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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

SPRING BREAK GREECE
FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI
MARCH 9-18, 2018

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 11th 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.

GROUP SIZE: 16 to 28 guests

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

- **Harvard College Student:** \$1,995*
- **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 Recent Harvard College graduates from 2008–2017



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 9 DEPART USA

The tour officially begins in Nafplio on Saturday, March 10. Most participants will need to depart on March 9 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 10 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.

In the evening meet at the Grand Sarai Hotel to walk to a nearby tavern for a welcome dinner.

Overnight: *Grand Sarai / D*

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 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 to learn about its interdisciplinary programs and activities and join the Director of the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece for a reception.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12 NAFPLIO / OLYMPIA

This morning is at leisure in Nafplio. Lunch will be on your own.

At noon, 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 for dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: *Hotel Europa* / B, D

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 OLYMPIA / DELPHI

Visit the archaeological site of Olympia. Explore the Stadium, the Temples of Zeus and Hera, the Gymnasium, and the local museum.

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 the hotel.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 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 15 ATHENS

Visit the Ancient Agora in Athens, where the American School of Classical Studies at Athens has been excavating since 1931. Later, explore the New Acropolis Museum, where lunch will be offered. Then visit the Acropolis site to see the Parthenon, and the Erechtheion.

Enjoy time at your leisure, dinner will be on your own tonight.

Overnight: *Athens Gate* / B, L

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 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 17 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 Modern Greece.

Celebrate the end of your trip with a farewell dinner.

Overnight: *Athens Gate* / B, D

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 ATHENS / RETURN FLIGHT

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