

THE WINES AND WONDERS OF GREECE

Explore Greece, a land of legends and myths on this once-in-a-lifetime, tailor-made journey hosted by Cooper's Hawk Chef Matt McMillin. Join us as we dive into a culture alive with ancient history, passionate music, captivating arts, and intoxicating wines and cuisine. Wander through charming villages, seaside towns, renowned cities, and evocative temples. Meander through olive groves, vineyards, and museums and step into the stadium where Olympians first competed. Dine at charming restaurants and embrace the flavors of Greek wine and foods that are delicious, distinct, and diverse. Marvel at the endless shades of blue in the ocean and skies and the magnificence of dazzling sunsets. There is limited space, so sign up now for this exceptional Wine Club tour and experience the splendor of Greece!



SEPTEMBER 10 - 22, 2021



DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight from your home city.

ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE

Welcome to Athens! A group transfer will be provided from the airport to your hotel (normal check-in times apply). Take some time to settle in, have lunch, and wander a bit. Tonight, we'll join our Tour Director for an appetizing Greek-style 4-course dinner, including drinks, at a tavern in the festive Plaka district where folk dances put you in that special mood reminiscent of *Zorba the Greek*.

Meals Included – Dinner

Hotel – Hotel Zafolia or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Dinner

Plaka District



ATHENS

After breakfast we'll depart with our Tour Director and a Local Guide on a tour that features a visit to the world-famous Acropolis, perched high on a rocky outcrop overlooking the city. Here we'll see the Parthenon, the Erechtheum with its Porch of Maidens, and the Temple of Athena Nike. Enjoy a panoramic view that includes glimpses of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Theater of Dionysus, and the beautifully preserved Theseum, where Socrates taught. We'll follow this visit with a city orientation tour that takes us by the Parliament House and for a picture stop at the Panathenaic Stadium. Built in the 2nd century AD, it is the only stadium in the world built entirely of marble and was host to the opening and closing ceremonies of the first modern Olympics in 1896. The remainder of the day is at your leisure, your Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast

Hotel – Hotel Zafolia or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Acropolis

Parthenon

Athens City Tour

Porch of Maidens

Parliament House



ATHENS - NAUPLIA

This morning after breakfast we will depart Athens and cross the spectacular Corinth Canal, passing by Ancient Corinth where St. Paul preached. Then, a short drive later, we'll stop at EPIDAUROS for a tour of its amazingly well-preserved 2,300-year-old open-air theater. We'll continue our journey with a visit to Domaine Skouras Winery for a guided tour of their estate and tasting of their delectable white wines and complex reds. We then travel the rest of the way to Nauplia, stopping for a visit at Karonis Distillery and Museum for a private guided tour and Ouzo Tasting.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel – Amalia Nauplia or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

EPIDAUROS

Domaine Skouras Winery

Karonis Distillery



NAUPLIA - NEMEA - OLYMPIA

Following breakfast we'll visit Mycenae, where 19th-century excavations reveal impressions of the splendors so vividly described by Homer. Admire the Beehive Tombs, known as the Treasury of Atreus, Lion Gate, Europe's oldest known monument, remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace, and the impressive fortifications of the Citadel. Stop in Nemea to visit Semeli Estate for a wine tasting and relish a multicourse lunch created exclusively for Semeli by recognized chefs, inspired by Greece's varied culinary tradition. Tonight, we'll enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how to make the traditional Greek tzatziki appetizer.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel – Hotel Europa or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Mycenae

Semeli Estate

Cooking Demonstration



OLYMPIA - ATHENS

After breakfast at our hotel we head to Olympia, where athletes of antiquity competed in honor of the king of deities. We'll learn about the history of those original Olympic Games as we walk among the impressive remains of the Gymnasium and the Temples of Hera and Zeus. We also will visit the Museum that displays Praxiteles's magnificent statue of Hermes. This afternoon we'll stop at a local Honey Farm where we'll be greeted with seasonal fruit and fresh juice. We learn the history of this family farm, the tools used from past to present, and of course have a tasting of delicious fruit, honey, and a traditional sweet made with honey from the farm. Then we head back to Athens for an overnight.

Meals Included – Breakfast

Hotel – Hotel Zafolia or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Olympia

Site Tour with History & Museum

Honey Farm Visit & Tasting



ATHENS - SANTORINI

This morning, we'll catch our flight to Santorini (Thera), the stunning "Black Pearl of the Aegean" and, according to some, site of the legendary lost continent of Atlantis. We'll spend the afternoon getting acquainted with the history and creation of Santorini. Stroll along the cobblestone streets and enjoy the local atmosphere. Visit Koutsoyannopoulos Wine Museum for an in-depth look at the history of Santorini wine and culture of the island, followed by a tasting of four different wines. Our next stop is Venetsanos Winery, overlooking the stunning caldera of Santorini. We'll experience a wine tour and tasting of light snacks. The remainder of the day will be at your leisure. This evening we'll gather for a tasty dinner at our hotel.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Hotel El Greco or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Koutsoyannopoulos Wine Museum & Tasting

