

## The Cultural Tour of Peloponnese



LOCATION: Peloponnese, Greece

DEPARTURES: 2025, all year

DURATION: 12 days

PRICE from: low season ( except July&August) – € 940p.p

high season (July-August) – €1010 p.p

excluding flights, for double, triple, quad room or apartment.  
Single supplement €300, child discount(0-12 yrs) 30%

ACCOMMODATION: apartments or 3 star hotel (depending on availability)

TRANSPORTATION: self-driving car/minibus

MORE INFO: type of car is chosen according to the number of persons

## **About this holiday**

This is a trip for those who want to discover the true Peloponnese beyond its advertised side. This is a self-driving tour for the lovers of culture and nature and for those who want to meet their destination in depth! As we are locals and we know our area better than anyone else, we have chosen for you to travel through several and different places of Peloponnese that represent the Greek culture and the Greek way of living and include history, tradition, architecture, local gastronomy, natural beauty, unparalleled beaches and many more. You will travel to mountains and seas, through small traditional settlements and bigger cities, you will visit historical sites of all ages, as well as local winery (for some wine tasting) and an olive oil mill! You will see different places with different habitants and you will discover all the hidden secrets of Peloponnese. Mountainous Arcadia, Mani, Monemvasia, Messinia, ancient Olympia, Mycenae, the ancient theatre of Epidaurus, Nafplio, Tolo ...all in one trip that only Peloponnese can offer. A journey that will enlarge your horizons!

## **Why choose this holiday?**

This trip is different and unique because it is not specialized only in history or in sea&sun holidays. It is created in such a way so that the traveller will visit all the notable places of Peloponnese and will experience all the similar but different way of living of each area. It is ideal for those who want to combine everything on their holidays; swimming and relaxing on the beach, mountain and of course history and tradition.

## **Self-driving holidays**

According to your needs and mainly to the number of participants, we arrange for you to have a car that will be suitable for you (couples, families etc). If you are a bigger group, you can have a minibus or two cars. You will pick up the car at the Athens Airport, make the tour and deliver it back there in the end. As the time of your daily transportation is up to you, you have the possibility to organize your program in the way that you prefer as long as you appear in the hotel the scheduled day. You can drive morning or night, directly or with stops; it's completely your decision!

## **Responsible travel holiday**

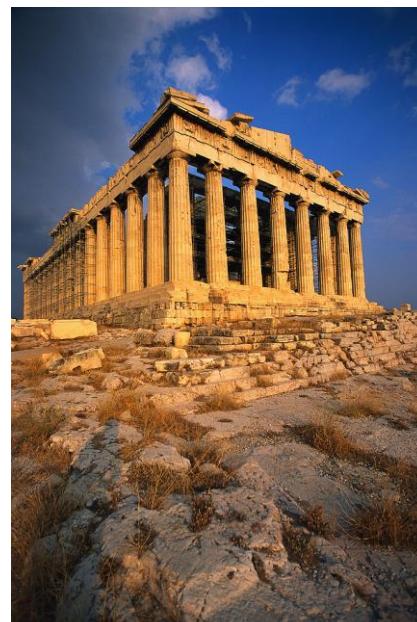
Responsible travel is a new way of travelling for all those who prefer authenticity of experiences, life and culture instead of mass tourism. It's about respecting and benefiting local people and the environment – but it's about far more than that. Responsible travel is about bringing you closer to local cultures and environments by involving local people in tourism. It's about doing this in a fair way that helps ensure that they will give you an even warmer welcome. For example, a local guide from the destination will open your eyes to their cultures and ways of life far better than an expat guide could ever do.

The responsible travelers want to get a little bit more out of their travels, and to give a little bit back to the special places and people that they encounter. They want deeper and more real travel experiences. The responsible traveler values authenticity – experiences integral to local people's traditions, cultures and rituals – rather than those created for tourism, or those whose existing meanings and uses have become lost as they have been packaged up for tourism.

Choosing our holidays, you choose responsible holidays. One of our biggest concerns is to secure that tourism will not affect negatively our area in ecological and also socio-cultural way, and also that the locals will mostly benefit from your travel. Our company which is the organizer and operator of this package is local-based and all our employees are locals too.

## **Day-by-day itinerary**

**DAY 1-2: Arrival -Athens.** Landing in Athens Airport, you will pick up your car and then you can direct straight forward to your hotel. You will spend one more day in Athens so you have time to visit Acropolis, walk in the centre or experience the night life of the Greek Capital.



**DAY 3-4: Dimitsana.** This day you travel to Dimitsana, one of the most beautiful and picturesque villages of mountainous Arcadia in the heart of Menalo Mountain, about 2,5 hours drive in the centre of Peloponnese. You will spend 2 days here as you can do trekking through the Lousios gorge and see the graphical monasteries built in the rocks, visit the hydromovement museum(unique in Balkans), or visit neighboring traditional villages like Vytina and Stemnitsa. All these villages with the unique architecture, played significant role during the Greek revolution against the Ottomans in 1821.The area is famous for its local provincial goods so don't forget to taste the local food and wines!



**DAY 5-6: Ancient Olympia - Pylos.** Leaving Dimitsana you will drive west coming down from the mountain and you can make a stop to visit ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. You have to visit both the archeological area

and the Olympia museum to discover the ancient Greek ideal. You will be browsed in the ancient buildings of the city; the great Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Hera, the ancient gymnasium and the Palaestra and to the workshop of Phidias where the great sculptor crafted the gigantic chryselephantine statue of Zeus, listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. In the museum you



can admire the brilliant Hermes of Praxiteles, the Nike of Paionios and the pediments of Zeus temple are just some of the exhibits that anybody should see at least once in his life!

You continue directly for your next stop, Pylos(or Navarino), heading south to Messinia. On the way you can visit an olive oil mill if you wish! You will spend one more day there as there is much to



do and see. In Pylos, you can combine cultural interest with summer relaxation. You can visit the villages of Methoni, Koroni and Finikouda with the Venetian castles next to the sea and also swim in their great beaches. This area has its own characteristics and surely 2

days will finally prove not to be enough.

**DAY 7: Mani.** Our next destination will be Mani. A historical area of Peloponnese, with Taygetos Mountain making it hard to approach. A fantastic place that combines the Mediterranean beaches with the highest mountain of Peloponnese. Castles, churches, architect and of course the beautiful beaches compose an unforgettable environment which you will surely like to visit again.



**DAY 8: Monemvasia.** This day you travel east for your next stop in Monemvasia. Monemvasia is famous for the medieval fortress constructed on the "rock of Monemvasia" which is connected to land by a bridge. This is a unique scenery that attracts many tourists yearly.



**DAY 9-10-11: Nafplio.** The last stop of your trip is the famous Nafplio, one of the most beautiful cities and the first capital of Greece. In Nafplio you will spend 3 days as you have plenty of choice to fill your time. Except exploring the city, visit the castle with 999 steps and discover the small taverns in the promenades, you can make visits to the ancient theatre of



Epidaurus and to ancient city of Mycenae. You can also make some daytrips by boat to the islands of the Argolic gulf, Spetses and Hydra or relax and sunbath in the beautiful beach of Tolo or Karathona just outside Nafplio.

**DAY 12: Departure.** After about 2,5 hour drive, you will arrive at the Athens Airport where you deliver your car and depart for home.

**Price includes:**

Accommodation for 11 nights with breakfast in double, triple or quad room, car rental, information about each area.

archaeological sites,  
museums, caves etc.,  
gasoline, tolls.

**Price does not include:**

Hotel tax, Flight tickets, meals/dinners, tickets for

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