

# **GREECE with CHRIS DOWNING**

**May 3 – 17 2008**

**Athens – Sounion – Eleusis – Nafplion  
Epidauros – Mycenae – Delphi  
Crete – Knossos – Agia Triada – Gortyn  
Mykonos – Delos**

\$4000 per person double occupancy; \$1250 single supplement

The price includes accommodations in 4 star hotels; breakfast every day, our welcome and farewell dinners plus dinner one evening in Nafplion and two evenings in Agia Pelagia and several lunches (all including beverages and wine); land transportation on air conditioned coaches; round-trip flights from Athens to Crete and Mykonos; tips to the hotels, portage and restaurants. It does NOT include meals not mentioned above, transportation between the U.S. and Athens, nor tips for guide and drivers.

We will be happy to arrange accommodations in Athens at the Central Hotel for nights either preceding or following the group tour.

Our visits to sites and museums will be led by **Mahi Karaniki**, an archaeologist as well as professional tour guide. (A note for those of you who have been on previous trips with me: Anna Marda has retired; this is her very highly recommended successor.) Early almost every evening, **Christine Downing, Ph.D.**, author of many books on Greek mythology, will lecture about the myths and rituals associated with the places we will be visiting the following day.

## **A Brief Version of Our Itinerary**

May 3: Arrival in Athens. . Check in at the Central Hotel where we will stay for the first three nights. Welcome gathering followed by dinner.

May 4: Morning visit to the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum; afternoon visit to the National Archaeological Museum. Lunch included. Evening Lecture

May 5: Morning Excursion to the Poseidon temple at Sounion. Free afternoon. Evening Lecture

May 6: Departure for Nauplion. On the way a visit to the site at Eleusis. associated

with the rituals dedicated to Demeter and Persephone. Check in at Nafplia Palace OR Amphitryon hotel where we will stay for 3 nights. . Evening lecture. Dinner included. .

May 7: Morning visit to the Asclepian temple site at Epidaurus. . Free afternoon. Evening lecture.

May 8: Tour of . Mycenae. Lunch included. Free afternoon.

May 9: Departure for Delphi. Check in at Vouzas hotel. where we will stay for two nights. Evening lecture.

May 10: Visit of Delphi Sanctuary and Museum. Free afternoon.

May 11: Departure for Athens Airport for flight to Heraklion airport in Crete and then transfer to Agia Pelaghia where we will stay for three nights.. Check in at Capsis hotel- Evening lecture. Dinner included.

May 12: Morning excursion to . Knossos Palace and Museum, Free afternoon. Evening lecture. Dinner included.

May 13: All day excursion to Agia Triada and Gortyn. Lunch included.

May 14: Transfer to Heraklion Airport for flight to Athens and connecting flight to Mykonos. Arrival. Transfer to Kouros hotel where we will stay for three nights. - Check in. Evening lecture.

May 15: A.M. Delos tour. P.M. Evening lecture.

May 16: Day at leisure. Farewell dinner at hotel

May 17; Early flight back to Athens – in time to catch late morning flights back to U.S.

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