



Glorious Greece

Island Hopping with NEPR

May 13-25, 2019

*“Oh the isles of Greece, the isles of Greece!
Where burning Sappho loved and sung...Eternal summer gilds them yet,
But all except their sun is set.”*
Lord Byron

Join friends and fans of New England Public Radio on an unforgettable journey to the cradle of Western civilization. This tailored-made public radio adventure to Greece promises to be filled with mouth-watering Greek specialties, music, sun-drenched beaches and historic walks through stunning white-washed villages. We'll sleep among the blue domes on Santorini, sail in the Cyclades and immerse ourselves in archeological treasures.

YOUR JOURNEY...

- 3 Nights Athens, Greece
- 2 Nights Nafplio Seaside Village
- 3 Nights Isle of Mykonos
- 3 Nights Isle of Santorini



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Private guided walks through the Parthenon and Acropolis, the National Archeological Museum of Athens ♦ Plaka district markets ♦ The ancient sites of Delphi, Argos, Mycenae and Epidaurus ♦ Glamorous Mykonos and stunning Santorini ♦ A visit to an island winery and the excavation site of Akrotiri on Santorini ♦ A sunset cruise on Santorini ♦ Opportunities for hikes and/or walks ♦ An excursion to the isle of Delos ♦ A small group of soon-to-be friends!

IT'S INCLUDED

- ⌋ With NEPR host Kari Njiiri
- ⌋ Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- ⌋ A special musical performance (TBD)
- ⌋ Eleven nights in charming, centrally located hotels (*all rooms with private bath*)
- ⌋ All breakfasts and eleven additional lunches or dinners (*two thirds of all meals*)
- ⌋ Transportation by private air-conditioned motor coach and ferries
- ⌋ All entrances listed in the trip highlights section above
- ⌋ Private guided tours of each archeological site visited
- ⌋ Gratuities for driver, guides and other persons assisting you while participating in a group activity
- ⌋ A suggested reading and video list
- ⌋ Alumni appreciation discounts applied toward future Expeditions



TRIP FACTS

12 Days / 11 Nights (not including intl. air travel)
\$4,495 per person double occupancy land
\$979 single supplement
May 13: optional group air flight departs Boston
Trip begins: May 14, 2019 in Athens at 6:00pm
Trip ends: May 25 in Santorini after breakfast

OPTIONAL GROUP AIR: \$1,195 on Delta Airlines

NOT INCLUDED: Travel insurance, international flight and any items not listed.

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"Wine gives strength to weary men"

Homer

YOUR NEPR ADVENTURE BEGINS!

Day 0: Monday, May 13 - Depart for Athens

Arrive a day or two early and take some time to enjoy this bustling cultural hub before joining your fellow travelers. You may wish to visit some of Athens' sights not included in the tour. *Remember, you'll need to depart the US no later than May 13.*

Day 1: Tuesday, May 14 - Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the birthplace of Western Civilization. After settling into our centrally located hotel, your guide will host a welcome orientation followed by a feast at a nearby local taverna. *Overnight in Athens*

Day 2: Wednesday, May 15 - The Acropolis and the National Archeological Museum

The Acropolis was the political and religious center of the ancient Greek world. The Temple of Athena (*better known as the Parthenon*) proudly crowns the Acropolis. Today, we visit the Parthenon and Temple of Nike to see how the development of western civilization was unthinkable without the contributions of the Greeks. After a tasty lunch in a local taverna, our hunt for ancient treasure continues with an excursion to the National Archeological Museum. There your guide will escort you through endless rooms, all bursting with powerful bronze statues, beautifully carved marble statues and priceless artifacts. The evening is yours to explore the Plaka market. *Overnight in Athens*



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Day 3: Thursday, May 16 - North to Ancient Delphi

We leave today for the region of central Greece known as Roumeli, to visit the classical site at Delphi. Most people come to this region solely for this reason and it is worthwhile. Delphi is the only ancient site that combines a unique wealth of monuments from all over the country with the natural beauty of the landscape. Tucked right under the cliffs, Delphi is one of the places many travelers find most memorable. The steep climb is rewarded with spectacular vistas and incomparable treasures. *Overnight in Athens*

Day 4: Friday, May 17 - Delphi to Nafplio

After lunch, we cross the peninsula to the lovely seaside village of Nafplio. In the 1700s, this seaside gem was intimately linked to the prospering sea power, Venice. This is your home for the next two nights so you'll have plenty of time to stroll through Nafplio's well-preserved elegant old town and soak up the ambiance of the Aegean Sea. *Overnight in Nafplio*

Day 5: Saturday, May 18 - Excursions to Ancient Mycenae and Epidaurus

We begin our day by visiting two of the oldest Greek settlements, Mycenae and Epidaurus. The ancient city of Mycenae gave its name to the entire Bronze Age. By 1,500 BC, Mycenae merchants and military had come to dominate Greek lands. Legend has it that the powerful enemy of Troy, King Agamemnon ruled Mycenae.

