



12 Olympian Gods Tour

Duration: 12 days

Suggested Itinerary

3 overnights in Athens
2 overnights in Porto Heli
2 overnights in Delphi
2 overnights in Kalambaka
2 overnights in Thessaloniki

*Zeus – Hera – Poseidon – Demeter – Athena –
Apollo – Artemis – Ares – Aphrodite –
Hephaestus – Hermes – Dionysus*



Sites and Places of Interest in Athens

Acropolis of Athens

The Acropolis, and the Parthenon in particular, is the most characteristic monument of the ancient Greek civilization.

Put the best of science, art and philosophy together in one creation and you have the definitive monument of human civilization.

UNESCO calls it the symbol of World Heritage. The world calls it the Athenian Acropolis!



New Acropolis Museum

The new Acropolis Museum has a total area of 25,000 square meters, with exhibition space of over 14,000 square meters, ten times more than that of the old museum on the Hill of the Acropolis.

The Acropolis Museum is an archaeological museum focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies on the archaeological site of Makrygiani and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens.



National Archaeological Museum of Athens

The National Archaeological Museum of Athens is the largest archaeological museum in Greece and one of the most important museums in the world devoted to ancient Greek art.

Its abundant collections, with more than 11,000 exhibits, provide a panorama of Greek civilization from the beginnings of Prehistory to Late Antiquity.



Sites and Places of Interest near Corinth-Argolis



Corinth Canal

The Corinth Canal cuts through the narrow Isthmus of Corinth and separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland, thus effectively making the former peninsula an island. The builders dug the canal through the Isthmus at sea level; no locks are employed. It is 6.4 kilometres (4.0 mi) in length and only 21.4 metres (70 ft) wide at its base, making it impassable for most modern ships. It now has little economic importance. The canal was mooted in classical times and an abortive effort was made to build it in the 1st century AD. Construction finally got under way in 1881 but was hampered by geological and financial problems that bankrupted the original builders. It was completed in 1893 but, due to the canal's narrowness,

navigational problems and periodic closures to repair landslides from its steep walls, it failed to attract the level of traffic expected by its operators. It is now used mainly for tourist traffic.

Diolkos

The Diolkos is a paved road which was used for the transport of boats by land on a platform ("puller of boats"). It became necessary to built the "diolkos" in order to provide a quick passage for the boats between the Saronic Gulf and the Corinthian Bay. It was constructed during the 6th century B.C., probably during the tyranny of Periandros in Corinth. Its western end was reconstructed at the beginning of the 4th century B.C. It was used for the transport of small boats, mostly warships, up to the 9th century A.D. as is confirmed by various sources.