Venetsanos Winery Tour & Tasting

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SANTORINI - EXCURSION TO OIA VILLAGE

Enjoy the morning at leisure. Later, we'll visit the Vassaltis Vineyards Winery at the Vasilicos. After an introduction by their in-house sommelier, we'll dine on an early lunch of Greek mezze paired with five Greek wines. We continue to the iconic village of Oia, where our tour starts with a stop at a local winery, Domaine Sigalas, giving us the opportunity to learn more about the variety of grapes growing in a unique way on the fertile volcanic soil. We will taste three different famous wines of Santorini. Following the wine tasting, we arrive at the most picturesque village of Santorini, the village of Oia with its famous blue domes. There will be free time to walk around, explore, and enjoy the sunset! Tonight, we'll enjoy a fabulous dinner at King Neptune or similar restaurant.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel – Hotel El Greco or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Vassaltis Winery Lunch Pairing

Village of Oia

King Neptune Dinner



SANTORINI - HERAKLION, CRETE

Enjoy the morning at leisure, before we travel like the locals on our ferry to Crete. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Our Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Astoria Capsis or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Ferry Ride to Crete

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HERAKLION

After breakfast, we head to Knossos, the center of the 3000 BC Minoan civilization and considered Europe’s oldest city. Then, we visit a local Cretan Olive Oil Farm to learn about olive oil production and sample a tasting of their olive oil and traditional raki. Later, we’ll stop for lunch in a typical Cretan tavern.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel – Astoria Capsis or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Knossos Tour

Cretan Olive Oil Farm & Tasting

Local Lunch



HERAKLION - EXCURSION TO CHANIA

Our first stop today is the Alexakis Winery for a guided tour of the production facility and the cultivated vineyard, followed by a tasting of five Alexakis wines and Cretan products, like Meligyris Honey (a mixture of pine and thyme honey with sage honey) and extra virgin olive oil. We'll continue to Chania, Crete's second-largest city, known for its 14th-century Venetian harbor and 16th-century lighthouse. We will taste our way through Chania's backstreets on a Food Lovers Tour, sampling culinary delights, such as the syrupy "loukoumades," traditional "bougatsa" pie, local cheese, honey, herbs, and spices. We then return to Heraklion and gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel – Astoria Capsis or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Alexakis Winery Tour & Tasting

Chania Food Lovers Tour



HERAKLION - ATHENS

Today, we'll catch our flight back to Athens. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore on your own. Our Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast

Hotel – Hotel Zafolia or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Free afternoon in Athens

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DEPART ATHENS, GREECE

After breakfast, a group transfer will be provided to the airport for your homebound flight.

Meal Included – Breakfast

inclusions

INCLUDED

11 nights' accommodations at superior first-class hotels

Internal Greece flights & ferry

Sightseeing, tours, activities & attractions as shown

Breakfast daily, four lunches, seven dinners

Tour director, local guides

Private coach throughout

Taxes

Gratuities for tour guide and driver (local guide gratuities not included)

NOT INCLUDED

International Air

Meals when not mentioned as included

Room service & personal room charges

Excess baggage and portorage

Local guide gratuities

Private transfers if you do not arrive/depart with group

Trip cancellation and travel insurance

Additional pre/post nights



rates

\$4,157

Double occupancy (per person)

\$5,027

Single occupancy

Space is limited on this tour and will be sold on a first-come basis upon receipt of deposit. To make reservations, please call or email Carol or Kelly (contact information below).

You must have a valid passport for travel to Italy. At this time, no visa is necessary for US citizens to travel to Italy.

This tour requires a minimum of 26 participants to operate.

Wineries, hotels, dinners, activities, and attractions can be subject to change.

deposit & final payment

\$800 DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE)

per person, due upon making reservations

FINAL PAYMENT

due by June 30, 2021

Forms of payment include cash, check, Mastercard, Visa, or American Express.

airfare

Airfare is not included, but we are happy to assist you in securing your air tickets. You will be assigned to one of two group transfers. If your flight time does not work for a group transfer, you may have an additional transfer cost.

Group transfer times will not be decided until most air schedules have been determined for participants.

land cancellation policy

DEPOSIT - JUNE 30, 2021

\$800 per person penalty

JULY 1, 2021 - DEPARTURE

non-refundable

This tour is non-refundable. Trip cancellation and travel insurance is highly recommended. Travel Guard trip cancellation and travel insurance will be quoted at the time of booking. Travel Guard Vouchers can be used toward these new dates of travel. Modification costs may apply. If we have a waitlist, we may be able to assist with a name change instead of a cancellation on land only. Name changes have a \$100 per person administrative fee. There is no guarantee we will have someone to take your spot, in which case full cancellation fees will apply. Air tickets are non-refundable from the time of ticketing. Name changes are not allowed on air tickets. Future Travel Credits (Line of Credit) are non-refundable and non-transferable although we will do our best to negotiate this if the situation arises.

reservations



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