Ancient Greece
with Santorini and Crete
May 29-June 11, 2022

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Featuring Dean Mathiowetz,
Associate Professor of Politics at UC Santa Cruz
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Unearth the grandeur of the ancient world on this singular journey combining premier archaeological sites with the beauty and lore of the Aegean and her isles. As the ancient world comes alive in Athens and the Peloponnese, Crete and Santorini, we celebrate the glory that was Greece – and still is today.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Athens, Greece

Day 2: Athens After our arrival in the Greek capital, there's time to relax at our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

Day 3: Athens On this morning's tour we visit the city's most important sites, including the 5th-century Acropolis and Parthenon, and the renowned Acropolis Museum. We also take a walking tour of Hadrian Street and the Plaka district. Then the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration; ancient sights, monuments, and museums abound. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Delphi Today's excursion takes us to central Greece to explore Delphi, one of the most beautiful and celebrated ancient sites. Nestled between twin cliffs on a slope of Mount Parnassus and spilling out onto the Sacred Plain, Delphi is where the oracle representing the revered god Apollo presided over the ancient world. We see the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo; walk the marble Sacred Way; and climb to the 4th-century BCE theater still in use today. We also visit Delphi's museum that houses the bronze "Charioteer," one of antiquity's greatest statues. After lunch in a local restaurant, we return to Athens late afternoon. B,L

Day 5: Athens/Corinth/Peloponnese This morning we visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to the world's most significant collections of Greek artifacts. We then depart by coach to the Peloponnesian Peninsula, Greece's southernmost region separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal. En route we visit the ruins and museum of Ancient Corinth, one of the country's largest cities in antiquity that was demolished by the Romans (146 BCE), who then rebuilt it a century later. Today, only low stone walls, foundations, and several Corinthian columns remain as testimony to the mighty city that once flourished here. The site boasts a strong connection to Christianity: Paul wrote his two letters, First and Second Corinthians, here; and we see the altar where he preached. This afternoon we reach our resort hotel on the Peloponnesian coast and dine there tonight. B,L,D

Cover photo: On Day 4, we tour the ruins of Delphi, believed by the ancients to be the "navel [center] of the world."
Day 6: Epidaurus/Mycenae/Nafplion  Among the highlights of this morning’s visit to the vast archaeological site and museum of Epidaurus: the 2,300-year-old theater, a masterpiece of Greek architecture known for its perfect acoustics and still in use today. Long associated with healing and medicine, Epidaurus comprises one of the most complete sanctuaries remaining from antiquity. This afternoon we tour the imposing ruins at Mycenae, a UNESCO site that represented the pinnacle of civilization from the 15th to the 12th centuries BCE. A key influence on the development of classic Greek culture (and hence Western civilization), Mycenae also is linked to Homer’s epics, *Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. We see the Tomb of Agamemnon, with what was the world’s highest and widest dome for more than a thousand years; and the Lion’s Gate, the only known Bronze Age monumental sculpture in Greece. Then we visit nearby Nafplion, a gem of a Venetian/Byzantine town with picturesque narrow streets, fortifications, and a bounty of waterfront cafés – and where we enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we dine together at a local taverna. \(B,L,D\)

Day 7: Peloponnese/Hydra  This morning we travel to the port of Ermioni, where we board a private boat for the ride to Hydra, the car-free Saronic island where donkeys provide the transportation. After lunch together at a local taverna, we have free time to enjoy this picturesque island as we wish. Late afternoon we return to our resort for an evening at leisure. \(B,L\)

Day 8: Peloponnese/Heraklion, Crete  En route to Athens this morning we stop to see the Corinth Canal, cutting at sea level through the narrow Isthmus of Corinth to the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean. We continue on to the Athens airport for the 50-minute flight to Crete, arriving mid-afternoon in Heraklion, the Cretan capital. After checking in at our hotel, we enjoy an afternoon at leisure; this evening we take a walking tour of the Venetian/Ottoman-influenced town center prior to dinner at a local restaurant. \(B,D\)

Day 9: Heraklion/Knossos  This morning we tour the ruins of the palace of Knossos, once the political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur. Considered Europe’s “oldest city,” Knossos is the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. After lunch, we visit one of the greatest museums in all of Greece: Heraklion’s Archaeological Museum housing artifacts from 5,500 years of Cretan history, from the Neolithic period to Roman times. The museum is especially renowned for its Minoan collection, much of which was excavated from the palace of Knossos. Then we return to Heraklion where the rest of the day is at leisure, with dinner on our own. \(B,L\)

Day 10: Heraklion/Spinalonga/Agios Nikolaos  After an hour’s drive this morning, we board a private boat for a cruise through the Bay of Elounda to Spinalonga, a former Venetian island fortress later occupied by the Ottomans then used as a leper colony from 1903 to 1957. From here we travel to the colorful harborside town of Agios Nikolaos, with its galleries, shops, cafés, tavernas, and tiny Lake Voulismeni, where, legend has it, the goddess Athena once bathed. Next: a visit to a Cretan olive oil farm to learn about the history of olive oil production – Greece consumes more olive oil than any other country – and to enjoy a tour and tasting. \(B\)

Day 11: Crete/Santorini  We depart this morning by high-speed ferry for Santorini, southernmost of the Cycladic islands. Once believed to have been the legendary lost island of Atlantis, Santorini today
attracts both Greeks and visitors alike with its stupendous setting of cubiform whitewashed houses sitting atop the jagged cliffs of a crescent-shaped caldera. Upon arrival we visit a local winery for a tour and tasting then have free time in the town of Firostefani for lunch and to explore on our own. B,D

Day 12: Santorini Today we tour Santorini’s archaeological site of Akrotiri, a Bronze Age Minoan location that was abandoned in the 17th century BCE following a volcanic eruption – whose ash also preserved the excavations that we now see. Late this afternoon we head to the town of Oia. Set along the northern side of Santorini’s inner coast, Oia is known for its iconic whitewashed architecture and stunning views. We enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel this evening. B,D

Day 13: Santorini/Athens After a late morning flight to Athens, we check in at our hotel then have free time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure, perhaps to visit the Plaka for last-minute shopping or to stroll the broad plaza of lively Syntagma Square. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking the Acropolis at the rooftop restaurant of our hotel. B,D

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Wish for the road to be long, full of adventure, full of knowledge.”
– C.P. Cavafy

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Dear UC Santa Cruz Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an exclusive small group journey to discover the grandeur of the ancient world in Greece and experience the beauty of the Aegean isles. Classical Greece comes to life at unmatched archaeological sites, on idyllic islands and alongside Athens’ contemporary life.

Accompanied by Dean Mathiowetz, Associate Professor of Politics at UC Santa Cruz, we begin our 14-day tour in Athens, visiting the city’s treasured sites and taking an excursion to Delphi’s celebrated ruins. After touring the National Archaeological Museum, our group explores Ancient Corinth. Spending three nights in a Peloponnesian resort hotel, we take a private boat excursion to tranquil Hydra and visit the archaeological sites of Mycenae and Epidaurus. Next is a three-night sojourn in the Cretan capital, Heraklion. Here we tour the Minoan Palace and the renowned Archaeological Museum, board a private boat for a cruise to Spinalonga and visit a Cretan olive oil farm. During a two-night stay on the island of Santorini, we tour a winery and the archaeological site of Akrotiri. Our Grecian sojourn concludes with a final afternoon and evening in Athens.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days before departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Nichole Silva (Stevenson ’95)
Director, Strategic Travel and Experiences

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