

Vanderbilt Maymester - **DRAFT**

Uncovering Greek Religion: Cults, Festivals, and Sanctuaries in the Ancient World Itinerary, May 10-June 4, 2010.

Mon, May 10

Arrivals
Check-in at the Art Gallery Hotel
5:00-6:00pm Short walk to the little Metropolis and churches.
7:45pm Meet at the lobby to walk to Vyzantion taverna
8:00pm Welcome dinner at Vyzantion taverna

Tue, May 11

9:30am Meet at the lobby of the hotel to walk to the Athens Centre
10:00am Orientation at Athens Centre
12:00-1:30pm Walking tour of central Athens
1:30pm Lunch break at Monastiraki area
The rest of the day is free for independence activities.
Night in Athens

Wed, May 12

8:00am Wake up call
8:00-9:00am Breakfast at hotel
9:00am Meet at the lobby to walk to the Acropolis
9:15-11:15am Visit the Acropolis of Athens (Religion and Democracy in Classical Athens)
11:15am-1:00pm Visit the Theater of Dionysos (**Discussion** of *Antigone*)
New Acropolis Museum
6:00-7:00pm Lecture at AC (Greek Language)
Night in Athens

Thu, May 13

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Meet at the lobby to walk to Ancient Agora site/museum
10:00-12:30am Visit the Ancient Agora site/museum (Workshop: Intro to Temple Architecture: Form & Function)
5:00pm Group discussion/reflection at the Athens Centre (**Discussion**: Basics of Greek Religion)
Night in Athens

Fri, May 14

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Meet at the lobby to walk to Kerameikos
10:00am-12:30pm Visit the Kerameikos (Burial rituals, ancient and modern)
2:30-4:00pm Course projects (Art Gallery hotel)
4:00-5:00pm Lecture at Art Gallery hotel (Preparations for field trip) **JOURNALS DUE**
Night in Athens

Sat, May 15

FREE DAY
Night in Athens

Sun, May 16

FREE DAY

Night in Athens

Mon, May 17

7:30am

Bus leaves from Gargarettas Square

9:00-9:20am

Corinth Canal. Short stop for coffee, snack and restroom.

9:20-9:40am

Transfer to Diolkos

9:40-10:00am

Visit Diolkos

10:00-10:20am

Transfer to Corinth

10:30am-1:00pm

Visit to Corinth site. Guided tour by Guy Sanders current Corinth excavations (The Dirt on Archaeology)

1:00-2:00pm

Break for lunch at modern Corinth

2:00-3:00pm

Visit the Corinth museum

3:00-3:30pm

Transfer to Loutraki and check-in at Hotel Mandas

The rest of the day is free for independent activities

Night in Loutraki

Tue, May 18

8:00am

Wake up call

8:00-9:00am

Breakfast at hotel and check-out of rooms

9:00-9:20am

Bus transfer to Acrocorinth

9:20-11:00am

Visit to Acrocorinth site

11:00-11:20am

Transfer to Kenchreai

11:20am-12:30pm

Visit the VU excavation at Kenchreai.

12:30-1:30pm

Transfer to Epidaurus site

1:30-2:00pm

Break for snacks outside the Epidaurus site. **Please bring your own snack as there might not be anything available at the site**

2:00-4:30pm

Visit Epidaurus; site & museum (**Discussion:** Healing Cults & Greek Medicine)

4:30-5:00pm

Transfer to Nafplion and check-in at Hotel Nauplia

The rest of the day is free for independent activities

Night in Nafplion

Wed, May 19

8:00am

Wake up call

8:00-9:00am

Breakfast at hotel

9:00-9:30am

Transfer to Mycenae

9:30-11:30am

Mycenae; site & museum (Religion in the Bronze Age)

11:30am-12:00pm

Snack break outside the site **Please bring your own snack as there might not be anything available at the site**

12:00-12:45pm

Visit Tomb of Atreus

12:45-1:15pm

Transfer to Tiryns

1:15-2:00pm

Visit Archaeological site of Tiryns

2:00-2:15pm

Transfer back to Nafplion

7:30-8:30pm

Optional wine tasting at Karonis

Night in Nafplion

Thu, May 20

8:30am

Wake up call

8:30-9:30am

Breakfast at hotel

9:30am

Bus to Palamidhi Fortress

9:50-11:30am Visit Palamidhi fortress (Greek War of Independence)
11:30am-3:00pm Free time for lunch & independent activities
3:00-5:00pm Group discussion/reflection
Night in Nafplion

Fri, May 21

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel and check-out of rooms
9:30-11:30am Bus transfer to Sparta
11:30am-1:30pm Depart for Sparta; Sanctuary of Artemis Orthia (The “Spartan Mystique”)
1:30-2:00pm Break for lunch
2:00-2:20pm Transfer to Menelaion
2:20-4:00pm Visit Menelaion (Hero Cults & Greek Topography)
4:00-4:20pm Transfer to Sparta and check-in at Hotel Maniatis
The rest of the day is free for independent activities
Night in Sparta

Sat, May 22

8:00am Wake up call
8:00-9:00am Breakfast at hotel
9:00-9:30am Rte. to Mistras
9:30am-12:30pm Visit the Mistras site (Byzantine Greece)
12:30-1:00pm Transfer back to Sparta
1:00-2:00pm Visit Olive Oil Museum
The rest of the day is free for independent activities; **JOURNALS DUE**
Night in Sparta

