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# *Ancient Greece*

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**May 18-30, 2022 (13 days | 16 guests)  
with archaeologist Gerry Schaus**

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*Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur*



## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



**Gerald Schaus** (PhD, University of Pennsylvania) is Professor Emeritus, Archaeology and Heritage Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, Ontario) and former President of the Canadian

Institute in Greece. He is a classical archaeologist specializing in ceramics, art, and iconography of the Greek Archaic period. Gerry's excavation experience over the past 45 years includes sites in Greece (most recently Gournia, Crete), Italy, Libya, and Romania, dating from the Neolithic to Byzantine periods. He is currently Director of Publications for the site of Stymphalos in southern Greece, where he excavated with Prof. Hector Williams (University of British Columbia) from 1995 to 2001. Gerry has published books on Greek pottery (including Cretan and Cycladic wares) and ancient sports, most recently (2020) with a monograph on the impressive finds of Laconian and Chian pottery from Miletus in modern Turkey. His work on the late Classical/early Hellenistic sanctuary at Stymphalos appeared in 2014 as *Stymphalos: The Acropolis Sanctuary (Volume 1)*, and a lengthy study of Greek colonies in Libya (Cyrenaica) has just been published in *A Companion to Greeks Across the Ancient World*. He has lectured regularly on tours of Libya, Algeria, Italy, and Greece since 2005.

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 5<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. Temple of Apollo Epicurius boasts the oldest known Corinthian capital;
  - the ancient sanctuary of Asklepios at **Epidauros**, with its superb, 4<sup>th</sup>-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.
- The ancient site of **Stymphalos**, where your AIA study leader worked for several years.
- 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 tour manager** to handle all of the details so you can relax, enjoy, and learn.

Lake Stymphalia



Corinth



- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ Flights

Greece

## ITINERARY

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

### Wednesday, May 18, 2022: Depart the U.S. for Athens, Greece

#### Thursday, May 19: 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, May 20: 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, May 21: 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 12<sup>th</sup> century B.C. through the 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

#### Sunday, May 22: 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 6<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. Doric Temple of Apollo, the 1<sup>st</sup>-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)







Lion Gate, Mycenae

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### **Monday, May 23: 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 well-preserved tholos (beehive-shaped) tomb, and then pass through the celebrated Lion Gate into the ruins of the fortress-palace 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 well-preserved, 4<sup>th</sup>-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, May 24: Nemea | Stymphalia | Dimitsana**

Depart Nafplion for Nemea, site of the Sanctuary of Zeus, where games of the Pan-Hellenic festival were celebrated from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, where your AIA study leader has done fieldwork; and the 13<sup>th</sup>-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 at a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [En Dimitsani Guesthouse](#).* (B,L,D)

### **Wednesday, May 25: Bassae | Olympia**

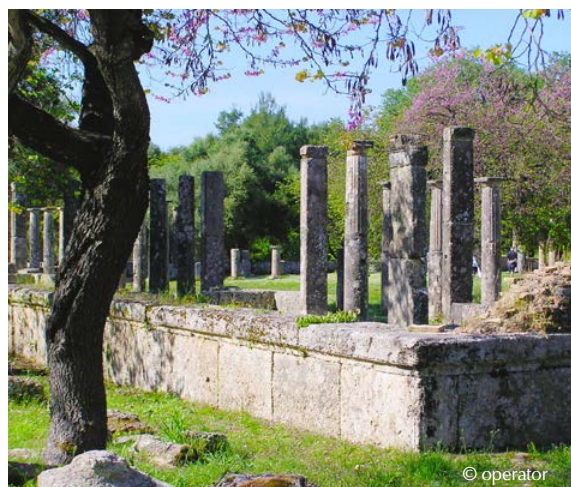
This morning we drive to the scenic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bassae, whose 5<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. Temple of Apollo Epicurius is one of the best preserved in Greece. After lunch, we drive on to Olympia, where the balance of the day is at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Arty Grand](#) for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

### **Thursday, May 26: 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 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. This extensive site, which is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, includes the original stadium, the ruins of the immense 5<sup>th</sup>-century Doric Temple of Zeus, and the well-preserved 6<sup>th</sup>-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 hands-on cooking class, the results of which will be our dinner this evening. (B,D)

