

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Kathleen Lynch is Professor of Classics at the University of Cincinnati and a classical archaeologist with a focus on ancient Greek ceramics. She earned her Ph.D. from the

University of Virginia, and has worked on archaeological projects at sites in Greece (Athenian Agora, Olynthos, Corinth, Pylos), Turkey (Gordion, Troy), Italy (Morgantina), and Albania (Apollonia). Kathleen's research considers what ancient ceramics can tell us about their use and users. Athenian figure decorated pottery from Athens is her specialty, and her book, The Symposium in Context (2011 ASCSA Publications), won the AIA's 2013 James R. Wiseman Award for best publication in archaeology. It explores the kitchen cupboards of an Archaic Athenian house. At Cincinnati, Kathleen teaches mythology, Greek and Roman archaeology, and graduate seminars on topics such as Pausanias, the 2nd century A.D. traveler; Greek iconography; and ancient art and art history. She has been a lecturer on the AIA's national circuit for many years, is an AIA Academic Trustee, and serves as the Treasurer for the AIA's local Cincinnati Society. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting. Kathleen has lectured to excellent reviews on six previous AIA-sponsored cruises.

Experience the glories of Greece, from the Bronze Age to the Classical era and beyond, amid the variety of springtime landscapes of the mainland and the Peloponnese peninsula. This is a superb opportunity to ignite, or reignite, your passion for the wonders of Greek archaeology, art, and ancient history and to witness how integral mythology, religion, drama, and literature are to their understanding. This well-paced tour, from city to mountains to seaside, spends a total of four nights in the modern yet historic capital, Athens; two nights in the charming port town of Nafplion; one night in Dimitsana, a medieval mountain village; two nights in Olympia, home of the original Olympic Games; and two nights in the mountain resort town of Arachova, near Delphi.

Highlights include:

- SIX UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - Athens' **Acropolis**, with its stunning Parthenon and Erechtheion temples, plus the nearby Acropolis Museum;
 - * the greatest ancient oracle, **Delphi**, located in a spectacular mountain setting;
 - ° **Olympia**, where the Olympic Games were held for 1,000 years, starting in 776 B.C.;
 - ° the Bronze Age fortress-palace of **Mycenae**, legendary home of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra;
 - Bassae, whose well-preserved 5th-century B.C. Temple of Apollo Epicurius boasts the oldest known Corinthian capital;
 - ° the ancient sanctuary of Asklepios at **Epidaurus**, with its superb, 4th-century B.C. theater.
- All four sites of the ancient Panhellenic Games: **Nemea**, Olympia, **Corinth**, and Delphi.
- Site of the most famous mystery cult, **Eleusis**, where the Eleusinian Mysteries took place in honor of Demeter and Persephone.
- Healthy and delicious Greek cuisine, including a **cooking class and a lunch at a winery** in the Peloponnese
- Centrally-located, comfortable (often luxurious) hotels.
- An **excellent, Greek guide and an expert trip manager** to handle all of the details so you can relax, enjoy, and learn.







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(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (D)= Dinner



Greece

Wednesday, October 13, 2021: Depart the U.S. for Athens, Greece

Thursday, October 14: Arrive in Athens | Private transfer to hotel | Orientation Meeting

Upon arrival at Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport (ATH), you are met for a private transfer to our hotel in the city center. The afternoon is at leisure so that you may settle in, relax and enjoy an independent dinner before or after we gather this evening for an orientation meeting. Overnight at the 5-star Capital M Gallery for three nights.

Friday, October 15: Athens - Acropolis, Acropolis Museum, PM at leisure | Welcome dinner

Set out this morning to ascend the Acropolis (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and learn about its Parthenon and Erechtheion temples. We will also see from above, set on the slope of the Acropolis, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus and the Theater of Dionysus before we explore the stunning nearby Acropolis Museum. Enjoy a traditional Greek lunch in the Plaka, Athens' ancient center at the foot of the Acropolis, with its narrow, labyrinthine streets. The rest of the day is at leisure, perhaps to explore the Plaka's shop-lined alleys and/or revisit the Acropolis Museum. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 16: Athens - Agora, Kerameikos, National Archaeological Museum

