



Greece

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT
for Solo
Travelers

Athens & Kalamata

Inspiring Moments

- Enjoy the pace of coastal life in bustling, seaside **Kalamata**.
- Stand in the glorious **Acropolis** and relish magnificent views of Athens.
- Wander through the ruins of **Mycenae**, the mighty Bronze Age kingdom.
- Walk in the footsteps of the first Olympians at the archaeological site of **Olympia**.
- Savor Greece's palate-pleasing bounty of **wine, olives, seafood and olive oil**.
- Journey to the beautifully preserved and less explored ancient city of **Messene**.
- Discover mountainside **Mystras**, a one-of-a-kind treasure and important center of Byzantine culture.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Top: Parthenon | Above: Olive oil & Kalamata olives



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city ✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Athens and transfer 🚗 to hotel
- Day 3** Athens
- Day 4** Mycenae | Kalamata
- Day 5** Kalamata | Messene
- Day 6** Sparta | Mystras | Sparta
- Day 7** Olympia
- Day 8** Kalamata
- Day 9** Corinth | Athens
- Day 10** Transfer 🚗 to the airport and depart for gateway city ✈

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.
- **5 nights** in Kalamata at the first-class Pharae Palace Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.



A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Greek Night.

Join hands for a joyful Kalamatianos folk dance at a fun-filled farewell celebration featuring delicious cuisine, wine and music.

Athens Tour. Explore the birthplace of democracy and Western philosophy, theater and architecture. See top sites including Athens Academy, the University of Athens and the National Library. Ascend the Acropolis and admire the classical lines of the Parthenon. At the Acropolis Museum, view splendid artifacts from the Acropolis' slopes and study the ruins of an ancient neighborhood through a glass floor. *(Active)*

Mycenae & Greek Wine. Learn about this powerful Bronze Age kingdom, a great naval power with influence throughout the Mediterranean, on a guided visit within its remarkable ruins. According to legend, Mycenae was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy. Afterward, enjoy lunch and a tasting at a winery. *(Active)*

Kalamata's History & Cuisine. Stroll through Kalamata's picturesque old town, and delve into its tumultuous past as you see its pretty harbor and landmarks. Stop on your route to try freshly caught seafood and Kalamata's namesake olives.

Messene. Set off to this under-the-radar gem in the countryside and be awed by the impressive ruins of this classical city founded in 369 B.C. Unlike other sites, Messene was never built over by other settlements, so its remains are exceptionally intact. Marvel at the temples, agora, theater, stadium and more on a guided tour. *(Active)*

Sparta, Mystras & the Greek Olive.

Walk amid the ruins of ancient Sparta, one of Greece's greatest city-states. Then, take in the spectacular ruins of the medieval Byzantine city of Mystras dramatically set on a mountainside over the Laconian plain. Admire monasteries, chapels and churches adorned with frescoes in this former cultural capital. Later, after lunch in Mystras, visit Sparta's informative Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, which details why the olive is so prized by the Greeks. *(Active)*

Ancient Olympia. This sacred place dedicated to Zeus was the celebrated birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games, first played in his honor in 776 B.C. On the grounds, see the sites of renowned sporting events, discover what the earliest Olympic games were like, and study rare artifacts in the Archaeological Museum.

Corinth. At the archaeological site of ancient Corinth, view the Temple of Apollo and ruins from the Roman era when Corinth was a major colony and trading center. See the Corinth Canal, which opened in 1893.



Kalamata harbor

Enrichment

- Greek History
- Classical Greece
- Contemporary Greece

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Acropolis, Athens
2. Archaeological Site of Mycenae
3. Archaeological Site of Mystras
4. Archaeological Site of Olympia

Accommodations

NJV Athens Plaza Hotel | Athens



Pharae Palace Hotel | Kalamata



Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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AHI Travel Expertise

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

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Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers |

Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

Let us arrange your flights!

 **AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.



Folk musician