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Long Stay in

GREECE

Athens – Heraklion – Chania

Starting at

\$3799

**per person,
in double occupancy
Land Only**

22 DAYS / 20 NIGHTS

3 NIGHTS ATHENS

7 NIGHTS HERAKLION

10 NIGHTS CHANIA

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FOLLOW US:



INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Direct flights from Toronto or Calgary on our flight group space with Air Canada
- ✓ Air taxes of \$850 per person
- ✓ 20-night 4* hotel accommodation with daily breakfast as per itinerary: 3 nights in Athens, 7 nights in Heraklion and 10 nights in Chania
- ✓ All transfers from the hotel-airports-hotel by private bus and with English-speaking assistant
- ✓ Domestic flights Athens-Heraklion, Chania-Athens
- ✓ Information session with a representative to purchase excursions on site
- ✓ Bilingual tour leader, Lina Côté, to accompany the group



Not included: Flights unless with group departure – Seat selection – Meals not mentioned in inclusions – Drinks – Travel insurances – Gratuities to drivers, guides, tour leaders – Optional excursions – City tax, approximately 3€ per person per night, payable directly at the hotel – All other items not mentioned in the present itinerary or vouchers.

OCTOBER 2026 DEPARTURE

Rates in CA\$, per person, starting from, in double occupancy

Toronto October 8th to 29th	5299
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Calgary October 8th to 29th	5479
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FLIGHTS FROM OTHER CANADIAN CITIES ARE AVAILABLE, ON REQUEST!

Land only October 9th – 29th	3799
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SUPPLEMENTS

2-Excursion package	380
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Prices in this document are for information only; they were issued at press time, for the current year. Please note that due to exchange rates and temporary promotions, they can increase or decrease at any time. Contact your travel agent for the price and promotion of the moment. Prices include the contribution of customers to the Compensation Fund for clients of Quebec travel agents. Please make sure to consult our [Terms and conditions](#), important information is provided.

BOOKING

CONDITIONS:

- Non-refundable deposit of \$1500 per person due at the moment of reservation.
- Non-refundable final payment due 90 days prior to departure on July 10th, 2026.

GROUP FLIGHT DETAILS – OCTOBER 2026

(subject to change at any moment)

Toronto Departure with Air Canada: October 8th – 29th, 2026

FLIGHT NUMBER	FROM	TO	DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
AC896	Toronto	Athens	08 OCT 2026	18:30	09 OCT 2026	11:10
AC897	Athens	Toronto	29 OCT 2026	12:00	29 OCT 2026	16:45

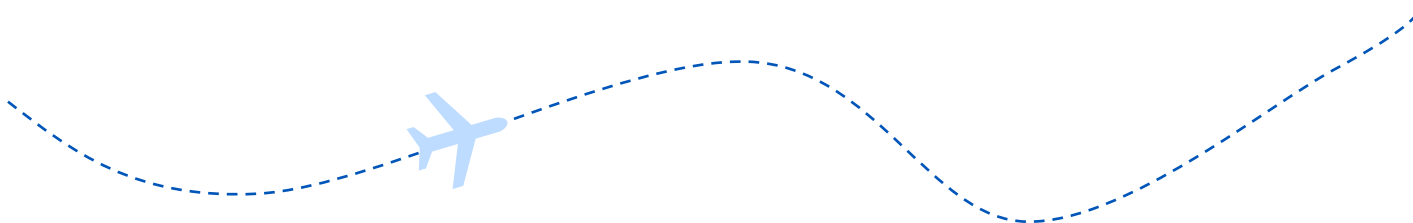
Calgary Departure with Air Canada: October 8th – 29th, 2026

FLIGHT NUMBER	FROM	TO	DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
AC142	Calgary	Toronto	08 OCT 2026	10:30	08 OCT 2026	16:19
AC896	Toronto	Athens	08 OCT 2026	18:35	09 OCT 2026	11:10
AC897	Athens	Toronto	29 OCT 2026	12:00	29 OCT 2026	16:35
AC159	Toronto	Calgary	29 OCT 2026	20:55	29 OCT 2026	23:24

NOTES

Group Seat Selection – Air Canada

The seats reserved for this departure are part of our special group space blocked in each plane. In this case, seat selection can only be made directly at the airport on the day of departure, or during online check-in 24 hours prior to the departure. At time of ticketing, Exotik Journeys will notify the airline which passengers are travelling together in an effort to have them seated together. However, this cannot be guaranteed in advance. There are no exceptions to the seating rules allowed with this promotion and Exotik Journeys cannot be held responsible for final seat selection aboard the plane.



