





Dear Traveler,

I AM PLEASED TO INVITE YOU on this special circumnavigation of Greece's Peloponnese peninsula in the company of two special AIA lecturers and hosts, archaeologists Jack Davis and Shari Stocker. You will spend a night in Athens and then cruise around the Peloponnese aboard the luxurious, 50-cabin *Emerald Azzurra* for seven nights.

Along the way, Jack and Shari will be part of a **team of onboard experts** who together will offer a **series of lectures and informal discussions**. This cruise, aboard this ship, with these experts, is an unmatched way to experience a beautiful and deeply historical part of Greece that is filled with archaeological delights.

Your adventure begins with a night in the **heart of historic Athens** and a private visit to either the Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art or the Benaki Museum of Greek Culture. Then you will embark *Emerald Azzurra*, whose sleek design grants **access to hidden harbors and a rare**, **full circumnavigation of the Peloponnese peninsula**.

Along the way, visit five UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **Mycenae**, the fabled Bronze Age citadel; **Epidaurus**, known for its perfectly preserved ancient theater; **Mystras**, a remarkable Byzantine city; **Olympia**, birthplace of the Olympic Games; and **Delphi**, once home to the most influential oracle in the ancient world. Perhaps the highlight of the program will be our special access — thanks to Jack and Shari — at **Nestor's Palace** at Pylos, one of Greece's best-preserved Mycenaean palaces.

Between guided visits, explore coastal towns such as **Nafplion**, **Gythio**, and **Pylos**, each with deep historical roots. Conclude the voyage with a spectacular passage through the **Corinth Canal** before returning to Athens. Also available are a **two-night**, **pre-tour extension in Athens and a four-night**, **post-tour extension cruise in the Aegean**.

This program is co-sponsored by other organizations, so I encourage you to contact AIA Tours today at **(800) 748-6262** or <u>aia@studytours.org</u> to reserve your preferred suite or stateroom.

Sincerely,

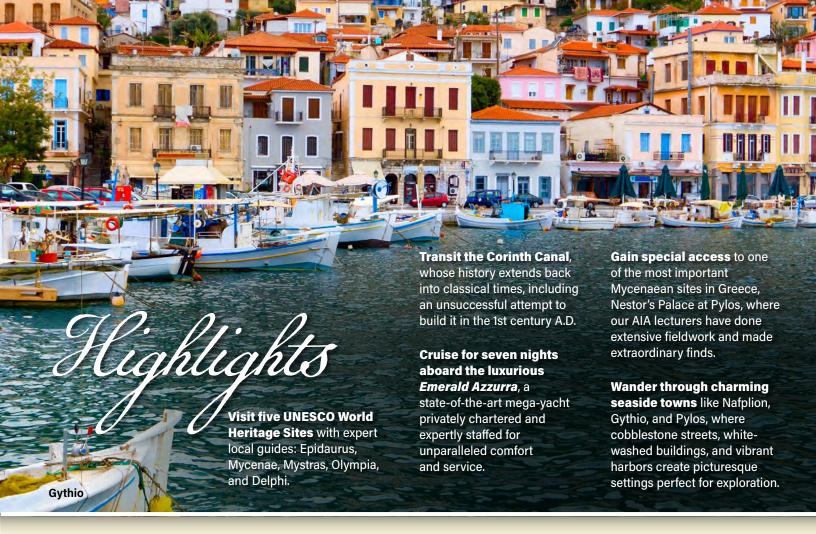
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Acropolis, Athens



AIA LECTURERS/HOSTS

Since 1993, **JACK DAVIS** has held the endowed post of Carl Blegen Professor of Greek Archaeology at the University of Cincinnati and, since 2015, he has co-directed the team that discovered the spectacular grave of the Griffin Warrior and two Mycenaean beehive tombs at the Palace of Nestor at Pylos. Davis has authored or edited a dozen books and has written or co-authored some 120 articles in scholarly journals. For his work he has been honored by the German and Finnish archaeological institutes in Greece, and by the Archaeological Society of Athens. He is an honorary citizen of Pylos, and has

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been medaled by both the presidents of Greece
and Albania. He is a fellow of the Society of
Antiquaries of London and a member of the
American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
He has received the Archaeological Institute
of America's Gold Medal for lifetime
achievement. Davis is a former director of
the American School of Classical Studies at
Athens (ASCSA). He is at present a Trustee
of that institution as well as an
Overseer of its Gennadius Library.
Most recently the Trustees of the
ASCSA have awarded him its

prestigious Athens Prize.

