



King Nestor Tour

Duration: 7 days

Suggested Itinerary

3 overnights in Athens

2 overnights in Messinia

1 overnight in Olympia

In Greek mythology, Nestor of Gerenia was the son of Neleus and Chloris and the King of Pylos.

He became king after Heracles killed Neleus and all of Nestor's siblings.



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 Makrygianni 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 Athens

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 near Messinia



The Palace of Nestor

The agricultural town of Hora, located 50 km from Kalamata, is known to all visitors as the archaeological area where the Upper Egklianou palaces of King Nestor were discovered (many compare them with Ancient Mycenae and Tiryns). Close by is the tholos tomb attributed to Nestor and his heir Thrasymidi. Findings from the palace and surrounding region that came to light by the excavations (approximately 4000 years of archaeological finds) can be found in the Archaeological Museum of Hora.

Ancient Messini

Ancient Messini is one of the most significant ancient cities in terms of its size, structure and state of preservation and still has much to be discovered. Along with the sanctuaries and public buildings it has imposing fortifications, dwellings and burial sites. It has, amongst other things the rare advantage of never having been destroyed or covered by later settlements and sits in an unspoiled inland site in a natural Mediterranean environment.



Temple of Apollo Epikourios

The temple was dedicated to Apollo Epikourios by the inhabitants of Figalia because they overcame a plague epidemic. The inhabitants of Figalia had erected a temple in honour of Apollo Vassita in the 7th century B.C., and worshipped him with the name Epicure supporter in war or illness. He was given the name Epicurean during the wars against the Spartans around 650 B.C. The final Temple was built during the second half of the 5th century BC (420-410) by Iktino who was also the architect of the Parthenon and for this reason is sometimes referred to as the Parthenons Twin.



Sites and Places of Interest near Olympia



Olympia

In the western Peloponnese, in the "Valley of Gods", lies the most celebrated sanctuary of ancient Greece, and the birthplace of the most important athletic mega-event of all times; the Olympic Games. Olympia is one of the most well-known tourist destinations in Greece, and one of the most powerful brand names worldwide. The visitor can walk through the impressive ruins of the area where athletes trained and run in the ancient stadium; just as the ancient Olympians did after their victory 3000 years ago. They can also visit the museum and get the chance to see some unbelievable sculptures such as the sculpted decoration of the temple of Zeus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the famous Hermis of Praxiteles and the statue of Nike of Paionios.

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/>

✓ Spa



Suggested Hotels in Athens



Grand Resort Lagonissi 5*****

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 Messinia

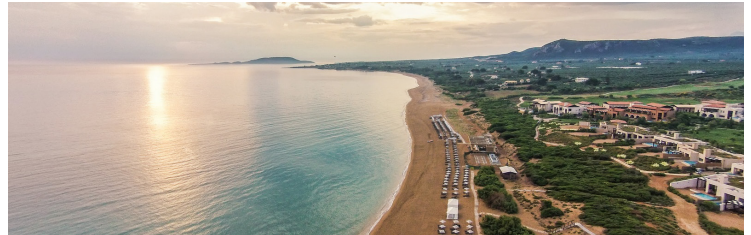
The Romanos Resort Costa Navarino 5*****

Set amid lush olive groves and overlooking the storied waters of the Ionian Sea, this luxury hotel in the Peloponnese offers rooms and suites ranging from 43m² to 192m² with private infinity pools in almost all ground-floor accommodation, along with the magnificent 660m² Royal Villa Koroni, all attractively appointed to create a distinctive and inspiring environment of authentic luxury and heartfelt hospitality.

The Romanos Resort at Navarino Dunes, was honored at the Condé Nast Traveller Readers Travel Awards 2013, 2012 & 2011. It was the first Greek hotel to be named "Favourite Overseas Leisure Hotel: Europe, Asia Minor and the Russian Federation". The Romanos also took fourth place in the magazine's World Top 100 list of experiences. The hotel awarded for best design at the European Hotel Design Awards 2010 in the category "Best Suite, Interior Design of the Year" also figured among the world's Best Hotels in Condé Nast Traveller's Gold List 2012.

www.romanoscostanavarino.com

✓ Spa, ✓ Golf



The Westin Resort Costa Nava- rino 5*****

At The Westin Resort Costa Navarino, one of the best family destinations in Europe, deluxe rooms, family rooms and suites are set on a verdant hillside in a privileged seaside location, offering a mix of golf, sea and pool views.

