

## GREECE & ITALY

Immerse yourself in Mediterranean history and culture with a tour of two ancient powerhouses. Explore the ruins of Athens, Corinth, and Delphi before visiting iconic sites like the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and Pompeii.

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### Day 1: Board your flight to Greece.

### Day 2: Athens

- Meet with your tour director at **Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos**.
- Board your private motor coach and depart on a **guided panoramic tour** of the Greek capital. You will see the **Acropolis**, the **Panathenaic (Kallimarmaro) Stadium**, **Hellenic Parliament**, the **National Library**, the **Temple of Olympian Zeus**, and more.
- Settle into your hotel before dinner.

### Day 3: Argolis Peninsula

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Epidauros**, featuring the best-preserved **Ancient Theatre** in Greece, with acoustics that let actors be heard by all 15,000 spectators.
- Discover local agriculture with a visit to an **olive plantation**. A local guide will teach your group about the methods used to produce the country's famous export.
- Travel through orange groves and olive trees toward the archaeological site of **Mycenae**, a city with strong roots in Greek mythology.
- Continue to **Nafplio**, the first capital of Greece. Stop at **Palamidi**, a Venetian fortress overlooking the Mediterranean sea.

### Day 4: Acrocorinth & Ancient Corinth

- Explore **Ancient Corinth**, with sites like the **Temple of Apollo**, the **Peribolos of Apollo** (an ancient covered square), and a museum that gives these monuments added context and meaning.
- Board your private motor coach and depart to **Acrocorinth**, a looming monolithic rock overlooking **Ancient Corinth**. The site was a Greek acropolis, a Roman citadel, and a Byzantine fortress. Many of the remaining ruins are from medieval times.
- On your way toward Delphi, stop at **Arahova**, a mountain village.

### Day 5: Delphi & Athens

- Discover the ancient archaeological site of **Delphi**, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its influence in the ancient world. Visit the **Temple of Apollo**, the **Tholos of Delphi**, and the **Delphi Archaeological Museum**. The **Omphalos of Delphi** monument represents its role as the center of the world during Ancient Greek times.
- Board your private motor coach and return to Athens, where you'll embark on a tour of the **Acropolis**, an ancient fortress towering over 300 meters above the city of Athens. Admire the **caryatids**, sculptures of women serving as columns around the structure.

### Day 6: Rome

- Board your private motor coach and depart to the airport, where you will take a flight to **Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport** in Rome.
- Settle into your hotel for free time before dinner.

### Day 7: Rome & Pompeii

- Board your private motor coach and depart on a guided tour of **Pompeii**, the infamous site of the **Mount Vesuvius** eruption in 79 AD, which decimated the city and its inhabitants in minutes.
- After free time for lunch, embark on a hike to the top of Mount Vesuvius, where you'll have a great view of the city and the volcanic fumes.
- Return to Rome for dinner.

### Day 8: Rome

- Your first stop of the day is a tour of **Vatican City**, an independent state in the heart of Rome.
- Explore **St. Peter's Basilica**, a late Renaissance church that can hold nearly 60,000 people inside its intricately-decorated walls.
- The highlight of your tour will be the **Sistine Chapel**, with Michelangelo's masterful frescoes on the ceiling. Afterward, be sure to take a stroll through the Vatican gardens.
- After lunch, embark upon a walking tour of Rome's city center. Climb the **Spanish Steps at Piazza di Spagna**. Shop along **Via Condotti** and head to the **Trevi Fountain**, believed to hold mystical powers. Your tour ends at **Piazza Navona** near the **Pantheon**. Admire the **Fountain of the Four Rivers**, one of Bernini's Baroque masterpieces.

### Day 9: Rome

- Take a guided tour of the **Colosseum** and the **Roman Forum**. The ancient elliptical amphitheater opened in 80 AD with 100 days of games and fights. Its massive stone structure opens a window into ancient Roman life and illuminates Rome's long history.
- After lunch, take a short walk up **Palatine Hill** to look down on the **Forum**, the center of Roman Parliament, and the **Circus Maximus**, the most famous stadium for chariot-racing during ancient times.
- Enjoy free time before dinner to revisit your favorite parts of Rome or do any last-minute souvenir shopping.

### Day 10: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

