

## **DAL PROGRAM**

01/08/2022: **ROCK OF ACROPOLIS, ANCIENT AGORA**

Departure 08:45      Duration 6h      Cost 60 €

Departure from the hotel to visit the Holy rock of the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum. With a professional tour guide by your side, you will learn everything about the monumental buildings of the Acropolis, including the godly Parthenon, the Temple of Nike and the Erechtheion. Descending the Acropolis Hill and starting navigated in the capital of Greece, you will explore the emblematic buildings of Athens' neoclassical architecture by walking through Plaka, the picturesque "island-like" neighborhood, where the first builders of ancient Athens are located.

After a revealing walk through the old city, you will continue and reach the Ancient Agora site. Your expert guide will introduce you to the chain of events that made democracy possible in ancient Athens. You will learn about Solon, whose legal reforms paved the way for forming the earliest civil society in world history and many other ancient truths. By the time we hop on the bus again to return at the hotel, you'll have seen the best of Athens on a tour that encompasses the city's most essential elements: history, architecture, and the locals' everyday life

Lunch in a traditional Greek tavern in Thisio.

### **INCLUDES**

- Transport by luxury air-conditioned bus
- Hotel pick up/drop off service
- Professional and licensed guide
- 3 plate menu lunch
- Early and Skip-the-line access at the Acropolis
- Walking tour

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Rock of Acropolis entrance fee (20 €)

## 02/08/2022: ONE DAY CRUISE

Departure 07:00      Duration 12h      Cost 135 €

07:00 in the morning we will depart from hotel to take a day cruise to the fabulous Greek islands of Hydra, Poros and Aegina for a relaxing day on the sea. With all your transport, transfers and buffet lunch organized, (a delicious lunch and Greek folklore show aboard your ship are included), you can sit back and enjoy your leisurely day cruise with free time on each island to explore. After transferring from Athens to the port by motor coach, you'll set sail for the island of Poros, where you'll have free time for strolling and shopping. Head ashore at the colorful capital and enjoy around two hours to look around on your own.

As you approach the island of Hydra admire the colorful harbor and get tips from our guide on what to see and do on the island. You will have about 1.5 hours at leisure to enjoy the unique charms of Hydra Island, whose amphitheater shape once served as a safe shelter for Saronic Pirates. Amble down the narrow lanes, relax over coffee, or buy souvenirs in the quaint shops. From the decks, you will be able to admire the very special architecture and dramatic landscapes of this island, whose old traditional stone houses and mansions silently stand witness to a long and turbulent history.

Upon arrival in Egina (Aegina) a guided excursion to Egina's ancient Temple of Aphaia is also available at your own expense or take a walk around the main town. Aegina is one of the Saronic islands of Greece in the Saronic Gulf. The lovely island is only 31 miles (50 kilometers) from Athens, and is a popular getaway for Athenians during the summer months.

Return to your cruise-boat and sit down to enjoy a Greek folklore show of traditional music and dancing as you sail back to the port. After an hour at sea, disembark and finish your trip with a drop-off the hotel.

**VIP Cruise Experience:** Upgrade to enjoy special amenities and be spoiled in the VIP class lounge. Start with a transfer from hotel to port, enjoy a private check-in with fast track entry and then relax in the VIP lounge. Enjoy a welcome drink and savor a buffet lunch in the VIP dining room which located in a separated area from standard class passengers as well as unlimited water, filter coffee and soft drinks. The VIP area is equipped with Wi-Fi, and on the second deck a tax-free luxury goods store awaits. In the summer, you'll be charmed by the sun deck and spacious open space with a comfortable sitting area and bar. Choice between a walking tour in Hydra or a Panoramic tour in Aegina is also included.

