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# JOURNEY TO GREECE

History, Culture, Contemporary Life & Cuisine

October 11 – 19, 2025



Hydra Island





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Dear Emory Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join our *Journey to Greece*, which will explore several of this ancient land's most magnificent places, including storied Athens, the Peloponnese, and the islands of Hydra and Crete. We will visit ancient sites and picturesque towns and villages, learn about their remarkable history, witness contemporary culture, and savor distinctive Greek cuisine. October is one of the best months of the year to visit Greece. The summer crowds are gone and the weather is ideal for touring.

Among the highlights are the incomparable monuments of Athens, which date from the 5th century BC, the city's Golden Age; the fabled citadel of Mycenae; the spectacular ancient theater of Epidaurus; the evocative seaside old town of Nafplion; the iconic island Hydra; and fabulous Crete, the largest Greek island, which was home to Europe's first civilization. We will encounter a broad range of architecture, from the ruins of the prehistoric era to Classical, Byzantine and Medieval structures to the clean lines of contemporary Greek residences, and survey rugged landscapes' that produce some of the world's best olive oil, fine wines and other artisanal products. And we will dine in a variety of charming venues featuring local cuisine.

We hope you will join us on this special tour of Greece, which was custom-designed for Emory travelers.

Sincerely,

Caroline Davidson  
Associate Director, Campus and Community Engagement



The Old Town of Rethymno

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INTELLIGENT  
NORTH PLAZA (MUSEUM)

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Palace of Knossos, Crete



# ITINERARY



Saturday, October 11, 2025

## DEPART THE US

Depart the US for Athens, Greece.

Sunday, October 12

## ATHENS, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to the *Hotel Elia*, which is conveniently located in the center of the city and near its many attractions and shopping areas. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Monday, October 13

## ANCIENT SITES AND ATTRACTIVE NAFPLION

Leave the hotel in the morning for the northern region of the Peloponnese, renowned for its wealth of ancient sites and old picturesque towns. Visit Mycenae, the most important and powerful center in the Greek mainland that flourished during the Bronze Age, and the stronghold of Agamemnon, who led the Greeks against Troy. Continue to seaside Nafplion, one of Greece's most attractive old towns, where lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, explore Epidaurus, famed for its magnificent 4th-century BC theater, before returning to the hotel. (B, L)

Tuesday, October 14

## THE ATHENIAN ACROPOLIS

In the morning, tour the Acropolis and its celebrated monuments, including the incomparable Parthenon, the temple dedicated to the goddess Athena. Built in the 5th century BC, the monuments present the zenith of architecture and art of the Classical period. Also visit the Acropolis Museum, which houses an outstanding collection of sculptures. Spend the afternoon at leisure to explore Athens on your own. (B)

Wednesday, October 15

## THE ISLAND OF HYDRA

Sail in the morning to Hydra, one of the most striking and photogenic islands of Greece. As the boat arrives, admire the island's only town that is hidden in a deep gap of slopes, filled with imposing stone mansions that rise amphitheatrically from the harbor to the top of the rock that were built in the 17th and 18th centuries. Hydra is the only Greek island with a total ban on automobile traffic. Explore the architectural treasures of the town, its old churches, and mansion museums. Enjoy lunch at a local taverna and spend time at leisure before returning to Athens. (B, L)

Thursday, October 16

## ATHENS/HERAKLION, Crete

In the morning, transfer to the airport for the flight over the Aegean Sea to Heraklion, the vibrant and dynamic city of Crete. The largest of the Greek islands, Crete is home to Europe's first civilization, the Minoan, which rose about 4,000 years ago. From 1205 to 1669, Crete was a prized possession of Venice. Known for its beautiful landscapes and abundant flora, Crete is also the place that gave birth to the Mediterranean Diet, the cuisine of which we will enjoy



Morosini Fountain, Heraklion, Crete



Cretan cuisine





**Nafplion, one of Greece's loveliest old towns**

during our stay. After lunch, take a tour that will familiarize you with Heraklion, visiting the beautiful Morosini Fountain, built in 1628, the majestic church of St. Titos, and the Historical Museum of Crete. Spend the next three nights at the *Hotel Galaxy*. (B, L)

**Friday, October 17**

### **HERAKLION/RETHYMNO/HERAKLION**

In the morning, drive along the scenic coastal road to Rethymno, one of Crete's most enchanting towns, built between its imposing 15th-century fortress and the sea. The town is notable for its characteristic Venetian architecture, its maze of alleyways lined with buildings that reveal the long presence of Venice. Tour the town, including the interesting Archaeological Museum, and the church of St. Spyridon, a Byzantine chapel that is decorated with precious icons. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy time at leisure before returning to the hotel. (B, L)

**Saturday, October 18**

### **THE MINOAN PALACE OF KNOSSOS**

In the morning, tour the palace of Knossos, the largest and most magnificent Minoan palace in Crete. Clustered around a spacious courtyard, the palace contains a maze of rooms, passages and stairways. More than any other Minoan remain, Knossos reveals the brilliance and refinement of the Bronze Age Minoan civilization. Also visit the superlative Archaeological Museum, home to the exquisite Minoan artifacts. Afternoon is at leisure. You may wish to visit the Heraklion Market, an institution of the city. A farewell dinner will be served at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Sunday, October 19**

### **HERAKLION/USA**

Transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (B)



**Street scene in Plaka, Athens**





The Acropolis in Athens



Lion Gate, Mycenae



A picturesque street in the island of Hydra



Heraklion, Crete



## RATE PER PERSON

\$ 5,390 per person, double occupancy  
Single room supplement: \$ 980

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations at deluxe hotels:  
Four nights at the *Hotel Elia*  
(or similar) in Athens and three  
nights at the *Hotel Galaxy*  
(or similar) in Heraklion, Crete.
- Buffet breakfast each morning  
at the hotel.
- Four lunches and two dinners.
- Soft drinks, wine or beer served  
with each lunch and dinner.
- Group airport/hotel/pier transfers  
overseas at designated times on  
the indicated arrival and return  
dates, and handling of luggage.
- Comprehensive program of tours,  
excursions and other activities  
as described in the itinerary, with a  
professional English- speaking  
guide.
- Flight from Athens to Heraklion,  
Crete as described in the itinerary.
- An experienced Thalassa Journeys  
Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges.
- Gratuities to porters, drivers and  
guides.
- Complete pre-departure material.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare, travel  
insurance, items and expenses of  
a personal nature, and any items  
not mentioned in the Itinerary and  
Program Inclusions.



Knossos Palace Fresco

## REGISTRATION

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ 1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on **JOURNEY TO GREECE**, October 11 - 19, 2025, with Emory Alumni Association. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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### Preference at hotels:

Double accommodation                       Double Bed                       Single Bed

Single accommodation                      *Bed configuration cannot be guaranteed.*

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**Each participant must sign below: I/We have  
read the "General Information" section and  
agree to its terms.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

**INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

**ITINERARY:** The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler 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 us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

**RATES:** Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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The 4th-century BC  
theater of Epidauros