

5 days Byzantine Athens & Monasteries of Attica



Day 1. Arrival / Athens.

Arrival at the Athens airport. Welcome assistance and transfer to the hotel in Athens. Short briefing about your tour and rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2. Athens / Athens.

The day is dedicated to the city of Athens. Departing from our hotel, we will take a panoramic tour of Athens, passing by the House of Parliament and the tomb of the Unknown soldier, the Presidential Palace, Panathinaikon stadium, Hadrian's Arch, and other main landmarks of Athens. Soon we will arrive under the sacred rock of Acropolis. Here we will visit the ruins of Parthenon, the Erechtheion and the Propylaea. On our exit we shall stop at Mars Hill where Paul delivered his well-known sermon, and start descending towards the Agora, the ancient market where Paul spoke to the Athenians. Afternoon will be free to explore more of the city of Athens or visit the old part of the city, the so called Plaka.

Day 3. Kessariani, Cape Sounion / Athens.

After our breakfast, we leave for the first visit of the day at the Byzantine museum of Athens. We continue our drive to arrive in Kessariani where we will be visiting the homonymous monastery built in the 11th century. Inside the monastery frescoes from the 1700 have been preserved. In the area one can still see remains of the former monasteries that were built in the area the 10th and the 6th century. Rest of the day is at leisure or follow our optional tour to Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon.

Day 4. Cruise Aegina, Poros, Hydra / Athens.

This day is free. We suggest following our optional one day cruise to the islands of Aegina, Poros and Hydra. We will have the chance to discuss all we've seen the last two days, while cruising the Saronic Gulf waters. Live shows on board the cruise ship and seated lunch will ease our day. In the afternoon we will return to Athens.

Day 5. Departure.

We shall take our last walks in the streets of Athens before we transfer to airport.