



# GLORIOUS GREECE

Island Hopping with Capital Public Radio  
June 1-12, 2019



Join friends and fans of Insight host, Beth Ruyak, and Capital Public Radio on an unforgettable journey to the cradle of Western civilization. We'll sleep among the blue domes on Santorini, sail in the Cyclades and immerse ourselves in archeological treasures. This tailored-made public radio adventure to Greece promises to be filled with mouth-watering Greek specialties, sun-drenched beaches and historic walks through romantic ancient ruins and stunning whitewashed villages. Don't delay - space is limited on this very special Capital Public Radio trip!



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## YOUR JOURNEY...

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



## 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!

- › Capital Public Radio host Beth Ruyak
- › Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- › Ten nights in charming, centrally-located hotels
- › All breakfasts and ten 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
- › Pre-trip party and orientation at the station
- › Suggested reading and video

## NOT INCLUDED:

- › International flight from the US to Greece
- › Travel Insurance
- › Any items not listed not listed on the itinerary



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### **TRIP FACTS AND PRICING**

12 Days / 11 Nights (*excluding air travel*)

\$4,999 per person double occupancy

\$979 single supplement

Trip begins: June 1, 2019 in Athens

Trip ends: June 12 in Santorini

\*price based on minimum number of 22 guests

### **GROUP AIR FARE**

\$1,499 per person with KLM/Air France Airlines (rate includes all taxes, fees and airport transfers in Greece)

### **RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS**

Early reservations are essential to guarantee a place on this departure. A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. An additional \$200 deposit is requested if opting for the group flight. Deposits are refundable for 60 days from date of deposit or 90 days prior to departure whichever comes first. Final payment is 60 days before departure. Deposits and payments can be made by check or credit card.

### **SAVE \$300**

- ✓ Reserve by March 1, 2019 and save \$100
- ✓ Pay your final balance by check and save \$100
- ✓ Earthbound travel alumni or major donor to Capital Public Radio save \$100



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"Wine gives strength to weary men"  
Homer

## YOUR PUBLIC RADIO ADVENTURE BEGINS!

### **Day 0: Friday, May 31 - 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 31.*

### **Day 1: Saturday, June 1 - Arrive in Athens**

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

### **Day 2: Sunday, June 2 - 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: Monday, June 3 - 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: Tuesday, June 4 - 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: Wednesday, June 5 - 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **Day 6: Thursday, June 6 - 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*



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### **Day 7: Friday, June 7 - 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: Saturday, June 8 - 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **Day 9: Sunday, June 9 - 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*



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**Day 10: Monday, June 10 - 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: Tuesday, June 11 - 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. *Overnight in Santorini*

**Day 12: Wednesday, June 12 - 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 CAPITAL PUBLIC RADIO HOST, BETH RUYAK



When **Beth Ruyak** landed her first job as a reporter more than thirty years ago, she knew she had found a career. What she couldn't have imagined, is the people she would meet, miles she would travel and how curious the journey would be.

Beth's first boss called her the "neophyte newsie," but he taught her the basics of broadcast writing and how to take the work one-interview-at-a-time. She found her way from newsrooms in Minnesota to California, and still, the career kept her moving. Covering news, sports, science, health, arts and entertainment, Beth worked as a reporter, anchor, producer, and writer. She hosted daytime television, magazine shows, special events and live coverage. Among the highlights of her career: sideline reporting from 5 Olympic Games and Super Bowl XXV, traversing Europe for 3 Tour de France bicycle races (becoming the first woman television journalist to cover the event), co-hosting "The Home Show," and guest co-hosting "Good Morning America." Her news, sports and health reporting have earned Emmy awards and opportunities to interview, learn from and tell stories about people all over the world.

As host of "Insight" Beth delights in the opportunity to communicate and converse in the region she calls home. People ask her about the differences between television and radio broadcasting; she says she tries to fill in the visuals with language, sounds, voice and imagination. To Beth, being part of the Capital Public Radio team is a privilege, an adventure and a great reason to go to work everyday. Of course, so is the dance as she calls it, with the guests and audience on "Insight."



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