



# GREECE & SOUTHERN ITALY 2023

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 9

*This unique tour will encompass the best of Greece and Southern Italy. We start by focusing on classical Athens and other archaeological sites in the Peloponnese Peninsula on mainland Greece before moving on to Puglia and Sicily in southern Italy for its highlights.*

## OCTOBER 27 . . . .

Arrival into Athens. Take an afternoon orientation walk around the Plaka District. Welcome dinner. Stay in Athens for 2 nights.

## OCTOBER 28 . . . .

Visit the world-famous Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum, plus the Temple of Zeus and the Olympic Stadium.

## OCTOBER 29 . . . .

Pick up our van and drive to Nafplion, stopping by Epidaurus to see the best-preserved ancient Greek theatre in the country. Afterwards, go to explore the Palamidi Fortress above Nafplion. Overnight in Nafplion.

## OCTOBER 30 . . . .

Drive from Nafplion to Olympia, stopping by Mycenae to visit the famous Lion's Gate and Agamemnon's Tomb. Continue to Olympia. Overnight in Olympia.

## OCTOBER 31 . . . .

Visit the site of the ancient Olympic Games, the Sanctuary of Olympia, and the Archaeological Museum. Drive to Patras and catch our overnight ferry to Bari, arriving the next day.

## NOVEMBER 1 . . . .

Arrival in Bari, Pick up our rental car. Drive to our lodging near Alberobello. Explore Alberobello all afternoon. Stay 2 nights in the Alberobello area.

## NOVEMBER 2 . . . .

Visit the famous grottos at Castellana Grotte and the beachfront towns of Polignano and Monopoli. Alternatively, drive south to the white town of Ostuni.

## NOVEMBER 3 . . . .

Visit Bari Vecchia with a local deaf guide, then move on to the octagonal castle of Castel del Monte, and continue on to Matera. Overnight in Matera.

#### **NOVEMBER 4** • • •

Drive to Reggio Calabria. Afternoon visit to the archeological museum. Evening “passeggiata” on the main street of Reggio Calabria, seeing Sicily across the Strait of Messina. Overnight in Reggio Calabria.

#### **NOVEMBER 5** • • •

Cross the Strait of Messina via ferry. Visit the swanky resort town of Taormina. Afterwards, visit central Catania. Stay in Syracuse for 2 nights.

#### **NOVEMBER 6** • • •

Visit the Greek Theater and Dionysius’ Ear. Afternoon to roam and explore the Ortigia Island of Syracuse. Possible side trip to Noto.

#### **NOVEMBER 7** • • •

Return to Catania. Go up Mount Etna. Continue on to Palermo. Stay in Palermo for 1 night.

#### **NOVEMBER 8** • • •

Grand tour of the city all day. Evening flight to Rome. Overnight near Rome airport.

#### **NOVEMBER 9** • • •

Transfer independently to Rome airport for your flight back home.

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\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space. The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis. 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

**\$3,950**  
per person /double occupancy

**15 DAYS**

**SMALL GROUP 14**

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 14 nights in 3-star accommodations.
- 16 meals: Breakfast (14), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf Tour Leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses, including internal flight(s) and/or ferries between Greece and Italy.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

### WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- International airfares.
- Tips for your tour leader and local tour guides.
- City and tourist taxes.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Tour begins in Athens, Greece and ends in Rome, Italy.
- If you would like to visit the Greek Islands, you would need to arrive beforehand so you can take a side trip to the islands before this tour begins.
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.  
<https://handson.travel/resources/terms/>
- Hands on Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. To learn more, please view the following link:  
<https://handson.travel/resources/protection/>
- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.**