

Cornell University

ANCIENT GREECE

WITH SANTORINI AND CRETE

September 16-29, 2019

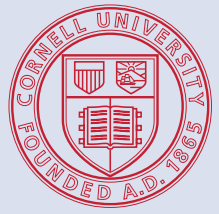
14 days from \$5,492 total price from New York
(\$4,995 air & land inclusive plus \$497 airline taxes and fees)



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for Alumni & Friends of the
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We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

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Warmly,

Alumni Affairs
Cornell University

CORNELL UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: ANCIENT GREECE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Ancient Greece** departing **September 16, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due **at least 95 days prior to departure**. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, along with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Ancient Greece, September 16-29, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends

ANCIENT GREECE

With Santorini and Crete

14 days from \$5,492 total price from New York
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Unearth the grandeur of the ancient world on this singular journey combining premier archaeological sites with the beauty and lore of the Aegean and her isles. As the ancient world comes alive in Athens and the Peloponnese, Crete and Santorini, we celebrate the glory that was Greece – and still is today.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Athens, Greece

Day 2: Athens After a late morning arrival in the Greek capital, there's time to relax at our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

Day 3: Athens On this morning's tour we visit the city's most important sites, including the 5th-century Acropolis and Parthenon; and the renowned Acropolis Museum. We also take a walking tour of Hadrian Street and the Plaka district. This afternoon we visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to the world's most significant collection of Greek artifacts. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Day 4: Delphi Today's excursion takes us to central Greece to explore Delphi, one of the most beautiful and celebrated ancient sites. Nestled between twin cliffs on a slope of Mount Parnassus and spilling out onto the Sacred Plain, Delphi is where the oracle representing the revered god Apollo presided over the ancient world. We see the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo; walk the marble Sacred Way; and climb to the 4th-century BCE theater still in use today. We also visit Delphi's museum that houses the bronze "Charioteer," one of antiquity's greatest statues. After lunch in a local restaurant, we return to Athens late afternoon. *B,L*

Day 5: Athens/Corinth/Peloponnese We travel today by coach to the Peloponnesian Peninsula, Greece's southernmost region separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal. En route we visit the ruins and museum of Ancient Corinth, one of the country's largest cities in antiquity that was demolished by the Romans (146 BCE), who then rebuilt it a century later. Today, only low stone walls, foundations, and several Corinthian columns remain as testimony to the mighty city that once flourished here. The site boasts a strong connection to Christianity: Paul wrote his two letters, First and Second Corinthians, here; and we see the altar where he preached. Next: a visit to the Melas olive oil factory to learn about the history of olive oil production – Greece consumes more olive oil than any other country – and to enjoy a light lunch and tasting. This afternoon we reach

Avg. High (°F)	Sep	Oct
Athens	84	74
Santorini	78	73
Heraklion	80	74

Small Group Tour Highlights

Athens sightseeing, including Acropolis and Parthenon • Excursion to ancient Delphi • Visits to archaeological sites of Corinth, Mycenae, and Epidaurus • Tour and tasting at olive oil factory • Half-day excursion to Hydra • Heraklion's Minoan Palace of Knossos and Archaeological Museum • Private cruise to Spinalonga • Two-night stay on island of Santorini • Winery tour and tasting • Archaeological site of Akrotiri • Tour of National Archaeological Museum, Athens

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Athens		
2-4	Athens	Electra Palace Hotel	Deluxe
5-7	Kantia (Peloponnese)	Kandia's Castle	Sup. First Class
8-10	Heraklion (Crete)	Aquila Atlantis Hotel	First Class
11-12	Thira (Santorini)	Santorini Palace Hotel	First Class
13	Athens	Electra Palace Hotel	Deluxe
14	Depart Athens for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the *Hotel & Travel Index*, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 4, we tour the ruins of Delphi, one of the most beautiful ancient sites.



