# **COSM®rama**



## Discover Greece Mainland Athens – Nafplio – Mycenae - Mystras – Monevasia Mani – kalamata – Anient Messène – Ancient Olympia Ioannina – Zagoria -Metsovo – Meteora- Delphi 12 Days / 11 Nights

### Day 1 – Arrival in Athens

Upon arrival at Athens International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

If time permits depending on your arrival time to Athens, you may enjoy one of our optional tours. (Cape Sounion or Athens By Night Tour with Traditional Greek show).

Overnight stay in Athens.

#### Day 2 – Athens

After breakfast at hotel, pick up for our Athens Sightseeing Tour. Our Athens Half Day Tour begins with a panoramic drive around Syntagma square, passing by many sightseeing hot spots such as National Garden, Hadrian's Arch, St. Paul's Church, Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Catholic Cathedral and Schliemann's House. We will then drive past the Athens Trilogy which includes the University of Athens, the Academy of Athens, and the National Library. Our licensed guide will make you feel as if you are experiencing firsthand Athens's old and new history as you look at these stately buildings. We continue for a photo stop at Panathenaic Stadium, otherwise known as Kallimarmaro Stadium, where the first Olympic Games took place in 1896. As we proceed, we pass by Zappeion and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Last but not least, we make our way to the archaeological site of Acropolis, an UNESCO'S world heritage monument and we visit Propylae, as well as the small Temple of Athena Nike. Of course, our visit shall not be completed without the Parthenon and Erechtheion. The expert guided Athens sightseeing and museum tour continues with a pleasant short walk passing by Herodion and Dionysos Theater, in order to visit the New Acropolis Museum.

With this Athens half day tour you will enjoy one of the top UNESCO'S world heritage monuments.

At the end of our tour, return back to your hotel.

Balance of the day at leisure. Overnight stay in Athens.

Day 3 – Athens - Nafplio

After breakfast we depart to Peloponnese, passing the Isthmus of Corinth, the narrow strip of land that connects the Peloponnese to the mainland and separates the Corinthian and Saronic Gulfs. On our arrival in *Nafplio* we check in in our hotel and after having our lunch at a traditional tavern we visit the most important spots of the city, searching for traces of the Franks, Venetians and Ottomans in its architecture, while enjoy the scents of the basils and Jasmines that are so characteristics for the city and its castles.



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#### Day 4 – Argolis



After breakfast we visit Mycenae, the kingdom of mythical Agamemnon, first sung by Homer in his epics, which is the most important and richest palatial center of the Late Bronze Age in Greece. After having lunch at a picturesque village of the area our next stop is the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus which is considered one of the purest masterpieces of Greek architecture – date from the 4th century. Finally, we return back to Nafplio and we explore Palamidi Castle and its amazing views.

#### Day 5 – Mystras – Monemvasia

In the morning we drive to Mystras, among the most important of all Byzantine sites, comprising a castle, city walls, churches and monasteries.

We have our lunch before departing to the medieval walled town/castle of Monemvasia, where we explore the castle's history and architecture, starting with the picturesque Venetian Lower Town before ascending the heavily fortified plateau above. Overnight at Monemvasia.



#### Day 6 – Mani – Kalamata

After breakfast we depart to Mani and its traditional villages, including the coastal Gytheio- the largest and most important town in Mani, the picturesque Areopoli, the gorgeous coastal village Limeni and Kardamyli. Following the coastline of Mani we finally arrive in our coastal hotel in Kalamata and our evening is free to enjoy some shopping or strolling through the lovely old town.



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