



SACRED SITE TRIPS TO

Greece

Athens, Greece, seamlessly combines ancient history with modern allure. We will begin our journey in this beautiful ancient city, where we will meet on the roof top of The Hermes Hotel, and afterwards walk together into the Plaka, the old town of Athens, for our first meal together, experiencing the mythology, and timeless charm all around us.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY 4 - IOANNINA

- Departure to Ioannina
- Coffee Stop at Nafpaktos
- Lunch at Amfilochia
- Overnight at Ioannina

DAY 5 - IOANNINA

- Full day sightseeing of Ioannina
- Visit the Island in the Lake
- Visit The Castle
- Visit The Silver Smithing Museum
- Visit The Cave of Perama
- Walk on the Side of the Lake
- Overnight in Ioannina

DAY 6 - IOANNINA

- Full day at Meteora Monasteries
- Dinner at Metsovo
- Overnight in Ioannina

DAY 7 - CORFU TOWN

- Departure from Ioannina
- Stop by Dodoni Ancient Theater for a visit
- Arrive at Igoumenitsa Port
- Take a Boat to Corfu
- Overnight at Corfu Town

DAY 8 - CORFU TOWN

- Full Day at Corfu Town
- Sightseeing both Castles & Museum
- Visit Asian Museum
- Visit St. Spiridon Church
- Walk in the Old Town
- Overnight at Corfu Town

DAY 9 - PONTIKONISI

- Starting the day in Pontikonisi
- Visit Achelion Palace
- Visit Paleokastritsa
- Swim at Sidari
- Lunch at Kassiopi
- Back to Town in the Afternoon
- Overnight at Corfu Town

DAY 10 - IGOUMENITSA

- Depart Corfu by boat with the first morning ferry to Igoumenitsa Port
- Passing Syvota and Parga
- Arrive at Acherondas Springs
- *Leaving for Lefkas Vasiliki to ride a ferry to Kefalonia
- **If not possible to ride the ferry; Overnight at Kefalonia
- **Or Leaving for Astakos in order to catch the ferry for Kefalonia

DAY 11 - KEFALONIA

- Free day for rest

DAY 12 - KEFALONIA

- Kefalonia Island Tour

DAY 13 - KEFALONIA

- Kefalonia Ithaki Island Tour

DAY 14 - KEFALONIA

- Departure Kefalonia to Athens
- Sunset in Sounion
- Overnight at Athens

DAY 15 - ATHENS

- Leave after Breakfast

DAY 1 - ATHENS

- Athens

DAY 2 - ARACHOVA

- Leaving for Athens for Arachova
- Visit the Monastery of Osios Loukas with the Byzantine Mosaics
- Overnight at Arachova

DAY 3 - DELPHI

- Full Day at Delphi Archeological Site and Museum
- Overnight at Arachova
- Dinner at Itea



DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 9TH

Athens

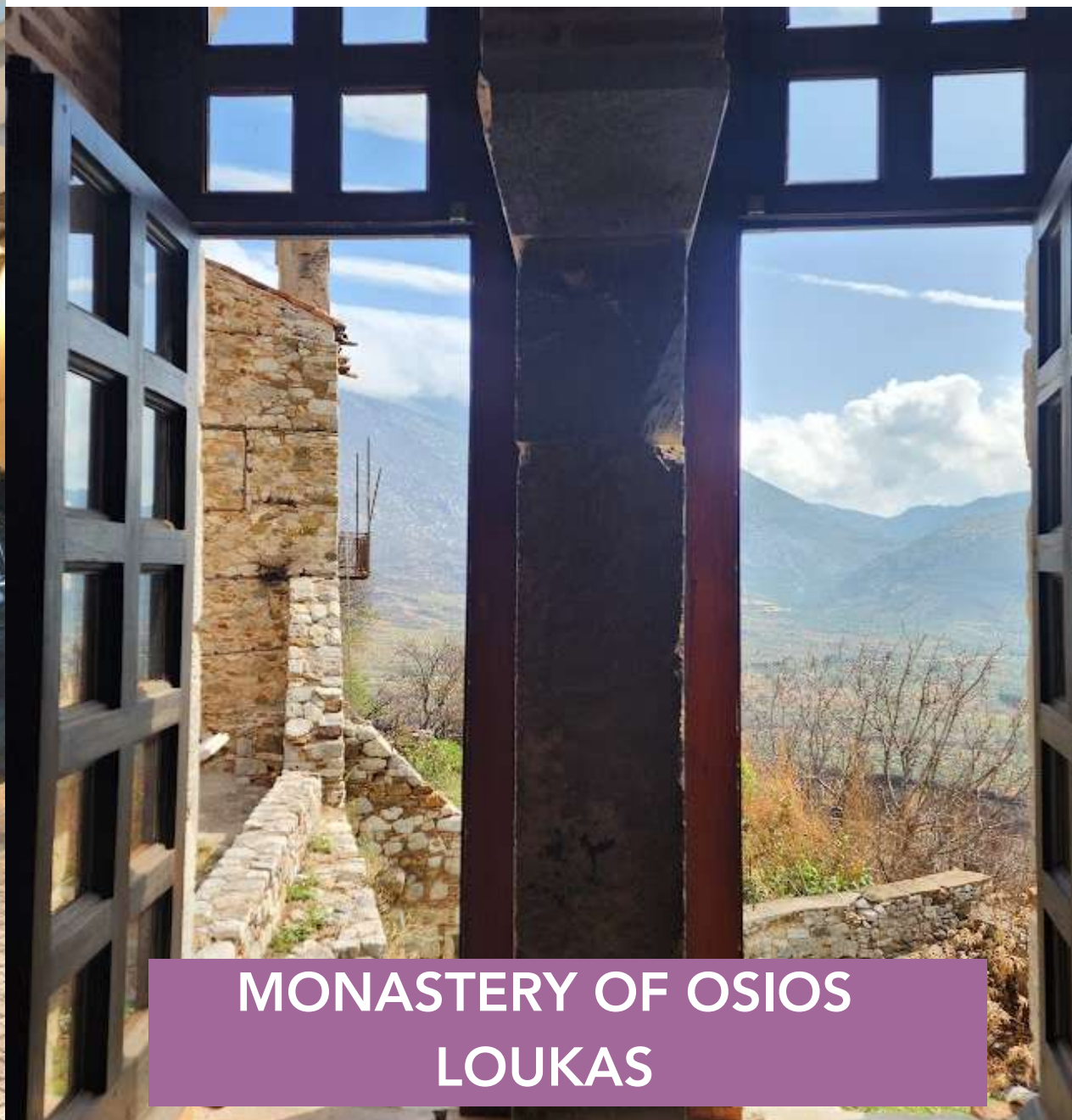
Our journey will begin in the beautiful ancient city of Athena, settle into your room at The Hermes hotel where we will gather in the afternoon to begin our welcome and spend time connecting, before walking together to The Plaka where we will have our first meal together.



DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 10TH *Arachova*



LEAVING ATHENS TO
ARACHOVA



MONASTERY OF OSIOS
LOUKAS

The Monastery of Osios Loukas, is renowned for its stunning Byzantine mosaics. The mesmerizing mosaics, adorned with vibrant colors and intricate designs, offer a glimpse into the religious and artistic traditions of the Byzantine Empire, making the Monastery of Osios Loukas a must-visit destination.



STAY IN ARACHOVA
DOMOTEL HOTEL

We will be staying at the Domotel hotel, Arachova. In winter a popular destination for skiers, in summer the perfect stop over, allowing us to be acquainted with this beautiful township. After arriving at our hotel we will gather for a group talk before we embark on tomorrow's adventures.

Today we depart for Arachova, on the way we will stop at the Monastery of Osios Loukas, as well a quick photo stop at the Corinth Canal.



