ANCIENT GREECE
WITH SANTORINI AND CRETE
August 27-September 9, 2020, or September 7-20, 2020

14 days from $5,692 total price from New York
($5,195 air & land inclusive plus $497 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

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.

If you've traveled with CAA before, you know to expect excellent travel experiences in some of the world's most interesting places. If our travel offerings are new to you, you'll want to take a closer look at our upcoming tours.

Working closely with some of the world's most highly-respected travel companies, CAA trips are not only well organized, safe, and a great value, they are filled with remarkable people. This year, as we have for more than forty years, we are offering itineraries in the United States and around the globe.

Whether you're ascending a sand dune by camel, strolling the cobbled streets of a 'medieval town', hiking a trail on a remote mountain pass, or lounging poolside on one of our luxury cruises, we guarantee 'an extraordinary journey in great company.'

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Warmly,
Alumni Affairs
Cornell University

CORNELL UNIVERSITY TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM: ANCIENT GREECE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Ancient Greece departing August 27, 2020, or September 7, 2020 (please circle departure date). 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, 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, August 27-September 9, 2020, or September 7-20, 2020, 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 ________________________________________________________________________________

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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 at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
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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 our 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. Then the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration; ancient sights, monuments, and museums abound. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. 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  This morning we visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to the world’s most significant collections of Greek artifacts. We then depart 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. This afternoon we reach our resort hotel on the Peloponnesian coast and dine there tonight. B, L, D

Small Group Tour Highlights

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

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating

1  Depart U.S. for Athens

2-4 Athens  Elia Ermou Athens Hotel Deluxe

5-7 Kantia (Peloponnese)  Kandia’s Castle Resort & Thelasso Sup. First Class

8-10 Heraklion (Crete)  Aquila Atlantis Hotel First Class

11-12 Thira (Santorini)  Santorini Palace Hotel First Class

13 Athens  Elia Ermou Athens Hotel Deluxe

14 Depart Athens for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.
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  This morning we tour the ruins of the palace of Knossos, once the political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur. Considered Europe’s “oldest city,” Knossos is the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. After lunch, we visit one of the greatest museums in all of Greece: 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. Then we return to Heraklion where the rest of the day is at leisure, with dinner on our own. 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. Next: a visit to a Cretan olive oil farm to learn about the history of olive oil production – Greece consumes more olive oil than any other country – and to enjoy a tour and tasting. B

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 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 a local winery for a tour and tasting then have free time in the town of Thira for lunch and to explore on our own. 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 following a volcanic eruption – whose ash also preserved the excavations that we now see. Late this afternoon we head to the town of Oia. Set along the northern side of Santorini’s inner coast, Oia is known for its iconic white-washed architecture and stunning views. We enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel this evening. B,D

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

“Leave the road, take the trails.”
– Pythagoras

Tour Departs: August 27, 2020, or September 7, 2020

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

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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 $1,195. 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 – $1,495 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
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.

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TOUR TO GREECE!

Limited to 24 Guests

Guaranteed Small Group: $5,700 per person

Not Included in Tour Price
- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package
- Passports and visas, if required
- Personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified
- Airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package
- Communication charges
- Optional sightseeing
- Gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day)
- Travel protection insurance
- Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change

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
- 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.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. 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, the Cornell University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to make any changes in our travel arrangements whenever, in our opinion, circumstances warrant or are necessary, including, but not limited to: changes in air lines, routing, or dates; hotel accommodations; meals; or excursions. Such changes may be made at any time prior to your departure. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is not responsible for any loss resulting from the cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour. You will receive your pre-flight information about air transportation approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Air transportation is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.

Health and safety information is provided by: Cornell University Health Services.

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