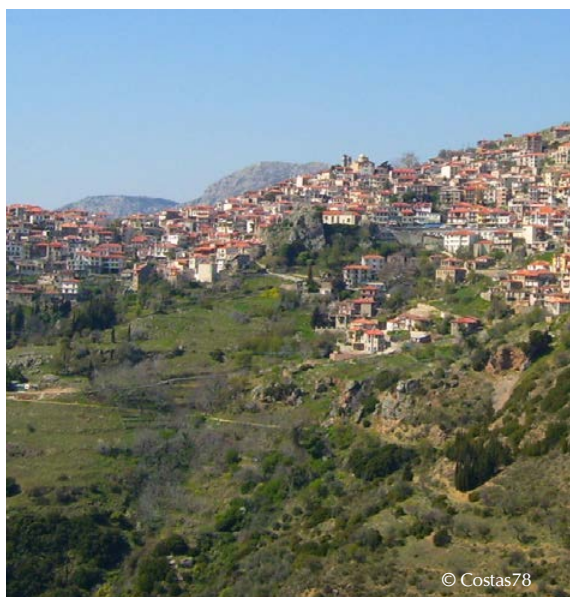
### **Friday, May 27: Ferry to the mainland | Galaxidi | Delphi | Arachova**

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



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Olympia



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Arachova





Theater at Epidauros

World Heritage Site spectacularly situated on the slope of Mount Parnassus. This 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 treasures 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, May 28: 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, May 29: 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, May 30: 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)

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

- Richard, Florida

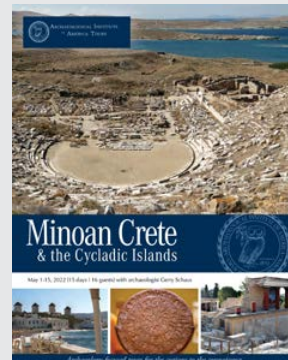
## Companion Tour

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.



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Erechtheion, Acropolis, Athens





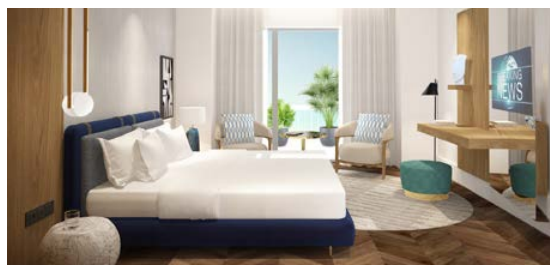


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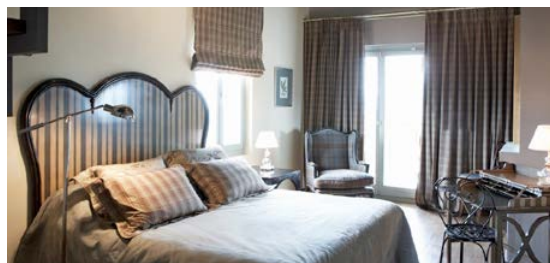
## What to Expect

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. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. 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 May temperatures in this region range from the high 50s at night to the mid 70s during the day. Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.

## Accommodations



ATHENS: *Four nights total at the 5-star [Capital M Gallery](#)*



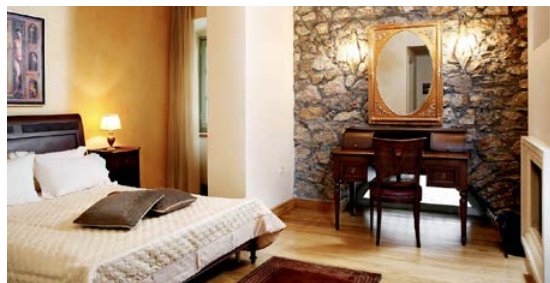
NAFPLION: *Two nights at the 4-star [Ippoliti Hotel](#)*



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
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 Gerry Schaus**, 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, guide, 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.*

**Prices Do Not Include:** Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; meals and beverages except as noted; deviations from scheduled tour; other items not listed as included.

**Payments:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-AIA AncientGreece5/22." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

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- Susan, Virginia



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Mycenae Grave Circle



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☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We are interested in the Minoan Crete & the Cycladic Islands program (May 1-15, 2022) - please send me/us more information.

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature (participant #2) Date



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