

# SHORE EXCURSIONS

## THESSALONIKI, GREECE

### Thessaloniki Highlights



**\$79.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$69.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 ½ Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

Admire the city's marquee attractions, stopping for photos at the key landmarks before visiting St. Demetrius Church and the Archaeological Museum.

After departing from the pier, you will soon enter the heart of Thessaloniki, a thriving metropolis that is the second largest city in Greece. Considering its size and the importance of Thessaloniki in the ancient world, there are plenty of fascinating attractions. The most recognizable is the White Tower, a 15th-century fortress that has become the city's symbol.

Even older are the Arch and Rotunda of Galerius, which the emperor built in the 4th century to commemorate his victory over Persia. Although many of the supporting buildings have now crumbled, these two structures have stood the test of time. Similarly, the citadel and Thessaloniki's defensive walls are reminders of its tumultuous history. The best views are from Upper or Old Town, one of the few areas that survived the great fire of 1917.

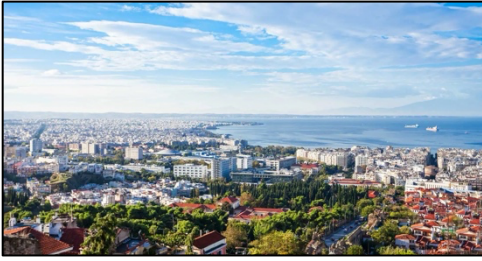
Of course, not all of the attractions are ancient. You will also pass the International Trade Fair grounds and the campus of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Still, the tug of history is irresistible, especially as you meander through St. Demetrius Church admiring the Byzantine mosaics that depict the story of the saint. More historical artifacts await you at the Archaeological Museum, which includes exhibitions on subjects such as prehistoric Macedonia and the use of gold in jewelry, coins and clothing. After browsing the museum, you will return to the pier.

### NOTES

- This tour includes approximately 2-hours of easy to moderate walking with some steps and thresholds to negotiate.
- The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with walking difficulties are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability.
- Weather appropriate clothing (conservative dress is requested for entering the cathedral); sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## Panoramic Thessaloniki



**\$75.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$65.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 Hours  
Activity Level: Easy

### DETAILS

Behold the architectural landmarks that have defined Thessaloniki over the centuries and then enjoy a leisurely drive through a verdant forest that lies on the outskirts.

After departing from the pier, you will drive along the city's seaside boulevard, where you will soon come upon Aristotelous Square. Designed following the great fire of 1917, the mansion-flanked square has become a revered symbol of the city. Nearby, you will also find the iconic White Tower, a 15th-century fortress on the waterfront.

Continuing, one landmark after another will come into view, including the Arch and Rotunda of Galerius, which the emperor built in the 4th century to commemorate his victory over Persia. Then, there is the city's esteemed Archaeological Museum and St. Demetrius Church, the site where the saint was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

Saint Sophia Church is another highlight that reveals much about Thessaloniki's past. Based on its masonry, it may date from the early 8th century. Over the centuries it has been converted into a mosque, rededicated for Christian worship, partially destroyed in World War II, and severely damaged by an earthquake. Yet, it still stands, a beautiful representation of Thessaloniki's resiliency

As a counterpoint to the city tour, you will take a short drive through Sheikh Sou forest on the outskirts. As there are very few green spaces within Thessaloniki, this lush wonderland is revered for its serenity. It makes for a welcome respite. Following a refreshment stop, you'll return to the pier.

### NOTES

- This tour is primarily panoramic in nature with walking at the guests' discretion during the stops.
- The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.
- Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability.
- Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# IZMIR, TURKEY

## Ephesus & House of the Virgin Mary



**\$159.00** / Person  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 7 Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

View the home of the Virgin Mary following the death of Christ until her Assumption, or Dormition, and explore Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. Journey to the location believed to be where the Virgin Mary spent her last days and which has become a pilgrimage site for both Christians and Muslims. You'll marvel at 3rd-century BC Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site and once the location of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Discover countless remains of this once-thriving city, such as the 2nd-century Library of Celsus and the Odeon Theater. You'll marvel at the perfect acoustics of the 24,000-seat Great Theater, which is still used today for musical performances. At a lovely five-star hotel, enjoy a bountiful buffet lunch before you travel to the nearby resort town of Kusadasi to shop for souvenirs or famous Turkish carpets. In Selçuk, near Izmir, visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum to survey collections unearthed from Ephesus' many excavations, including statues of the gods and goddesses who inspired this heavenly region.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the site thought to be the last home of the Virgin Mary until her Assumption.
- Visit the striking and well-preserved ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Marvel at Ephesus' 24,000-seat Great Theater, 2nd-century Library of Celsus and the Odeon Theater.
- Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at a luxury hotel.
- Relish time to shop for souvenirs, jewelry or handmade Turkish carpets.
- Explore the Ephesus Archaeological Museum to view treasures from the ancient city.