Sites and Places of Interest near Corinth-Argolis

Epidaurus Theatre

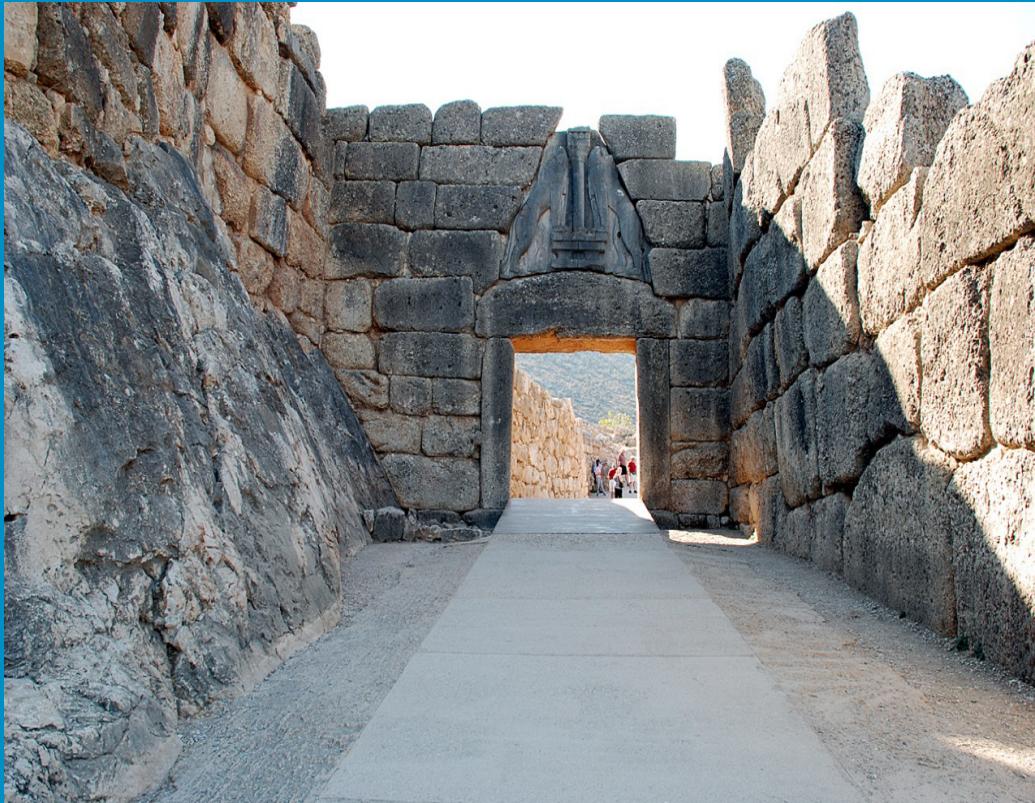
Among all the ancient theatres, Epidaurus theatre is the most beautiful and best preserved. Destined for the fun of the patients of Asklepieio, it had a capacity of 13,000 spectators.



The superb acoustics as well as the very well preserved construction, contributed to the creation of Epidaurus Festival S.A., an institution that contributed to the cultural revival of the theatre.

Mycenae

The archaeological sites of Mycenae and Tiryns are the imposing ruins of the two greatest cities of the Mycenaean civilization, which dominated the eastern Mediterranean world from the 15th to the 12th century B.C. and played a vital role in the development of classical Greek culture. These two cities are indissolubly linked to the Homeric epics, the Iliad and the Odyssey, which have influenced European art and literature for more than three millennia.



Sites and Places of Interest in Corinth

Archaeological Museum of Isthmia

The Archaeological Museum of Isthmia was built from 1970-1978, and includes a collection of findings from the archeological site of Isthmia and from the ancient port of Kechrees. The most impressive and unique exhibit, and the only one in Greece, is the 87 artistic paintings Opus Sectilae, which were murals made from ivory and glass. Kechrees was the eastern port of Korinthos, the commercial port located at the first natural bay south of Isthmia. Ruins of the facing jetties of the port are preserved there, while on the edge of the northern harbor's breakwaters there are also underwater remains of small temple-form buildings, probably dedicated to Poseidon and Isis.



Archaeological Museum of Corinth

Corinth was a long and rich history that can be explored when visiting the Archaeological Museum of Corinth. Here you can find exhibits brought to light by archaeologists showcasing the legacy and culture of ancient Corinth. The Museum was built in the 1930s, inside the archaeological site of Ancient Corinth based on a plan by W. Stuart Thompson. About 20 years later a new section was added to the Museum by the same architect. The Museum of Corinth is one of the richest and most interesting museums of the Greek province. Through the exhibits, visitors have the opportunity to experience the long history of the glorious city and the entire Corinthian Prefecture.



Sites and Places of Interest in Delphi



Delphi Archaeological museum

The treasure of artifacts brought to light by the excavations in the sanctuary of Delphi found shelter in the museum that was built on site in 1903 with funds by Andreas Syggros. Successive expansions of the exhibition areas from the 1950s onwards led to the contemporary museum, which was last refurbished in 2000.

Today the museum accommodates one of the most valuable collections of ancient Greek art. These works, along with the architectural monuments, once adorned Apollo's sanctuary, which must have resembled a vast open-air museum.

