

EXPLORING THE CRADLE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

October 21st - 30th 2023

Long ago the ancient poets wrote the first epics of war and love, families and feuds, trickery and revenge, Gods and Heroes. Here, in glorious Greece, you'll see where theatre was born, consult the oracle at Delphi, stand where Paul preached to the Corinthians, and walk under the Lion Gate at Mycenae, just as it was nearly 3,000 years ago.

The "wine-dark sea," written about by the poets of many ages, is still here, and so are remnants of the legendary past that have given birth to so much of our language and literature. Our first stop is the small fishing village of Tolo, an ideal base from which to explore much of Classical Greece. Visits will include the theatre at Epidavros and ancient Mycenae, famous from The Iliad. We'll cross the Gulf of Corinth, stopping in the ancient city for a visit, and travel back in time to Delphi where the most famous oracle in ancient Greece was consulted; perched on a mountainside, it is a dramatic and evocative site. In Athens, we'll visit the Acropolis, explore the National Museum, soak up the city's history, and sample food and nightlife in the Plaka, the old section of the city.

We'll end our adventure with an optional extension for three nights on the island of Crete, home to the ancient Minoan civilization. We'll visit the Palace of Knossos, home of the Minotaur, and explore the island from Zeus' birthplace to the charming resort town of Agios Nikolaos.

Greece offers an unparalleled experience. The sun shines, the sea is warm, the food is delicious and varied, the people are friendly, and it has thousands of years of fascinating history, but don't take our word for it, come and discover it for yourself!



THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

Land Only (no airfare included) Single supplement:

Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

\$3750

\$ 880

The following services are included:

Hotels:	8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges	
COACHING:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary	
MEALS:	Breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 1 lunch	
GUIDES:	Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local	
	English-speaking guide at all major sites	
BAGGAGE:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person	
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary	

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

CRETE EXTENSION: The cost of the 3-day extension to Crete is **\$1380** per person, double occupancy (single supplement \$390). This includes round trip airfare from Athens to Heraklion, 3 nights at a first-class hotel, a local guide throughout, and all meals and sightseeing as described in the day-by-day itinerary overleaf.





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st - Departure from your gateway city. OVERNIGHT: PLANE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND - On arrival at Athens Airport, we will be met for the transfer to our hotel in the village of Tolo – approximately one and a half hours' drive from Athens. On arrival in Tolo there will be time to unpack, relax and begin exploring before we gather for a welcome dinner. (D) OVERNIGHT: TOLO

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - This morning we'll take a short trip along the coast to the town of Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece. We'll explore the Palamidi, the Venetian fortress that dominates the city from high up on its rocky outcrop, and then take a short walking tour of the city center. After time for lunch, we'll return to Tolo by bus for a free afternoon or, alternatively, you could stay on to do some shopping. The evening is free as well and there is a regular bus service back to Tolo. **(B) OVERNIGHT: TOLO**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - This morning we visit Mycenae, excavated first in 1876 by Schliemann, who found the fabulously rich royal graves. This was the home of Agamemnon, of Trojan War fame, and his Lion Gate is still here, just as Homer described it. We'll return to Tolo for a free afternoon. You can have lunch at one of the many tavernas on the beach and perhaos take a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: TOLO**

