

Dold World Journeys presents

# Grand Tour of Greece 15 days

with 4-day Aegean Cruise!



## Dates & Prices

Leave **Sat. Apr. 07** - Return **Sat. Apr. 21**, 2018 - **\$5,450** - based on Inside Cabin

Port Tax & Cruise Tip - \$216

Upgrade to Outside Cabin - \$230 / Single Supplement - \$720 (Inside) / Land Only - \$3,410 / Travel Insurance - \$289

First 15 to sign up, **Save \$100**. Second 15, **Save \$75**.

**\$135** - Globus Journeys Club Discount (*submit your Globus Journeys Club number to qualify*).

## Highlights

- 8 nights in Superior First- and First-Class hotels, 4 nights first class Celestyal Cruise Lines. **Modified First Class Globus**. 12 (B) Full Buffet Breakfasts; 4 (L) Lunches; 10 (D) Dinners including Plaka Dinner and Dinner by the Sea in Athens. Welcome Drink.
- Escorted by **Alex Dold** from Honolulu. Specially chosen tour director while touring. Globus Host Service throughout the cruise. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling.
- **United Airlines** from Honolulu. Deluxe motorcoach with air-conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom.
- Celestyal's **Crystal** cruise ship. All cabins with two lower beds, private shower and toilet. Full entertainment program on board. *See Ship's Detail*
- Cruise to Mykonos, Kusadasi (Ephesus), Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini.
- Guided sightseeing in Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Olympia, Delphi, Meteora Area, and Thermopylae. Ephesus, Rhodes, and Knossos while cruising.
- Special sights are the Acropolis and Parthenon in Athens, Corinth Canal and the ancient City, Lion Gate and Beehive tombs in Mycenae, Epidaurus' 2,300-year-old Amphitheatre, Olympic Stadium, Home of the Oracle in Delphi, Meteora Monasteries, Thermopylae Battle Site, and much, much more.
- Unique experiences like learning how to make a traditional Greek *tzatziki* appetizer and a *sirtaki* dance lesson.
- Scenic highlights include our drive through the rugged Mountains of Arcadia, the fantastic landscape of Meteora with its 24 rock-top monasteries, along the coastal highway to Thermopylae, and the crystal-clear Aegean Sea.

# Itinerary

**Day 1. Honolulu Departure.** Our classical and mythical Greek adventure and cruise begins this afternoon with a departure for the east coast where we make a comfortable connection to Europe. Once the preliminary flight schedule is ready it will be displayed online [doldworldjourneys.com](http://doldworldjourneys.com) under the journey's page.

**Day 2. Via Germany to Athens, Greece.** We are scheduled to arrive into Newark in the morning and transfer to a nearby hotel for day use rooms. In the early evening, we board our direct flight to Germany.

**Day 3. Arrival in Athens, Greece.** After a brief stretch, depart on a two and half hour hop to Athens, Greece arriving there at noon. We clear customs formalities, are met by our specially chosen Greece Tour Director, and transfer to the Hotel Electra, our home for the next two nights. Tonight, celebrate the start of our journey with a Welcome Drink at our hotel.

**Day 4. Exploring Athens.** Start our day with a guided visit to the world-famous **Acropolis**, perched high on a rocky outcrop overlooking the city. Here we see the **Parthenon**, the **Erechtheum** with its Porch of Maidens, the **Temple of Athena Nike**, and enjoy a panoramic view which includes glimpses of the **Temple of Olympian Zeus**, **Theater of Dionysus**, and the beautifully preserved **Theseum**, where Socrates taught.