Oracle of Delphi

The site of the oracle of Delphi is really astonishing. At first glance you can understand why this place is the navel of the earth. Once you come here you have to visit first the museum, where you will see many important findings and you will obtain useful information for your tour. In the museum of Delphi you can admire sculptures and objects of art from the sanctuary. Among them are the statues of the two kouros designed by Polymidis the 6th century BC and reflect either the Kleovi and Vitona or Kastor and Polidephki (Dioskouroi). Of the most valuable and famous sculptures in the museum are the famous Hnioshos of Delphi oracle, which was donated by Polyzalos, tyrant of Gelas. The artist is unknown.



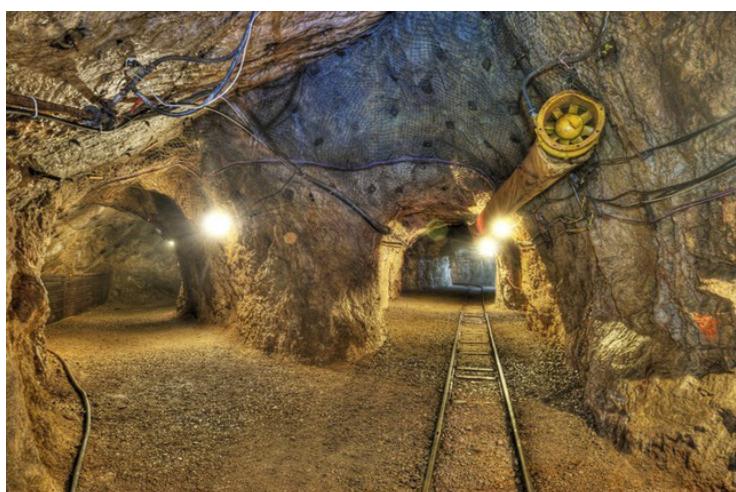
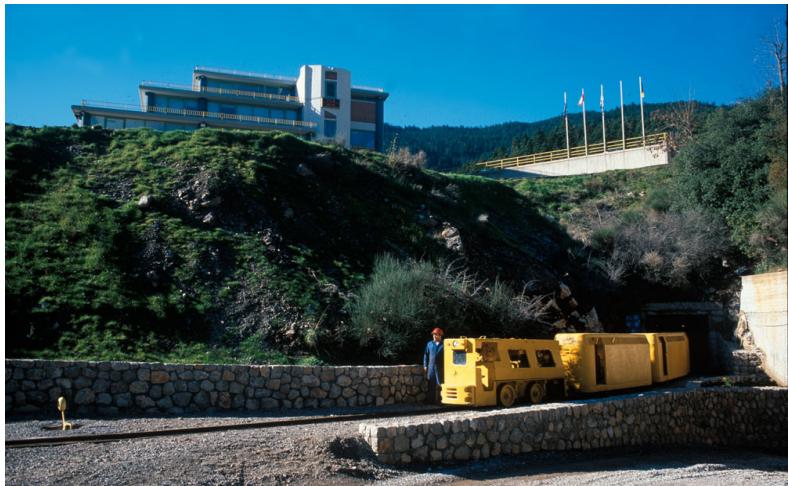
Sites and Places of Interest in Delphi

Fokis Mining Park–Vagonetto

Fokis Mining Park–Vagonetto is a unique theme park, situated on the 51st km. of the Lamia-Amfissa National Road in Greece, between mountains Ghiona and Parnassos, within the broader area of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. premises.

Vagonetto aims at presenting the operation areas of a mine, but also at informing, recreating, and educating the new generations on the history of the exploitation of bauxite, and on the people who worked in mines, honoring and promoting the mining history of Fokis.

A tour through Vagonetto gives the visitor the chance for a step-by-step introduction to the bauxite mining process. The acquaintance with the history of bauxite begins in the exhausted underground Gallery 850, continues in the Exhibition Area and the Interactive Digital Technology Wing, and is completed at the Open-air Machinery Exhibition.



