Cal Discoveries

Travel

Authentic

Greece

Συντεκτική Ελλάδα

Boutique, Personalized Travel

From our Greek-American family

September 17–29, 2016

Thessaloniki • Philippi • Kavala • Verea • Vergina • Mt. Olympus

Meteora • Athens • Delphi • Nafplio • Mycenae • Epidavros • Nemea

Plus an Optional Three Night Excursion to Beautiful Santorini
The Cal Discoveries Travel Difference

Our goal is to provide the University of California, Berkeley community with an exciting combination of discovery, learning, and adventure in educationally oriented travel.

Cal Discoveries Travel offers travelers value with thoughtfully crafted excursions to experience new places, interesting people, and fascinating insights.

When you travel with Cal Discoveries Travel, you can be assured that we understand your desire for a strong educational component, a carefully selected destination, and a Cal connection on every trip.

Benefits of traveling with Cal Discoveries Travel

- Experience “lifelong learning” with world-renowned Cal faculty and/or local experts
- Receive outstanding customer service from Cal Discoveries Travel staff with more than 40 years expertise
- Meet new friends and old, and find interesting, inquisitive travel companions who have Cal in common

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Leading you through Greece will be Dr. David and Elizabeth Iliadou Sparks, their son Adam, and his wife, Blake. Having led tours to Greece since 1984, the Sparks family are uniquely qualified to give you the authentic Greek experience.

Dr. Sparks is an expert in Hellenic Studies and will fill each day with insightful instruction and on-site lectures that will bring the revered history of the Greek people to life. Elizabeth Iliadou Sparks was born in the town of Berea, Greece, and delights in showing you her country as only a native can. She will personally select every menu and cultural activity to give you an authentically Greek experience like no other.
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1,2 ARRIVAL
Depart USA / Arrive Thessaloniki, Greece. Check in to our hotel in the heart of downtown Thessaloniki in Aristotle Square and enjoy a complimentary Welcome Reception on the roof garden café with spectacular views of the city. (D)

3 THESSALONIKI
We begin our time in Greece with a cultural orientation and basic Greek language lesson. We then set out on a tour of Thessaloniki including the ancient Roman Forum, Byzantine Church of St. Dimitrios, bustling local market, Rotunda and Arch of Galerius, White Tower, and the harbor promenade. Enjoy dinner out at a quaint taverna where the locals eat. Overnight Thessaloniki. (B,L,D)

4 PHILIPPI, KAVALA
Following breakfast we depart for Philippi, a major Roman city on the Via Egnatia. At Philippi we tour the extensive archaeological site, visiting the theater, city walls, basilica, forum, and baptistry. A quick ride takes us to the picturesque port of Kavala where we see the impressive Ottoman aqueduct and enjoy lunch on our own along the fishing boat lined harbor. Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

5 VEREA, VERCINA
Today we visit the town of Verea where we enter the restored Jewish synagogue and hear about the Nazi occupation of Greece during WWII. Enjoy drinks and the view at Verea’s classic hillside café before heading to Vergina and the tombs of Phillip II of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great. We explore the museum and the Macedonian Tombs with their priceless artifacts, wall paintings, and royal treasures. We continue on to our beachfront hotel in Leptokaria on the foothills of Mt. Olympus where we enjoy dinner and a relaxing evening by the seaside. (B,L,D)
6 Meteora
We drive to the stunning monasteries of Meteora, perched high atop towering rock formations. We are introduced to Greek Orthodoxy and explore the still active 600-year-old Grand Meteoron monastery. Departing Meteora, we continue to our hotel in the quaint mountain village of Delphi with spectacular views of the olive tree lined valley below. (B,L,D)

7 Delphi
Delphi was the most important religious center of classical Greece, and our tour takes us up the ancient Sacred Way to the famous Oracle of Apollo. We then tour Delphi’s impressive museum with its bronze Charioteer. Enjoy lunch and the quaint shops of the modern village of Delphi before heading to Athens, the greatest city of ancient Greece and the bustling modern capital. Check in to our hotel at the foot of the Acropolis and enjoy up close views of the Parthenon from our wonderful hotel roof garden. (B,L,D)

8 Athens
No other city exemplifies ancient Greece like Athens, and we begin our tour with a visit to the new Acropolis Museum. From there we head to the Acropolis itself and visit the crowning achievement of ancient Greece: the Parthenon. We also visit the ancient agora and examine the creation of Democracy. The afternoon brings us into the Plaka for a walking orientation of this historical district. Overnight Athens. (B,L)

9 Athens Free Day
The day is at leisure to enjoy Athens. Take an optional excursion to the National Archaeological Museum, home to the greatest treasures of Ancient Greece, shop in the cosmopolitan boutiques, or attend a Greek Orthodox service. In the evening we gather together for an elegant final dinner in Athens. (B,D)
Leaving Athens, we enter the beautiful Peloponnese Peninsula, known as the Tuscany of Greece. At Mycenae we tour the bronze age palace of King Agamemnon, leader of the Trojan War, and the monumental beehive tomb of his wife Clytemnestra. After lunch we travel to the Callid archaeological site of Ancient Nemea for a private tour with an archaeologist from this ancient, important athletic site. Then, we’ll get our first look at Nafplio, mainland Greece’s most picturesque town and our home for two nights, from the Venetian-built Palamidi Fortress seated high above the seaside town. (B,L,D)

