



A "ONCE IN A LIFETIME" TRIP TO GREECE AND THE IONIAN SEA WITH MARIA! 12 Days/10 Nights...

ATHENS AND KEFALONIA...

Day 1 - USA – GREECE Overnight flight from JFK...

Day 2 - WELCOME TO GREECE! We arrive in Athens early morning! We will be met at the airport by an English-speaking representative and transferred to the hotel that is centrally located! Today you will have a chance to rest and get acquainted to the area before tonight's dinner at the Plaka... (Meal: 1)

Day 3 - After breakfast, take the Full Day Tour of Athens! The Acropolis and Acropolis Museum, The Temple of the Olympian Zeus, The Parliament for the Changing of the Guards, Olympic Stadium and much more! This tour will introduce you to the most important sights of the city. Dinner tonight included at the hotel... (Meals: 2)

Day 4 - Transfer to the airport and off we go to Kefalonia...Our early morning flight will have us on the Island by 7:30 am! Kefalonia Greece is definitely one of the most popular destinations in Greece and it is considered as the most spectacular landscapes in Greece! A motorcoach will meet our group and transport us to the Hotel... Hotel Apollonia which is a 5 star hotel on Xi Beach 7 minute drive outside of the town of Lixouri! Upon arrival, we check in and get ready to relax and enjoy the hotel amenities including the crystal clear waters of the sea! The hotel offers a very nice environment with a wonderful pool, Taverna (Restaurant), bar and more! We will have plenty of time to enjoy the beach and the surroundings prior to tonight's included dinner...(Meals: 1)

Day 5 - Breakfast this morning included at the hotel and then it's off for a full day of touring! Our first stop today will be in Assos a small and charming village found 36 kilometres from the capital of Kefalonia. It has about a hundred inhabitants and is one of the most picturesque and beautiful villages of the island. Dominated by the ruins of a 16th century Venetian castle, the village of Assos was built on a small peninsula that has the same name. Its traditional and charming atmosphere is created by the hospitality of its inhabitants, the traditional architecture, the narrow alleys and the excellent little taverns perched on the quayside that overlook the bay. Enjoy lunch in Assos before continuing on to Myrtos Beach! Myrtos which is a trademark of Kefalonia Island and is considered as one of the most beautiful beaches of the entire Ionian Islands and ranked 5th most beautiful beach in the world! Enjoy some beach time before heading off for a TOUR OF FISCARDO. Fiscardo is located on the northern tip of Kefalonia in an area so beautiful that the Greek government has protected it by law. Around Fiscardo dense forests reach down to innumerable small coves where pebble beach's are lapped by crystal clear water. Uniquely in Kefalonia, Fiscardo retains the architecture and ambience of a by-gone era – a time when the Venetians ruled Kefalonia – Dinner included tonight in Fiscardo before heading back to the hotel...

Day 6 - Take the TOUR OF MELISANI CAVE AND DROGARATI CAVE - The caves in Melissani are located about 10 km from Argostoli and 2 km from Sami, in the east coast of Kefalonia (Cefalonia). The caves are surrounded by forests, while a mountain slope is located to the west of them. In mythology, Melissani was the cave of the Nymphs. Melissani is the most spectacular lake on the island. You can take a complete tour of the cave in a boat, first you'll be taking a trip around the first hall of the cave, around the hole in the roof, and then the boat passes the island, to go to the other side where a small channel exists. The gondolier now pulls the boat through the narrow channel to the second hall of the cave. The Drogarati Cave in Kefalonia was discovered 300 years ago but opened to the public in 1963. It was discovered when a strong earthquake caused a collapse that revealed the cave's entrance. It is an impressive cave with remarkable formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Speleologists say that this cave is about 150 million years old and constitutes a rare geological phenomenon. The cave is about 60m deep and has a constant temperature of 18°C. The humidity of the cave reaches 90%. Next, we depart for Agia Efimia located in the north-east part of the Island. The village of Agia Efimia has become a famous beach resort which welcomes thousands of visitors every summer, attracted by the beautiful beach, the clear waters as well as the wide streets of the village and its beautiful buildings. Enjoy some free time for lunch, shopping and maybe a swim! We will return to the hotel early evening and dinner on own...

Day 7 – Breakfast included this morning and then it's a full day at leisure! Enjoy the beach; go shopping in town, Kayaking, Parasailing, boating and so much more!

Day 8 - Breakfast this morning, free morning and part of the afternoon before heading to Dilinata! It's a small settlement located 9 km northeast of Argostoli, NW of Sami and north of the Argostoli-Sami Road and East of Davgata. Our trip will begin with a visit to The Monastery of Agios Gerassimos Monastery - the more venerated church of the island. Agios (Saint) Gerassimos is the patron of Kefalonia and his relics are kept in a silver casket, in this monastery. The monastery is really impressive, with a little chapel and a new richly decorated main church. Under the monastery there is a cave built by the saint, who used it as a residence and a place to pray. Next, we head up to meet Maria's parents in the small village of Dilinata and enjoy dinner tonight at a local favorite.

Day 9 – Breakfast this morning and then we head to Agia Efimia for our ferry ride to Ithaca! Ithaca belongs to the Ionian Islands and is one of the seven islands on the Ionian! Day includes bus tour, free time for browsing, shopping and lunch! You might like to visit one of the many beautiful beaches! Late afternoon we return to Kefalonia and depart for the hotel...

Day 10 – Breakfast this morning and then we're off for a day at the Beach! Makris Gialos is a very beautiful and popular beach near the busy tourist resort of Lassi. It has golden sand and many water sports around the beach and food is also available!

Day 11 – Depart on an early morning flight over to Athens and overnight... Spend your last day in Athens exploring and shopping the Plaka for those last minute gifts!

Day 12 – Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your Greece Vacation!

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