### NOTES

- This tour includes approximately three hours of moderate-to-strenuous walking, plus any additional walking at the guest's discretion during free time.
- There will be steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.
- It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair.
- The tour may not be suitable for guests with mobility concerns, who are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

## Gourmet Tour – Taste of Smyrna



**\$169.00 / Person**  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 2 ¾ Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

Dine at a restaurant that caters to tradespeople and gain great insight into daily life and the local cuisine. Known as Smyrna in ancient times, Izmir has long been an important port and you will see the abundance of goods available in the Kemeralti Market. Many of the items on display in this centuries-old market will be ingredients in your lunch, which will be enjoyed at a traditional restaurant for working people known as aesnaf lokantasi.

These popular spots are typically small, lively and filled with locals that come for the fresh home-style cooking. You will be offered a variety of authentic small-plate dishes and main courses made with seasonal ingredients that reflect the cuisine of Izmir.

The welcoming atmosphere is such that you can't help but feel like one of the locals. After dining, you can explore the neighborhood on your own, an experience that will enhance your understanding of day-to-day life.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse a centuries-old marketplace that offers a remarkable array of merchandise.
- Dine at a restaurant that serves traditional dishes to a largely working-class clientele.
- Revel in the restaurant's lively, unpretentious atmosphere.
- Spend free time exploring the surrounding neighborhood after dining.

### NOTES

- Any allergies must be noted when booking the tour.
- This tour includes a little walking, mainly at the guest's discretion.
- Coaches do not have a lift and entering and exiting must be done via stairs.
- This tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can both make their way on and off the coach, and have a companion to assist.
- Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.
- Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their level of ability and stamina.

# ISTANBUL, TURKEY

## Capital of Two Empires



**\$149.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$119.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 7 Hours  
Activity Level: Strenuous

### DETAILS

The Ottomans and Byzantines ruled this city for centuries, and testament to these great empires stand the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, opposite each other in Sultanahmet Square. You'll visit these two impressive landmarks of Istanbul as well as the Basilica Cistern and the Grand Bazaar. Start with a visit to one of the most recognized landmarks in the world, the Mosque of Sultan Ahmet, better known as the Blue Mosque because of the over 21,000 blue-green Iznik tiles used for its interior decoration.

Continue to the Hippodrome, to see the remains of what was once the scene for political struggles in the capital city of the Byzantine Empire. Visit the Hagia Sophia, a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture. It served as a church for hundreds of years during the Byzantine Empire and was converted to a Mosque when the city was conquered by the Ottomans in 1453. Here, you'll find evidence of both. Continue to the great Byzantine Basilica Cistern, located across from Hagia Sophia. You might think that having so many breathtaking sites to visit above ground leaves no need to go under. But you'll soon discover why this visit is worth every minute.

Next stop is the Grand Bazaar. You'll have a short time to experience the exotic atmosphere of the covered part. Then visit the open and modern section, where you'll enjoy local snacks and a presentation of carpets, leather, or jewelry, followed by time for shopping. You'll also have free time for lunch at your own expense during the tour and you'll find many choices nearby.

### NOTES

- Expect differences in tour durations due to traffic conditions.
- Participants are required to remove their shoes to enter the Blue Mosque.
- As this tour visits a place of worship, please dress respectfully: no bare shoulders or exposed knees.
- Should the Blue Mosque be closed to visitors due to religious festivities, you'll visit another historical mosque.
- On Sundays, the Grand Bazaar closes and only the shops of the outer bazaar remain open, therefore the visit to the Grand Bazaar may be replaced with the Spice Bazaar.
- The "Gallery" section of the Hagia Sophia is not included, but it may be visited during free time.
- There is approximately 1-1/2 miles of walking over uneven surfaces and some inclines and steps on this tour.
- This tour will be subject to national and religious festive days due to the closure of the sites and venues during the month of Ramadan, including the Festival Period of Ramadan.

## Highlights of Istanbul with Harem



**\$199.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$149.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 7 ½ Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

Start your day with a visit to Topkapi Palace. The palace was built with a series of pavilions, kitchens, barracks, audience chambers, sleeping quarters and courtyards. The treasury section houses an invaluable collection of richly decorated items made with gold, silver, precious stones, pearls and diamonds.

