Spring Break in Greece
For Students & Alumni
March 13–21, 2019

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 selected by your Harvard study leader, Professor Gregory Nagy, who is leading this trip for the 12th consecutive year.

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

Study Leader: Gregory Nagy is the Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature and a professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University. He is also the director of the Center for Hellenic Studies.

Nagy studied Classical Philology and Linguistics at Harvard University, receiving his PhD in 1966. He has taught at Harvard since 1966, except for two years at Johns Hopkins. Besides his professorial activities at Harvard, he is also 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 ancient Greek studies. His numerous honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has lectured widely in North America and Europe on a wide range of topics, on ancient Greek epic, lyric, tragedy, history, and philosophy. He supports the use of technology in research and teaching.
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
DEPART USA
The program officially begins in Nafplio on Saturday, March 14. Most participants will need to depart on March 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). There are pre-trip or post-trip hotel reservations available upon request.

SATURDAY, MARCH 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: Grand Sarai or Danfi Pension / D

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
NAFPLIO
In the morning drive into the countryside through fields of orange tree to visit the site of the temple of Hera in Argos. Later, visit the Acropolis of Mycenae and the local museum. Visit also the “Treasury of Atreus.”
After lunch in Nafplio, walk in 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 or Danfi Pension / B, L, R

MONDAY, MARCH 16
NAFPLIO / OLYMPIA
The 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 17
OLYMPIA / DELPHI
Visit the archaeological site of Olympia. Explore the Stadium, the Temples of Zeus and Hera and the local museum.
Lunch will be at a restaurant in the village of Olympia. Afterwards, depart for Delphi (approximately 5 hours). In the evening, meet as a group for dinner at the hotel.
Overnight: Hotel Likoria / B, L, D

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
DELPHI / ATHENS
In the morning, visit the archaeological site in Delphi, known in ancient times as the Navel of Earth, and the local museum.
After lunch in the village of Delphi, depart for Athens.
In the evening, meet at hotel to dine as a group.
Overnight: Athens Gate / B, L, D
THURSDAY, MARCH 19
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 to see the Parthenon and other marvels, including the Erechtheion.
Enjoy some free time in the afternoon and evening; dinner will be on your own tonight.
Overnight: Athens Gate / B, L

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
ATHENS
Visit the renowned National Archaeological Museum for an overview of ancient Greek archaeology and history. Later, visit the Hellenic Parliament for a guided tour of the building and an open discussion about the current democratic system of governance.
In the afternoon, enjoy free time in Athens.
Celebrate the end of your trip a farewell dinner.
Overnight: Athens Gate / B, D

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
ATHENS / RETURN FLIGHT
In the morning, depart Athens at your convenience by taxi or by other form of private transfer. (B)