After lunch, we continue our journey through time by visiting the 4th century BC amphitheater of Epidaurus. The theatre's perfect acoustics and elegant lines are astonishing. In the late afternoon, we'll return to Nafplio. *Overnight in Nafplio*



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Day 6: Sunday, May 19 - Evening ferry to the glamorous island of Mykonos via Corinth

As we make our way to the Port of Piraeus, we stop first to wonder at ancient Corinth and its famous canal. Occupied by the Romans in 146BC, the city under Roman domination became the imperial capital of Greece. What remains, despite powerful earthquakes, is the most complete Greco-Roman town plan. Corinth once had the well-deserved reputation for luxury and vice, which predictably exasperated Saint Paul when he arrived in 52AD for an 18-month sojourn.

In the early evening we escape from the mainland in search of the serenity of Greek isles. By boat we cruise blue waters to the glamorous sun-drenched island of Mykonos. Boasting one of the prettiest and most carefully preserved towns in the Cyclades, Mykonos is a great place to unwind. *Overnight in Mykonos*

Day 7: Monday, May 20 - Relax in Mykonos

Relax today on the stunning island of Mykonos. Spend your time dining in seaside cafes and stroll through flower decked alleyways, take in the countless white washed houses and walk up to the famous windmills of Mykonos. *Overnight in Mykonos*

Day 8: Tuesday, May 21 - Outing to the Isle of Delos

After breakfast, enjoy a short boat trip to nearby Delos. This sacred island was among the three most important religious centers of ancient Greece. Athens considered Delos and its god Apollo so important that in the 5th century BC, it decreed that no one could be born or die on its sacred soil. Upon your return to Mykonos, enjoy dinner with your host and guide. *Overnight in Mykonos*



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Day 9: Wednesday, May 22 - Ferry to Santorini

Our exploration on the Greek Cyclades continues today with a boat trip to the picturesque island of Santorini. Depending upon the ferry schedule there may be a stop at the island of Naxos for several hours where we will have time for a leisurely lunch before re-boarding the ferry to Santorini.

It's a spectacular approach to Santorini as the ship enters a vast, almost landlocked circle. On the upper rim cling whitewashed, blue-domed buildings of Thira, the island's capital village, where in the following days you'll have splendid views of the port below. Some believe Santorini to be the legendary Atlantis. In 1,500BC the island exploded in a powerful volcanic eruption creating the now-existing caldera.

Overnight in Santorini



Day 10: Thursday, May 23 - An excursion to the village of Oia



Get into the rhythm of island life and sift your way through the whitewashed village of Santorini or make your way to a black sand beach where you can partake in an ancient Greek ritual, sun bathing!

Looking for some afternoon activity? For those interested, your guide will bring you to the town of Oia. Located

on the island's northernmost peninsula, Oia is perhaps the most stunning and photographed village in all of Greece. For those wishing, you can make your way to Oia by way of a dramatic seaside hiking trail. *Overnight in Santorini*

Day 11: Friday, May 24 - Another day of leisure on Santorini and sunset cruise

Today let's take in a nearby winery, where we will learn how the "nectar of the gods" is produced. After our tour, we make our way to Akrotira on the southwest tip of the island. Once an important Minoan outpost, Akrotira was discovered in 1866 by a French archaeologist and now is an impressive site for all visitors interested in this ancient civilization. Tonight you'll be treated to a farewell dinner and sunset cruise. Your guide is available today to assist you with any post-tour plans you might have.

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Day 12: Saturday, May 25 - Depart for USA

Your tour concludes after breakfast. Santorini is well connected to Athens. There are daily direct flights (45 minutes) to Athens airport or you may also choose to return by high speed ferry or slow boat. Bon Voyage!

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YOUR NEPR HOST



Kari Njiiri is a senior reporter and long-time host and producer of Jazz Safari, a musical journey through the jazz world and beyond, broadcast Saturday nights on New England Public Radio. Born in New York City, and raised in both Kenya and the U.S., Kari first arrived at NEPR as UMass Amherst student fascinated radio's ability to cross geographic and cultural boundaries. Since then, he has worked in several capacities at the station, from board operator and book-keeper, to production assistant and local host of NPR's All Things Considered.



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