Sites and Places of Interest in Kalambaka



Meteora Kalambaka

In the prefecture of Trikala and within 20 km from Trikala, over Kalampaka, rise the proud and majestic rocky cliffs of the Holy Meteora, filled with shell fossils and revealing a unique geological phenomenon. It is the most important monastery complex in Greece after Mount Athos. In these untrodden peaks of Meteora, the first hermits arrived around 1100 AD. Climbing and nesting like birds in the caves and hollows of the rocks, they isolated themselves seeking mental completeness and redemption with prayers and fasting. The Holy Meteora is recognized and protected as a listed World Heritage monument by UNESCO and other international organizations.



Sites and Places of Interest near Kalambaka



Dodoni Theater

Dodoni sanctuary, an archeological site of international fame, is located in Dodonea valley few kilometers away from Ioannina. The area is considered to be birthplace of many Greek speaking tribes based on historic sources, as well as findings from the last period of the Copper Age. The sanctuary was dedicated to Naio Zeus and in it had an Oracle area (surrounding the holy acorn tree named Figos), a Theater, a Prytaneum and a Parliament. The most important buildings of the sanctuary were built during the period when Pirros, king of Molossoi reigned, it was also the period that the sanctuary reached the peak of flourishing. Todays archelogical site includes the ancient theater and the ancient house of the oracle.



Sites and Places of Interest near Thessaloniki



Vergina

The excavation by Professor Manolis Andronikos and his associates under the Great Tumulus of Verginavillage in Imathia, Central Macedonia in 1977 brought to light the most important archaeological discovery of the 20th century in Greece. Today's Vergina (Ancient Aigai), in the foothills of Mt. Pieria, was the first capital of ancient kingdom of Macedonia, called Aigai.

The site of the Royal Tombs under a modern roof hosts the main excavation, as well as an exhibition of the major finds from the burials. It is protected by UNESCO as world cultural heritage and comprises a unique discovery of an enormous universal impact.



Amfipolis

In the Prefecture of Kavala, near the estuary of Strymonas River, you will find Amfipolis with its impressive archaeological site and Archaeological Museum. The two fortification enceintes of the town, as well as the renowned Lion of Amfipolis, an imposing stone tomb dating back to the 4th century B.C., are worth a visit. In Palaiochori, you can admire the impressive towering castle "Vranokastro" and the remains of the monastery dedicated to Aghios Georgios Diasoritis.

Suggested Hotels in Athens

Grande Bretagne Hotel

5*****

With breathtaking views of the fabled Acropolis, regal Syntagma Square and the Parliament, lush Lycabettus Hill or the original Olympic Stadium, the multi-awarded 5 star Hotel Grande Bretagne offers an unrivalled perspective of Athens' mythical history.

Situated right in the heart of the city, since 1874, the landmark hotel is within walking distance of exclusive shopping areas, museums and the business district.

Not only do our interiors pay homage to celebrated Greek culture, with intricate moldings and classic décor, but also each of the 320 hotel rooms and suites provide enchanting views of our courtyard, or entrancing, panoramic scenes of our Athens' timeless landmarks.

Escape to the GB Spa Athens for a GB Collection Exclusive Massage or an indulgent respite in the Thermal Suite. The GB Roof Garden Restaurant & Bar serves the finest champagne – the ideal compliment for the setting sun beyond the imposing Acropolis. The Cellar stocks more than 3,000 bottles of the finest vintages – allow us to create the finest wine tasting has never been so exquisite.

<http://www.grandebretagne.gr/>

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Suggested Hotels in Athens



Grand Resort Lagonissi

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Grand Resort Lagonissi welcomes you to enjoy a seafront paradise, set on a 72-acre verdant peninsula. Boasting twenty exclusive sandy beach coves and lush natural beauty the resort is nestled in a magnificent private peninsula offering breathtaking sunsets and views to inspire.

The resort provides endless choices of luxurious accommodations, all on the waterfront with direct access to sandy beaches or to the sea. Deluxe rooms with stunning sea views, bungalows with private pools, suites with gym quarters and villas with private spa areas, compose the Grand Resort's luxurious scenery. The latest in comfort of technology pervade every single room combined with sleek interiors creating an ambience of residential charm and unparalleled beauty.