DAY 3 - SEPTEMBER 11TH

Delphi

DELPHI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

We will begin our journey today by starting at temple of Athena where we will prepare ourselves before we go to the The Archaeological Site of Delphi followed by the museum. This spiritual Centre nestled on Mount Parnassus, we can explore the ruins of the Oracle of Delphi and the Temple of Apollo.

THE AFTERNOON

This afternoon we will go into the town of Delphi where we will have time to get acquainted with the beautiful treasures Delphi has to offer, we will have late lunch together at the wonderful restaurant, To Patariko Mas, before going back to our hotel to share the encounters of our day and enjoy the evening before we move on to our next destination tomorrow.

DAY 4 SEPTEMBER 12TH

Ioannina

Departure to Ioannina

The next four nights we will make Ioannina our home, we'll have the chance to explore its beauty as well as the sacred sites that abound, and savor the town's culinary delights. Ioannina offers a blend of cultural heritage and natural beauty.

After breakfast we will begin our travel to Ioannina, stopping at Nafpaktos for coffee, and on to Amfilochia for a lunch stop. We will arrive at our hotel this afternoon and after making ourselves comfortable we will have a group session and prepare for our day tomorrow.



DAY 5 - SEPTEMBER

13TH *Ioannina*

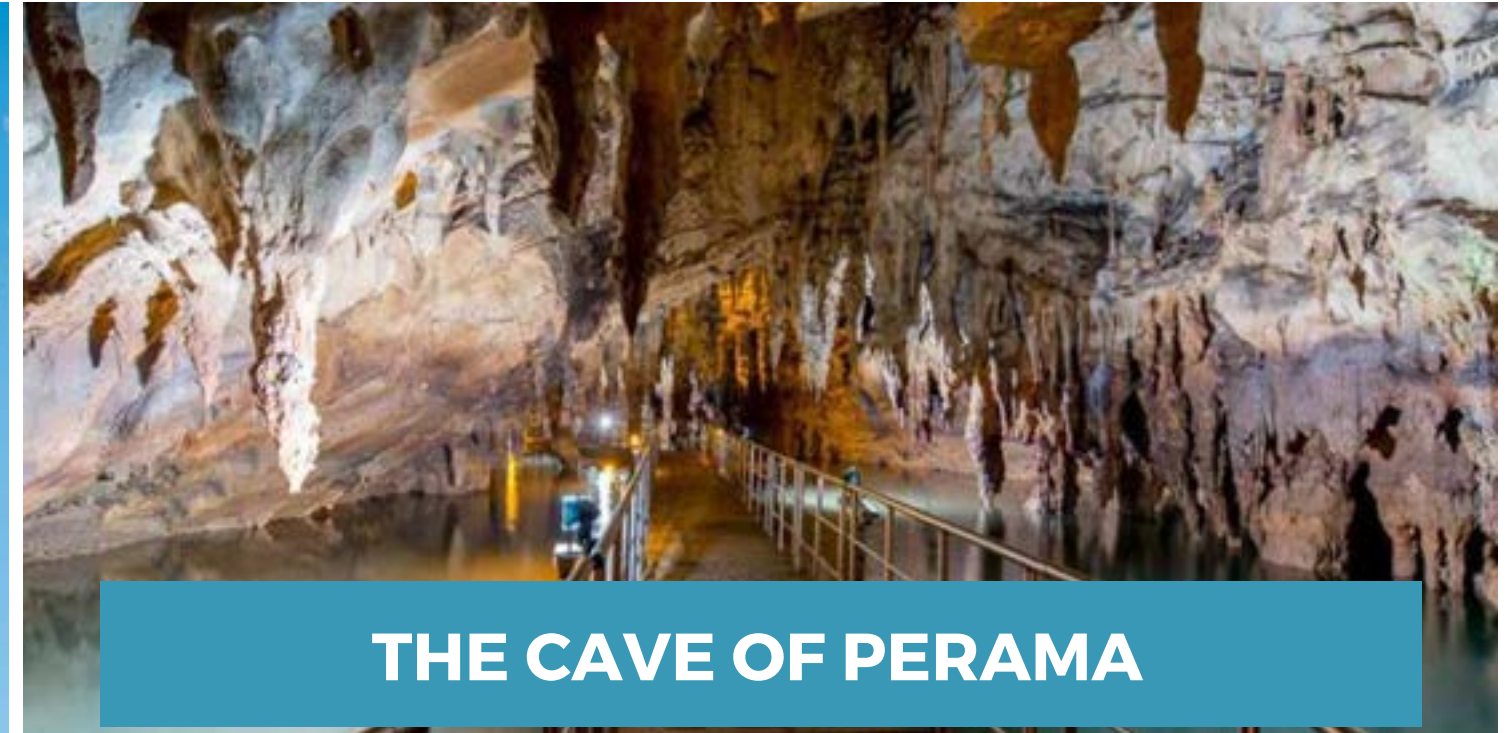
During our full-day trip to Ioannina, we'll explore its highlights: the island in the lake, the historic castle, the Silversmithing Museum, and the mystical Cave of Perama. We'll also enjoy a scenic lakeside walk, immersing ourselves in the town's natural beauty and rich heritage.