Sun, May 23

7:00am Wake up call
7:00-8:00am Breakfast at hotel and check-out of rooms
8:00-9:30am Drive to Ancient Messini
9:30-11:30am Visit the archaeological site of Ancient Messini (Religion in a Hellenistic City)
11:30am-1:00pm Drive to Methoni Fortress with lunch along the way
1:00-2:30pm Visit Methoni Fortress
2:30-3:00pm Drive to Pylos and check-in at Hotel Karalis
The rest of the day is free for independent activities
Night in Pylos

Mon, May 24 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

8:00am Wake up call
8:00-9:00am Breakfast at hotel and check-out of rooms
9:00-9:30am Drive to Nestor’s Palace
9:30-11:30am Visit to Nestor’s Palace (Linear B: Accounting for the Gods)
11:30am-12:30pm Drive to Kyparissia for lunch
12:30-1:30pm Lunch in Kyparissia
1:30-2:30pm Route to Olympia and check-in at Hotel Ilis
3:00-5:00pm Meet at the lobby to walk to Olympia Museum
5:20-6:30pm Visit Museum of Modern Olympic Games
The rest of the day is free for independent activities
Night in Olympia

Tue, May 25

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Meet at the lobby to walk to Olympia site
9:45-12:30am Visit Olympia Archaeological site
12:30-3:00pm Free time for lunch & independent activities
3:00-5:00pm Group discussion/reflection (**Discussion:** Panhellenic sanctuaries & athletic competition)
Night in Olympia

Wed, May 26

7:30am Wake up call.
7:30-8:30pm Breakfast at hotel and check-out of rooms.
7:30am-2:00pm Bus to Delphi, lunch along the way.
2:00-3:30pm Visit to Delphi lower site (overview of the history of Delphi); **Discussion:** the *Homeric Hymn to Apollo*
3:00pm Bus to Hotel Acropole. Check-in to rooms.
Night in Delphi

Thu, May 27

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Meet at the lobby to walk to Delphi upper site & museum
9:45-11:15am Visit Delphi upper site (Oracles and Divination)
11:15am-12:15pm Visit Delphi museum
12:30-3:00pm Free time for lunch & independent activities
3:00pm Optional hike above Delphi
Night in Delphi

Fri, May 28

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel and check-out of rooms
9:30am Bus leaves for Hosios Loukas
9:30-9:45am Transfer to Arachova town
9:45-10:45am Free time in Arachova
10:45-11:15am Transfer to Hosios Loukas monastery
11:45am-12:45pm Visit Hosios Loukas monastery (Workshop: “Reading” Byzantine Iconography)
12:30-1:00pm Break for snack outside the monastery **Please bring your own snack as there might not be many things available at the monastery.**
1:00-4:30pm Transfer back to Athens and to Art Gallery Hotel with stop along the way for coffee and restrooms
Night in Athens

Sat, May 29

FREE DAY
Night in Athens

Sun, May 30

FREE DAY
Night in Athens

Mon, May 31

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Meet at the lobby to walk to Areopagus and Omega House
10:00-2:00pm Visit Areopagus and Omega House (**Discussion:** Christians & Jews in ancient Athens)
2:00-3:00pm Break for lunch
3:00-5:30pm National Archaeological Museum I
Night in Athens

Tue, June 1

8:00am Wake up call
8:00-9:00am Breakfast at hotel
9:00am Meet the bus at Gargarettas Square
9:00-9:45am Transfer to Dafni monastery
9:45-10:15am Short stop at Dafni monastery
10:15-11:00am Transfer to Eleusis
11:00am-1:30pm Visit to Eleusis (Mystery Cults)
1:30-3:00pm Lunch break at Eleusis town
3:00-4:30pm Transfer back to Gargarettas Square
Night in Athens

Wed, June 2

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
10:30am Meet at the lobby to take the bus to National Museum
11:00-1:00pm Visit National Archaeological Museum II
JOURNALS DUE BY 4 pm
The rest of the day is free for independent activities
Night in Athens

Thu, June 3

8:30am Wake up call
8:30-9:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Meet at the lobby to walk to Athens Centre
10:00-12:00am Student presentations at AC
12:00-1:00pm Lunch break
1:15pm Bus from M.Moussourou & Imittou to Sounion
1:15-3:15pm Transfer to Sounion
3:15-5:15pm Visit Temple of Poseidon, Sounion
5:15-7:15pm Transfer back to Gargarettas Square
Night in Athens

Fri, June 4

4:00-7:00pm Student presentations at AC
7:00-8:00pm Graduation festivities at the AC
8:00pm Farewell dinner at a local taverna
Night in Athens

Sat, May 5

Bus departure from Gargarettas Square.
Embark for US or further travel

HOTEL INFORMATION

ART GALLERY HOTEL (ATHENS):

5, Erechthiou St., Athens

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MANDAS HOTEL (LOUTRAKI):

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NAUPLIA HOTEL (NAFPLIO):

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MANIATIS HOTEL (SPARTI):

72-76, Konstantinou Paleologou Ave. & Lykourgou, Sparti

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KARALIS HOTEL (PYLOS):

26, Kalamatas St., Pylos

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ILIS HOTEL (OLYMPIA):

Pr. Kondyli St., Olympia

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ACROPOLE HOTEL (DELPHI):

13, Filhelinon St., Delphi

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Prof. Barbara Tsikirgis will lecture on site and in the museums.

Yiota Vouzna will be your Athens Centre advisor. Her mobile number is +30 693 687 0710.

Make sure you have a snack with you since lunch may be late sometimes.

Please bring something warm with you, an umbrella, and sturdy shoes for the sites.

It is advisable to bring a small bottle of water with you for the site visits.

Please do not eat or drink anything except water on the bus and on sites.