ITINERARY

OCTOBER 8th (according to flight itinerary): CANADA DEPARTURE

Please register at the airport's airline counter at least 3 hours prior to departure time (kindly refer to your electronic tickets for the names of the airport and airline counter). Please register your luggage directly to ATHENS (maximum one luggage of 23 kg per person).

OCTOBER 9th – 10th: ATHENS

Arrival at Athens International Airport. Meet and greet by local assistant and transfer to hotel. Check-in at a centrally located hotel. Free evening to stroll around Plaka, the city's old quarter, and enjoy a relaxed dinner in a traditional taverna. **(B)**

Accommodation: Titania Hotel 4* for 2 nights, with daily breakfast

OCTOBER 11th: ATHENS-HERAKLION

Breakfast and checkout. Transfer to airport for your flight to Heraklion (50 minutes). Arrival transfer to your hotel. Check-in at a Heraklion hotel. **(B)**

Accommodation: Castello City Hotel 4* for 7 nights, with daily breakfast



OCTOBER 12th - 17th: HERAKLION

Heraklion is both a city and a region in central Crete, stretching from the popular north coast to the rugged and more remote south. It's not just the capital of Crete but also a major gateway to the island, home to its main airport and port. Once there, you'll discover a multifaceted seaside city that blends past and present, with beaches and cultural highlights to match. **(B)**



OCTOBER 18th: HERAKLION-CHANIA

Breakfast and checkout. Private group transfer west across the island (approx. 2.5 hrs). Arrival and check-in at a Chania hotel. Evening free to explore the Venetian Harbor. **(B)**

Accommodation: Morum City Hotel 4* for 10 nights, with daily breakfast

OCTOBER 19th – 27th: CHANIA

Chania invites you to experience Crete at its most captivating – where centuries of history meet natural beauty and everyday life unfolds at a relaxed pace. From the colorful alleyways of the Old Town to beaches for all tastes, traditional mountain villages and historical sites, Chania offers something for everyone. **(B)**

OCTOBER 28th: CHANIA – ATHENS

Breakfast and checkout. Transfer to Chania Airport for your flight to Athens. Arrival and transfer to your hotel for final night. **(B)**

Accommodation: Titania Hotel 4* for 1 night, with daily breakfast

OCTOBER 29th: ATHENS – CANADA

Group departure transfer to Athens International Airport for your flight home. **(B)**



TO RESERVE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT!



ACCOMMODATION

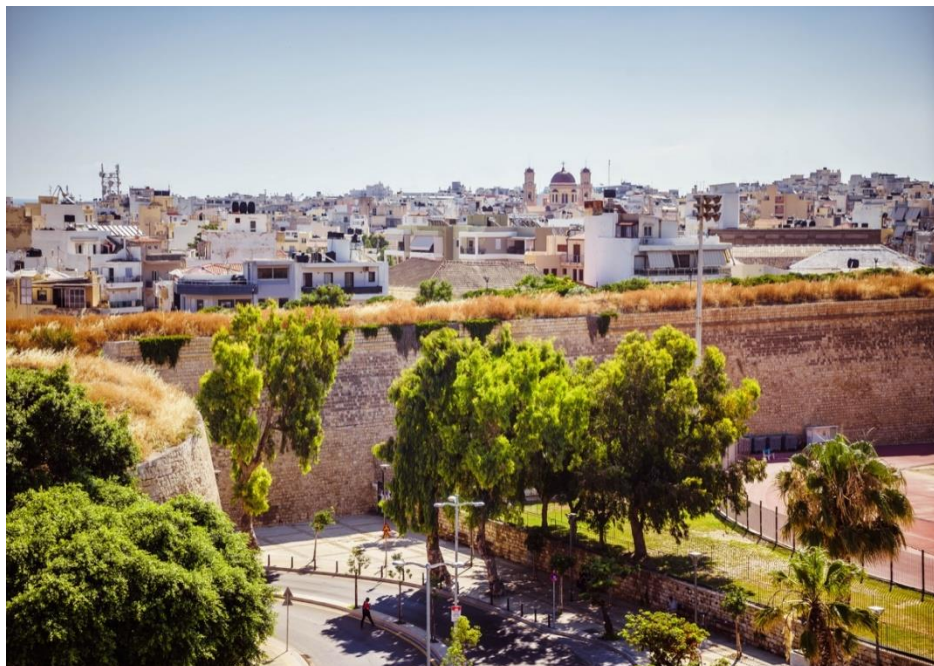
Note - The hotel category is rated according to European standards.