ISLAND IN THE LAKE



THE CASTLE



THE CAVE OF PERAMA



**THE SILVERSMITHING
MUSEUM**



WALK ON THE SIDE OF THE LAKE

DAY 6 - SEPTEMBER

14TH

Meteora

Our itinerary includes a full day at the awe-inspiring Meteora Monasteries, where we'll marvel at their breathtaking beauty and rich history.

Perched atop towering rock formations, these monasteries offer a glimpse into centuries-old spiritual traditions and provide stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. After our exploration, we'll indulge in a delicious dinner at Metsovo, a picturesque town known for its hearty cuisine and charming ambiance.

This day promises a perfect blend of cultural immersion and culinary delights against the backdrop of Greece's stunning natural wonders.

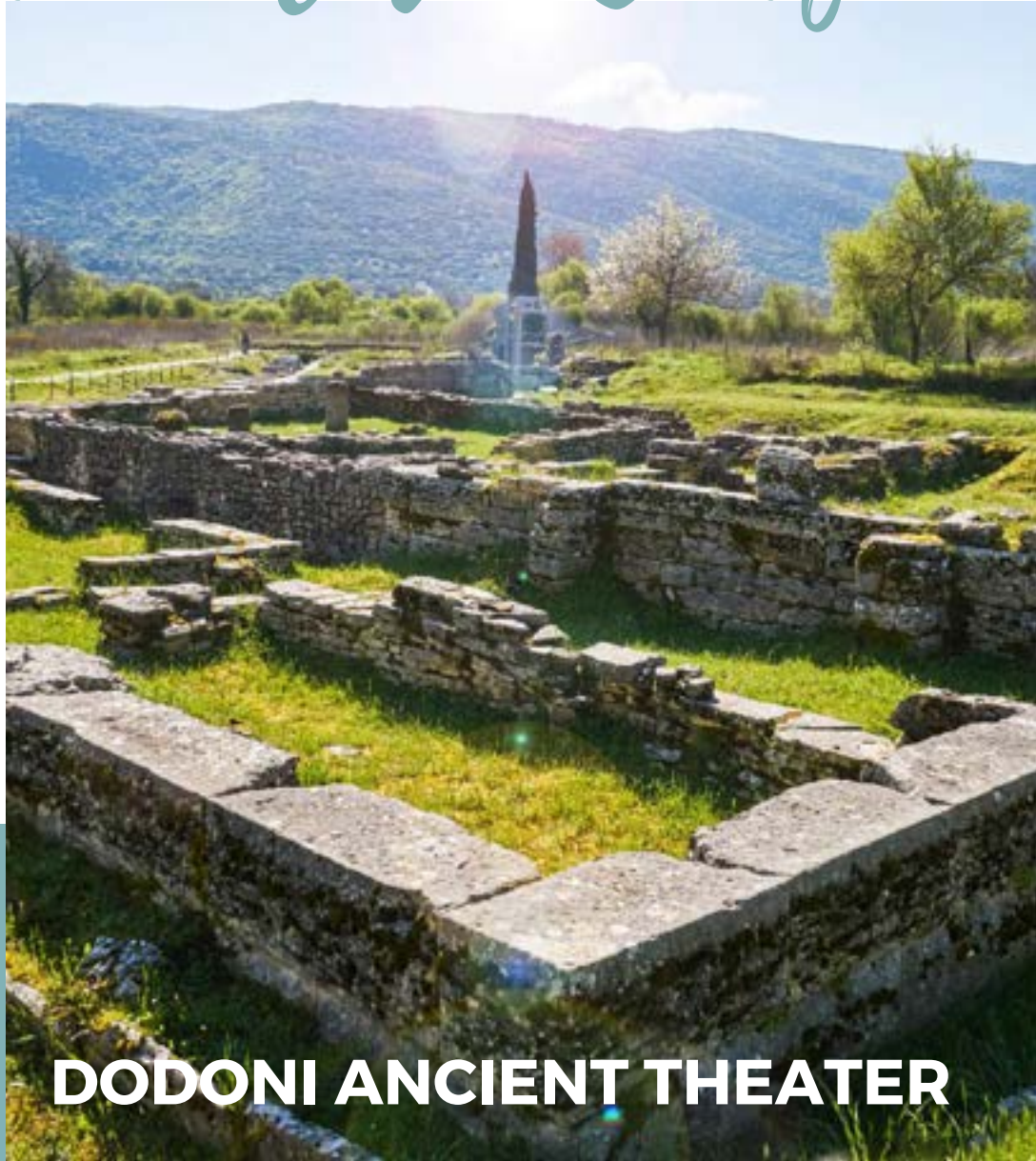


**METEORA
MONASTERIES**



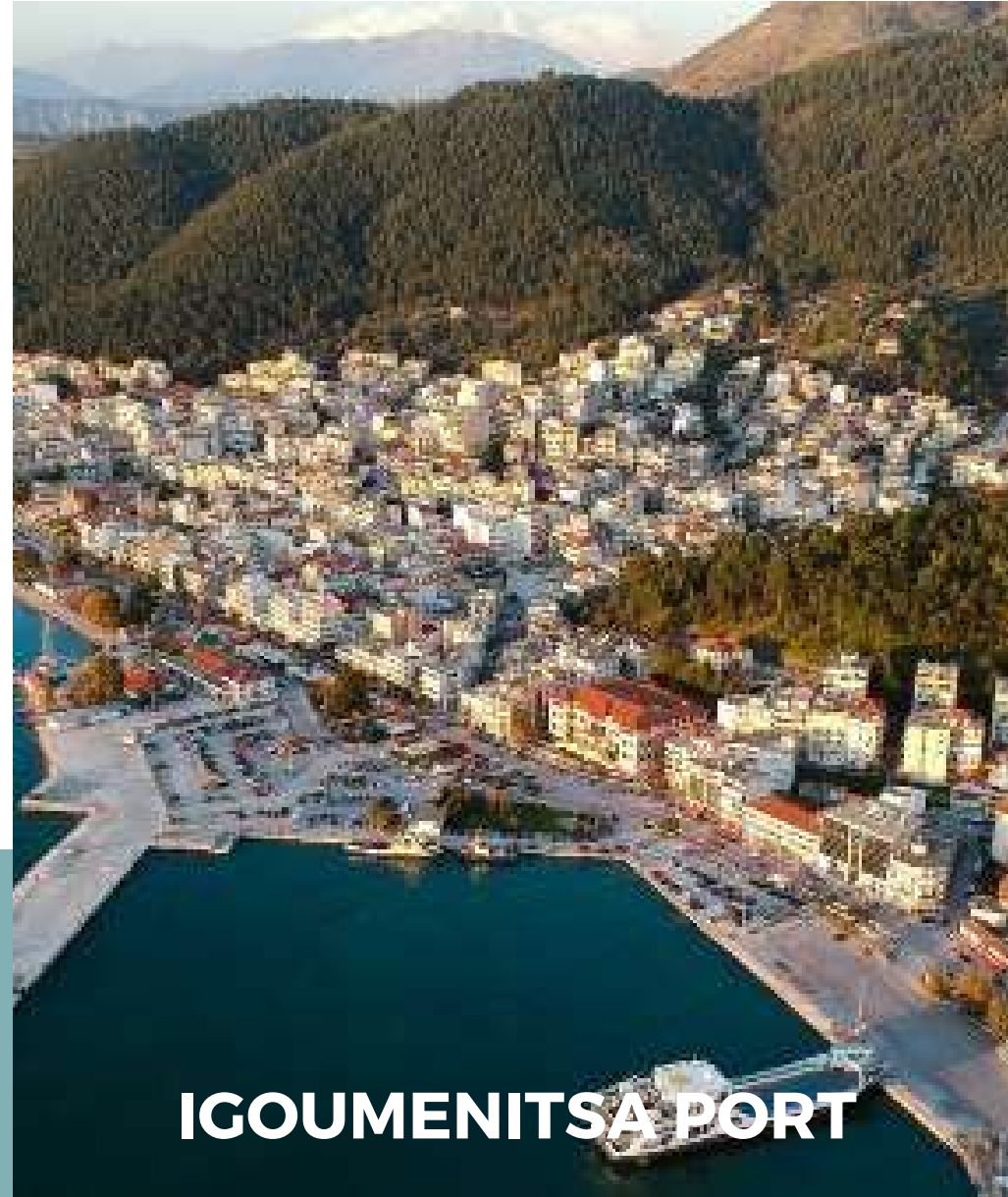
Travel to Corfu

DAY 7 - SEPTEMBER 15TH



DODONI ANCIENT THEATER