In the morning we visit the ancient healing center of Epidavros, known for its magnificent theater, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Returning to Nafplio, the afternoon is free before a celebratory final group dinner along the romantic harbor promenade. (B,D)

Leaving Nafplio, we conclude our tour at a charming, family-run Peloponnesian vineyard for a slice of authentic Greek life in the countryside. Sample the local wines that have been cultivated in this region for thousands of years and dine on the rustic specialties of southern Greece. Travelers then either depart for the excursion to Santorini or return to Athens to prepare for their flights home. (B,L)

Those travelers not on the Santorini excursion return home with unforgettable memories and as lifelong lovers of Greece! (B)
Three Night Excursion to Beautiful Santorini
September 28 - October 2

Rightly considered one of the most beautiful places on the planet, the island of Santorini is the crown jewel of the legendary Greek islands. Enjoy three unforgettable nights in world famous Oia at your traditional cave house perched high on the rim of an ancient volcano with breathtaking views of the picturesque whitewashed chapels, and take a catamaran cruise over the crystal clear waters of the Aegean Sea.

$2,095 per person
($3,075 as a single)
- Includes traditional cave house with caldera views, flights and airport transfers from Athens, catamaran cruise with dinner, and daily breakfast
- Room Upgrades Available (Limited Availability)
1st Traveler Name, Exactly as Listed on Passport

Name for Name Badge        Date of Birth       Cal Class Year

2nd Traveler Name, Exactly as Listed on Passport

Name for Name Badge        Date of Birth       Cal Class Year

Address

City                                         State           Zip

Phone Number

Email Address, 1st Traveler

Email Address, 2nd Traveler

☐ Please contact me regarding making air arrangements
☐ I will make my own flights and airport transfers
☐ Double Occupancy Room; ☐ Single Room (+$1,045)
Roommate (if form sent separately)
☐ Sign me/us up for the excursion to Santorini (see panel)

Please reserve ___ place(s) on the tour. Enclosed is my deposit of ______ ($600/tour + $200/Santorini extension)
☐ Accept my check made out to "Sofia Travel"
☐ Charge my ☐ Master Card; ☐ Visa

Credit Card Number                                     Expiration

Security Code       Signature of Card Holder        Date

Activity Level: Participants should be able to walk up to two miles a day, climb multiple flights of stairs, and walk up inclines, all at a moderate pace. Many sites include uneven cobblestones and staircases that may not have handrails.

☐ I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions

Signature                                                        Date

Send To:
Cal Discoveries Travel
Cal Alumni Association
1 Alumni House
Berkeley, CA 94720-7520
Terms and Conditions

Included in Price: Expert daily guiding and lectures from your Greek-American Sofia Travel leaders; shared double room in four/five star hotels; meals, as indicated in brochure, including house wine with dinner; transportation and entrance fees to all sites/activities; airport transfers within Greece for those taking the group flights; all tips and taxes.

Not Included in Price: Flights; Single room charges (+$1,045); additions/changes to the standard program; airport transfers for travelers making their own flights; travel insurance; laundry; coffee and drinks; excess baggage; and personal items.

CAA Membership Policy: Travelers, whether alumni or friends, must be current Cal Alumni Association members to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. Payment of $50 for seniors 65 years and over, and $60 for those who are 64 years and under establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. A married couple and their children under 21 years may travel on one membership; memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express number with expiration date for payment.

Reservation and Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of $600/person/tour and $200/person/Santorini extension is required at the time of reservation. The balance is due May 13, 2016. Reservations received after May 13, 2016 must submit full payment with their reservation. Should there no longer be availability, the payment will be refunded in full.

Luggage: Limit of one suitcase and one carry on per person; porterage is for one suitcase only. Carry-on luggage is the responsibility of passengers.

Flights: All flights booked through Sofia Travel (ST) are subject to the terms, conditions, and cancellation fees of the airline. ST is not responsible in any way for any necessary itinerary changes, additional overnights, or any additional expenses required by changing or cancelled flights.

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Insurance: Tour participants are highly recommended to purchase travel insurance. Information will be sent by Cal Discoveries Travel with your reservation confirmation.

Documentation: U.S. citizens require a valid passport. The traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases Sofia Travel from, any duty of checking and verifying any and all passports, visa, vaccination or other entry requirements for each destination, and all safety, health, and security conditions during the length of the proposed travel.

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Price

Land Only

$4,395

Included in Price:

- Expert daily guiding and lectures from your Greek-American Sofia Travel leaders
- Shared double room in four/five star hotels
- Meals, as indicated in brochure, including house wine with dinner
- Transportation and entrance fees to all sites/activities
- Airport transfers within Greece for those taking the group flights
- All tips and taxes

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~ Goethe