You'll continue to the Harem section and provide a ticket for entry. Strictly closed to outsiders, it's been a subject of many stories over the centuries. It is up to the imagination of the visitor to recreate the colorful and lively old days in the now empty rooms. Visit Hagia Sophia, a true artistic and architectural treasure; the intricate mosaics that cover its walls and ceilings are of incredible historic value. It dates back to the 6th century and is the only Byzantine structure that still stands in this excellent state of preservation.

You'll stop at the Grand Bazaar, for an opportunity to experience its unique and lively atmosphere. Thousands of stalls fill its lanes with everyday household items as well as souvenirs, antiques, jewelry and more. You'll also visit the open section of the Grand Bazaar, here you'll find the best stores offering reliable shopping and you can get almost anything including ceramics, leather, jewelry, handmade carpets and more. You'll attend a presentation on the unique art of Turkish carpets with additional time to shop while enjoying complimentary refreshments. You'll be provided free time to enjoy lunch on your own.

### NOTES

- Expect differences in tour durations due to traffic conditions.
- The "Gallery" section of St. Sophia is not included.
- On Sundays, the Grand Bazaar closes and only the shops of the outer bazaar remain open. Therefore, the visit to the Grand Bazaar may be replaced with the Spice Bazaar.
- There are approximately 2 1/2 miles of walking over uneven surfaces and some inclines and steps.
- This tour will be subject to national and religious festive days due to the closure of the sites and venues during the month of Ramadan, including the Festival Period of Ramadan.

## VOLOS, GREECE

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## MYKONOS, GREECE

### Scenic Views of Mykonos



**\$99.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$59.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 Hours  
Activity Level: Easy

#### DETAILS

The island of Mykonos is world famous for its stunning scenic beauty comprised of windmills, sparkling bays, superb beaches, white houses, and churches with their colorful blue and red domes. You'll pass by Ornos Beach, one of the most cosmopolitan beaches on the island with an abundance of luxurious hotels, tavernas and yachts mooring offshore.

You'll take a short photo stop at the beach of Kalafatis to experience one of the island's beautiful beaches and to enjoy the breathtaking view. As you head to the center of the island, you'll visit the village of Ano Mera and the Monastery Panayia Tourliani. You'll also have a chance to enjoy ouzo and Greek appetizers in the peaceful little square of the village.

#### NOTES

- Tour involves approximately 1/2 mile of walking on level ground.
- Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months, we recommend that you drink a lot of water, use sun protection and dress in layers.

### Delos: Birthplace of Artemis & Apollo



**\$129.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$79.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 4 Hours  
Activity Level: Strenuous

#### DETAILS

Not far from Mykonos lies the island of Delos, the mythical birthplace of the Goddess Artemis and God Apollo – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Like Delphi, Delos was a major sanctuary dedicated to Apollo, the Olympian god of prophecy, music, healing and more. Apollo's sanctuary attracted pilgrims from all over Greece, creating one of the wealthiest and most revered shrines of antiquity.

Here you'll find traces of Aegean civilizations, from the 3rd millennium B.C. to the palaeo-Christian era. The archaeological site is exceptionally extensive and rich and conveys the image of a great cosmopolitan Mediterranean port. The island's landscape consists solely of ruins systematically excavated since 1872 and a museum.

After reaching the island by ferry boat, you'll discover among the ruins, one of the island's most spectacular relics, the Avenue of the Lions, where perfect replicas of the 7th century Naxian marble beasts crouch in silent vigilance at the sacred lake where Leto gave birth to her twins. Beyond, a path leads to Mt. Kynthos, where Zeus observed the event.

## NOTES

- Tour involves approximately 1/2 mile of walking on uneven gravel terrain.
- Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs.
- Delos is explored on foot and the two hour walk is over uneven terrain and the steps can be slippery.
- Not recommended for wheelchair users.
- Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months, we recommend that you drink a lot of water, use sun protection and dress in layers.
- The boat ride between Mykonos and Delos can be rough at times, depending on sea conditions.

## SANTORINI, GREECE

### Charming Oia & Winery



**\$119.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)

**\$99.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)

Departure Time: TBA

Duration: 4 Hours

Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

Enjoy some of Santorini's highlights when you visit a well-known, quality winery and the beautiful village of Oia. You'll stop at one of the island's finest wineries where you'll taste some of the best wines in Santorini. Continue to picturesque Oia, situated on top of an impressive cliff and enjoy the unrivaled, spectacular views of the Aegean.

