

ODYSSEY THROUGH ANCIENT GREECE

APRIL 20 - MAY 3, 2017.



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Join Gregory Stavrou, Executive Director of Rochester Civic Theatre Company, as he returns to his family's Greek homeland. Along the way, we'll experience the warmth of Greek hospitality, incredibly fresh food, lively intellectual exchanges and an understanding of the culture that formed our world a few millennia ago.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 • Depart

Our adventure starts today as we depart the USA on our scheduled flight to Athens, Greece.

Friday, April 21, 2017 • Athens

Upon our arrival in Athens, we meet our local tour manager and coach driver and transfer into the city center of Athens. A short walk takes us to the New Acropolis Museum, built in 2009 at the bottom of the Acropolis. Our tour of the museum introduces us to Greek culture, mythology, politics and religion. Time permitting, we stroll through the Pláka, the old, historical neighborhood of Athens, where we enjoy the sights and sounds of this ancient city. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. D

Saturday, April 22, 2017 • Athens

After breakfast this morning, we transfer to the Acropolis, where our tour manager introduces us to the Parthenon, the Propylaia, the Erechtheion and the temple of Athena Nike, iconic landmarks of Athens' skyline. We continue our exploration of the Greek capital on a panoramic city tour that brings us past the Temple of Zeus, the Panathenic Stadium, Sýndagma (Constitution) Square and the Roman Agora. We have free time this afternoon to explore more of the museums, markets, and shopping on the Pláka and Monastiráki Square. B/D

Sunday, April 23, 2017 • Cape Sounion

Today's destination is Cape Sounion, located south of Athens. At the southernmost tip of the peninsula, surrounded on three sides by the Aegean Sea, are the ruins of the Temple of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. The English Poet Lord Byron felt compelled to carve his name into the base of one of the columns, still visible 150 years later. In the afternoon, we visit a local winery for a guided tasting of Greek wine. We return to our hotel in time for dinner. B/D

Monday, April 24, 2017 • Aegean Sea Cruise

We depart early to board a cruise ship, our home for the next four nights as we cruise to some of the most famous islands in the Aegean Sea. Enjoy the passing scenery from the deck before we dock at Mýkonos, a picture-perfect island of windmills, whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches. A shuttle bus takes us from the cruise dock to the harbor area, where we have free time to explore the streets and shops of this island paradise. B/L/D

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Tuesday, April 25, 2017 • Aegean Sea Cruise

We dock at Kusadasi, Turkey, and depart after breakfast for our excursion to Ephesus. Our local guide takes us back thousands of years to when Ephesus was a major trading center on the Mediterranean and one of the twelve cities of the Ionian League. The Temple of Artemis that once stood here is considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Our visit to Turkey ends with a stroll through the Bazaar, where we can bargain for leather, jewelry and other souvenirs. This afternoon, we stop at the island of Pátmos and take tender boats to the harbor. Our local guide accompanies us on a tour of St. John's Monastery and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Steep stone stairs lead from the chapel of St. Anne to the cave where it is said St. John received his visions from Christ that he recorded in the *Book of Revelation*.
B/L/D



Wednesday, April 26, 2017 • Aegean Sea Cruise

Today we travel to the island of Rhodes. Our first stop is at LínDOS, a former city-state with its own acropolis that supports the Temple of Athena. We continue on to the city of Rhodes, one of the architectural treasures of the Mediterranean. We tour the Palace of the Grand Masters, one of the few examples of Gothic architecture in Greece. Our tour continues along the Street of the Knights, transformed by Crusaders into a fortress along their route to the Holy Land. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore the twisting avenues lined with the shops, cafes and public squares of this delightful city.
B/L/D



Thursday, April 27, 2017 • Aegean Sea Cruise

Our day begins as we tour the Minoan palace of Knossos on the island of Crete. Considered the first advanced civilization of Europe, the Minoans were merchants who traded with Ancient Egypt and Mycenae on the mainland of Greece. The palace is known for its many restored frescoes and the mythological site where the half man/half bull Minotaur was imprisoned. We return to our ship and have lunch while cruising northward to the island of Santoríni. With whitewashed villages clinging to volcanic cliffs, this island's harbor is one of the most dramatic in Greece. We visit Oía, Santoríni's most beautiful and picturesque village, before returning to our ship for our final sunset on board. B/L/D



Friday, April 28, 2017 • Nafplion

After our ship docks early this morning at Piraeus we head west, stopping at the stunning Corinth Canal, an engineering marvel that connects the Aegean Sea to the Ionian Sea. A short distance from here, we tour the archeological site of Ancient Corinth, with its Greek and Roman ruins. Our day continues with a visit to see the ruins of the palace Mycenae and the Tomb of Clytemnestra. After lunch in the nearby town of Mykines, we drive to Epidavros, whose famous 4th-century BC theatre has near perfect acoustics. Our final destination is the resort town of Návplio with its well-preserved old town. There will be an opportunity to "volta" (take a stroll) along the cobblestone streets with the locals this evening. B/D



Saturday, April 29, 2017 • Ancient Olympia

Our explorations continue on the Peloponnese Peninsula to Sparta, a once powerful city-state that often clashed with Athens for power in Ancient Greece. Upon our arrival, we visit the Museum of Olives and Greek Olive Oil, where we learn more about two of Greece's most famous agricultural products. We enjoy a sampling of olives and olive oil from the Kalamata region before continuing on to Ancient Olympia. B/D