ATHENS: TITANIA HOTEL 4*



At the heart of Athens, the Titania Hotel invites you to discover the timeless charm of the Greek capital. Located between Syntagma and Omonia squares, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the Acropolis and Lycabettus Hill. Close to famous landmarks, museums, and shopping, the front desk team can help you with tours, local recommendations, and cultural experiences. Titania Hotel is ideally situated for exploring Athens' history and culture.

HERAKLION: CASTILLO CITY HOTEL 4*



Fully renovated in 2017, the Castello City Hotel stands close by the majestic Venetian walls that encircle the old city of Heraklion. The hotel is located at the Chanioporta area, which is the main entrance to the city's historic center that you can easily visit on foot. With direct access to a taxi station and to bus stops towards all major destinations that are located just outside the hotel, the Castello City is the perfect starting point for travelers wishing to explore not only Heraklion but the whole island of Crete.

CHANIA: MORUM CITY HOTEL 4*



Morum City Hotel is conveniently situated in the center of Chania, one of the most historical yet contemporary and vibrant cities of Greece! Just a few meters away from the market and the picturesque Venetian old town and the enchanting harbor. Morum City Hotel features a buffet breakfast, a cozy sitting lounge, a Cafe as well as the a la carte restaurant with a variety of quality tastes and flavors from Greek and international cuisine.

CRETE – for information only



Crete is the largest island in Greece, and the fifth largest one in the Mediterranean Sea. Here, you can admire the remnants of brilliant civilizations, explore glorious beaches, impressive mountainscapes, fertile valleys and steep gorges, and become part of the island's rich gastronomic culture. In 2025, UNESCO added six Minoan palace centers in Crete to its World Heritage List, recognizing their outstanding universal value and the pivotal role they played in Europe's earliest advanced civilization. These include Knossos, Phaistos, Malia, Zakros, Zominthos, and Kydonia – all iconic sites of the Bronze Age Minoan world.

Crete is, after all, a small universe teeming with beauties and treasures that you will probably need a lifetime to uncover!

*** All suggested optional tours rates are based on 25 participants. Prices and availability may change without notice. All optional tour purchases can be made on site. ***

HERAKLION

Heraklion is the largest city in Crete. Cosmopolitan and commercial, the city is bustling with life day and night, with locals and visitors strolling through its pedestrianized center and enjoying shopping, coffee, and the abundant gastronomy options. Other nearby destinations, such as Hersonissos, Malia, Agia Pelagia etc., are known for their liveliness, nightlife, beach bars, and beautiful sandy beaches, while the south dominates here, with destinations such as Matala, Lentas, etc.



Heraklion also boasts the largest airport in Crete, which is where millions of visitors begin their tour of Minoan civilization, starting from the famous palace of Knossos. They come into contact with Cretan tradition and culture, enjoy the sun and the sea, and become acquainted with famous Cretan gastronomy and hospitality. Heraklion, after all, is one of the few cities worldwide to be named a UNESCO City of Gastronomy in 2023 for its creativity in this sector.

One of the most characteristic monuments of Heraklion is Koules, the 16th century Venetian fortress that dominates the entrance of the port, while the famous Lions or Morizini Fountain, located in the historic city centre near the church of Saint Titus and the Venetian Loggia, is a meeting place for locals and tourists alike.

Also particularly interesting are the museums of Heraklion, with the Archaeological Museum leading the way, gathering some of the most important treasures of Minoan civilization, both from Knossos, which is a few kilometres away, and from Phaistos, Malia, and other areas.

Heraklion is surrounded by massive Venetian walls, which made the city impregnable and helped it withstand the Ottoman siege for twenty-five years, and only falling into Ottoman hands after treason. Martinengo bastion rises on the south wall, where the tomb of great Cretan writer Nikos Kazantzakis is located.