This traditional village offers charming houses and quaint narrow streets that are ideal for a stroll. Blue domed churches, sunbathed verandas, plenty of shops, tavernas and cafes await your discovery. Many artists have fallen in love with this idyllic setting and their presence is obvious in the many art galleries.

### NOTES

- Tour involves walking for approximately 1/2 mile on level, some steps and cobblestone streets. The amount of walking and exertion during free time is up to you.
- Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs.
- Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use sun protection.
- Most tours end in Fira where you'll board a cable car to return to the pier (cable car tickets will be provided).
- Lines for the cable car are very long, especially during summer or when there are several ships in port; please allow sufficient time to return to the tender landing pier.



## Charming Oia Village



**\$99.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$69.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

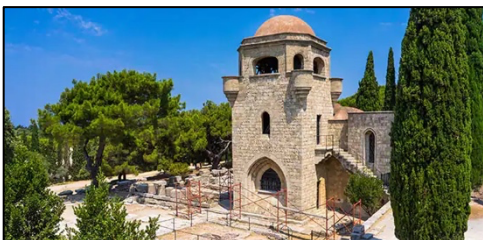
Built high up on the ridge of red rocks, Oia offers breathtaking views of the blue Aegean and the caldera below. Take a stroll around the narrow streets with free time to visit the art galleries, antique shops and perhaps enjoy a cup of coffee in one of the cafés or pastry shops. Many artists have fallen in love with this idyllic setting and their presence is obvious in the many art galleries. This traditional village offers you spectacular photo opportunities of the famed blue domed churches and sundrenched verandas.

### NOTES

- Tour involves walking for approximately 1/2 mile on level, some steps and cobblestone streets.
- Amount of walking and exertion during free time is up to you.
- Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs.
- Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use sun protection.
- Most tours end in Fira where you'll board a cable car to return to the pier (cable car tickets will be provided).
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## RHODES, GREECE

### Highlights of Rhodes



**\$109.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$69.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 4 Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

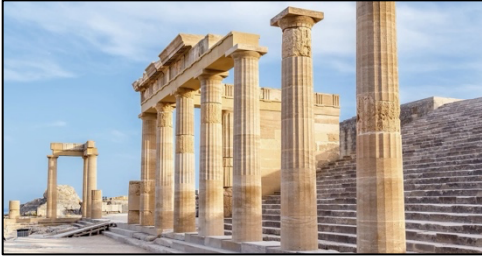
### DETAILS

The old port of Mandraki, where this tour begins, is believed to be the site of the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Historic sites abound in Rhodes, as you will soon discover after enjoying a panoramic view of the city and Rhodes Bay from atop Monte Smith.

Visit the fully restored 14th-century Grand Masters Palace, which contains beautiful alabaster windows, French and Venetian furniture, and floor mosaics with scenes from Greek mythology. It served as a fortress in times of war, and a residence for the Grand Master and a meeting place for

senior knights during times of peace. As you continue down the Avenue of the Knights, where the knights lived, the cobblestoned street seems to exude a noble and somewhat forbidden aura, as its lofty buildings stretch in an unbroken wall of honey-colored stone, punctuated by huge doorways and arched windows. At the conclusion of this tour, you can either return to ship, or remain in the old town to explore further on your own.

## Ancient Lindos



**\$99.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$59.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 4 ½ Hours  
Activity Level: Moderate

### DETAILS

A beautiful drive along the east coast of Rhodes to Lindos will take you past picturesque little villages and through a splendid landscape of orange and lemon groves, gnarled olive trees, and lovingly tended vineyards.

An ancient Doric town, Lindos is dominated by a magnificent acropolis, located atop a strategic hill overlooking the bay. The views are absolutely breathtaking on the walk to the summit, especially of the waterscape below where St. Paul is said to have landed in 58 A.D. Other highlights of the famed archaeological site are the ruins of a walled fortress built in the 15th century and the remains of the ancient Temple of the Lindian Athena. It was consecrated to the goddess Athena and also named for Lindia, a pre-Hellenic divinity.

Upon descending from the acropolis, you can meander freely through the narrow streets and past clusters of whitewashed houses that lend Lindos its distinct look. A haunt of artists for years, the village also boasts a myriad of shops carrying locally made jewelry, leather goods and ceramics.

### NOTES

- The tour includes approximately 2-hours of moderate to strenuous walking on even and uneven surfaces and negotiating 200 steps at the Acropolis of Lindos.

