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Greece

Athens & the Island of Poros

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A World of Discovery

Discover this storied land's enduring magic as you explore its alluring treasures, from sublime classical buildings to pretty islands scattered across sparkling, aquamarine waters.

What sets our journey to Greece apart is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the region's people, places and culture, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers whose regional expertise shines.

Designed for you, the Curious Traveler, this AHI journey invites you to open a new chapter in breathtaking Greece!

Above: Poros | Cover photo: Cityscape of Poros

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Immerse yourself in carefree **Greek island life** on Poros and car-free Hydra.
- ▶ Stand in the glorious **Acropolis** and relish magnificent views of Athens.
- ▶ Imagine Greek dramas unfolding in the ancient theater in **Epidaurus**.
- ▶ Wander through the ruins of the mighty Bronze Age kingdom, **Mycenae**.
- ▶ Learn a **Greek folk dance** at a festive farewell party.
- ▶ Delight in beautiful **Nafplio**, a historic Venetian seaport.
- ▶ Taste **Greek wine** at a Peloponnese winery.

Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent 52-plus years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for Michigan travelers—trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. We open doors others cannot and group sizes are intimate for maximum enjoyment by all. These trips will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, cuisine, history, and lives of the locals where your travels take you.

Every trip has been carefully thought out so that you can enjoy the best of what it has to offer. Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us...

Convenience: Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hard part is selecting where to go next.

Educational Enrichment: All trips include educational content. You will learn firsthand from expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

Exclusive Michigan Explorations: Many of our tours are limited to fewer than 25 Michigan travelers, allowing for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

Details about this trip, as well as others in our travel collection, are available on our website at umalumni.com/travel.

Have questions? Our travel team is happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or alumnitravel@umich.edu.

Come. Be awed. See the world with Blue.

The Alumni Association of the University of Michigan travel program is an Alumni Association membership benefit. Travelers, whether alumni or not, **MUST** be members. This includes all friends and family members. The AAUM travel program is totally self-supporting and none of your membership dues or any other Association income is used to subsidize the cost of travel announcements or staff time devoted to alumni travel.

Passengers requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can, and will, be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

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Acropolis towering above Athens

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Athens, Greece. 🌐

Day 2 | Athens, Greece

Transfer 🔄 to the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.

Free Time: Make your own plans for the rest of the day. The hotel is conveniently located on Syntagma Square. At the nearby Greek Parliament building, watch the changing of the guard every hour on the hour. In the Plaka, take an evening stroll, or *volta*, a social event many Greeks enjoy with family and friends when the sun goes down.

Start off your Greek adventure with your fellow travelers at tonight's Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Athens

Discovery: Athens. Explore the birthplace of democracy and Western philosophy, theater and architecture. See Athens Academy, the University of Athens and the National Library, the city's famous trio of neoclassical buildings. Ascend the Acropolis and admire the gleaming Parthenon dedicated to the goddess Athena. At the Acropolis Museum, examine treasures and gaze down through glass flooring to see the ruins of an ancient neighborhood.

Savor a lunch of delectable local specialties.

Free Time: Head off to explore Athens!

Day 4 | Poros

Embark a hydrofoil to the island of Poros.

Discovery: Poros Town. Stroll along the waterfront past whitewashed homes to the Archaeological Museum of Poros for a tour.

Enrichment: Meet the People. Enjoy a traditional lunch with island residents at a local taverna and learn about life in Greece.

Check in to the New Aegli Hotel.

Enrichment: Classical Greece. Delve into ancient Greece's impact on the Western world. Gather tonight for a special "Welcome to Poros" Reception and Dinner.

Day 5 | Mycenae

Discovery: Mycenae. Follow your guide through the fortified citadel of Mycenae, the once mighty Bronze Age kingdom. A wealthy city which flourished in the second millennium B.C., Mycenae was a great naval power that extended Mycenaean influence throughout the Mediterranean and into Asia Minor. According to legend, it was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy.

Discovery: Greek Wine. Relax over lunch and sample local vintages at a winery.