Sunday, April 30, 2017 • Ancient Olympia

After breakfast this morning, we visit the ruins of Ancient Olympia, home of the first Olympic Games. Our walk takes us to where the early athletes trained and competed, as well as to the site where the Olympic flame is still lit prior to the Summer and Winter Olympic Games. Nearby, we visit the Archaeological Museum of Olympia and see artifacts recovered from the site. After lunch on our own, we enjoy time in town to shop or perhaps relax at an outdoor café. B/D

Monday, May 1, 2017 • Aráchova

Today we drive across the impressive Charilaos Trikoupis Bridge, which spans the Gulf of Corinth, to return to the Greek mainland. In the afternoon, we visit Delphi, a religious site that the Ancient Greeks considered the center of the world. Our tour includes the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Athenian Treasury and the Delphi Museum, with its most famous resident: a bronze charioteer from 470 BC. Tonight we relax at our hotel in nearby Aráchova, a village on the southern slope of Mount Parnassós. B/D

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 • Athens

We return to Athens today and have time to do some last-minute shopping or touring before checking in at our hotel. This evening, we celebrate our two-week Greek odyssey with dinner at a taverna. As we enjoy traditional Greek food, local musicians will perform songs and dances from various regions of Greece. B/D

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 • Return

Sadly, we say "Yiásou!" ("Goodbye!") to Greece as we transfer to the Athens International Airport for our return flight to the United States. We take with us memories of ancient cities, new friends, fascinating legends and spectacular scenery. B

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B = Breakfast included
L = Lunch included
D = Dinner included

See You at The Civic

TOUR COST: \$4,589* per person, double occupancy; Land and estimated air from Minneapolis.
Single supplement = \$800
*Price is based on a minimum of 30 paying participants

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Your Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Transfers from Rochester to Minneapolis Airport
- Estimated Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis to Athens, Greece including related taxes and fees (estimated at \$1,350)
- Land Transportation via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- Meals per the itinerary
- Services of Gregory Stavrou as tour host
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Luggage handling of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- All taxes and tips for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
 - Beverages, except with breakfast
 - End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
 - Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
- (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- Optional insurance for health, baggage and cancellation.
(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration:	\$500 per person
2nd Payment due Nov. 21, 2016:	\$1000 per person
Final payment due Jan. 10, 2017:	Balance per person

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Airline tickets once written are usually nonrefundable.

- Up to Sept. 22, 2016: \$50 per person administrative fee will be assessed
- Sept. 23, 2016 to Nov. 21, 2016 \$150 per person plus any lost land and air deposits will be assessed
- From Nov. 22, 2016 to April 5, 2017: \$350 per person plus any lost deposits on land and air will be assessed
- After April 6, 2017: No Refund

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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- RCGR17: April 20 - May 3, 2017 • \$4,589
- Single Supplement • \$800

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____
(Name for name badge): _____
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Passport Exp. Date: _____
Passport Authority: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Place of Birth: _____
Dietary Needs: _____

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Passport Exp. Date: _____
Passport Authority: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Place of Birth: _____
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Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____
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Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds
Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

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- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

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- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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\$500	Baggage Delay
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** Day one is the date the initial payment is received.

Plan Cost

6.5% of Trip Cost per person
Minimum of \$25 per person

* Trip must be overnight and Destination must be at least 100 miles from the Insured's Primary Residence.



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(For complete coverage information, please refer to the Certificate of Insurance prior to purchase.)

Trip Cancellation & Interruption

- Trip Cancellation and Interruption pays for forfeited, non-refundable, unused payments or deposits if due to:
- Unforeseen sickness, injury, or death of the Insured, a Traveling Companion, Family Member, or Business Partner. (Certain exclusions apply.)
 - Inclement weather causing delay or cancellation of travel.
 - Strike resulting in the complete cessation of travel services at the point of departure or Destination.
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- Reimburses up to \$150 a day for Reasonable Additional Expenses if delayed for 6 hours or more due to:
- Common Carrier delay such as mechanical difficulties.
 - Lost or stolen passport, money, or travel documents.
 - Natural Disaster.
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- Reimburses up to the Maximum Benefit shown on the Schedule of Benefits if delayed for 3 or more hours to your point of departure due to:
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 - Common carrier causes cancellation or delay of all regularly scheduled airline flights.

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- Pays for administrative fees to reissue lost or stolen tickets.
- Coverage for cameras, musical instruments, breakage of brittle or fragile articles, and golf and scuba equipment.

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- Reimburses for the purchase of essential items if baggage is delayed or misdirected for more than 24 hours.

Accident Sickness Medical Expense

- No daily limits or deductible.
- Pays for physician, hospital, ambulance services, and prosthetic devices. Initial treatment must be received during trip. We will pay for covered expenses for up to one year from date of injury/sickness.
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The Insurer will not pay for any Loss or expense incurred as the result of an Injury, Sickness or other condition of an Insured, Traveling Companion, Business Partner, or Family Member which occurs within 60 days prior to immediately preceding and including the Insured's coverage effective date: (a) first manifested itself, worsened or became acute or had symptoms which would have prompted a reasonable person to seek diagnosis, care or treatment; (b) for which care or treatment was given or recommended by a Physician; (c) required taking prescription drugs or medicines, unless the condition for which the drugs or medicines are taken remains controlled without any change in the required prescription drugs or medicines.

The Company will waive this exclusion if you meet the following conditions: 1. You purchase the plan within 1 day of making your initial trip payment; 2. The amount of Trip Cancellation coverage purchased must equal the full cost of all prepaid, non-refundable payments or deposits applicable to the Trip at the time of purchase and the cost of any subsequent arrangement(s) added to the same Trip; 3. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your plan cost; 4. The Trip cost does not exceed \$100,000 per person (only applicable to Trip Cancellation/Interruption).

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