This morning's walking tour begins with the ancient Agora, the marketplace that was the center of ancient Athens' economic, social, and political life, to stroll its paths to the Temple of Hephaestus and visit the Agora Museum, housed in the reconstructed Stoa of Attalos. Continue on to the Kerameikos, which was the city's cemetery from the 12th century B.C. through the 6th century A.D. and is something of an urban oasis today. It is populated by marble *stelae* (grave markers), many of which are carved with portraits. After lunch we explore the National Archaeological Museum, which contains the richest collection of

Greek antiquities in the world, including Neolithic, Cycladic, and Mycenaean artifacts. Return to our hotel for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Sunday, October 17: Eleusis | Corinth | Nafplion

Set out from Athens for the small site of Eleusis, center of the ancient mystery cult called the Eleusinian Mysteries. At Eleusis, where we find the Sanctuary of Demeter, secret religious rites took place based on Hades' seasonal abduction and return of Persephone to her mother, Demeter. Drive to Nafplion, stopping along the way to visit ancient Corinth, where we see the 6th-century B.C. Doric Temple of Apollo, the 1st-century A.D. Roman Odeon, and the site museum. Upon arrival in Nafplion we check-in to our hotel and get settled. Gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star Ippoliti Hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)

The so-called "Mask of Agamemnon," a gold funerary mask found at Mycenae, is on display at Athens' National Archaeological Museum



Monday, October 18: Mycenae | Winery lunch | Epidaurus | Nafplion

En route to Mycenae we drive past Tiryns for a view of its impressive Cyclopean walls. Tiryns and Mycenae are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At Mycenae, we start with a visit to the Treasury of Atreus, a wellpreserved tholos (beehive-shaped) tomb, and then pass through the celebrated Lion Gate into the ruins of the fortresspalace of legendary Agamemnon and Clytemnestra. Also explore the wonderful site museum. After lunch at a local winery, we visit the site of Epidaurus, an ancient sanctuary that was dedicated to Asclepius, the god of medicine, and today is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the wellpreserved, 4th-century B.C. theater with

its extraordinary acoustics, and visit the small site museum with ancient medical instruments. Return to Nafplion for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Tuesday, October 19: Nemea | Stymphalia | Dimitsana

Depart Nafplion for Nemea, site of the Sanctuary of Zeus, where games of the Pan-Hellenic festival were celebrated from the 6th to 2nd centuries B.C. and which is today set in a public garden. After a visit to the small site museum we venture to the area of Lake Stymphalia, the largest mountain lake on the Peloponnese peninsula. Visit the acropolis of ancient Stymphalos and the 13th-century Cistercian abbey of Zaraka. After lunch we drive across the mountains to our hotel in the picturesque medieval village of Dimitsana. Gather for dinner tonight in a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star En Dimitsani Guesthouse*. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 20: Bassae | Olympia

This morning we drive to the scenic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bassae, whose 5th-century B.C. Temple of Apollo Epicurius is one of the best preserved in Greece. After lunch, we drive on to Olympia, where the balance of the day is at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star Arty Grand for two nights.* (B,L)

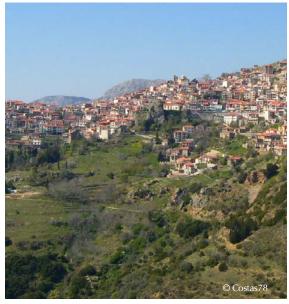
Thursday, October 21: Olympia | Cooking class

Spend the day at the Pan-Hellenic sanctuary of Olympia, where the Olympic Games originated in 776 B.C. and were held every four years until the 4th century A.D. This extensive site, which is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, includes the original stadium, the ruins of the immense 5th-century Doric Temple of Zeus, and the well-preserved 6th-century Doric Temple of Hera, plus we will visit the excellent site museum. Lunch and the balance of the afternoon are at leisure. This evening we learn to prepare traditional Greek food in a handson cooking class, the results of which will be our dinner this evening. (B,D)

Friday, October 22: Ferry to the mainland | Galaxidi | Delphi | Arachova We drive to the northern Peloponnese to board a ferry and cross the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece, with a view en route of the Rio-Antirrio bridge, one of the world's longest multi-span, cable-stayed bridges. After lunch in Galaxidi, overlooking the Gulf of Corinth, we drive to Delphi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site spectacularly situated on the slope of Mount Parnassus. This



