



HARVARD
Alumni Association

**SPRING BREAK GREECE
FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI
MARCH 10-19, 2017**

Travel back through time to ancient Greece on this annual spring break favorite. Start in the charming seaport town of Nafplio, home to Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies. Then proceed through the Peloponnese to Delphi and Athens, exploring Greece's famous archaeological sites and museums along the way. Supplement your journey with readings in translation from Homer, Pausanias, and even some modern texts, selected by your Harvard study leader, Professor Greg Nagy, who is leading this trip for the 9th consecutive year!

Specially designed for Harvard students and alumni traveling together, this program offers a unique opportunity to interact in an intergenerational spirit within the Harvard Community. A diverse audience of students and alumni enlivens discussion and educational exchange from recounting Greek history and classical texts to sharing Harvard experiences.

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). Alumni participation helps the HAA fund these special travel opportunities for students.

GROUP SIZE: 16 to 28 guests

PRICING: (Land Only—price does not include airfare; Double Occupancy)

- **Harvard College Student*:** \$1,895
- **Harvard Graduate Student**:** \$2,595
- **Harvard University Alumni:** \$2,995
- **Single supplement:** \$550

*Must be currently enrolled as a fulltime Harvard student

**This rate also applies to HeroesX students and Harvard College graduates from 2012–2016



STUDY LEADER: Gregory Nagy PhD '66; Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature

Born in Budapest, Hungary, 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 reaching and use of student writing in the general education curriculum.

SCHEDULE BY DAY

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 DEPART USA

The tour officially begins in Nafplio on Saturday, March 11. Most participants will need to depart on March 10 in order to arrive in time for the group transfer to Nafplio. Please make your own air arrangements to Athens. Several overnight flight options are available (Eleftherios Venizelos Athens International Airport). There are pre-trip or post-trip hotel reservations available upon request.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 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. Private transfers to Nafplio can be arranged upon request at an additional cost.

In the evening meet at the Grand Sarai Hotel to walk to a nearby tavern for a welcome dinner. At dinner meet with the Director of the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece.

Overnight: *Grand Sarai / D*

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 NAFPLIO

In the morning drive into the countryside through the orange tree fields to visit the site of Argive Heraion, the temple of Hera in Argos. Later, visit the Acropolis of Mycenae and the local museum. Together with an expert who has excavated the site, explore the Palace and the Treasury of Atreus (Tomb of Agamemnon).

After lunch in Nafplio, take a guided tour of the Old Town of Nafplio, first capital of the Modern Greek State. Enjoy exclusive access to the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies and learn about its interdisciplinary programs and activities. The Center's Director will give an overview of both Greek history and current times followed by a reception.

Overnight: *Grand Sarai / B, L, R*

MONDAY, MARCH 13
NAFLIO / OLYMPIA

Drive across the Peloponnese and visit the Mycenaean Palace of Nestor, in the land of Messinia.

Enjoy lunch in the seaside village of Pylos. Drive to Olympia (approximately 3 hours), the birthplace of the Olympic Games, and check-in at the hotel.

In the evening, meet as a group at for dinner at a local *taverna*.

Overnight: *Hotel Europa* / B, L, D

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
OLYMPIA / DELPHI

Visit the archaeological site of Olympia. Explore the Stadium, the Temples of Zeus and Hera, the Gymnasium, and the local museum. Visit the International Olympic Academy and access the official Historic Archives of the Organizing Committee of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Lunch will be at a restaurant in the village of Olympia. Afterwards, depart for Delphi (approximately 5 hours). Tonight, meet as a group for dinner at a local *taverna*.

Overnight: *Hotel Likoria* / B, L, D

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
DELPHI / ATHENS

This morning visit the archaeological site in Delphi, the so-called Navel of Earth, and the local museum.

After lunch in the village of Delphi depart for Athens. Tonight, meet at hotel to dine as a group.

Overnight: *Athens Gate* / B, L, D

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
ATHENS

Visit the Acropolis site to see the Parthenon, and the Erechtheion. Then explore the New Acropolis Museum, where lunch will be offered.

Later, visit the Ancient Agora in Athens, where the American School of Classical Studies at Athens has been excavating since 1931. Enjoy time at your leisure, dinner will be on your own tonight.

Overnight: *Athens Gate* / B, L

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
ATHENS

Visit the renowned National Archaeological Museum for an overview of Hellenic archaeology and history. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Tonight, meet at the hotel for dinner in the traditional area of Plaka.

Overnight: *Athens Gate* / B, D

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
ATHENS

Walk in the historic center of Athens to explore Modern Greek history through architectural monuments. Visit the Hellenic Parliament for a guided tour of the building and an open discussion about the current democratic system of governance. This afternoon, enjoy free time in Athens.

In the evening, meet for a guest lecture on the importance of the continuities and discontinuities of Greek history, from ancient times through the present. Celebrate the end of your trip with a farewell dinner.

Overnight: *Athens Gate* / B, D

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
ATHENS / RETURN FLIGHT

This morning depart Athens at your convenience by taxi or by private transfer. (B)