Suggested Optional Tours from Heraklion

KNOSSOS–MUSEUM (Duration approx. 4hr)

Step back in time to 2000 BC and explore the heart of Europe's earliest civilization. Just 5 km from Heraklion lies Knossos, the legendary capital of King Minos and the center of the great Minoan civilization. The Palace of Knossos – famous worldwide through the myths of Europa, the Minotaur, Daedalus, and Icarus – reveals a world of artistry, architectural brilliance, and ancient innovation. Continue with a visit to the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, one of the most significant in Greece and among the finest in Europe. Here, you'll see extraordinary artifacts representing more than 5,500 years of Cretan prehistory and history, from the Neolithic to Roman times. An expert licensed guide brings these treasures to life, sharing the myths and discoveries that shaped the Minoan world.

Includes: Private bus and guide, entrance fees to Knossos Palace and Heraklion Archaeological Museum, Whispers.

110 EUR per person

LASSITHI VILLAGES – POTTERY – ZEUS’ CAVE (Duration approx. 7hr)

Embark on a scenic journey through the Lassithi Plateau, a fertile plain surrounded by the Dikti Mountains and dotted with 18 picturesque villages. Discover the timeless charm of rural Crete as you explore traditional settlements, where the rhythms of everyday life have remained unchanged for centuries. Visit the historic Monastery of Kera Kardiotissa, renowned for its miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary and beautiful 14th century frescoes. Continue to the legendary Cave of Zeus (Dikteon Andron), said to be the mythical birthplace of Zeus, the king of the gods. During your day, enjoy a hands-on experience at a local pottery workshop, where you can learn about ancient techniques and create your own souvenir under the guidance of a skilled artisan. Along the way, take breathtaking views, stop for local coffee or Cretan snacks, and immerse yourself in the mythology and traditions that define this enchanting region.

Includes: Private bus and private guide, entrance fees to Dikteon Andron, pottery fees.

91 EUR per person

ELOUNDA – SPINALONGA – AGIOS NIKOLAOS (Duration approx. 7hr)

Discover the cultural gems of Eastern Crete with this full day guided excursion along the island’s beautiful northeast coast. Traveling through the scenic gorge of St. George, the journey begins in the picturesque fishing village of Elounda or Plaka, where you embark on a traditional boat to the island of Spinalonga. Once a Venetian fortress with 40 cannons guarding the bay, Spinalonga later became the last active leper colony in Europe until 1957. Today, its ruins echo the island’s layered history – from ancient Greek outpost to Venetian stronghold and Ottoman settlement. After returning to the mainland, continue to the charming coastal town of Agios Nikolaos. Enjoy free time to stroll among boutique shops, relax at one of the lakeside cafés, or admire the famous “bottomless” Lake Voulismeni, surrounded by myths and legends. A fascinating blend of history, architecture, and natural beauty — this tour offers an unforgettable glimpse into Crete’s vibrant past and serene present.

Includes: Private bus and private guide, entrance fees to fortified islet of Spinalonga, boat tickets.

112 EUR per person

COOKING CLASS AND WINE TASTING AT LOCAL AGRITOURISM ESTATE (Duration approx. 5hr)

Embark on a journey through Crete’s fertile countryside to a charming local agritourism estate, where tradition and taste come together. Begin your experience with a guided walk through the vineyards and the wine cellar, learning about the island’s time-honoured winemaking methods. Sample exquisite Cretan wines that mature in oak barrels, paired with local delicacies inspired by the Mediterranean diet. Under the guidance of a local chef, participate in a hands-on cooking class using fresh, seasonal ingredients to create authentic Cretan dishes. Enjoy your culinary creations during a relaxed lunch overlooking the vineyards, perfectly complemented by a glass of the estate’s finest wine. A delightful blend of gastronomy, culture, and nature, this experience offers an intimate look into Crete’s rich culinary heritage.

Includes: Private bus and private escort, cooking and wine tasting fees.

178 EUR per person

CHANIA

The city of Chania, a monument in all respects, is built on the ruins of Minoan Kydonia, while the traces left behind by the Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, and Ottomans are still evident everywhere; the walls that surround the old city, the dry docks, the Egyptian lighthouse, the monasteries, the mosques, and so many more sites for visitors to discover in just a few hours.