## CRETE (HERAKLION), GREECE

### Knossos & The Minotaur



**\$99.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$59.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 Hours  
Activity Level: Strenuous

### DETAILS

Crete's fertile soil and towering peaks witnessed the development of one of the earliest recorded civilizations on earth, the Minoans. Knossos was the court of the legendary King Minos, whose wife Pasiphae gave birth to the Minotaur, half-bull, half-man. The excavations on the site lasted 35 years. Entering the Great Palace through the West Court, one can easily understand why the legend of the

labyrinth grew up here. It takes about 1 1/2 hours to walk around the site. Admire the superb Royal Quarters, the Throne Room with an antechamber and main throne, and the Queen's Quarters whose wall above the entrance door is decorated with a copy of the famous dolphin frescos. Apart from the Royal Palace there are also other buildings included on the site such as the Small Palace, the House of the High Priest and the Caravanserai.

## NOTES

- Tour involves approximately 3/4 miles of walking and 15 steps to navigate.
- We recommend you wear flat comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sun glasses and bring bottled water.

## Knossos & Heraklion City



**\$99.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$59.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 4 Hours  
Activity Level: Strenuous

## DETAILS

This tour visits the amazing Knossos archaeological site, proving the existence of the Minoan civilization. The Palace of Knossos was the largest and most spectacular of Minoan palaces. It was the court of the legendary King Minos, father of the mythological Minotaur, half-bull, half-man. The original palace was built around 2,000 B.C., and after being destroyed by an earthquake, was replaced with a more complex one, which strongly resembled a labyrinth. Your guided tour will take you through the marvelous ruins of the ancient complex, restored by Sir Arthur Evans. His work has been criticized by some for its modernity, but it does help you visualize the palace as it was, when it served as the administrative center for the region. There will be over an hour of free time for you to stroll at leisure in the town of Heraklion. Perhaps visit the Fountain of Morosini near the colorful fruit and vegetable market, or shop for some Cretan souvenirs.

## NOTES

- Tour involves approximately 3/4 miles of walking and 15 steps to navigate.
- We recommend you wear flat comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sun glasses and bring bottled water.

## ATHENS (PIRAEUS), GREECE

### Athens & The Acropolis



**\$99.00** / Person  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 ½ Hours  
Activity Level: Strenuous

## DETAILS

Commissioned by Pericles and built by Pheidias, the perfectly proportioned Parthenon crowns the Acropolis, representing the Golden Age of Classical Greece. Follow the winding path to 'the upper city' entrance through the Propylaea gateway. Beyond, on the highest part of the hill, stands the crowning glory of the Acropolis, the Parthenon, looking out over the graceful Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Old City below. After the Acropolis, you'll drive to both the old and new sections of Athens, separated by Hadrian's Arch.

You'll pass the statue of Lord Byron, the Corinthian Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square to the former Royal Palace. Here you'll have a chance to take a photo of the Presidential Guard or Evzones in traditional uniform, as they stand watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other sights on the drive include the Academy, National Gardens and the Old Marble Olympic Stadium, built in 1895 for the first modern Olympic Games.

## NOTES

- The Acropolis is explored on foot and requires approximately two hours of walking.
- There are some 75 steps at the entrance and in certain locations the marble is uneven and slippery.
- During summer months and when there are many ships at the port of Piraeus, expect extreme overcrowding at the sites with possible waiting time to enter, especially at the Acropolis.
- Temperatures can reach extreme highs during summer months; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use suitable sun protection.

## Views of Athens & New Acropolis Museum



**\$109.00** / Adult (ages 13 & over)  
**\$69.00** / Child (ages 12 & under)  
Departure Time: TBA  
Duration: 3 ½ Hours  
Activity Level: Easy

## DETAILS

Your drive from Piraeus will pass by the Zea and Microlimano Marinas on your way to Athens. Your first stop will be the Old Marble Olympic Stadium, reconstructed in the 19th century on Roman foundations. This is where the revival of the games took place in 1896. After you pass by some of the most important sites of Athens including the Royal Palace, Constitution Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, you'll arrive at Acropolis Hill with a spectacular view of the Parthenon and the glorious monuments of the Acropolis.

Your tour continues to the New Acropolis Museum, which is an archaeological museum focused on the Acropolis findings. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens.

## NOTES

- There is approximately 1/4 mile of walking and approximately 20 steps on this tour.
- During summer months, expect extreme overcrowding at the sites with possible waiting time to enter.

- Temperatures can reach extreme highs; we recommend that you drink a lot of water and use sun protection.

***The Prices are subject to change at any time without notice.***