Olympia



Arachova



Theater at Epidaurus

was the most celebrated oracle in antiquity, believed by the ancient Greeks to be the center of the Earth. We walk up the slope, along the Sacred Way, past monuments and treasuries to the theater and up even farther to the stadium where the Pythian Games were held. Check-in to our hotel in the mountain town of Arachova, settle in, and gather for dinner. Overnight at the 4-star Aegli Arachova for two nights. (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 23: Delphi

We return to Delphi this morning to explore its Archaeological Museum, whose excellent collection includes the celebrated bronze Charioteer statue and a colossal marble group of three dancing women. After lunch the balance of the day is at leisure, perhaps to explore Arachova's folklore museum or sample local specialties such as honey, wine, and cheese. (B,L)

Sunday, October 24: Marathon | Athens: PM at leisure, farewell dinner

On our return to Athens today we stop at Marathon, site of the famous battle in 490 B.C. in which the heavily outnumbered army of Athenians and their allies defeated the Persians. We will see the site and its museum, and (time-permitting) also the Bronze Age cemetery. Continue to Athens for an afternoon at leisure. Gather this evening for our farewell dinner. Overnight at the 5-star Capital M Gallery. (B,D)

Monday, October 25: Private transfer to airport | Fly home

You are met at the hotel for a private transfer to Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport (ATH) for your flights homeward. (B)

Erechtheion, Acropolis, Athens

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"Terrific guides, perfect trip planning, great accommodations, good (small) size group with interesting participants."

- Richard, Florida

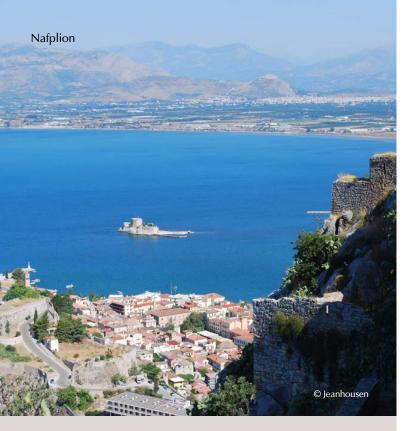
Get the most out of your international air ticket and have extra time to explore or relax in Greece!

Combine this "Legacy of Ancient Greece" tour with an earlier tour of Crete and the Cycladic Islands.

Enjoy independent days in-between tours to recharge and explore. We would be happy to assist you with travel arrangements.



September 26 - October 10, 2021 with archaeologist Joanne Murphy



What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested, and additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. Average October temperatures in this region range from the mid 50s at night to the mid 70s during the day. Complete predeparture details will be sent to participants.

Accommodations



ATHENS: Four nights total at the 5-star <u>Capital M Gallery</u>



NAFPLION: Two nights at the 4-star <u>Ippoliti Hotel</u>



DIMITSANA: One night at the 4-star En Dimitsani Guesthouse



OLYMPIA: Two nights at the 4-star Arty Grand



ARACHOVA: Two nights at the 4-star Aegli Arachova



Tour Prices Per Person (11 nights)

| Double Occupancy (15-16 participants) | \$6,545 |
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| Double Occupancy (12-14 participants) | \$6,795 |
| Double Occupancy (9-11 participants) | \$7,145 |
| Single Supplement | \$1,045 |

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Kathleen Lynch**, plus a professional **tour manager** and an **expert guide**
- Eleven nights at comfortable, well-located, 4- and 5-star hotels: four nights in Athens, two nights in Nafplion, one night in Dimitsana, two nights in Olympia, and two nights in Arachova
- **Delicious meals:** breakfast daily; 8 lunches, one with a wine tasting; and 6 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinners. Bottled water or soft drinks as well as coffee/tea are included with all meals, plus wine with dinners
- Excursions and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Transportation by **air-conditioned motor coach**; bottled water and hand sanitizer will be provided
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, guides, drivers, waiters for included meals, and porters
- Baggage handling at hotels
- VAT, local taxes, and service charges
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Flights and Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Transfers are included on your arrival to and departure from Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport (ATH). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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- Susan, Virginia

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