Just outside the city, amphitheatrically positioned, is the tomb of statesman Eleftherios Venizelos, while in the historic Chalepa district visitors encounter the great politician's Home-Museum, as well as the newly built Archaeological Museum of Chania. A tour of the many remarkable museums of Chania will complete the image of the area's historical wealth for visitors. Ancient Aptera, one of the most important city-states of antiquity, is located above the bay of Souda, one of the largest natural ports of the Mediterranean. Day and night, Chania is a lively city, with Cretan delicacies mingling with the finest cuisines, the sound of the Cretan lyra followed by music from all over the world, drinking, talking, and dancing.

Beyond the city, the provinces are filled with hospitable villages, olive groves, orange groves, vineyards, and vegetable gardens, with the scattered ruins of ancient settlements, Byzantine churches, Venetian villas, and Ottoman forts. This is also the home of the most famous and award-winning beaches in the world, such as Balos and Elafonisi or Lafonisi, while the landscape changes completely from north to south, offering a wealth of experiences to visitors. The north, with Agia Marina, Platanias, Georgioupoli, etc., has been developed for tourism, with large hotel units, organised beaches, and lots of infrastructure. The south offers a wilder and more unique landscape, with mountains coming all the way down to the sea, the deep waters of the South Sea of Crete, and sandy beaches that alternate with beaches with pebbles and large stones, in Sfakia, Paleochora, Sougia and elsewhere. Gavdos, the southernmost tip of Europe, is a particularly special destination, with its singular aura, its unique landscapes, and its people.

Suggested Optional Tours from Chania

CHANIA OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR (Duration approx. 2hr)

Start your exploration with a visit to Chania, the most ravishing and quaint city of Crete. You will discover the Old City, which is situated by the gorgeous harbor and is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the Mediterranean, earning it the nickname "Venice of the East". Throughout the city, you will witness samples of all the civilizations that have passed through, including archaeological Minoan sites, Turkish minarets and mosques, Venetian fortresses and dockyards, and the city's landmark, the renowned Lighthouse.

Includes: Private bus and private guide, local treat.

40 EUR per person

ELAFONISI FAMOUS PINK BEACH (Duration approx. 7hr)

Discover Elafonisi, a perfect beach and islet situated on the far west coast of Crete. This natural, pristine beach boasts clear, turquoise waters that have captivated travelers for centuries. Located 76km west of Chania at the southwestern most point of Crete, Elafonisi is a Natura 2000 protected area. It is characterized by dunes featuring sand lilies and junipers (like-cedar trees). The famous pinkish color of the sand comes from thousands of broken shells.

Includes: Private bus and private escort, lunch at Elos Village.

89 EUR per person

BALOS AND GRAMVOUSA (Duration approx. 8hr)

The island of Imeri Gramvousa is situated 20km northwest of Kissamos, opposite the imposing Cape of Gramvousa. It is famous for its historic Venetian fortress, which stands at a height of 137m, overlooking the beach. The fort was once used by pirates, and one legend suggests a great treasure is buried on the island. A characteristic part of the landscape is the old wreck abandoned near the beach. The journey departs from the port of Kissamos. While sailing, you will admire a huge cave that is believed to have been the ancient shipyard of "Tarsanas". At the end of the Gulf, you will observe an impressive geological phenomenon where the western part of the island is rising and the eastern part is sinking, a phenomenon mainly created by catastrophic earthquakes that occurred in 66 BC and 365 BC. On board, you can enjoy a meal in self-service restaurants or a drink at the ship's bar.

Includes: Private bus and private escort, entrance fees and boat tickets.

90 EUR per person

SAMARIA GORGE (THE LONG WAY) (Duration approx. +9hr)

This tour is a challenging yet rewarding trek through the Samaria Gorge, one of Europe's longest gorges, stretching approximately 18 kilometers (12 miles). The hike typically takes 6 to 7 hours to complete and is considered worthwhile for its ever-changing views and the wonderful scents of pinewood and Cretan herbs. You will follow the path next to the Taras riverbed, passing by the stone huts and the Osia (Santa) Maria church in the deserted village of Samaria. Highlights include viewing fantastic rock formations carved by winter torrents, tasting fresh cold water from the rock springs, and passing through the narrow and imposing 'Sideroportes' (Iron Doors). The gorge ends on the shores of the Libyan Sea at the small fishing village of Aghia Roumeli. Here, you have the opportunity to enjoy a meal at a local tavern or a refreshing swim in the blue waters of the Libyan Sea.

