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JOURNEY TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLANDS

Discoveries from the Ancient Past to the Present

With Professor of Classical Studies, Emeritus,
WALTER ENGLERT

October 1 – 11, 2020





Greetings!

I'm thrilled to be leading the Reed Alumni trip, "Journey to Greece & the Greek Islands." Ancient Greece has played a central role in the intellectual life of Reedies, especially over the past 70+ years in Humanities 110.

Greece's long history, the remarkable achievements of its inhabitants, its evocative ancient monuments, and the spectacular beauty of its landscape make it an unforgettable travel destination. The modern world owes a great debt to ancient Greece. Greek *poleis* (city-states), in productive contact and competition with non-Greek cities and empires, developed various forms of government (including democracy), Greek art and architecture, and the genres of Greek epic poetry, lyric poetry, tragedy, comedy, history, and philosophy.

But Greece is not only about the achievements of its ancient past. Modern travelers to the country encounter a place of great beauty, a luminous sky, a deep blue and shimmering sea, people for whom hospitality is almost a sacred duty, and a cuisine that relies on local fresh and healthful ingredients.

This tour of Greece has been designed to highlight its ancient past and contemporary beauty. I invite you to peruse the itinerary in the following pages and I look forward to exploring ancient and modern Greece with you on this amazing trip!

Yours,

Wally Englert
Professor of Classical Studies, Emeritus
Reed College

For reservations and information call Thalassa Journeys at 866-633-3611.

Cover: Santorini



Epidaurus' 4th-century BC theater



EXPERT GUEST LECTURER



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*Detail of the bronze statue of the Charioteer.
475 BC. Delphi Museum*



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Discover places in Greece and the Greek Islands that are of singular importance to the sources of our own Western civilization.

Visit the beautiful islands of Mykonos and Santorini with its characteristic white-washed architecture.

Derive a greater understanding of Greek history from the lectures and discussions of Professor Englert.

Enjoy the outstanding cuisine of the Mediterranean diet.

ITINERARY

Thursday, October 1, 2020

DEPART THE USA

Depart from the US for Athens, Greece.

Friday, October 2

ATHENS, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to the *Athens Plaza Hotel*, located on Constitution Square, the center of the city and near historic attractions and the shopping district. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a restaurant.

Meals: D

Saturday, October 3

ATHENS

Athens's ancient monuments attest to its glorious past. Visit in the morning the Acropolis and its celebrated monuments, including the incomparable Parthenon and other temples and structures built in the 5th century BC. Visit the Acropolis Museum, which houses an outstanding collection of sculptures and other artifacts. Spend the afternoon at leisure for independent activities.

Meals: B

Sunday, October 4

ATHENS / MYCENAE / EPIDAUROS / NAFPLION / ATHENS

Leave Athens for the day to explore the Peloponnese, the southern part of Greece. After driving over the Corinth Canal, the narrow waterway that separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland, stop at Mycenae, the

most important center of the Mycenaean civilization that flourished during the Bronze Age (second millennium BC), and home of Agamemnon, the Greek leader of the fabled Trojan War. Continue to Epidauros, the shrine dedicated to Aesculapius, the god of healing. The site is famous for its incredible 4th-century BC theater, known for its perfect acoustics and harmonious proportions. Enjoy lunch and time at leisure in Nafplion, a lovely medieval town, situated at the head of a spacious bay and crowned by two fortresses. Discover the town's narrow streets and graceful squares. Return to Athens in the late afternoon.

Meals: B, L

Monday, October 5

ATHENS / SOUNION / ATHENS

In the morning visit the splendid Benaki Museum, formerly a private collection, whose exhibits chronicle the rich heritage of Greek cultures. After time at leisure. In the afternoon, drive along the shore of the Athenian Riviera to Sounion to visit the Temple of Poseidon, magnificently set above the sea. The English poet Lord Byron was a visitor and an admirer of the site. Sunset observed from Sounion is spectacular. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel.

Meals: B, D

Tuesday, October 6

ATHENS / DELPHI / ATHENS

Leave Athens in the morning for Delphi, passing on the way through the traditional village of Arachova. One of the most impressive sites in

Greece, Delphi stands on high ground and is surrounded by towering mountains split by a ravine. This place of savage beauty has been sacred from the earliest times. Steam and fumes emerge from cracks and crannies in the rocks giving the region an awesome majesty that perhaps inspired the building of the fabled shrines starting in the 7th century BC. Here, a priestess would render the oracles to those anxious to know the future. Explore the site, including the Sacred Way, the Treasury of the Athenians and the Temple of Apollo. Also, visit the Museum, which houses the famous bronze



Athenian Acropolis

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Temple of Poseidon, Sounion



Nafplion

statue of the Charioteer, among other treasures.
Meals: B, L

Wednesday, October 7

ATHENS / PAROS

This morning take a short flight to Paros. On arrival, transfer to the *Hotel Paros Bay*, located near the beach. One of the loveliest of the Greek islands, situated in the middle of the Aegean Sea, Paros is known for its characteristic white-washed architecture, serene landscape, old villages and chapels, picturesque fishing harbors and inviting beaches and coves. It is also the source of one of the world's finest marble, favored by the greatest sculptors of antiquity. Enjoy dinner at an island taverna.