### INCLUDES

- Transport by luxury air-conditioned bus
- Professional and Licensed guide
- Hotel pick up/drop off service
- Buffet - Lunch on board in a buffet
- Greek dance show and music
- Multilingual expert escorts on board
- All taxes

### NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks and beverages
- Entrance fees
- Cost of optional tours in Aegina

03/08/2022: **CAPE SOUNIO**

Departure 10:00      Duration 6h      Cost 90 €

Departure at 10:00 in the morning for a half day trip full of images and breathtaking views. Begin your Sounio tour with a wonderful drive along the scenic coastal road which affords a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf, passing through some of the most beautiful suburbs (Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza) and idyllic beaches. As you approach Cape Sounion, one of Greece's most photographed monuments, it rises like a sheer cliff out of the sea. At Cape Sounion where you will visit the 5th century B.C. Temple of Poseidon with one of the most breathtaking panoramic views in the world (on a clear day you can see at least seven islands). The precipice is a sheer 197 foot drop to the sea.

Land masses to the west stand out in sharp profile: the island of Aegina backed by the mountains of the Peloponnese. The beauty of the surviving Doric columns has inspired many poets, including Lord Byron who carved his name on one of the columns. This half day excursion is a great option if you want to discover Greece beyond Athens, enjoy stunning views and visit world famous Greek ruins.

Lunch in a traditional Greek tavern by the sea in Sounion.

**INCLUDES**

- Transport by luxury air-conditioned bus
- Professional and Licensed guide
- Hotel pick up/drop off service
- 3 plate menu lunch
- All taxes

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Entrance fees of the Temple of Poseidon (8 €)

04/08/2022: **CITY SIGHTSEEING - ATHENIAN TRILOGY**

Departure 10:00      Duration 4h      Cost 60 €

Boarding on the buses and 1st stop at Kalimarmaro Stadium, the place of the first modern Olympics back in 1896. Next stop at Syntagma Square below the Hellenic Parliament where we will see the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then we will walk down the "Big Walk" of Athens, a new concept with specially designed sidewalks which leads us on the Athenian Trilogy: the National Library – the Athens national University – the Academy of Athens, buildings of special importance and history.

Lunch in the old traditional and graphic neighborhood of Plaka, in the shadow of Acropolis.

**INCLUDES**

- Transport by luxury air-conditioned bus
- Professional and licensed guide
- Hotel pick up/drop off service
- 3 plate menu lunch
- All taxes

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Kalimarmaro entrance fee (5 €)

## **Afternoon Program**

### **Acropolis of Athens Afternoon walking tour**

Departure 17:00      Duration 2 h      Cost 40 €

Departure from hotel to meet our guide and start the unmemorable Acropolis afternoon tour. See the landmark monuments of Athens in a new light during a late afternoon tour of the Acropolis. Avoid the crowds and warmer temperatures and set yourself off on a leisurely walking tour of some of the world's most impressive monuments.

Along the way, listen as your top-rated licensed guide shares knowledgeable insight of the citadel's ruins, including excavation details, and be sure that you'll step back in time and discover how Athens became one of the greatest cities of the ancient world, a beacon of civilization. Be ready to outface one of the most recognized buildings on Earth: the Parthenon. Meander around the temple to learn more about how it was constructed for the goddess Athena. Visit all the other unique monuments of Acropolis hill: the Theater of Dionysus, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and Propylaea.

In the end, panoramic views of the city will be perfect for Instagram-ready photos while these white marbles play iridescent games with the setting sun.

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- Professional and Licensed guide
- Hotel pick up/drop off service
- All taxes
- Skip-the-line access at the Acropolis
- Walking tour

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Rock of Acropolis entrance fee (20 €)

## **ACROPOLIS MUSEUM, ANCIENT AGORA**

Departure 17:00      Duration 3h      Cost 40 €

Departure from hotel to visit the emblematic Acropolis museum which opened its gates in 2009 to protect Greek heritage. The new Acropolis Museum was constructed on the south side of the Acropolis at a distance of 300 metres from its monuments.

Leaving the museum and starting navigating in the capital of Greece, you will explore the emblematic buildings of Athens' neoclassical architecture by walking through Plaka, the picturesque "island-like" neighborhood, where the first builders of ancient Athens are located.

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- All taxes
- Skip-the-line access at the Acropolis
- Walking tour

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Acropolis Museum entrance fee (10 €)

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- Professional and licensed guide
- Hotel pick up/drop off service
- All taxes

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Kalimarmaro Stadium entrance fee (5 €)