

Sister Christine's
Easter Tour of Greece & the Islands 2019

Depart Wednesday, April 17th; return Saturday April 27th

DEAR Anyone who wishes to revel in the beauty of Greece!

For my Easter Tour Next year, I am offering one of my most popular tours: Greece and the Greek Islands! Almost 700 travelers have joined me in my earlier trips to Greece---and I hope you will, too.

This is an 11 day tour of the Southern Greece: The ancient city of Athens, with private tours to the Acropolis, the Agora (what is agoraphobia? Find out!) the Olympic stadium and the delightful Plaka district.

We leave Athens to travel to mysterious Delphi, home of the ancient Oracle which determined the fate of many in the ancient world. "Mycenae, rich in gold" is how Homer speaks of this lovely ancient city nestled in the gently rolling hills, from which the Greek forces departed to fight and defeat Troy. Our visits to Cape Sounion (personally, I think this is one of the most beautiful places in all of the Aegean) and Epidaurus, the ancient healing place of the gods, provide quiet places to enjoy the beauty of Greece. This year, we'll even visit a working olive farm!

We also include a 4 night Cruise of the Aegean Sea.

While on our cruise ship, we stop at **Mykonos**, where all the rich and famous of the world visit: **Samos** (home of Pythagoras), **Patmos** where Saint John wrote his gospel, **Rhodes**—home to the Knights of the Order of Saint John and centuries earlier, the Colossus of Rhodes, **Heraklion** (the birthplace of Zeus) and mystical **Santorini** (was this the ancient site of mythical Atlantis?) Your history and language studies come alive on this exciting tour.

Many tourists to Athens pay to attend a "Greek" Night. You could pay \$100 for dry chicken and tired rice while actors perform Greek traditional dances as you sit on benches. Sometimes, you hope to escape after the 7th or 8th "traditional" dance!

BUT—A Special Offering only for us: Over my many years of touring Greece, I have developed a special experience for us on Easter Sunday. My outstanding Greek Tour Director will arrange a special traditional Greek dinner at his local village. **Our Greek** experience is an authentic one with *real* Greeks in a *real* Greek village. It's not a *tourist* experience; we're the only tourists there. They will prepare a grilled meal for us-and only us- with all of the sides: fresh Greek salad, freshly baked Greek bread, and the uber traditional spit-roasted lamb and chicken, followed by dessert with drinks included.

This authentic experience will cost \$100 (American dollars which I will collect before departure with the tips for the trip). The cost covers the price of renting the buses, the tip for the bus drivers, the full meal and drinks and the tip for the taberna family workers. I think it's quite a value. And everyone who's done this thinks so, too!

I forgot to mention that our authentic Greek meal will be served on a quiet sandy beach in the shade of the classic Greek mountains and on the peaceful Aegean as we eat and relax with friends. You can swim in the waters if you wish, since we'll be there at the end of April.

So, let's talk details. My trips always include the round trip airfare, breakfast & dinner every day; services of excellent, highly experienced multi-lingual Tour Directors, all the Entrances and Sightseeing as indicated. We are usually in centrally located hotels, accessible to the city. I have already included lunch the day we tour Mycenae & Epidaurus. This year, EF Travel will also include several shore excursions while on the cruise (that's a good deal--@\$200 worth!) and the tips while on the Cruise! (@ \$50!)

Even though my Greek Tour includes so much already, I feel I should tell you what some of the stuff would cost you additionally if it weren't already included. The Aegean cruise alone starts at \$700; an Athens day tour is \$50-\$100; a four hour trip to Cape Sounion is \$50; the day trip to Delphi is \$165. By traveling with us you have more than \$1200 worth of sightseeing already included in your cost.

As the Greeks would say, "OPA!"

If you sign up by 2/2/18 you receive a \$200 discount

The cost for a student is **\$3,720. *With the discount***

***Adult: \$4,430**

**Adults pay a differential because of having a twin room and are charged higher admission rates than students*

I will collect the tip money (\$130) and the Greek beach day (\$100 separately before departure.)

If you have traveled with me before, you still receive the \$100 return discount.

What's the best way to sign up?

I always recommend speaking to a human being. Call EF at 800-665-5364.

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If you have any questions, contact me 212-535-4680 x102) and I'll be happy to speak with you. **Remember:** this tour is offered only once every four years—don't be left out and regret not coming!

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