Athens' famed Acropolis and its Parthenon, which we visit on Day 3

our resort hotel on the Peloponnesian coast and dine there tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Epidaurus/Mycenae/Nafplion Among the highlights of this morning's visit to the vast archaeological site and museum of Epidaurus: the 2,300-year-old theater, a masterpiece of Greek architecture known for its perfect acoustics and still in use today. Long associated with healing and medicine, Epidaurus comprises one of the most complete sanctuaries remaining from antiquity. This afternoon we tour the imposing ruins at Mycenae, a UNESCO site that represented the pinnacle of civilization from the 15th to the 12th centuries BCE. A key influence on the development of classic Greek culture (and hence Western civilization), Mycenae also is linked to Homer's epics, *Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. We see the Tomb of Agamemnon, with what was the world's highest and widest dome for more than a thousand years; and the Lion's Gate, the only known Bronze Age monumental sculpture in Greece. Then we visit nearby Nafplion, a gem of a Venetian/Byzantine town with picturesque narrow streets, fortifications, and a bounty of waterfront cafés – and where we enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we dine together at a local taverna. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Peloponnese/Hydra This morning we travel to the port of Ermioni, where we board a private boat for the ride to Hydra, the car-free Saronic island where donkeys provide the transportation. After lunch together at a local taverna, we have free time to enjoy this picturesque island as we wish. Late afternoon we return to our resort for an evening at leisure. *B,L*

Day 8: Peloponnese/Heraklion, Crete En route to Athens this morning we stop to see the Corinth Canal, cutting at sea level through the narrow Isthmus

of Corinth to the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean. We continue on to the Athens airport for the 50-minute flight to Crete, arriving mid-afternoon in Heraklion, the Cretan capital. After checking in at our hotel, we enjoy an afternoon at leisure; this evening we take a walking tour of the Venetian/Ottoman-influenced town center prior to dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 9: Heraklion/Knossos Today we visit one of Greece's greatest museums: Heraklion's Archaeological Museum housing artifacts from 5,500 years of Cretan history, from the Neolithic period to Roman times. The museum is especially renowned for its Minoan collection, much of which was excavated from the palace of Knossos – our next stop. The political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur, ancient Knossos is considered Europe's "oldest city" and the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. Following our tour and lunch, we return to Heraklion for a visit to Koules Fortress, the well-preserved 16th-century bastion at the entrance to the old port. Then the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B,L*

Day 10: Heraklion/Spinalonga/Agios Nikolaos After an hour's drive this morning, we board a private boat for a cruise through the Bay of Elounda to Spinalonga, a former Venetian island fortress later occupied by the Ottomans then used as a leper colony from 1903 to 1957. From here we travel to the colorful harborside town of Agios Nikolaos, with its galleries, shops, cafés, tavernas, and tiny Lake Voulismeni, where legend has it, the goddess Athena once bathed. *B,D*

Day 11: Crete/Santorini We depart this morning by high-speed ferry for Santorini, southernmost of the Cycladic islands. Once believed to have been the

“TELL ME, O MUSE,
OF TRAVELLERS FAR AND WIDE.”

– HOMER

legendary lost island of Atlantis, Santorini today attracts both Greeks and visitors alike with its stupendous setting of cubiform whitewashed houses sitting atop the jagged cliffs of a crescent-shaped caldera. Upon arrival we visit Venetsanos Winery for a tour and tasting then have free time in the town of Thira for lunch and to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we head to the town of Oia, known for its iconic whitewashed architecture and stunning views. *B,D*

Day 12: Santorini Today we tour Santorini’s archaeological site of Akrotiri, a Bronze Age Minoan location that was abandoned in the 17th century BCE



Athens street scene

following a volcanic eruption – whose ash also preserved the excavations that we now see. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this idyllic island as we wish. *B*

After a late morning flight to Athens, we check in at our hotel then are free for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure, perhaps to visit the Plaka for last-minute shopping or to stroll the broad plaza of lively Syntagma Square. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking the Acropolis at the rooftop restaurant of our hotel. *B,D*

Day 13: Santorini/Athens After a late morning flight to Athens, we check in at our hotel then are free for lunch

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer to Athens’ international airport this morning, where we connect with our return flight home. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We spend two nights in idyllic Santorini.

Tour Departs: September 16, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

New York	\$5,492
Boston, Philadelphia	\$5,692
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$5,792
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,892
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$497, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

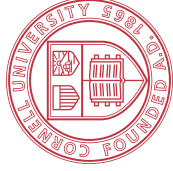
Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at:

888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time



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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee. In addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties, Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility

The liability of the Cornell University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Cornell University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary, if unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the Cornell University Alumni Association assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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