dion to Thessaloniki.
- Take a guided tour of Dion. Visit the Archaeological Park and Museum of Dion, and see the remains of an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Zeus.
- Stop in the traditional Greek village of Litochoro and enjoy one of the most famous views of Mt. Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece and seat of the Greek gods.

#### Day 7: Thessaloniki

Take a guided tour of Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city and hip northern capital.
See the Roman Agora, the political and public center of ancient Thessaloniki, and the White Tower, a waterfront monument and museum.
Explore on your own or

#### • enjoy a cooking class.

#### Day 8: Thessaloniki

 Take an expertly-guided tour of Pella, birthplace of Alexander the Great, and visit the Archaeological Museum of Pella. Continue on to the town of Vergina where you will visit the Museum of Royal Tombs: the burial site of Macedonian Kings, including Philip II (Alexander's father).

#### Day 9: Thessaloniki | Athens

- Travel via Platamonas, a beautiful seaside town, to Athens. Snap one last picture of Mt. Olympus.
- Explore on your own or
- take part in a Greek evening.

#### Day 10: Depart for home

#### 4-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 10: Athens | Heraklion

- Fly to Heraklion, the largest city on the island of Crete, and enjoy Tour Director-led sightseeing.
- Explore Knossos Palace. According to Greek mythology, this is where Daedalus built his famous labyrinth to keep the dangerous Minotaur locked away. The labyrinth was designed so skillfully that no one could ever escape once they entered.
- Visit the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, home to treasures that date from Neolithic to Roman times.

#### Day 11: Agios Nikolaos | Heraklion

- Travel to the picturesque seaside town of Agios Nikolaos and take in the breathtaking sights with your Tour Director.
- Enjoy a short scenic boat cruise to Spinalonga Island (seasonal). Admire the island's Venetian-influenced architecture and its famous archaeological fortress as you explore.

#### Day 12: Rethymno | Chania

- Head to Rethymno and take a walking tour led by your Tour Director.
- Enjoy free time to explore Rethymno.
- Travel to Chania.

#### Day 13: Chania | Athens

- Explore the Old Venetian Harbor and take in its beauty and history as one of the most significant landmarks in Crete.
- Take a Tour Director-led walking tour of Chania.
- Fly back to Athens for your final evening.

#### Day 14: Depart for home

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-CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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