



# TRAVEL TO GREECE

WITH THE PUTNAM MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 11, 2025



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Travel Dates  
**Sept. 29 - Oct. 11, 2025**

Get ready for the trip of a lifetime with expert guides, exclusive experiences and extensive travel throughout Greece and the islands of the Aegean. The cost of the trip includes travel accommodations throughout Greece, a cruise in the Mediterranean, lodging, and most meals. In the months leading up to the trip we will be offering workshops where you will learn about traveling in Greece, what to wear, cultural expectations and Greek history.

For those interested in participating in the trip, fill out a registration form and provide a **\$300 deposit** per person

*(Check or credit card accepted)*

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## TOUR & CRUISE ITINERARY\*

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### TUESDAY, SEPT 30: ARRIVAL, CORINTH CANAL, EPIDAUROS / NAFPLION (D)

Arrival at the Athens airport. Your guide will meet you as you depart for the Peloponnese. First stop will be at the impressive Corinth canal and we continue to Epidaurus with its theatre, famous for its acoustics. Further drive will bring us to Nafplion, dominated by the Venetian Palamidi castle. Check-in to Liberty Hotel in Nafplio for dinner and overnight. (Liberty Hotel)



### WEDNESDAY OCT 1: NAFPLIO, MYCENAE / OLYMPIA (B,L,D)

We will begin our day with a walking tour of the old town of Nafplio, narrow cobble-stone streets and the neo-classical buildings. Free time to take a walk at the sea-front promenade and enjoy a coffee (not included) with views to Bourtzi, the tiny fortified islet guarding the entrance of Nafplion. A bit before mid-day, we will depart and head for our visit to Mycenae, «rich in gold» as Homer mentions, with the Cyclopean walls, and the tomb of Agamemnon with the famous Lion's Gate. Short stop at a local restaurant for our included lunch and in the afternoon, we will be crossing the mountains of the Peloponnese to arrive in Olympia for dinner and overnight (Olympia Palace).



### THURSDAY, OCT 2: OLYMPIA / ATHENS (B,L)

Built on the banks of the River Alfios, Olympia is beautiful, green, and placid. We will enjoy a tour through the remains of the Ancient Olympia Complex (home of the original Olympic Games), including the Temple of Zeus, the Palaestra, and Phidias's Workshop. We continue to the local museum, one of the richest in Greece, with the impressive statue of Hermes of Praxitelis. After sightseeing we will enjoy our lunch at a local restaurant, before we take the road back to Athens. Overnight in Athens. (Hotel Titania)



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\*Participants must be very mobile and able to climb stairs, walk on uneven surfaces and stand for tours.

## FRIDAY, OCT 3: ATHENS (B,D)

This morning is dedicated to exploring the city of Athens. We begin with a panoramic coach tour to the most important monuments and landmarks of the city including the Panathinaikon stadium, the Zappeion, the temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Syntagma square, the Parliament, the tomb of the unknown soldier, modern Olympic stadium, Schliemann's house, the Academy, Areopagus rock, the University, the National Library, and the old Parliament. Next, we head for our guided walking visit to the Acropolis, including the Propylae, the temple of Athena Nike, the Parthenon, the Erechtheion. Later, we continue with a guided visit to the Acropolis museum voted one of the best museums in the world.

Return transfer to our hotel for some rest. Later in the afternoon, we gather again, and head to the historical center of the city. We will take a guided walking tour through Plaka with the narrow streets, the neo-classical buildings and the numerous little shops and restaurants. Our walk will continue, passing by the tower of the Winds, to Monastiraki, famous for its flea market. Time to bargain for your souvenir before we continue our walk towards Thisio, along Adrianou street, right next to the ancient Agora (market). Enjoy great views of the Acropolis and the temple of Hephaestus, the best-preserved ancient temple in Athens. Our walk will conclude at a local restaurant for our full group dinner. Return transfer to our hotel for overnight. (Hotel Titania)