Later, a city orientation drive features the **Old Parliament House** and a picture stop at the **Panathenaic Stadium**. Built in the 2nd century AD, it is the only stadium in the world built entirely of marble, and was host to the opening and closing ceremonies of the first modern Olympics in 1896. The afternoon is at our leisure to relax or stroll through the amazing **Plaka** with Alex. Tonight, sample a glass of *Ouzo* and savor a Greek-style 4 course dinner at a festive taverna in the Plaka district. Folks dances will put us in a special mood reminiscent of *Zorba the Greek*. (B), (D)

**Day 5. Via Corinth, Mycenae and Epidaurus to Nauplia.** Today begin our sojourn through the land of antiquity. We drive along the coast to the bridge crossing the spectacular **Corinth Canal**. The canal separates the **Peloponnesus** from the Greek mainland. Stop and wander through the remain of the ancient city of **Corinth**, where St. Paul preached.

Then on to **Mycenae** and the 19th-century excavations reveal impressions of the splendors so vividly described by Homer. Admire the **Beehive Tombs**, the **Treasury of Atreus**, **Lion Gate** - Europe's oldest known monument, remains of **Agamemnon's Royal Palace**, and the impressive fortifications of the **Citadel**. Spend time in the museum before a short drive to **Epidaurus** and its **Sanctuary of Asclepius**, *God of Medicine* (UNESCO). Explore its amazingly well-preserved 2,300-year-old open-air theater. Finally, we arrive in **Nauplia**, the classiest small city in all of Greece. Amalia Nauplia Hotel. (B), (D)

**Day 6. To Olympia.** Spectacular scenery as our motorcoach takes us on a drive through the **Arcadian Mountains** to **Olympia**. Spend the afternoon where the athletes of antiquity competed in honor of the king of deities. Learn about the history of those original Olympic Games held in 776 B.C. as we stroll among the impressive remains of the **Gymnasium** and the **Temples of Hera** and **Zeus**. Enjoy the museum which features Praxiteles' magnificent statue of **Hermes**. Tonight, we enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how to make the traditional Greek *tzatziki* appetizer. Europa Hotel. (B), (D)

**Day 7. Via Patras to Delphi.** Via the busy seaport of **Patras**, we proceed through the picturesque fishing villages along the south coast of the mainland to mystic **Delphi**. The afternoon is devoted to a fascinating discovery of the ancient sanctuary of the god **Apollo** in its dramatic setting on the slopes of **Mount Parnassus**. Hear about the *Oracle* as we walk with our guide along the *Sacred Way* and explore this ancient Archaeological Site. We end our day with a visit to the museum to admire the **Charioteer**, an extraordinary 5th-century BC bronze statue. Our highlight this evening is a dance lesson, where we learn how to dance the *sirtaki*, made famous in the movie *Zorba the Greek*. A glass of the traditional *Ouzo* will help loosen our feet. Amalia Hotel Delphi. (B), (D)

**Day 8. To Kalambaka (Meteora Area).** North is our heading today. We drive over the **Pourmaraki Pass** to **Lamia**, and then on via **Trikala** to **Kalambaka**. Here we take in the unreal, fantastic landscape of **Meteora** with its 24 rock-top monasteries. You will always remember the first time you see the monasteries and we have the privilege to visit two of them: **Varlaam Monastery**, famous for its frescoes, and **St. Stephen's Monastery**, featuring a unique collection of icons and an incredible panoramic view. Amalia Hotel Kalambaka. (B), (D)

*\*\*Ladies need to pack a long skirt, as shorts or trousers are inappropriate when visiting the monasteries.*

**Day 9. Via Thermopylae to Athens.** After breakfast, we take a scenic drive along the coast to **Thermopylae**. Take a guided stroll on the site of the heroic battle of Leonidas' 300 doomed Spartans against Xerxes' huge Persian army. On the way back to Athens, our Tour Director will tell us about **Thebes**, the setting of *Sophocles' Oedipus Rex*, and **Marathon**,

where 10,000 Athenians defeated more than twice that number of Persian invaders in 490 BC. Tonight, admire the illuminated harbor of **Mikrolimano**, before driving to the yachting marina for a dinner at one of the city's most finest restaurants. Zafolia Hotel. (B), (D)