Meals: B, D

Thursday, October 8

PAROS / SANTORINI / PAROS

Leave Paros in the morning to cruise in the blue Aegean Sea to Santorini, perhaps the most spectacular island in the Mediterranean. Be on deck as the ship approaches the island to admire the impressive volcanic landscape and the island's main town, Phira, perched on the 1,000-foot-high caldera. In the Bronze Age, the island was a flourishing trading center inhabited by a sophisticated society. In the late 17th century BC, a massive volcanic eruption collapsed half of the island and buried its main town in a thick layer of ash and pumice, preserving its houses, streets and squares as they existed 3,700 years ago. Today, the site, called Akrotiri, is one of the world's most important archaeological sites. We will visit

Akrotiri upon arrival, and also have time to explore Phira and marvel at the incredible views. Lunch at a restaurant specializing in the cuisine of the island.

Meals: B, L

Friday, October 9

PAROS / DELOS / MYKONOS / PAROS

Sail to small and uninhabited Delos, the island that was sacred to ancient Greeks on account of its being the birthplace of the divine twins Apollo and Artemis. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Delos is a vast archaeological site and a veritable open air museum. After exploring

Delos, sail to nearby Mykonos, the quintessential Cycladic island, known for its cosmopolitan atmosphere and smart shops and cafes. Enjoy lunch in Mykonos and spend time at leisure to discover Mykonos on your own before sailing back to Paros.

Meals: B, L

Saturday, October 10

PAROS / ATHENS

Today, we will explore Paros, starting in Parikia, the island's atmospheric main town, where we visit the church of Ekatontapylani ("One-Hundred Gated"), the most important



Typical narrow street in old town of Parikia, Paros

early Christian church in the Greek islands, and a place of worship for over 1,700 years, dedicated to the Dormition of the Virgin. Continue to the island's interior, passing by the ancient marble quarries, to Lefkes, a picturesque village, and Naoussa, an old fishing village, now a fashionable resort, built around a small charming harbor. In the late afternoon fly to Athens and transfer to the *Sofitel Athens Airport* hotel for our final night, including a festive farewell dinner.
Meals: B, D

Sunday, October 11

ATHENS / USA

Morning transfer to the airport for return flights to the USA.

Meals: B



Mykonos



Athens' picturesque district

ABOUT THALASSA JOURNEYS

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TRAVEL WITH A SMALL GROUP

Journey to Greece & the Greek Islands, operated exclusively for the Reed College Alumni Association, is limited to 28 travelers. Traveling with a small group fosters a genuine sense of camaraderie and intimacy. The small size also allows for privileged access to places, less crowding at the sites and restaurants, and more meaningful discussions and interaction with Professor Englert and local guides.



The Acropolis Museum



Sanctuary of Athena, Delphi

RATE

\$4,690 per person, double occupancy.
Single room supplement: \$680

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Five nights in Athens at the *Athens Plaza Hotel*; three nights in Paros at the *Hotel Paros Bay*; one night at the *Sofitel Athens Airport* hotel.
- American breakfast each morning at the hotels.
- Four lunches and four dinners at local restaurants, with wine or beer.
- Program of lectures and discussions by Professor Walter Englert.
- All tours and excursions described in the itinerary by private air-conditioned motor coach and professional English-speaking guide.
- Cruises to the Greek islands, as per the itinerary.
- Airport/hotel transfers at designated times on October 2 and 11, and handling of luggage in Greece.
- Entrance fees to ancient sites and museums.
- Gratuities to drivers, guides and porters.
- All local taxes and service charges.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare and airfare within Greece; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any meals and other items not mentioned in the Itinerary and the Program Inclusions.

The cost of the round-trip flights between Athens and Paros is \$250 additional per person and will be provided by Thalassa Journeys. The cost will be included in your final invoice.

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Book by June 1, 2020
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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on ***Journey to Greece & the Greek Islands***, October 1–11, 2020 with Reed College. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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The sacred island of Delos

