# 7 Days Nauplio-Olympia-Zakynthos-Athens

VALIDITY: 05.10.2019 to 31.05.2020

#### **DAY 1: CRISTIAN TOUR IN ATHENS - NAUPLIO:**

Our driver pick you up from your hotel in order to have the first visit at the small church at the coast of Faliro, where the Apostle Paul arrived in Athens by ship from Macedonia. Continue by visiting one of the biggest churches in Athens, of Saint Paul and then we will visit a small church of 11th Century downtown Athens, that is built on the same place of an Ancient Temple (we will see ruins that are still there) of Athenians, that was dedicated to the "Unknown God". At this place, Paul started preaching for Jesus, the unknown God of Athenians, and later, as Pau did, we will visit Acropolis and the "Mars Hill", where Apostle Paul preached the word of the Christian God to the Athenians Philosophers. We continue our tour in Athens, visiting the Ancient Market. The Agora was the heart of Athens in ancient times and the meeting point of St. Paul with the first followers of Christianity in Athens. Of course we will combine the visit at the most important sightseeing of the town, the Panathinaiko stadium, the Parliament, the Presidential Guards, the Trilogy of Athens, etc. we continue driving along the mainland coast to Peloponnese, and we will have our first stop, 1 hour later, at the Canal of Corinth (6 km length and 80m height). Soon we reach the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, one of the best Ancient Theatres worldwide. After all we will reach at the city of Nauplio at one of the most romantic towns of Greece, for overnight. Overnight in Nafplio. Proposed hotel 4\*

## **DAY 2: NAUPLIO - SPARTA - ANCIET OLYMPIA:**

After your breakfast we will explore, Nafplio, with its trademark, the Venetian fortress of Palamidi and the fortified islet of Bourtzi afloat in the middle of the bay. After all we will visit the city of Sparta and the unique Museum of Olive Oil of Sparta, a great Museum showing the unique history of olive production in Greece visit the unique Museum of Olive Oil of Sparta, a great Museum showing the unique history of olive production in Greece. We continue to the nearby glory Byzantine town of Mystras and let yourself be captivated by this destination's medieval splendour. Wander around the castle city the Upper and the Lower Town, and sense through the silence the city's sheer grandeur. We will continue and visit many traditional villages of Peloponnese during our trip and late in the afternoon we will reach at the town of Ancient Olympia for overnight. Proposed hotel 5\*

## **DAY 3: ANCIENT OLYMPIA - ZAKYNTHOS ISLAND:**

Start early in the morning, visiting the archaeological site of Ancient Olympia, the place that first Olympic Games took place in 776 B.C., lies in the lush valley formed by the Alfios River. There is a temple of Zeus the most celebrated sanctuary of ancient Greece. Dedicated to Zeus which in antiquity was housing one of the 7 wonders of the Ancient world, the gold and ivory statue of Zeus, which Phedias had created. Then visit the temple of Hera, the shrine of Pelops (one of the oldest in the sanctuary), the Council house where the athletes took the Olympic oath, the Treasury houses, the Gymnasium and the Palestra where they used to exercise for a month prior to the Games. Finally come to the stadium, where the marble starting blocks are still in position. Although secluded near the west coast of the

Peloponnese, Olympia became the most important religious and athletic centre in Greece. After sightseeing in Olympia, we go ahead to Kyllini Port to take the ferry depart about 15.15 to reach Zakynthos port about 16.15 (after 1 hour). Check in at your hotel and then day at leisure. After your rest you can explore the center of Zakynthos and to have a dinner at a traditional tavernas. Overnight in zakynthos. Proposed hotel 4\*

## **DAY 4: ZAKYNTHOS ISLAND - DAY CRUISE TO SHIPWREC:**

After your breakfast our driver transfer you from your hotel to Zakynthos Marina to take the local boat cruise as is one of the best ways to explore the island. The boat cruise depart 09:00 and returns about 17:00. Our first stop is the Blue Caves. Here the rays of sun hit the water and it changes color. These caves have a magical turquoise shade that changes into emerald green. Our next stop is the Shipwreck. This beach is well known throughout the world. When entering the cove the beauty it beholds is breathtaking. The waters here are clear blue but deep. We spend 1 1/2 hours here in order to enjoy your swim. Our program continues with a 10 min photo stop at Porto Vromi, than our boat pulls up next to the Agalas Caves and the Keri Caves for a reasonable amount of time to admire the beauty of nature. A big photo stop includes the Turtle Island. The whole gulf of Laganas and Kalamaki are full of turtles swimming in the seawater. The Turtles are huge but so friendly and you can swim together. Our other major swim stop is in the area of St Nickolas, Basilikos where the boat anchors for about an hour. In the afternoon about 17.00 we will return at Marina and our driver transfer you back to your hotel. Overnight in zakynthos. Proposed hotel 4\*