**Day 10. Via Piraeus (Embarkation) To Mykonos.** This morning we are transferred to **Piraeus** to board our ship. Sail into the deep-blue waters of the **Aegean Sea**, easily settling into the cruising routine. Later dock at the mountainous island of **Mykonos** with its characteristic windmills and dazzling white houses. Enjoy a few hours wandering the narrow-paced streets lined with trendy boutiques and shady taverns. (B), (L), (D)

*Our Celestyal's **Crystal** yacht inspired design and classic teak decks evoke an intimate atmosphere. Enjoy comfortable staterooms, elegant restaurants, bars and lounges, spa, fitness rooms and activities, as well as promenade decks, where we can revel in the splendor of a starlit ocean sky. Indulge in rich culinary delights cooked from scratch by talented chefs and savor fresh Mediterranean ingredients. Our cruise offers a variety of interactive arts and crafts sessions to unleash your creativity as well as fun and friendly dance lessons, games, and demonstrations. The vessel is fully air-conditioned, has stabilizers, telephone, fax, satellite telephone and physician on board. See the Ship Details page for more information.*

**Day 11. Cruising - Kusadasi, Turkey and Patmos, Greece.** Two ports of call for us today. First, discover **Kusadasi** on the Turkish coast where we visit the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of **Ephesus**. Next, join an optional excursion to discover the tiny Greek island of **Patmos**. Here we have the opportunity to visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse where St. John the Divine wrote the *Book of Revelation* and the 11th-century Monastery of St. John with its valuable manuscript collection (both UNESCO sites). (B), (L), (D)

**Day 12. Cruising - Rhodes.** The day is dedicated to the beautiful island of **Rhodes**. Explore the sights in the historic Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the *Knights of St. John* during the Crusades. Next is **Lindos** with the fabulous **Temple of Athena**. For our independent wanderers, the colorful shopping districts are within easy walking distance from the port. Sail from Rhodes around dinnertime. (B), (L), (D)

**Day 13. Cruising - Heraklion, Crete to Santorini, Greece.** Our first port of call today is **Heraklion**, the largest city and capital of the Island of **Crete**. A few miles away is **Knossos**, the center of the 3000 BC Minoan civilization. Afternoon call (*weather permitting*) at **Santorini**. A volcano embraced by the Aegean, this island-phenomenon in the Cyclades gives its visitors a mythical experience. Perhaps join one of the optional shore excursions either to the volcano or up to the cliff-top village of Oia for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B), (L), (D)

**Day 14. Disembarkation in Athens.** After breakfast on board we disembark at **Piraeus**. We transfer to the Hotel Electra for our last night in the ancient city. Time to relax or maybe do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Alex and our local guide will have some options. (B)

**Day 15. To Honolulu.** Wonderful memories of a classical and mythical experience are with us as we return home. Our flight arrives in Honolulu in the late evening. (B)

# General Conditions - Greece

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A **\$250** per person *credit card deposit* (please *CALL with your information*) processed by the Globus Family is required to secure your space and your **RESERVATION FORM** to set your discount spot. This deposit is part of your final payment, which is due no later than **65 days** prior to departure. You will receive a final payment request approximately two weeks before its due date. Final payment will be divided, with the land portion going to the Globus Family and the domestic airfare plus any non-chargeable costs going to ES International (DWJ's airline ticketing agent).

Sign-up discounts are combinable with other discounts, but are not transferable to other programs. **Land-only** space is limited. Land price does NOT include airport transfers, dayrooms, or pre or post night hotel accommodations. *These can be purchased.*

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND:** Full refund\* will be made, if cancellation is received up to **120 days** prior to departure; thereafter, only the monies which will be recovered from the hotels, tour operators, airlines, etc., will be refunded. No refund will be made for services not used once the tour commences. All refunds or penalties are subject to the rules and tariffs of the vendors concerned. (\*Note: once your airline ticket is issued it is non-refundable.) There is a \$25 fee for any changes made after 90 days.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommended purchasing travel insurance with your DEPOSIT. This will insure you are covered from a pre-existing condition AND "Cancel for Any Reason." We will send you a copy of the coverage offered for this journey. This insurance is refundable up to **120 days** prior to departure. You can also purchase insurance with final payment but **will not** be covered for a pre-existing condition or "Cancel for Any Reason."