The THALASPA Chenot at the Grand Resort Lagonissi offers a complete range of services for body, mind and spirit. Rediscover the world of natural rules and free yourself from all pressures and tensions through the unique Chenot Method.

<http://www.lagonissiresort.gr/>

✓ Spa
✓ Mini-golf



Suggested Hotels in Porto Heli

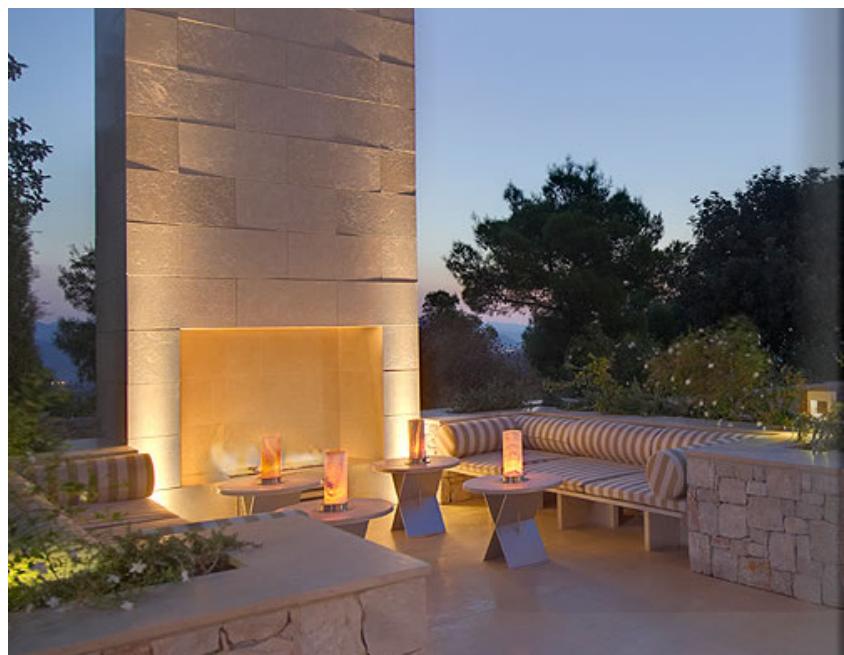
Amanzoe

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Comprising a 38-suite resort, an Aman Spa and a number of Aman Villas, Amanzoe is the Greek complement to Montenegro's Aman Sveti Stefan and Turkey's Amanruya. Drawing its name from the Sanskrit-derived word for 'peace' and zoe, the Greek word for 'life', Amanzoe is situated on a hilltop close to the town of Porto Heli on the east coast of the Peloponnese. The resort offers panoramic views of the Peloponnese countryside and coastline, a private Beach Club in a picturesque bay and easy access to the cosmopolitan islands of Spetses and Hydra.

<http://www.amanresorts.com>

✓ *Spa*



Suggested Hotels in Delphi

Tagli Resort & Spa 5*****

The stone-built Tagli Resort & Spa is situated in Livadi area, between Arachova Village and Parnassos Ski Centre. The restaurant serves gourmet Greek cuisine and the lounge café with fireplace is an ideal place to relax and meet other guests. The scenic village of Arachova, where several traditional taverns and café bars can be found, is approximately 4 km away.

www.tagliresort.gr
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Aegli Resort & Spa 5*****

Set at the foot of Parnassus Mountain, at 1050 metres, the modern Aegli Resort & Spa offers views of Delphi. Guests enjoy free access to the hotel's pool, sauna, gym and ice-skating rink. The 4000-m² accommodation at Aegli Resort & Spa consists of 2-storey houses with rooms boasting a view of the surroundings. The Aegli Resort provides facilities including an artificial ice skating rink, a playground for children, ski shop and ski school. This boutique hotel provides the ideal retreat after a day on the ski slopes or a visit to the museum of Delphi.

