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Tour Itinerary:
May 29 Mon
US Departure
with your own air reservations.

May 30 Tue
ARRIVE IN ATHENS
Upon arrival in Athens International Airport, "Eleftherios Venizelos" our representative will meet you with a sign. WITH GREETINGS, welcome to your transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

May 31 Wed
BAYION - ACHILLES - MESSOLONGI - KORinth - LAMIA - ATHENS
At 9am we enjoy our full day sightseeing tour of Athens. We will visit the Acropolis with its sacred temple of Athena and the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, as well as the Acropolis Museum, and the most important sanctuary of Zeus, the fabled altar of all the gods. We also visit the National Archaeological Museum of Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

June 1 Thu
ATHENS ANCIENT AGORA - NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM
At 8am, we will start our sightseeing tour with a pedestrian tour to see the highlights of Athens we pass by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Parliament Building, the marble column bases, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Stoa of Attalos and Hadrian’s Arch. We will be dropped off at the Ancient Agora, once the commercial and cultural center of Athens. Free time to explore the market where you can buy souvenirs and on a quest to retrace history. From the Agora, we continue to the National Archaeological Museum. We will learn about the history of the Greek people as we explore from the ancient Greek world that date from Neolithic times to the last years of the Roman Empire. Free time to explore the National Archaeological Museum and Panathenaic Stadium. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Athens.

June 2 Fri
ATHENS - CORINTH - NAFPLIO
At 8am, depart for Athens and drive along the coastal Highway of Saronic Gulf. Arrival at the Corinth Canal for a brief stop and then continue on to the Acropolis of Corinth. In the center of Corinth is the Temple of Apollo. It is situated to the southwest of the ancient city. The temple was consecrated to Apollo in about 420 BC, which was constructed in honor of the goddess Athena. At the end of the temple, we will visit the Royal Tombs of the Kings of Corinth. Free time upon arrival in Nafplio. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Nafplio.

June 3 Sat
NAFPLIO - OLYMPIA
Morning drive through the Central Peloponnese area was commanding the provincial towns of Tripoli and Hagios Panteleimon by the mountains of Arcadia, home of Pan and the Nymphs, renowned to Ancient Olympia. Here, we will visit Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games and the most important sanctuary of Zeus, father of all the gods. We will visit the ancient stadium, the Temple of Zeus, the first-ever stadium in the world, which was the background for track and field, and the temple known as the Temple of Hera, where the Games were celebrated. Free time to explore at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Olympia.

June 4 Sun
OLYMPIA - PATRAS - DELPHI
Morning drive to Patras, the third-largest city of Greece and then on to Hellenikon where we cruise the new suspended bridge considered to be the longest and most modern bridge in Europe. Finally, we arrive in Hellenikon where you will walk to your tour guide and head to Delphi. Check-in at hotel upon arrival. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel.

June 5 Mon
DELPHI TOUR
Morning visit to the archaeological site of Delphi, where we see the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Temple of Athena Pronaia, and the Theatre. We will walk up to the theatre and the stadium and then proceed to the archaeological museum, in which we can see among other treasures, the unique bronze Charioteer and the marble statues of the athletes, best of the day is to watch Delphi to explore the town on your own. Dinner will be served in a local restaurant. Overnight at hotel.

June 6 Tue
ATHENS
Dinner at Athens before breakfast. Enjoy free day in Athens. (B)

June 7 Wed
ATHENS AIRPORT - FLY TO PIRAEUS, SULLY
Dinner at Athens Airport. Transfer to Piraeus by Express/Bus. Check-in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Piraeus. (B)

June 8 Thu
Piraeus - PIRAEUS - PALAMOS - PALAMOS
Breakfast. Full day guided tour of Piraeus. Visit the Cathedral of Mary our Lady and the Red Roof Palace with its Chapel of Panagia and the San Carcel church in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Piraeus. (B)

June 9 Fri
PLATEIA - CEFAI - TAPROBANE

June 10 Sat
TARONIKA - ERKYSSE - TARONIKA
Breakfast at hotel. Drive to Syros for a full day tour. Visit the Archaeological Area in the morning and Ulysses’ Tower in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Taronga. (B)

June 11 Sun
FLY FROM CORFU TO ISTANBUL VIA IBADAN: KUSADASI
After breakfast, departure from Corfu airport and fly to Ibadi. Upon arrival in Ibadi, transfer to Kusadasi by private coach. Check-in at hotel, rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B)

June 12 Mon
KUSADASI - DAILY BOAT TOUR
Enjoy a boat tour with lunch visiting the different bays of Kusadasi region along the Aegean coastline. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,L)

June 13 Tue
EPHESUS
Visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus with its spectacular Temple of Artemis, Stelekras of John, the Ephesos Archaeological Museum and the ancient Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Overnight at hotel.