Dodoni Ancient Theater near Ioannina offers a captivating glimpse into Greece's ancient theatrical heritage. Built in the 4th century BCE, its remarkable acoustics as well as a visit to the temple of Zeus and the sacred oracle oak.



IGOUMENITSA PORT

The ferry trip from Igoumenitsa to Corfu port will take approximately 90 minutes. Our journey on the water offers picturesque views of the Ionian Sea as we travel in comfort before arriving at our exciting new destination



CORFU TOWN

Corfu Town is enchanting, with its Venetian architecture and lively atmosphere. Stroll through cobblestone streets, enjoy local cuisine, and soak in romantic seaside views. It's a memorable experience of charm and heritage in the heart of the Ionian Sea.

DAY 8 - SEPTEMBER 16TH

The Island of Corfu

Our full day in Corfu will be packed with cultural delights. We'll explore both castles, visit the Asian Museum, and marvel at the beauty of St. Spyridon Church. A leisurely walk through the Old Town will reveal its charming streets and historic treasures. Overnight, we'll soak in the town's unique atmosphere, ensuring a memorable stay in Corfu.



VISIT THE ANCIENT CASTLES OF CORFU

We will be exploring Corfu castles and museum which offers a rich glimpse into the island's history and culture. We will visit the Asian Museum before strolling around the beautiful streets of Corfu.



ASIAN MUSEUM

The Asian Museum in Corfu Town, located in the Palace of St. Michael and St. George, showcases art and artifacts from Asia, illustrating Corfu's multicultural heritage and historical connections to global trade routes.



ST. SPYRIDON CHURCH

St. Spyridon Church in Corfu Town is a notable religious site with an iconic bell tower, intricate frescoes, and Saint Spyridon's relics. Its central location in Corfu Town attracts visitors exploring the area.

