



NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

Greece

Athens & Kalamata

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Enjoy coastal life in bustling, seaside **Kalamata**.
- ▶ Stand in the glorious **Acropolis** and relish magnificent views of Athens.
- ▶ Wander through the ruins of **Mycenae**, the mighty Bronze Age kingdom.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of the first Olympians at the archaeological site of **Olympia**.
- ▶ Savor Greece's palate-pleasing bounty of **wine, olives, seafood and olive oil**.
- ▶ Journey to the beautifully preserved and less explored ancient city of **Messene**.
- ▶ Discover a one-of-a-kind treasure, mountainside **Mystras**, an important center of Byzantine culture.
- ▶ Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Sparta

ALUMNI CAMPUS ABROAD®

Discover Greece's cultural riches, from the sublime remnants of ancient civilizations to an abundance of delicious food and wine, on this amazing, eight-night journey based in Athens and Kalamata! With expert guides, explore famed ruins, including the Acropolis, Mycenae and Olympia, plus Messene, a must-see, often-overlooked site, and Mystras, a Byzantine-era citadel. You'll also gain fresh insights at engaging lectures that range from classical times to modern culture. Delight in Greece's alluring landscapes and mouthwatering cuisine fresh from the farm and sea. The enduring beauty of this storied land awaits you!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Athens, Greece. 🌐

Day 2 | Athens, Greece

Arrive and transfer 🚗 to the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel. Gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Athens

Athens City Tour. Get acquainted with legendary Athens, the birthplace of democracy and Western philosophy, theater and architecture. See the Academy of Athens, University of Athens, the National Library and other top sites on a panoramic tour. Then, head up to the resplendent Acropolis with monuments built by ancient Greece's finest architects, sculptors and artists in the fifth century B.C. Take in the Parthenon's classical lines and sweeping city views. Later, at the Acropolis Museum, view splendid artifacts and see the ruins of an ancient neighborhood through the glass floor. *(Active)*

Free Time: The rest of the day is yours to plan. Your hotel is centrally located on Syntagma Square and close to many attractions.

Day 4 | Mycenae | Kalamata

This morning, check out of the hotel and travel toward Kalamata on the Peloponnese's southern coast.

Mycenae and Greek Wine. Explore the impressive ruins of Mycenae, one of the great centers of the Mycenaean civilization, which thrived during the second millennium B.C. According to Greek mythology, it was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy. Imagine this fortified city in all its glory as you walk under the imposing Lion's Gate. Then, sample fine Greek wines with lunch at a nearby winery. *(Active)* Check in to the Pharae Palace Hotel in Kalamata.

Enrichment: Greek History.

As a special welcome to Kalamata, enjoy a cocktail and a wonderful buffet dinner with your group this evening.

Below: Mystras
Right: Kalamata



Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.
- **5 nights** in Kalamata at the first-class Pharae Palace Hotel.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Day 5 | Kalamata | Messene

Enrichment: Classical Greece.

Kalamata's History and Cuisine. Stroll with your guide in Kalamata's charming old town and learn about the city's tumultuous past. As you see points of interest, stop to taste traditional foods like their world-famous, fruity, sharp olives and fresh seafood.

Try more specialties over lunch in the old town.

Messene. Visit the splendid, vast ruins of Messene built around 369 B.C., an under-the-radar gem in a serene mountain valley. Unlike other sites, this ancient city was largely untouched by later settlements, so its remains are remarkably intact. Marvel at the temples, agora, theater, stadium and more on a guided tour.

Day 6 | Sparta | Mystras

Sparta, Mystras and the Greek Olive. Walk amid the ruins of ancient Sparta, one of Greece's greatest city-states, which was home to its fiercest warriors. Next, take in the stunning ruins of Mystras, a medieval Byzantine city set on a mountainside over the Laconian plain. Admire the monasteries, chapels and churches adorned with frescoes in this cultural capital. Later, visit Sparta's informative Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, which details why the olive is so prized by the Greeks.

Day 7 | Ancient Olympia

Ancient Olympia. This sacred site dedicated to Zeus was the celebrated birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games, which were first played in his honor in 776 B.C. As you walk through the grounds, see the sites of renowned sporting events, discover what the earliest Olympic games were like and stand at the runners' original starting line in the stadium! View the Temples of Zeus and Hera, then visit the Archaeological Museum to see beautiful sculptures from the temples, bronze artifacts and other fascinating finds.

Free Time: Choose a nice place in Olympia for lunch before returning to Kalamata.

AHI Connects: Greek Night. Savor a delectable dinner, listen to folk music and watch dancers perform traditional routines. If you'd like, join hands for a joyful Kalamatianos folk dance!



Day 8 | Kalamata

Enrichment: Contemporary Greece.

Free Time: Create your own plans today! Unwind on the hotel's beach, relish a drink and lovely views at the rooftop lounge or take an optional cooking lesson.

This evening, embark on a sunset cruise on the Messinian Bay and enjoy farewell drinks on board.

Day 9 | Corinth | Athens

This morning, depart Kalamata for Athens and stop in Corinth during your journey.

Corinth. Walk through the archaeological site of ancient Corinth with your guide. See the Temple of Apollo built circa 550 B.C. and ruins from the Roman era, when Corinth was a major colony and thriving center of trade. After your excursion, see the Corinth Canal, which first opened in 1893.

Continue to Athens and the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.

Free Time: Take advantage of your final afternoon and evening in Athens for more sightseeing or shopping.

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.



2024 Departures & Pricing

May – June | Aug. – Oct.

Full Price from	\$4,245
Special Savings	\$250
Special Price from	\$3,995*

*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details.

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$295 per person.

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.