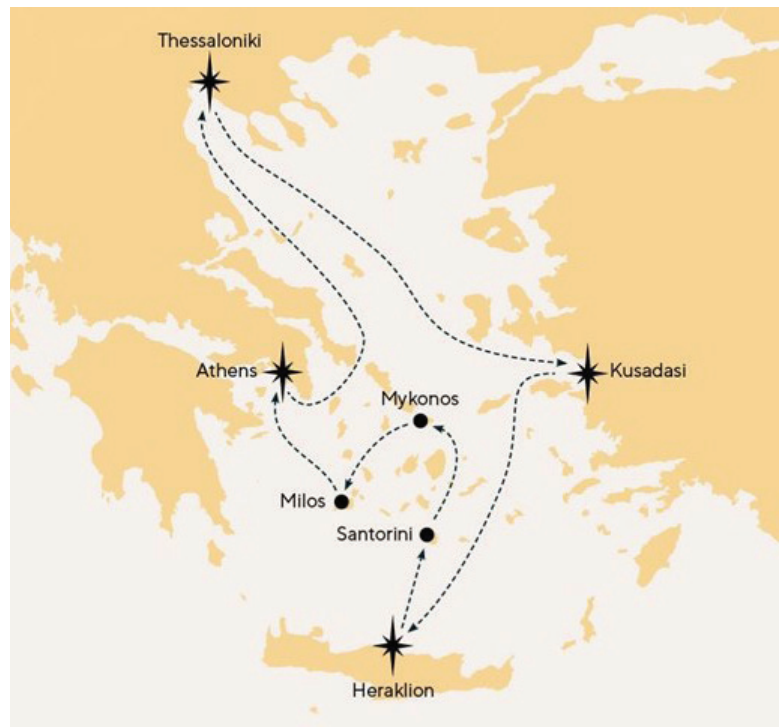


## SATURDAY OCT 4: EMBARKATION ON CRUISE (B)

Morning visit to the National Archeological Museum.  
Private afternoon transfer to port at Piraeus to embark on the Celestial Journey

### Putnam Museum Private Tour Inclusions

- 1 night in Nafplio, 1 night in Olympia & 2 nights in Athens
- A total of 5 meals (2 lunch and 3 dinners), either in hotels or at local restaurants, according to the above itinerary
- Deluxe air-conditioned coach throughout the tour for all transfers & visits
- Professional qualified English-speaking educator for all visits included in the itinerary
- Professional qualified English-speaking escorts/assistants for the departure transfer
- All entrance/admission fees to the various site and museums included in the itinerary
- Audio headsets (whispers) from Day 1-4 of the tour



### Your 7 Night Aegean Cruise At A Glance

Discover the rich history, fascinating culture and sumptuous cuisine of the unforgettable Greek islands. With rugged landscapes to explore, our 7-night experience invites you to indulge in traditional flavors, admire stunning landscapes and delve deeper into charming villages. Putnam museum is providing guided visits to the Royal Tombs of Vergina (Alexander the Great's parents and child) and the intriguing city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the Mediterranean.

Additional optional tours which can be reserved in advance, offer a romantic and effortless odyssey to sun-soaked shores, quaint fishing villages, and iconic historical sites. With overnight stops in the stunningly beautiful and buzzing islands of Santorini and Mykonos, you will have the opportunity to discover hidden secrets and indulge in an authentic experience of Mediterranean cuisine and the classic Greek lifestyle.

## COMPLETE TRAVEL PUTNAM GREECE TRIP COST:

**Special Putnam Members-Only Price \$5,499/person** (double occupancy)

(Includes economy airfare from Chicago. Ocean view stateroom. Balcony or Deluxe Balcony staterooms additional)

**Non-Member Price \$5,599/person** (double occupancy)

(Includes economy airfare from Chicago. Ocean view stateroom. Balcony or Deluxe Balcony staterooms additional)

## TRAVEL PUTNAM GREECE EXCLUSIVE INCLUSIONS:

- Free round trip group international air from Chicago, IL Sept 29-Oct 11, 2025
- Private Pre-tour seminars with Putnam and community scholars
- Round trip transfers from Putnam Museum to Chicago O'Hare International Terminal
- Private 4 night Peloponnese & Athens tour as described above
- Included airport and cruise ship transfers in Greece
- Group 7 night cruise aboard the small Greek owned Journey ship accommodating 1250 guests
- Included group Tour in Thessaloniki to the Land of Alexander the Great with a visit to the recently discovered Royal Tombs of Vergina, final resting place of Alexander's Father Phillip II of Macedon and his Mother, plus burial treasures
- Included group Tour of Ancient Ephesus in Kusadasi, Turkey
- Three shipboard meals a day
- Shipboard entertainment
- Paid gratuities on ship
- Sky High Shipboard Beverage Package (value \$210EURO) which includes unlimited classic cocktails, spirits, wine, draft beer (7 EURO max), soft drinks, juices, mineral & sparkling water, hot & cold coffee (3 EURO max)
- One-hour pre-paid WIFI each day (additional time may be purchased after exceeding 7 hrs.)
- 25% discount at shipboard specialty dining rooms
- Professional travel consultation services of Blue Horizon Travel & Yacht Charters, Orion, IL

## NOT INCLUDED OPTIONAL EXPENSES:

- Trip protection insurance calculated by total tour cost and age of traveler
- Tips for Tour Manager and Coach Driver for Private Tour of Peloponnese and Athens
- Beverages (except breakfast) at provided meals during Private Tour of Peloponnese and Athens
- Optional tours aboard the Journey which can be pre-purchased after Final Payment May 1, 2025

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