The rooms and suites at this luxury resort in Peloponnese range from 40m² to 80m², whilst the Royal Villa Methoni occupies 625m². The family-friendly accommodation features spacious terraces or balconies with lounge areas, providing unparalleled views over the Ionian Sea, while most ground-floor units have private infinity pools.

Voted "Best Family Destination" in the Mediterranean amongst Europe's Starwood Hotels & Resorts, The Westin Resort allows children to choose from an enormous variety of supervised fun activities, tailored specifically for them, at the Cocoon and the SandCastle, giving parents plenty of time to indulge in their own favorite sports or simply unwind.

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✓ Spa, ✓ Golf



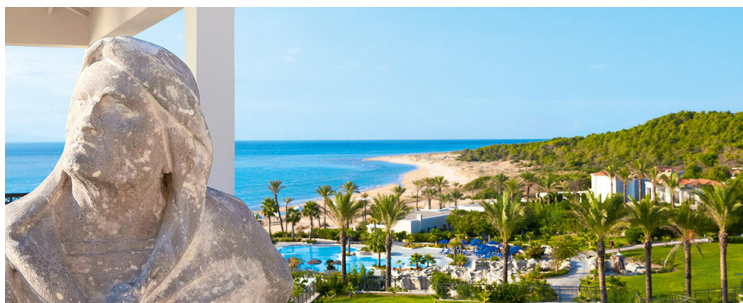
Suggested Hotels in Olympia



Mandola Rosa Olympia Riviera Resort, GrecoTel Hotel's & Resorts 5*****

Mandola Rosa means 'pink almond tree', like the ones that blossom at Ancient Olympia. Welcome to an intimate world of elegance created for pure pleasure; a world of warmth and sophistication; of perfect leisure. Unwind in pristine waters and landscaped gardens warmed by long hours of sunshine. Luxuriate in the sheer abundance of choice. Inspired by the Belle Époque, this gorgeous boutique hotel evokes the glamour and grace of the Mediterranean seaside resorts of 1920s Europe.

<http://www.mandolarosa.com/>

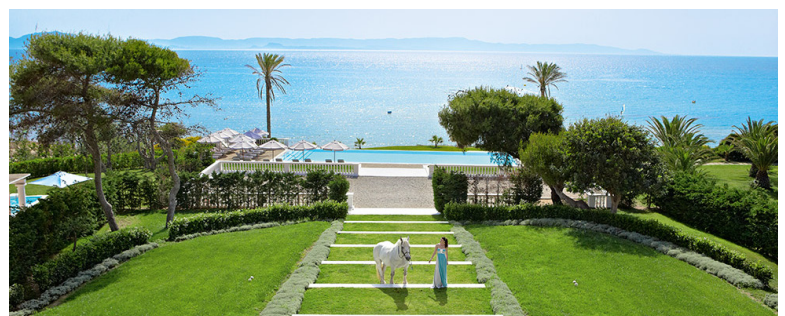


Aldemar Royal Olympian 5*****

Nestling next to the Olympian Village - in an idyllic beachfront location near Olympian Village on the west coast of Peloponnese - stands the stunningly beautiful and tranquil Royal Olympian, located in spacious grounds with its own lush gardens. Ultra-stylish accommodation complete with luxury decor offers the utmost in comfort and a variety of restaurants invite you to indulge in the very best local, Greek and international cuisine or enjoy a cocktail as you watch the sun slipping slowly over the sea

<http://www.aldemar-resorts.gr/>

✓ Spa, ✓ Golf



Olympia Riviera Thalasso Olympia Riviera Resort, GrecoTel Hotel's & Resorts 5*****

Olympia Riviera Thalasso is the ultimate spa resort in Peloponnese. Inspired by the sanctuary at Ancient Olympia, this exclusive beachfront hideaway is pure in classical elegance. Palms and a tropical seawater pool extending down to the beach add an exotic note. Guestrooms and summer suites are elegantly appointed in a style that strikes a balance between the casual and the glamorous.

<http://www.olympiarivierathalasso.com/>

✓ Spa