Enrichment: Greek History. Examine key periods and influential figures related to the foundation of the modern-day republic.

Day 6 | Hydra

This morning, take a water taxi to the port and catch a hydrofoil to the nearby island of Hydra.

Discovery: Hydra. Cruise to Hydra, gem of the Saronic Gulf. Free of cars, the island is celebrated for its exquisite harbor and superb stone architecture. Visit the National Archives for a glimpse into the 18th- and 19th-century history of both Hydra and Greece. Afterward, enjoy some time for lunch and sightseeing on



Theater, Epidaurus



your own. Take the hydrofoil back to Poros and a water taxi to the hotel.

Enrichment: Greek Art. Learn how the visual arts in Greece reflect the culture and beliefs of its people throughout history.

Sit down for a delicious dinner tonight in town.

Day 7 | Epidaurus | Nafplio

Discovery: Epidaurus. Tucked amid pine-covered hills, Epidaurus is renowned for its ancient theater, one of the main monuments of the Sanctuary of Asclepius. Built in the fourth

century B.C., the well-preserved theater is still in use today. The classical Greek structure seats up to 14,000 people and has incredible acoustics; a coin dropped in the center of the theater can be heard in the highest seat. After your tour, break for lunch in the area.

Discovery: Nafplio. Situated on a rocky peninsula that juts into the Argolic Gulf, Nafplio briefly was the first capital of Greece during the War of Independence after Greek forces wrested it from Ottoman control in 1822. On a guided walk along the medieval Old Town's narrow lanes, take in its unique ambience as you pass by mansions adorned with Turkish fountains and bougainvillea trees. Admire the prominent profile of hilltop Palamidi Castle, a fortress built by the Venetians in the early 1700s. Explore on your own afterward.

Free Time: Make your own plans this evening upon your return to Poros.

Day 8 | Poros

Enrichment: Contemporary Greece.

Discover how modern attitudes and lifestyles reflect ancient customs and traditions.

Free Time: Set your own fun agenda today! Perhaps linger on one of the many beaches or visit the shops and friendly tavernas.



Changing of the guard, Parliament, Athens



Corinth Canal

INCLUDED FEATURES



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Acropolis, Athens
2. Archaeological Site of Mycenae
3. Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus

 **AHI Connects: Greek Night.** Celebrate your wonderful week at this evening's festive *glendi*, or party. After a tasty dinner, listen to a band play folk music and watch dancers perform classic routines. Join in and learn the dances!



Day 9 | Corinth | Athens

Discovery: Corinth Canal. During a boat ride, get an up-close look at this deep channel, which opened in 1893.


Continue on to Athens and check in to the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.

Free Time: Spend your final afternoon and evening in Greece at leisure.

Day 10 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer  to the airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 *Flights and*  *transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Athens, Greece, at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.
- **5 nights** in Poros at the first-class New Aegli Hotel.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: deluxe motor coaches, ferries, hydrofoils and water taxis.

Extensive Meal Program

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

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:

- Tour the ancient metropolis of Athens.
- Explore the scenic island of Poros.
- Wander in the ruins of Mycenae.
- Sip Greek wines at a tasting.
- Immerse yourself in the idyllic island ambience of Hydra.
- Visit Epidaurus' classical Greek theater.
- Roam coastal Nafplio's winding streets.
- See the renowned Corinth Canal.

-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:**

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.

-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.

- Free time to pursue your own 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.



NJV Athens Plaza Hotel | Athens



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

Our travel experts have carefully selected these deluxe and first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

 TripAdvisor



Greece ~ Athens & the Island of Poros

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Call our travel experts at to reserve your place!

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.



If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Full Legal Name (*exactly as it appears on passport*)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last

Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Sharing with _____
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Athens, Greece,
to depart from: _____
Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

First Class Business Class Premium Economy

No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **July 4, 2021** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: September 17-26, 2021

Land Program dates: September 18-26, 2021

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price

Special Savings

Special Price*

\$3,545

\$250

\$3,295

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

**Travel stress-free
with AHI FlexAir.**

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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



Nafplio



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