## **DAY 5: CHRISTIAN TOUR IN ZAKYNTHOS ISLAND:**

Today, we will explore the Monasteries of Zakynthos, one of the most famous religious sites of Zakynthos is the Church of Agios Dionysios. The church was built in 1708 and is dedicated to Saint Dionysius, the saint protector of the island. It owns the highest bell tower of the island that rises over the main port. One of the last worth-seeing monasteries in Zakynthos is Agios Ioannis the Baptist located in the village of Katastari. It dates back to 16th century and offers an amazing panoramic view to the island of Kefalonia and the Peloponisian coast. The road is long, yet quite verdant with blooming meadows on both sides. At the centre of Maherado is the impressive church of Agia Mavra. There, amongst other worthseeing icons, visitors will admire the icon dedicated to the saint. According to a local tradition, the icon dates back to 3rd century and originates from Egypt, where the saint lived. In the village of Volimes, on top of a cape stands the monastery of Agios Georgios Gremon. While entering the monastery, you can see the monk cells, the tower in the middle and the church on the right side. The Monastery of Panagia Anafonitria is a must see visit for all tourists, located very close to village Volimes. This monastery lies in the middle of a lush green forest and of unique interest is the half-ruined medieval bell tower that stands on the entrance. The monastery hosts a 15th century icon of the Virgin and many wall frescoes. Alternative we can explore the Island of Zakynthos or we can visit the sandy beaches for swimming! Return to your hotel. Overnight in zakynthos. Proposed hotel 4\*

DAY 6: ZAKYNTHOS ISLAND - CHRISTIAN TOUR IN ANCIENT CORINTH - ATHENS:

Check out and we take the ferry from Zakynthos Port depart at about 10.00 to Kyllini port back to Peloponnese. Arriving to Corinth we will have the chance to visit the Cathedral of St. Paul in Corinth, the Ancient Market and the Bema of Apostle Paul or Galionas, a large elevated rostrum standing prominently in the center of the Roman Forum of ancient Corinth and from where the city's officials addressed the public (probably because of the monument's connection to Saint Paul, the Bema was transformed into a Christian church during the Byzantine period), and we will walk at the same paths that Apostle of Nations walked and preached hundreds of years earlier. The Acts of the Apostles inform us that at some point Corinthian Jews united against Paul. They dragged him to the court accusing him that he was illegally trying to persuade people to follow his preaching. Few weeks later he decided to leave Corinth. We will visit Kechries Port, from which he was expelled from Corinth and headed to Ephesus. He said goodbye to his friends and he left Corinth accompanied by Silas, Timothy, Akylas and Priskilla. Apostle Paul is the patron saint of Corinth and Corinthians built an impressive church in his honor. After our visit, we will make a short stop for a cup of coffee and we will return back to Athens.

## **DAY 7: ATHENS:**

Our driver transfer you at Athens airport according to your flight details.

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NO OF PERSONS	IN DBL PP	IN TRP PP	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
30 PAX	798 EURO	798 EURO	250 EURO
35 PAX	769 EURO	769 EURO	250 EURO
40 PAX	748 EURO	748 EURO	250 EURO
45 PAX	733 EURO	733 EURO	250 EURO
50 PAX	723 EURO	723 EURO	250 EURO

#### **HOTEL OPTIONS:**

NIGHTS	CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	
NIGHT 01	NAUPLIO	AMALIA HOTEL or SIMILAR	STANDARD	
NIGHT 02	OLYMPIA	ARTY GRAND HOTEL	STANDARD	
NIGHT 03	ZAKYNTHOS	KARRAS HOTELS	STANDARD	
NIGHT 04	ZAKYNTHOS	KARRAS HOTELS	STANDARD	
NIGHT 05	ZAKYNTHOS	KARRAS HOTELS	STANDARD	
NIGHT 06	ATHENS	TITANIA HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD	

 Above mentioned hotels are subject to availability and we are not holding any space for your group. If there is no availability in above proposed hotels at the time of confirmation, we have the right to propose you similar hotel category.

# **CHILD POLICY:**

- > 03 06 years kid 35% discount from DBL PP rates
- > 07 11 years kid 10% discount from DBL PP rates

## **INCLUDED SERVICES:**

- √ 06 Nights Hotel Accomodation
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- √ 6 Dinners at Restaurant or Hotels
- ✓ English Speaking Guide through the itinerary
- ✓ Airport Transfers
- √ Transportation by modern A/C vehicle according to group size
- ✓ Entry fees to the mentioned sites in below itinerary.

## **EXCLUDED SERVICES:**

- Personal Expenses
- All International & Domestic Flight Tickets
- Drinks at Meals
- Tips for Guide & Driver (PP perday 3 USD for Guide & PP perday 2 USD for Driver)
- Visa & Insurance
- Porterage at Hotels & Airports
- City Taxes
- Any other services not mentioned above

**EXTRA 6 DAYS LUNCH PACKAGES 125 EURO PP (INCLUED %24 TAX)** 

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(DT - 18/08/2019)