<http://www.koutras.gr/>
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Suggested Hotels in Kalambaka



Grand Forest Metsovo 5*****

Set amidst a pine tree forest, on a hillside of Pindos, Grand Forest Metsovo features an elegantly decorated gourmet restaurant and a mountain-view bar. Facilities also include a farm with horses, and a spa centre with indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Free bicycles are offered. Guests can start their day with an American breakfast served daily at the dining area. Traditional flavours and gourmet dishes prepared with fresh ingredients and accompanied by fine wine can be enjoyed at "Metsovo 1350m" restaurant for lunch or dinner. Drinks and coffees are available at the on-site bar. The centre of Metsovo lies within a 15-minute' drive from the property, while Ioannina Town is 52 km away. Ioannina National Airport is at a distance of 47 km and Thessaloniki International Airport is 240 km away.

www.grand-forest.gr
✓ Spa



Ananti City Resort 5*****

Built on a hill on the outskirts of Trikala, Ananti City Resort features a rooftop restaurant with panoramic view over the Thessalian plain, an outdoor pool and spa facilities. Trikala centre with its shops, traditional cafes and restaurants is only 2.5 km away. A Greek breakfast buffet is served each morning. Guests can enjoy Mediterranean dishes for lunch and dinner at the on-site a la carte restaurant with panoramic view, while there is also a bar available. Pertouli Ski Centre is 35 km away. The area is ideal for activities and winter sports, as well as excursions to Meteora (20 km).

www.anantiresort.gr
✓ Spa



Divani Meteora Hotel 5*****

Sitting at the base of the Meteora rocks, the Divani Meteora boasts a spacious outdoor pool and spacious rooms with oak-wood furnishings, most with view to Meteora rocks. In a relaxed and open atmosphere with spectacular view of the Meteora rocks, guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner. The hotel chef proposes a variety of local and International dishes, accompanied with a variety of wines. With a wide selection of cocktails and drinks and a view of Meteora rocks, the bar creates an ambiance in which to unwind.

www.divanis.com
✓ Spa

Suggested Hotels in Thessaloniki



Electra Palace Hotel Thessaloniki 5*****

The 5-star Electra Palace Hotel Thessaloniki features a roof garden and an ideal location, facing Aristotelous Square, just minutes from Eleftherias Square and Thermaikos Gulf. All rooms and suites are tastefully decorated and furnished. Guests can enjoy Greek Breakfast including homemade fruit pies, olives and scrambled eggs. Lunch and dinner are served on the rooftop restaurant boasting panoramic views of the Thermaikos Gulf, Mount Olympus, the Seich Sou Hill, and Thessaloniki's old castles. Hotel also has Sauna, Fitness centre, Spa and wellness centre, Massage, Hot tub, Hammam and Indoor pool.

<http://www.electrahotels.gr/>

✓ *Spa*

Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki 5*****

Only a 5-minute drive from Macedonia International Airport, the Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki offers high-quality banqueting facilities, spacious rooms, state-of-the-art technology and a unique Asian spa. Hyatt Regency Casino is situated right next, while free shuttle service is available. Guests have many options for on-site entertainment, with the lively lobby lounge and Mediterranean restaurant, all with lush outdoor garden seating areas.

<http://thessaloniki.regency.hyatt.gr/>
✓ *Spa*

The Met Hotel

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Centrally located in the harbour, The Met Hotel features a spa and rooftop pool overlooking Thessaloniki City and Thermaikos Gulf. Chan Restaurant offers an Asian menu and Avenue 48 restaurant serves Greek Breakfast buffet style, and Greek-inspired dishes. Guests can enjoy drinks at the Sky Bar with a 360°degree city view. Chan Bar serves late-night drinks while the Long Bar with the 22-carat gold-plated wall serves cocktails. Wellness options at Hotel Met include a well-equipped fitness centre, hammam, hot tub and indoor swimming pool. An on-site hair salon is available.-

<http://www.chandris.gr/themetthessaloniki>

✓ *Spa*