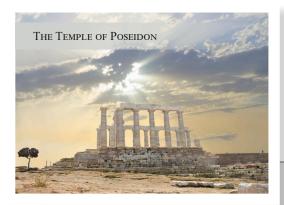
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH - Today we visit the beautiful site of Epidavros. The ancient theatre was excavated about 100 years ago and is still in regular use for Classical Drama. It has amazing acoustics. The rest of the large site forms the Aesclepium, the world's first Hospital, and the museum has a collection of some of the early medical instruments. The afternoon is free back in Tolo and this evening we will gather for dinner and some Greek dancing! (**B**, **D**) **OVERNIGHT: TOLO**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH - Our first stop today will be at ancient Corinth, where we tour the excavations of what was once called "the wickedest city on earth," and see the spot where St. Paul was arrested! After our visit, we'll follow the coast around to the west along the south side of the Gulf of Corinth. We'll cross the new suspension bridge and continue along the north side of the Gulf and on up into the mountains to Delphi, where dinner awaits us at our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: DELPHI**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH - This morning we explore Delphi, home of the famous Oracle. This is a large site covering part of the hillside and down into the valley. Our local guide will introduce the main site and the museum, and the energetic can explore the lower sites at their leisure. This afternoon and evening are free. (B) **OVERNIGHT: DELPHI**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28^m - This morning we descend from the mountains, past Thebes of ancient legends, passing the place where Oedipus is supposed to have killed his father, and arrive at our hotel in Athens. After checking in, we will have a guided tour of the National Museum, with its treasures from Mycenae and other important sites throughout the Hellenic world. The evening is free to find a taverna for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ATHENS**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - Our day will start with a visit to the Acropolis, the main site of Classical Athens with its Temples and Museum and wonderful views over the ancient center of the city. It is a short walk from our hotel. The afternoon is free to take a leisurely lunch and to wander through the Plaka, the old part of the city with narrow winding streets bursting with stores and cafes. This evening we have our farewell dinner at a taverna in the Plaka. (**B**, **D**) **OVERNIGHT: ATHENS**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH - Transfer to Athens airport for return flights to the U.S. **(B)** Alternatively join us in Crete!

*Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner

OPTIONAL CRETE EXTENSION:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH - This morning we transfer to Athens Airport for the short flight to Crete. After checking in to our hotel, we'll visit the National Archaeological

Museum. This afternoon we visit the Palace of Knossos. Forever associated with King Minos and the fabled Minotaur, Knossos is the largest and best-preserved palace of the Minoan civilization, dating from between 1700 and 1400 BCE. After an extensive visit of this large site we will return to our hotel, where dinner is included. (**B**, **D**) **OVERNIGHT: CRETE**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31^{sr} - This morning we head inland, to the 3,000 foot high Lasithi Plateau, green, fertile, and irrigated by whitesailed windmills. Our first stop will be at Agios Nikolaos where we'll have time to stop and explore this beautiful resort town, then we'll visit the 13th-century church of Panaghia Kera, with its frescoes from the late Byzantine period. We'll continue up into the mountains, stopping at little villages en route. We return to Heraklion for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: CRETE**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1^{sr} - This morning we drive south across the island to the lesser known, but equally impressive Minoan site at Festos. We'll stop in Matala, famous for its cliff caves, on our return to Heraklion for a free afternoon. This evening we will end our stay in Crete with traditional Cretan food. (**B**, **D**) **OVERNIGHT: CRETE**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND - Transfer to Heraklion airport for the short flight to Athens and return flights to the U.S. (B)



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Please type or print.
- 2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- 3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
- 4. Complete both sides of this form.
- 5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

- **NAME(S).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.
- PASSPORT DETAILS. This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- **ADDRESS.** If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.** Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- HEALTH INFORMATION. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe

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will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for	
this service is \$40 per ticket.	

2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 90 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

- A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference. We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.
- If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

PAYMENT PROTECTION PLAN

Please indicate here if you would be interested in applying for our Payment Protection Plan. Please see website or brochure for instructions and terms & conditions.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
- 2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
- 3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from

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- events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
- 5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
- 6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
- 2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

- 1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
- 2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
- 3. Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored tours sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)

Departure Airport or City:

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: \Box Yes \Box No

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email **at least** 90 days prior to departure.

EXTENSION INFORMATION

I plan on extending before or after the tour:
Ves No If yes, I would like to extend to:

end up with fewer than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

Refund Policy

- 1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person*.
- 2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90 61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person*
 - 60 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person*
 - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund*
- 3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
- 4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- 5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
- 6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- 7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- 8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.
- * Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

- 1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
- 2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

□ I would like a shared room

I will be sharing with:

We would like a
double
twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. \Box Yes \Box No

I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.

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\Box Yes \Box No
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SIGNATURE

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: ____

___ Date: __

[□] I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)