June 14 Wed
KUSADASI - APHRODITE - HEDRISOL - PAMUKKALE
After breakfast in Kusadasi, drive to Ephesus to visit the 3000-year-old ancient city, Drive on to Hierapolis which is blessed by hot mineral springs and some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in Asia Minor. Continue to Kusadasi via Ephesus. Oriental on the Ancient Ruins. The tour covers more than a square mile. We will see the impressive theater with seats still in perfect condition and visit one of the thermal pools that still have warm water. Drive through the ancient ruins of Ephesus in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,L)

June 15 Thu
LAVDAKOS - SARDIS: IZMIR
After breakfast, we depart the hotel and morning visit to Lavdaikos, one of the Seven Churches. Visit the Washer, temple, apsidal, andPRISMACRETE. Then drive to Sardis, the site of the ancient Lydian Capital and where the first coins were minted. Drive into town, visit Synagogue. Visit the ancient Agora of Sardis. Afternoon visit this church of St. Polypros. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,L)

June 16 Fri
IZMIR
Free day in Izmir. Optional trip to Cesme beach. (B)

June 17 Sat
IZMIR - PESGAROS - ASSOS
From Izmir we drive to Assos. Stepping on the ancient site of Pergamum to visit the Ancient Anzakos. Continue on to Assos for overnight. Dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,L)

June 18 Sun
ASSOS
We enjoy a morning visit to Assos acropolis and harbor. Free afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,L)

June 19 Mon
TROY - ISTANBUL
Departure from Assos to the city of Troy, the ancient city of ancient Troy. Continue to Alexandria Truca, the most important port founded after Alexander the Great, which exists today as a Swiss canton. The town of Rize is famous for its history and ancient architecture. Free time at your leisure. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B,L)

June 20 Tue
ISTANBUL
Full day Istanbul tour. Visit the Roman Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque – from the outside, the Hagia Sophia, one of the world’s greatest architectural marvels. Visit the Fatih Historical Archaeological Museum. From the day to the colorful Grand Bazar. Dinner to the hotel, dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B,L)

June 21 Wed
ISTANBUL - HOTEL RETURN - ISTANBUL: TURKISH AIRLINES
Visit the Hagia Sophia, the ancient church. Afternoon flight to Istanbul. (B)

June 22 Thu
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Full day Istanbul tour. Visit the Roman Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque – from the outside, the Hagia Sophia, one of the world’s greatest architectural marvels. Visit the Fatih Historical Archaeological Museum. From the day to the colorful Grand Bazar. Dinner to the hotel, dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B,L)

June 23 Fri
ISTANBUL
Departure from hotel and transfer to Istanbul airport for your flight home.

EXCLUDING

- International flights - You need to arrange your international flights departing US on May 29 and arriving Athens, Greece on May 50 & departing ISTANBUL, June 25
- All lunches and drinks at all meals.
- All personal expenses, insurance, any other service which are not mentioned above.
- Tips to tour guide and to the driver
- Tourist tax and fees

HOW TO APPLY

- Apply Through hasabroad.baylor.edu
- Cancellation Penalty: 
  - 90-60 days prior to departure: 95% refund
  - 59-45 days prior to departure: 90% refund
  - 44-30 days prior to departure: 85% refund
  - 29-15 days prior to departure: 70% refund
  - 14 days & After: No refund

INCLUDING

- 1 main group arrival transfer from Athens airport to Hotel
- Athens - Patrasso flight
- Catania - Tirami flight
- 3 nights Hotel Philippa in Athens HB or similar (dinner at hemodik hotel)
- 2 nights at Park Hotel in Nafplio HB or similar
- 1 Night at Olympos Ayay Hotel in Olympia HB or similar
- 2 nights at Apoelio in Delphi HB or similar (dinners at epolione Restaurant)
- 1 Night Hotel Philippa in Athens HB or similar (dinner at hemodik hotel)
- 2 nights stay in Hotel Acharnion or similar
- 4 nights Istanbul Sultanahmet Palace or similar
- Daily Breakfasts at the hotels
- 26 Dinners as stated at the program (Breakfast - Dinner)
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary with professional guides
- All land transportation by private fully A/C bus with experienced driver throughout the tour
- Hotel parking fees
- Local English speaking professional licensed tour guides during all sightseeing
- Reduced entrance fees to the sites and museums for students. All students must have a valid student ID card to get benefit of the discount
- Optional overnight accommodations between ports/airport and hotels is maintained on and off the island.
- All local service charges & local taxes & VAT
- Whisper headsets

PIERPAOLI - MURANO - POREC - POREC
Morning visit to Murano where we see the masters of the Venetian glass making art that has been passed down through the generations. Dinner and overnight in Piraeus.

BURSA - KUSADASI - LORDS OF THE MOUNTAIN - MYKONOS
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