SHARON R. STOCKER has worked on archaeological projects in the U.S. and Greece and, since 1996, has been directing archaeological excavations at Pylos and in Albania. Since 2011 she has lived year-round in Pylos, where she is an honorary citizen, initially to direct a U. of Cincinnati team collaborating with the Greek Ministry of Culture in improving touristic facilities at the Palace of Nestor. That collaboration resulted in the construction of the magnificent shelter that today protects the Mycenaean palace's remains. Stocker co-directed the team that discovered the unparalleled grave of the Griffin Warrior in 2015 and two previously unknown Mycenaean beehive tombs in 2018. She continues to supervise that work on a year-round basis. Stocker coordinated efforts that brought exhibits of finds from these excavations to the Museum of Messenia, the J. Paul Getty Villa, and the National Museum of Athens in 2025-26. She has been honored for her work by

of the Archaeological Institute of America's Cincinnati society.

the president of Greece, who appointed her a commander in the Order of the Phoenix, and

by the Giuseppe Sciacca Foundation of

Society of Antiquaries of London and

served for several years as President

Vatican City. She is a fellow of the



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THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 & 18 HOME \approx ATHENS. GREECE

Depart home on an overnight flight to Athens, Greece. Arrive Friday, September 18, and transfer to the centrally located *Athens Capital Hotel—MGallery Collection*, situated at Syntagma Square. This elegant boutique hotel blends contemporary design with classic Greek touches. In the evening, gather for a welcome orientation and reception. *ATHENS CAPITAL HOTEL* (R)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ATHENS ≈ PIRAEUS ≈ EMBARKATION

After breakfast, enjoy the first lecture of the trip. In the morning, choose between a visit to the Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art, the Benaki Museum of Greek Culture, or a guided exploration of the historic Athens National Garden. Savor a delicious Greek lunch. In the afternoon, embark the *Emerald Azzurra* in the port of Piraeus. The day concludes with the Captain's welcome reception and dinner aboard. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,R,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

NAFPLION ≈ MYCENAE ≈ EPIDAURUS

Spend the day visiting two incredible UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Explore Mycenae, the fabled Bronze Age citadel that, according to Homer, was ruled by King Agamemnon. Then head

to Epidaurus to see the historic Asclepeion and experience the remarkable acoustics of the 4th-century B.C. theater. Enjoy lunch at Skouras, a renowned local estate, with the option to stay a bit longer afterward for a vineyard tour. Later in the afternoon, choose between exploring the grounds and ramparts of Palamidi Fortress or taking a guided walking tour through the charming streets of Nafplion, a picturesque seaside town beneath the Venetian castle. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

GYTHIO ≈ MYSTRAS ≈ SPARTA ≈ DIROS CAVES

Start the day with a morning lecture before visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mystras, a beautifully preserved medieval walled town, and the legendary city of Sparta. In the afternoon, return to Gythio to either enjoy lunch aboard ship or on your own at one of the town's inviting seaside tavernas. Then set out on a small-boat cruise through the Diros Caves, where dramatic stalagmites and stalactites reveal an ancient shelter and sacred place of worship. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

KALAMATA ≈ MESSENE

Begin the day with a morning lecture, followed by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of ancient Messene, a classical city-state re-founded in 369 B.C. Wander through its remarkably well-preserved ruins including ancient walls, a theater, temples, and a stadium set against rolling hills and olive groves. Explore the ongoing excavations and restoration projects and visit the onsite museum showcasing remarkable archaeological finds. Or, visit the gardens of the Patrick Leigh Fermor House in Kardamyli, set on terraces overlooking the sea. Conclude with lunch aboard the ship and time to cruise or swim in the crystal-clear waters nearby. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 PYLOS

Explore the remarkable Bronze Age site of Nestor's Palace, where our AIA study leaders have conducted years of fieldwork, offering unique insights into life in the Mycenaean world. Visit a working olive farm to see traditional cultivation practices and sample fresh, organic oils. Alternatively, explore historic landmarks such as Methoni Castle, one of the largest fortresses in the Mediterranean, or the Pylos Archaeological Museum. Enjoy free time to stroll through the charming streets of Pylos' historic center, browsing local shops or simply taking in the town's atmosphere. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)





THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 KATAKOLON ≈ OLYMPIA

Begin the morning with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Olympia, the iconic location of the ancient Olympic Games. Explore its remarkable temples, stadium, sanctuary, and stoa. Experience history firsthand by partaking in a foot race on the original Olympic track. Choose to tour the Botanical Garden, where plant species are selected based on descriptions in Greek literature, or dive deeper into the past at the Archaeological Museum, home to statues, votive offerings, and treasures from the ancient sanctuary. In the afternoon, relax with a scenic cruise along the stunning Gulf of Corinth. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ITEA (DELPHI) ≈ CORINTH CANAL

Start the day with a morning lecture before docking at Itea for a climb to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi, famed for the Oracle whose pronouncements were sought for centuries. In the afternoon, cruise through the breathtakingly narrow Corinth Canal, where teal crystal-clear waters meet dramatic cliffs. The day concludes with the Captain's farewell reception and dinner onboard. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 ATHENS \approx HOME

Disembark in Athens this morning and transfer to Athens International Airport for flights home. (B)



OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

TUESDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-18

ATHENS, GREECE

Depart home on an overnight flight to Athens, Greece. Arrive Wednesday, September 16, and transfer to the centrally located *Athens Capital Hotel—MGallery Collection*. Experience the treasures of Athens on this two-night, pre-tour extension, accompanied by our AIA study leaders who will enrich your visit with their expertise. Explore ancient landmarks from the bustling Agora and lively Plaka to the iconic Acropolis and its acclaimed museum. Savor authentic Greek meals, visit the National Archaeological Museum, and enjoy time to discover this vibrant city at your own pace.

OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION

LIMITED AVAILABILITY Remain in your cabin for an additional four-night cruise through the Aegean Sea, exploring the region's most iconic ancient sites with expert local guides. This extension must be booked with the main program to ensure the same cabin throughout. A separate deposit of \$1,000 per person is required. Inquire for more information by calling AIA Tours at (800) 748-6262 or (603) 756-2884, or by emailing <u>aia@studytours.org</u>.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ATHENS, GREECE ≈ CAPE SOUNION

Begin your day by leaving your bags on the *Emerald Azzurra*, where you will return later in the day. Enjoy a morning lecture before traveling to Cape Sounion to visit the stunning Temple of Poseidon, set high above the Aegean Sea. Pause for lunch with beautiful coastal views, then return to the ship in Piraeus, with time to relax before joining your fellow travelers for the Captain's welcome reception and dinner on board. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,R,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

DELOS ≈ MYKONOS

Begin the day with a guided visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delos, the mythological birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Then cruise to nearby Mykonos, where lunch will be served on board, followed by an afternoon at leisure to swim, relax, or explore onshore. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

KUŞADASI, TÜRKIYE

Begin the day with an early morning exploration of the legendary city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient sites in the world. Continue with a visit to the Ephesus Museum, where remarkable treasures from the ruins are beautifully displayed. Around midday, enjoy a farm-to-table Turkish lunch at the Nakkas Weaving Center. Stop by the Temple of Artemis before returning to Kuşadasi. Spend some free time in the charming seaside town, then reboard the ship for a late afternoon lecture followed by dinner at sea. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

HERAKLION, CRETE, GREECE ≈ KNOSSOS

This morning, visit the labyrinth-like ruins of Knossos, legendary palace of King Minos. In the afternoon, cruise to Piraeus. Gather on board this evening for the Captain's farewell reception and dinner. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,R,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ATHENS ≈ HOME

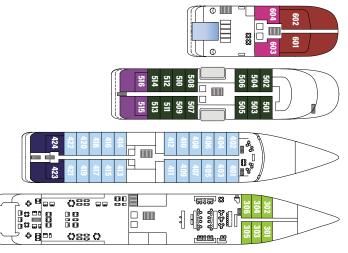
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Extension details and pricing are available upon request.









EMERALD AZZURRA

In March 2022, Emerald Cruises launched the Emerald Azzurra, a sleek mega-yacht designed to explore ports and harbors inaccessible to larger ships. Measuring 360 feet in length with just 50 spacious cabins, this stunning vessel offers a modern, Scandinavian-inspired ambiance. Forty-four cabins feature step-out balconies and modern amenities. All cabins, except the premium suites, have beds that can be configured as either two twins or a queen, while the premium suites feature fixed king beds. Each cabin also includes flat-screen TVs, stocked mini-bars, and bathrooms equipped with hair dryers, plush robes, and premium bath products.

