



HARVARD

Alumni Travels



CENTER FOR
HELLENIC STUDIES
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

GREECE THROUGH THE AGES: CULTURES, RELIGIONS, AND WRITINGS FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

MAY 13-22, 2022

SCHEDULE BY DAY

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

FRIDAY, MAY 13

DEPART USA

The program officially begins in Nafplio on Saturday, May 14.

Most participants will need to depart on May 13 in order to arrive in time for the group transfer to Nafplio. Please make your own arrangements for the flight to Athens. Several overnight flight options are available (Eleftherios Venizelos Athens International Airport).

SATURDAY, MAY 14

ATHENS / NAFPLIO

Arrive at Athens International Airport where you will be welcomed by the program coordinator at 3pm.

Please make sure your flight arrives by 2pm local time to allow enough time to clear passport control and customs.

Once the group is together, transfer to Nafplio by motor coach, which will be provided.

In the evening meet at the hotel to walk to a nearby tavern for a welcome dinner.

Overnight: *Nafplio* / D

SUNDAY, MAY 15

NAFPLIO

In the morning, drive to Larisa Castle, a vantage point over the entire Argolid Plain and its long history, and then continue to Mycenae to visit the site's acropolis and archaeological museum. Learn about the historical period that takes its name from Mycenae and see examples of earliest attested form of Greek, Linear B.

After lunch in Nafplio, take an optional walking tour of the town. Later, before an evening reception, there will be an optional excursion up the 999 steps to the unique Palamidi Fortress for a spectacular view of Nafplio and the bay.

In the evening, enjoy exclusive access to the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies (CHS) for the first review-preview session with your study leader, for an introduction to the Center's interdisciplinary programs and activities. End the evening with a welcome reception hosted by the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece.

Overnight: *Nafplio* / B, L, R

MONDAY, MAY 16

NAFPLIO / ATHENS

In the morning, return to Athens by motor coach. Upon arrival visit the must-see collections of the National Archaeological Museum for a comprehensive view on early Greek cultures, religions, and modes of writing.

After lunch, visit the Byzantine & Christian Museum, focusing on Christianity and the codex.

In the afternoon and evening, enjoy free time in Athens with optional activities and recommendations for your own visits to museums and other sites.

Overnight: *Athens* / B, L

TUESDAY, MAY 17

ATHENS

This morning visit the Jewish Museum of Greece for a glimpse of the 2,300 year long history of Greek Jews, then segue to mid-day via hike up to the top of the Athenian Acropolis.

Later, after free time for lunch, visit the National Library of Greece and encounter the products of Greece's transition into the age of print.

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Athens. Meet at the hotel for a review-preview meeting before dinner with live music.

Overnight: *Athens* / B, D

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

ATHENS / DELPHI / NAFPAKTOS

In the morning, travel from Athens to Delphi.

Upon arrival visit the archaeological museum and the site, seeing such treasures as the Charioteer of Delphi, the Omphalos, and the temple of Apollo. Enjoy lunch in the town and learn about efforts to reinstate the Delphic Games.

After lunch, drive to Nafpaktos. Following a late-afternoon check-in, enjoy free time to explore the picturesque sea-side town.

Overnight: *Nafpaktos* / B, L

THURSDAY, MAY 19

MESSOLONGHI / IOANNINA

In the morning, visit Messolonghi's Municipal Museum of History and Art to learn about the historical context in which the first Greek newspaper was produced, that is, the emergence of the Modern Greek State. Walk to the Garden of Heroes where Lord Byron is buried along with many other international and native heroes of the Greek War of Independence.

After lunch, travel from Messolonghi to Ioannina.

After check-in, take a boat tour to the island in the lake of Ioannina and dine there.

Overnight: *Ioannina* / B, L, D

FRIDAY, MAY 20

IOANNINA / THESSALONIKI

In the morning, get an exclusive tour of the Museum of Typography and Graphic Arts Technology of the University of Ioannina, which houses a wide variety of printing presses and related devices from before the digital era.

Travel to Veroia for lunch, and then visit the recently discovered site of Vergina and its museum, featuring the tomb of Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great.

Arrive in Thessaloniki this evening.

Overnight: *Thessaloniki* / B, L

SATURDAY, MAY 21

THESSALONIKI

In the morning, take a walking tour of the center city, stopping along the way at the Yeni Tzami and Alaca Imaret mosques, the Agios Dimitrios church, the Rotunda, and the synagogue of the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki.

Enjoy free time in the afternoon, with optional activities and recommendations for your own visits to museums and other sites.

This evening gather for a celebratory farewell dinner.

Overnight: *Thessaloniki City* / B, D

SATURDAY, MAY 22

RETURN FLIGHT

In the morning, depart Thessaloniki at your convenience by taxi or by other form of private transfer. (B)