DAY 9 SEPTEMBER

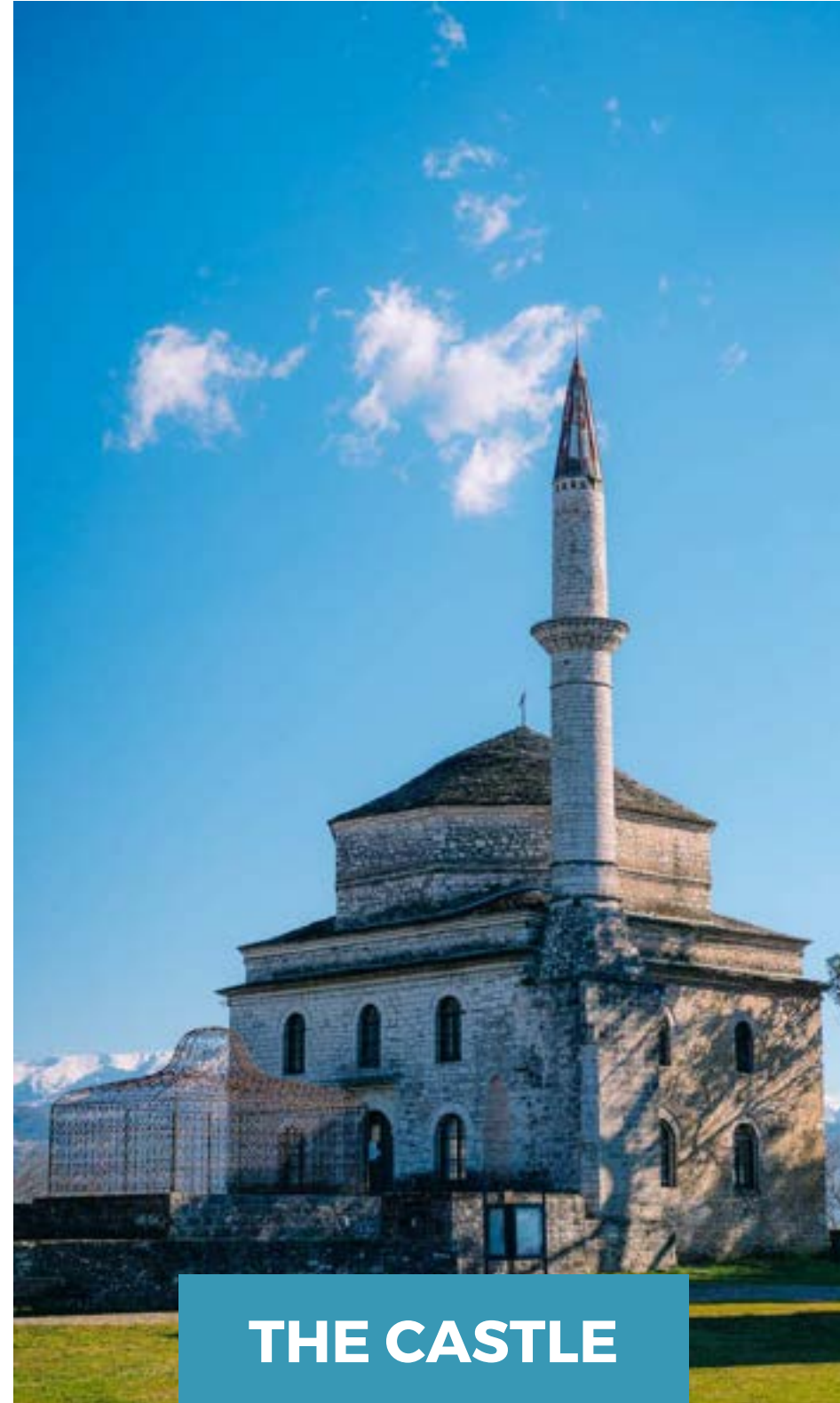
17TH

Corfu

Our Corfu adventure begins with a morning at Pontikonisi followed by a visit to Achelion Palace. We'll then explore Paleokastritsa and Sidari for a swim before enjoying lunch in Kassiopi. Returning to Corfu Town in the afternoon, we'll soak in its charm and spend the night amid its Venetian architecture.