The Azzurra offers inviting public spaces designed for relaxation and comfort, including multiple lounges and outdoor areas where you can soak in the views. Delight in fresh, locally sourced cuisine prepared by expert chefs, served either in the elegant Reflections Restaurant or al fresco on The Terrace. Indulge in a range of luxurious amenities: unwind with a dip in the infinity pool or soak in the outdoor hot tub. Savor handcrafted cocktails at the open-air Sky Bar or in the elegant Horizon Bar & Lounge (which also converts to a lecture room with full A/V capabilities). Rejuvenate your body and mind at the Wellness Center with soothing massages, revitalizing facials, and a cutting-edge infrared sauna. Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the yacht, and explore onshore with a selection of bikes, including e-bikes, available for guests.



CATEGORY

PROGRAM RATES (Per Person)

OCEANVIEW STATEROOM

183-205 sq. ft., window \$10,990 double occupancy single occupancy \$15,990

B BALCONY SUITE

260 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 45 sq. ft. private balcony \$13,990 double occupancy single occupancy \$19,990

A BALCONY SUITE

260 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 45 sq. ft. private balcony double occupancy \$14,990

S DELUXE BALCONY SUITE

305 sq. ft., sliding glass door to oversized 100 sq. ft. balcony double occupancy \$16,990

T TERRACE SUITE

260 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 410 sq. ft. private terrace double occupancy \$19,990

YACHT SUITE (premium suite)

345 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 375 sq. ft. private terrace double occupancy

SA OWNER'S SUITE (premium suite)

580 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 600 sq. ft. private terrace double occupancy

\$26,990

\$21,990

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including one hotel night and seven nights aboard Emerald Azzurra • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures and presentations - Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates - Baggage handling - Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides, and drivers . Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners . Alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages throughout the cruise . Wi-Fi throughout the cruise . Filtered water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare = Passport/visa expenses = Medical expenses and immunizations = Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates = Travel and trip cancellation insurance = Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options = Airline baggage charges = Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; premium alcoholic drinks = Laundry or dry cleaning = Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges = Room service = Other items of a personal nature

AIR ARRANGEMENTS U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754 or by e-mail at tourflights@vwti.com. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

what to expect The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. The ship has two elevators. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour 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; additional costs may apply.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 84 participants, including travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, American Horticultural Society, Colorado College, National Trust Tours, and Yale Alumni Academy.

TRAVEL INSURANCE Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this journey are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES Program rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS Complete Terms and Conditions, including Statement of Responsibility, will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration

Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: AIA Tours, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to (603) 756-2922. Balance of payment is due 120 days prior to departure (May 20, 2026). We accept checks, payable to

"Eos AIA-PelopCRI9/26" as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After the May 20, 2026 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country and/or hotel or aboard any cruise vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied.

TRIP CANCELLATION & REFUNDS If the program is cancelled by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by AIA Tours or Criterion, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as AIA Tours and Criterion are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Neither AIA Tours nor Criterion shall have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing.

HEALTH All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

ITINERARY CHANGES The itinerary and study leaders presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by AIA Tours and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, AIA Tours and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

RESPONSIBILITY By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure. Due to space limitations these are not AIA Tours' complete Terms & Conditions, which are available upon request, can be viewed on-line at www.aiatours.org, and will be sent to you along with a Release of Liability requiring your signature.

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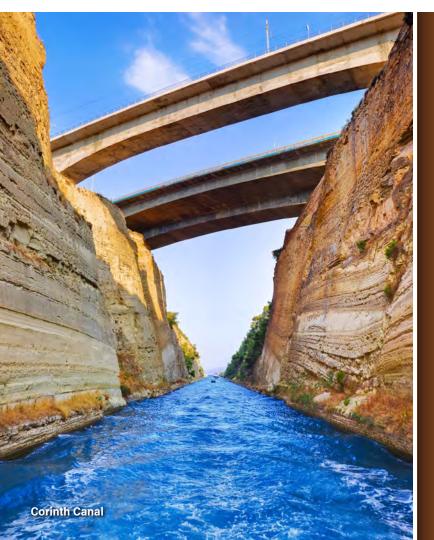
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