Includes: Private bus and private escort, entrance fees, boat tickets.

109 EUR per person

THE ANCIENT OLIVE TREE, OLIVE AND WINE TASTING AT LOCAL ESTATE (Duration approx. 5hr)

Embark on a journey to treat your senses to the ancient flavors of Crete. The tour takes you through fertile vineyards, traveling through the mountains of the Kissamos region and traditional Cretan villages to reach a family-run winery. At the winery, you will taste award-winning regional wines and have the option to stroll through the vineyards. In the same region, the experience includes a visit to the famous Ancient Olive Tree in the village of Vouves. This remarkable tree is considered one of the seven oldest olive trees in the Mediterranean, remains productive, and was declared a protected natural monument in 1997.

Includes: Private bus and private escort, olive and wine tasting fees.

89 EUR per person

OPTIONAL 2-EXCURSION PACKAGE - \$380 per person

Full day tour to Nafplion and Mycenae (approx. 08h45-19h00)

Leave Athens around 08:45 by the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf for the Corinth Canal, then continue to Mycenae. This kingdom of mythical Agamemnon was first sung by Homer in his epics. It is the most important and richest palatial center of the late Bronze Age in Greece. You will visit the Lion Gate, the Tomb of Agamemnon and the Palace (short stop).

Discover the enchanting charm of Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece, where history and beauty intertwine. The picturesque town is nestled at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress (short photo stop). Then leave for Epidauros, to visit the Theatre (4th century B.C.) famous for its astonishing acoustics.

You will return to Athens by the National Road connecting Epidauros with Corinth.

Includes: Professional guide, entrance fees, transport by luxury air-conditioned coach, lunch in Mycena.



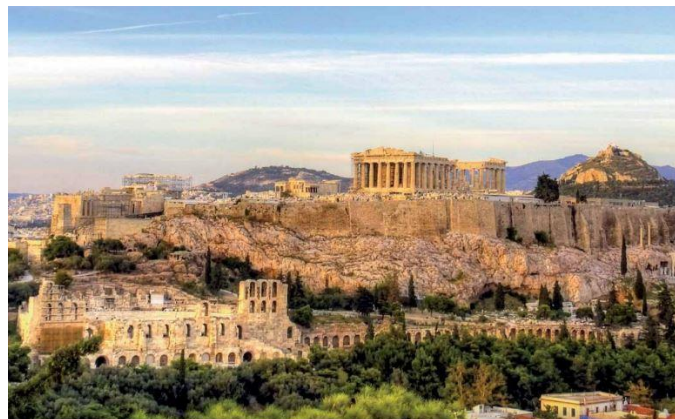
Half day Athens city tour and New Museum (approx. 08h45-13h15)

This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896 (short stop). Continue and pass by the Prime Minister's residence (ex-Royal Palace) guarded by the Euzones in their colorful uniform, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma).

On the Acropolis, visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era: The new Acropolis Museum.

Includes: Professional guide, entrance fees, transport by luxury air-conditioned coach.

N.B. Due to certain restrictions in the visiting hours of the new Acropolis Museum the order of the program can be changed.





Dear Travelers,

*Although this trip is designed for independent travelers who know how to organize themselves and wish to have free time to explore at their own pace, we have included in this package the services of a special assistant. Line Côté, (known as **Lina**) will be accompanying your group to beautiful Greece. Lina is a respected figure in the Canadian travel industry, with decades of experience as a Sales Director and as a leader for numerous travel groups – often made up of travel professionals themselves. Today, she proudly accompanies Exotik Groups of travelers. While Lina is not a tour guide and will not provide historical commentary, she will be there to support you with logistical information, special assistance at your destination if needed, reminders of schedules and pick-up times. Every day, Lina will set aside one hour at a designated time and place so you can easily meet her if you need assistance. You may also find her in the breakfast room, in the hotel lobby, or during individual or group's happy hour gatherings. Her daily schedule will be clearly communicated once on site. If at any point you have questions the hotel front desk cannot answer, please do not hesitate to reach out to Lina. She will always do her very best to help ensure your trip is smooth, enjoyable, and memorable*

We wish you a wonderful journey through Greece, with Lina by your side!