PONTIKONISI



THE CASTLE



PALEOKASTRITSA



ACHILLION PALACE



SWIM AT SIDARI

DAY 10 SEPTEMBER

18TH TRAVEL TO *Kefalonia*

We will bid farewell to the Island of Corfu, as we make our way to one of the Jewels of the Ionian waters, Kefalonia, today will be a full day of travel, with an incredible stop on the way

Depart Corfu by boat with the first morning ferry to Igoumenitsa Port where we will pass through Syvota and Parga before arriving at the Acherondas Springs

Syvota and Parga are coastal towns in Greece with stunning beaches, turquoise waters, and charming atmosphere.

Acherondas Springs is a place of natural beauty and myth, where you can walk along or in the river that was believed to be the entrance to the underworld, to death's world.

We will leave the springs and head for the port to board our ferry for Kefalonia





DAY 11 SEPTEMBER 19TH KEFALONIA FREE DAY

Kefalonia is a stunning island in the Ionian Sea, with natural wonders, historical sites, and charming villages. You can swim at Myrtos Beach, explore the Melissani Cave, visit the Drogarati Cave, taste some local wines and more!

Day 12 September 20th

Ithaka



Afales Beach



Statue of Odysseus



Kathara Monastery



Stavros Archeological Museum



Filiatro Beach



Folklore Museum

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF ITHAKI ISLAND, WHERE NATURE AND LEGEND BLEND TOGETHER. ENJOY THE TURQUOISE WATERS OF AFALES BEACH AND SEE THE BRONZE STATUE OF ODYSSEUS, A SYMBOL OF THE ISLAND'S MYTHICAL HERITAGE. FIND PEACE AT KATHARA MONASTERY AND LEARN ABOUT THE ISLAND'S PAST AT STAVROS MUSEUM AND THE FOLKLORE MUSEUM. END YOUR TRIP WITH A RELAXING TIME AT FILIATRO BEACH, A SANDY PARADISE WITH OLIVE TREES AND MANY MORE.

DAY 13 SEPTEMBER 21ST

Kefalonia

Today will explore my home away from home, Kefalonia, often referred to as the jewel of the Ionian.

We will begin by making our way to the beautiful church and home of Saint Gerasimus, the saint of the Island, we will move on to the beautiful vineyard of the Robola grape, where we will enjoy our personal wine tasting. From here we will drive to Melisini Lake, the mid 50 earthquake exposed this underground area which is really breathtaking. We will also visit St Georges castle, 320 metres high peak looking over the villages of Taveilata and Peratata, and heading for a photo stop to the Famous Mytos beach, a day not to be forgotten!





Day 14 Return to Athens September 22nd

We will leave Kefalonia today and head for Athens, we will travel by ferry and our bus to arrive in our hotel this afternoon where we will have time to prepare for our visit to the sacred site of Sounion for Sunset, completing with dinner together before heading back to our hotel. Tomorrow we will all say farewell after our breakfast to continue our journey or begin our travels home.

A FEW THINGS TO PREPARE

Passport & Visa

You must have at least 6 months valid on your passport and complete a ETIAS which can be filled out online. (ETIAS commences from 2025)



Currency Exchange

Euro is the currency in Greece and through out most of Europe. Banks, ATMs and currency exchange offices and easily found, travel cards are recommended.

Climate

May and September are both beautiful times to travel throughout Greece, in May, perhaps a light jacket at night, both months swimmers are a must! September the water has warmed up over summer.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a must, please check all the details throughly, recommendations will be emailed to you on registration.



PACKAGE PRICING

Price Inclusions: Accommodation including breakfast, Our own bus for 15 days, all day trips, entry fees to sites & museums, Ferry tickets, all group talks & inclusions, 6 lunches and dinners, pre group zoom calls 6 months prior

Twin Share
Early Bird

AU\$4950

Single
Early Bird

AU\$5950

Twin Share
Non - Early Bird

AU\$5550

Single
Non - Early Bird

AU\$6550

- An \$850 deposit is due to confirm your place in the program with a further \$850 due 8 weeks from deposit payment.
- With final balance due 8 weeks prior to start date
- Payment plans are available
- Discounts are available for early bird
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