



**HARVARD**  
Alumni Association

# TRAVELS

## **SPRING BREAK GREECE** **FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI** MARCH 14-22, 2013

**HAA spring break trips** are specially designed for Harvard students and alumni to travel together. They provide meaningful and accessible travel opportunities to students and expose alumni travelers to the Harvard College students of today. Special rates are available for all Harvard University students, and there are travel scholarship opportunities for current Harvard College students (the HAA collaborates with the Financial Aid Office to establish need). Although shorter and less expensive than a typical HAA trip, these programs—led by Harvard professors—contain the same educational content you would expect from a Harvard travel program. A diverse audience of students, alumni, and expert leaders enlivens discussion and educational exchange.

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Uncover Classical Greece through its most important archaeological sites. Visit the Acropolis and the ancient Agora, enjoy an overview of the entire Greek history at the National Archaeological Museum and the New Acropolis Museum; imagine the world of Homer by visiting Mycenae and the magic of the Oracle of Apollo in Delphi, as well as the mystery of Byzantium and the Eastern Orthodox Church. Enjoy exclusive access to the Harvard Hellenic Center in Nafplion and learn about current work by Harvard students and professors.

**PRICING** (Land only—price does not include airfare)

Alumni: \$3,295 per person double occupancy / \$500 single supplement

Special Harvard College student\* rate: \$1,995 per person double occupancy / \$500 single supplement

Special Harvard graduate student\* rate: \$2,595 per person double occupancy / \$500 single supplement

\*Must be currently enrolled as a fulltime Harvard student.

### **STUDY LEADER**



**Gregory Nagy PhD '66;**  
*Francis Jones Professor of  
Classical Greek Literature and  
Professor of Comparative  
Literature*

HAA is pleased to announce  
Professor Nagy as the “Greece

Spring Break” study leader for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Gregory Nagy was educated at Indiana University and Harvard, where he studied Classical Philology and Linguistics, receiving his PhD in 1966. He has held positions at Johns Hopkins University and since 1975 at Harvard. He also

is currently the curator of the Milman Parry Collection of Oral Literature and the director of the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington D.C. Nagy has served as chair of the Harvard University Department of the Classics and as president of the American Philological Association.

Nagy is a renowned authority in the field of Homeric and related Greek studies. His numerous honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has lectured widely in North America and Europe on a great range of topics, especially concentrated in Homeric and Archaic Greek questions. He is a strong proponent of the use of technology in teaching and use of student writing in the general education curriculum.

# SCHEDULE BY DAY

*B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14 DEPART USA

The tour officially begins in Athens on March 15, but most participants will need to depart on this day. Please make your own air arrangements to Athens, Greece. Several overnight flight options are available.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15 ATHENS

Arrive at Athens Airport and make your own way to the Hotel St George Lycabettus. The hotel is about 32 km (20 miles) from the airport; a taxi should take about 35 – 45 minutes and cost about 40 EUR. Alternatively, private transfers can be arranged at a cost of \$90 per car.

Please arrive at the hotel by 6pm for the transfer to your orientation dinner at the restaurant Kafeneion.

Overnight at the *Hotel St. George Lycabettus* / **D**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16 ATHENS

Visit the National Archaeological Museum, which is considered one of the great museums of the world and contains the richest collection of artifacts from Greek antiquity worldwide. Have lunch at the *taverna* Thespis in the Plaka (the old city of Athens).

Then continue to the New Acropolis Museum, which first opened to the public in June 2009. Tonight mingle with local Harvard alumni at a reception at the hotel. Dinner will be on your own (a list of recommended restaurants will be provided).

Overnight at the *Hotel St. George Lycabettus* / **B, L, R**

## MONDAY, MARCH 17 ATHENS / NAFPLION

This morning visit the famous Acropolis of Athens and the Agora “place of assembly.” Lunch is at the *taverna* Hermeion in the Plaka.

Continue to Nafplion, home of the Greek branch of Harvard’s Center for Hellenic Studies.

Founded in 2006 in large part due to the efforts of Professor Nagy, this Greek branch of the CHS is a key part of Harvard’s continuing effort to support researchers and students who seek to explore the relationships between Eastern and Western cultures as well as the many facets of Hellenic civilization. Nafplion’s proximity to some of the most celebrated archaeological sites in Greece, as well as its enduring cultural significance and prominent historical role in the shaping of modern Greece make it the perfect setting for Harvard students as well as for visitors from Greece and across the globe--scholars, students, Harvard alumni, and friends of the CHS. This evening enjoy a reception at the center before having dinner at a local *taverna*.

Overnight at the *Grand Sarai* / **B, L, R, D**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 18 NAFPLION / MYCENAE / EPIDAUROS

Drive into the countryside to visit the Acropolis of Mycenae and view the Cyclopean walls. Also visit other important sites such as the Grave Circle A, Mycenae’s Palace, the Perseia cistern, the Treasury of Atreus (Tomb of Agamemnon), and the local museum. Lunch will be at the restaurant Kolizeras in the village of Mycenae. In the afternoon visit the sites of Epidaurus including the ancient medical center of Asclepius, the stadium, the *tholos*, the museum, and the theater famous for its extraordinary acoustics.

Enjoy an afternoon of leisure time and dinner on your own.

Overnight at *Grand Sarai* / **B, L**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

### CORINTH / ARACHOVA

Drive along the scenic coastal road to Corinth and cross the impressive modern bridge that connects the Peloponnese with the mainland. Explore ancient Corinth, the richest port of ancient Greece. Then continue on to Arachova, your base for visiting Delphi. Dinner will be at a local *taverna*.

Overnight at the *Hotel Likoria* / **B, L, D**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

### DELPHI / ATHENS

Situated at the foot of Mount Parnassos, the highest peak in Greece after Mount Olympus, Delphi was the site of important Hellenic sanctuaries. In the morning visit the museum in Delphi and the sanctuary of Apollo. Then return to the village of Arachova for lunch. This afternoon visit the 11<sup>th</sup> century Monastery of Hosios Loukas, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and view the exquisite mosaics. Later drive to Athens. Dinner will be on your own.

Overnight at the *Hotel St. George Lycabettus* / **B, L**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

### ATHENS / AEGINA

Sail to the island of Aegina. Drive from the main town to the eastern coast of the island to visit the Temple of Athena Aphaea. Return to Piraeus and farewell dinner at the *taverna* Psaras in the Plaka.

Overnight at the *Hotel St. George Lycabettus* / **B, L, D**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

### DEPART FOR USA

This morning depart Athens at your convenience. Private transfers to the airport are available at an additional charge of \$90 per car. **(B)**