

SHORE EXCURSIONS



Guest: Mr Jeffrey Guard

Booking Number: [REDACTED]

Activity Levels

Walking tours are often over uneven ground or cobblestones and may include stairs and inclines. We have graded all our tours by activity level below, but feel free to ask your Program Director should you have any questions.

Easy

Walking portions are generally over easy surfaces, but may be uneven in parts and contain some step-ups and slight inclines. Total time walking or standing is normally not longer than 1.5 hours. Guests may need to board and disembark transport, including coaches, trains and boats.

Moderate

Walking portions may be long and somewhat challenging with occasional step-ups, stairs, inclines and uneven ground. Total time walking or standing normally ranges from 1.5 to 3 hours. Guests may need to board and disembark transport, including coaches, trains and boats.

Demanding

Physically challenging activities, including extensive walking, hiking, riding, water sports and excursions at high altitudes. Activities by foot may contain difficult and unpaved surfaces and/or multiple stairs and steep inclines. Total time walking or standing may exceed 3 hours. Guests may need to board and disembark transport, including coaches, trains and boats.

Wheelchair (available on Ocean cruises only)

Activities are suitable for wheelchair users. Guests in wheelchairs must be aided by an able-bodied companion; Viking staff is unable to assist with pushing wheelchairs or bringing them on or off the ship.

EXCURSION TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	FEATURES
Sightseeing	Easy	UNESCO
Special Interest	Moderate	After Dark
Active	Demanding	Guest Favorite
Natural World	Wheelchair Accessible	Recommended
		INCLUDES
Local Life	Meal	
Working World	Snack	
Privileged Access	Shopping	
Beach Experience		
Culinary		
Cultural		
Citizen Science		

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❖ Athens (Piraeus)

GRPIR06 Delphi & the Oracle

Duration: 9.50 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 07:00 AM Available

Tour the City and Temple of This Most Famous Sage -- Visit Mt. Parnassus and Delphi, where ancient leaders sought advice and prophecies changed the course of nations. The mythical oracle is gone, but the city is a magnificent treasure. Drive with your guide to the foothills of Mt. Parnassus, where the ancient city clings to a scenic slope. Walk up the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo, where the oracle dispensed her advice. Continue uphill to the Theater, dating from the 4th century BC; from the top-row seats, take in stunning views of the Stadium of Delphi and the partially restored Tholos within the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia. You may also hike up to the ancient stadium, the best preserved of its kind in Greece. Visit the excellent Delphi Archaeological Museum to view fine examples of votive offerings and statues, including the astonishing life-sized "Charioteer of Delphi." Enjoy lunch and free time in Delphi before returning to your ship.

GRPIR07 Beautiful Coastline & Ancient Wonders

Duration: 9.50 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 07:00 AM Available

Aegean Vistas Lead to the Remains of Greek Civilizations -- Take in the stunning natural beauty of Greece's coast and explore the fascinating remains of ancient cities. Join your local guide for a drive along the magnificent Attic Peninsula. Along the way, stop for photos at the remarkable Corinth Canal, a 3½-mile waterway carved through limestone during the 19th century. Upon arrival in the modern village of Mycenae, you will gaze upon the ancient citadel above, perched on a spur of Mt. Zara. Walk up the gentle stone ramp, pass through the fantastic Lion Gate and explore this amazing site. Here, you will see the grave circle where the golden mask of Agamemnon was found, the postern gate, the foundations of Agamemnon's palace, the entrance to the underground cistern and the Tomb of Agamemnon. Among the remains of Epidaurus, marvel at the incredible acoustics of the theater and visit the excellent on-site museum. Another scenic drive leads back to your ship.

GRPIR04 Acropolis & Plaka District by Foot

Duration: 5.00 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 08:00 AM Available

Explore the Landmarks of Athens -- Immerse yourself in ancient and modern Athens, from the heights of the Acropolis to the intimate Plaka District. Travel with your guide past the harbor of Zea, with its dock dating to the 5th century BC, and the elegant promenade at Mikrolimano. During your visit to the legendary Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, climb 80 steps through its grand entrance, the Propylaeum, to the plateau of the rock. Here, the mighty Parthenon reigns over the Nike, Erechtheum and other temples. You will have time to take it all in. Your panoramic drive also passes the ancient athletic Panathenaic Stadium as well as the Hellenic Parliament, Syntagma (Constitution) Square, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Stroll the cobblestone streets of the laid-back Plaka District, admiring the colorful facades of its buildings and views of the Acropolis.