**PRICE:** Prices are per person based on two people sharing a room/cabin and accurate as of September 22, 2017. Our program prices are guaranteed (unless taxes increase). We need a minimum of 14 people flying with the group to operate this program.

**PRICE INCLUDES:** The journey price includes airfare (and taxes) based on a special group fare, which is subject to certain restrictions; accommodations in First or Superior First-Class hotels/ships based on two people sharing a room/cabin with private facilities (bath or shower); meals as indicated in the itinerary: (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, and (D) dinner; and entrance fees where applicable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** The trip price does not include passport expenses; meals not listed in itinerary; all beverages; country tax; baggage fee, baggage and health insurance; laundry expenses; and all items of a personal nature. Tips to tour directors, tour drivers, local guides, and hotel personnel; excursions; city sightseeing; and entrance fees are excluded unless specifically noted in the itinerary.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTS:** A passport, valid 6 months past the date of your return with at least 3 blank pages, is required. Tourist Visas are not required for U.S. citizens on this journey. A copy of your passport is due with final payment.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Single rooms are **limited**. For persons who wish to share hotel rooms/cabins, every effort will be made to find you a roommate; however, if this is not possible, the single supplement must be charged (*if a single room is still available*).

**SIGHTSEEING AND TRANSFERS:** All sightseeing and transfers are by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with extra leg room. No Smoking on Cosmos coaches.

**BAGGAGE:** Due to limited motorcoach capacity, only one suitcase (50 lbs maximum) and one carry-on per person will be allowed. Portage for this suitcase is included in the journey's price. Airline baggage fees are not included. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. We recommend buying travel insurance.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Dold World Journeys, LLC. and Group Voyagers Inc., dba Globus, 5301 S. Federal Circle, Littleton, CO 80123 (hereinafter referred to as "the Companies") are responsible to you in making arrangements for the tour services offered in the itinerary or on its Web site, including transportation, sightseeing, and hotel accommodations through independent contracts.

The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with, the Companies or its affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Companies are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. If, after tour departure, the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Companies, the Companies will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expense will be payable by tour participants and any resulting savings will be refunded by the Companies to tour participants.

The Companies reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, to expel any tour participant from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Companies deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants, and to cancel a tour at any time.

Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to Globus at the time the reservation is made. Globus will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but the Companies are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. The motorcoach company and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off transportation vehicles. Persons requiring such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.

The tour participant agrees that neither the Companies nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damages, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss), or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person.

Legal proceedings against the Companies may be instituted only in a state or federal court located within the State of Colorado, and any claim involved in such proceedings shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. Any legal proceedings against the Companies must be commenced within one year following the date of tour completion.

No person other than an authorized representative of the Companies, by a document in writing, is authorized to vary, add, or waive any term or condition in regard to this tour program, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions. (Travel Agents Registration #7051)

# Reservation Form

## Grand Tour of Greece

Date of Tour: April 7, 2018

To join our journey please complete, sign, and return by e-mail or mail. If the itinerary has been finalized a per person credit card deposit (and possibly insurance payment) will be due to hold your space.

### Dold World Journeys, LLC

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Name (1): Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (2): Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

### *Correspondence & Billing Information*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### *In Case Of Emergency While On Tour, Please Notify*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### *Secure Flight Passenger Information*

We need your LEGAL NAME and BIRTH DATE for all tours

Passport copies are due with final payment for all international tours, including Canada & Mexico.

#### Person 1

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Example: United States, Japan, Philippines

#### Person 2

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Example: United States, Japan, Philippines

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read the General Conditions and agree with the terms outlined therein.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*World Explorations in the Dold Family Tradition of Value and Service!*