GRPIR12 The Full Acropolis Experience

Duration: 5.00 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 08:00 AM Available

Explore the Acropolis in Depth -- Encounter ancient architecture and legends of the Acropolis during a visit to the magnificent site and its museum. Drive with your guide past the ancient harbor of Zea, its dock dating to the 5th century BC, and the elegant promenade at Mikrolimano. Upon arrival at the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, climb 80 steps through the Propylaeum, the grand entrance that delivers you to the plateau of the rock. Here, the mighty Parthenon reigns over the Nike, Erechtheum and other temples. After time to explore, continue to the new Acropolis Museum, where more than 4,000 objects from the ancient city are preserved. Built atop Roman and Byzantine ruins, its stunning collection spans the ages, from the Greek Bronze Age through Byzantine Greece. You will have time to explore its priceless artifacts, then return to your ship.

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GRPIR14 Athens by Electric Bike

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 08:00 AM **Limited Availability**

Famous Ancient Landmarks and Colorful Plaka District -- Pedal past the highlights of ancient Athens on an electric bike and enjoy time in the Plaka District. Take a short drive into the city center, where you will meet your guide and receive your e-bike. After a short safety briefing and time to familiarize yourself with your ride, head out along the wide promenade that rings the storied Acropolis. Your bike-friendly route will give you the opportunity to do some sightseeing as you ride. Pass landmarks such as the Acropolis Museum, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Thision Open Air Cinema, the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Gate and the Lysicrates Monument. Continue riding down to the foot of the hill to the vibrant Plaka District and enjoy a well-deserved rest and a refreshing beverage. Afterward, return to your awaiting ship.

GRPIR05 Cape Sounion

Duration: 4.50 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 08:15 AM **Limited Availability**

Myth and History at the Headland of Cape Sounion -- Venture to the romantic reaches of Cape Sounion, with a rich history touched by gods, kings and poets. In Greek mythology, it was here that King Aegeus, a founder of Athens, committed suicide, giving his name to the Aegean Sea. Drive here with a guide, savoring the cape's scenic vistas along the Attic Peninsula. En route you will pass the glamorous marinas of Phaleron, Glyfada and Vouliagmeni. On Cape Sounion, visit the Temple of Poseidon, surrounded by the sea and perched atop dramatic cliffs. When it was constructed in 440 BC, it boasted 42 Doric columns; today, 15 remain. At the base of one, you will see the name "Byron" carved into the marble. The English poet visited here in 1810, but we can only wonder if he was the vandal who left this graffiti.

GRPIR08 The New Acropolis Museum & Plaka District

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 08:15 AM **Available**

All the Essentials of the Cradle of Civilization -- Gain an in-depth view of Athens, from the shores of Piraeus to the new Acropolis Museum, with a local guide. En route to the city, you can admire Piraeus's scenic Zea and Mikrolimano marinas, where sleek yachts bob on the tide. At Athens's Olympic Stadium, a 19th-century reconstruction built on Roman foundations, imagine the games played here in 1896. Pass some of the city's most important modern sites, including Syntagma (Constitution) Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Continue your tour to the new Acropolis Museum, where more than 4,000 objects from the ancient city are preserved, and where you will see a stunning collection spanning the ages. From the second floor of the museum, see the Acropolis on the hilltop in the distance. Enjoy the village-like feel of the laid-back Plaka District as you walk along its cobblestone streets and admire more views of the Acropolis.

GRPIR01 Panoramic Athens & Archaeological Museum

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: December 17, 2024 12:15 PM **Available**, 12:30 PM **Available**, 12:45 PM **Available**, 01:00 PM **Sold Out**

A Motor Coach Tour of Greece's Capital -- See the highlights of Athens by motor coach and visit the National Archaeological Museum. From the port of Piraeus, journey with your guide into ancient Athens. You will pass the small harbor of Zea, whose 5th-century BC dock still survives, and the elegant promenade at Mikrolimano. In the center of historic Athens, you will see the Hellenic Parliament and Syntagma (Constitution) Square, as well as the distinctively uniformed Presidential Guard, or "Evzones," at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Your scenic drive also includes views of Panathenaic Stadium and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Following the panoramic tour, you will visit the National Archaeological Museum, one of the world's great museums. With more than 11,000 exhibits, it provides a panorama of Greek civilization from the beginnings of prehistory to Late Antiquity.