

# Classical Study Tour

# Greece 2020<sub>June</sub>

## STUDENT TOUR

Department of Ancient Studies, Stellenbosch University  
Operated by Seagull Tours

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

ATHENS | CORINTH  
NAFPLIO | MYCENAE  
EPIDAVROS | DELPHI  
SOUNION | OLYMPIA  
ISLAND OF KEFALONIA

## TOUR LEADERS

Dr Samantha Masters  
& Dr Jessica Nitschke



## DAY 1 Cape Town

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We meet at Cape Town International Airport and check in for our flight to Athens via Istanbul.

**Overnight: Aircraft**  
**Meals: On-board aircraft**

## DAY 2 Athens

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We arrive at Athens International Airport to meet our Greek guide in the arrivals hall. Welcome to Athens and the start of the Study Tour to Greece 2020.

We start our tour with a bus ride of central Athens to orientate ourselves before checking into our hotel to freshen up. In the late afternoon we will leave for our first official outing, to the ancient Acropolis of Athens, including the Theatre of Dionysos, Theatre of Herodes Atticus (at the foot

of the Acropolis), the grand gateway or Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion with its characteristic caryatid columns, and of course the wondrous Parthenon itself.

After the Acropolis we walk to the nearby Strofi Restaurant for our welcome dinner.

**Overnight: Candia Hotel, Athens**  
**Meals: Dinner**

## DAY 3 Athens

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Our guide will meet us at our hotel and we will walk to the ancient Athenian Agora, the old commercial, political, social and religious hub of the city. This includes a visit to the Hephaesteion, or Temple of Hephaestus (one of the better preserved Greek temples), and the reconstructed Stoa of Attalus, which also houses the Agora Museum.

In this museum the finds from the agora, including voting ballots, ostraca, and a variety of other objects are on display. If there is time we will visit the archaeological site of the Kerameikos, one of the ancient cemeteries of Athens.

### Free time for lunch in the Plaka area.

After lunch we visit the impressive new Acropolis Museum, designed by Bernard Tschumi Architects and its wonderful collection of statues and objects found on the Acropolis (minus the Elgin Marbles of course, though there are plaster casts of these on display).

Dinner is at the hotel upon our return.

**Overnight: Candia Hotel, Athens**  
**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**



## DAY 4 Athens

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Our morning is spent at the National Archaeological Museum of Athens where some of the most famous and exciting Classical artefacts reside. You are spoiled for choice. Here you can hope to see the God of Artemesium (Poseidon or Zeus) as well as the Hellenistic jockey and horse, also from Artemesium. The iconic Dipylon Amphora and Krater are also housed

here, as well as finds from ancient Mycenae.

The rest of the day will be free in Athens for own activities.

Dinner is at the hotel.

**Overnight: Candia, Athens**  
**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**



## DAY 5 Athens to Nafplio

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We depart Athens early morning and stop on route to Nafplio at three sites of archaeological significance.

We make a brief stop at Eleusis, the site sacred to Demeter and Persephone and main centre of the Eleusinian Mysteries, after which we will stop at the ancient site of Isthmia. Here we will visit the Ohio State University excavations of the ancient site and learn a bit about archaeological fieldwork practices and their exciting project.

We will stop off for lunch and continue to Corinth, a major city of antiquity. We will visit this fascinating site for much of the afternoon before making our way to Nafplio by early evening.

**Dinner out in Nafplio is at your own account.**

**Overnight: Park Hotel**  
**Meals: Breakfast**



## DAY 6 Nafplio

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We visit the extensive site of the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus. This site which celebrated the physician/god Asclepius was once the most important centre of healing in the Classical world. The site includes the spectacular theatre of Epidaurus, a tholos, remains of baths, a stadium and a museum.

**Lunch in Nafplio and a free afternoon in Nafplio which may involve swimming.**

**Dinner out in Nafplio is at your own account.**

**Overnight: Park Hotel**  
**Meals: Breakfast**



## DAY 7

# Nafplio to Olympia

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We head to the famous Bronze Age citadel of Mycenae, 'rich in gold' as Homer described the ancient city of Agamemnon. You will marvel at the cyclopean walls, Lion Gate and the grave circles from which many treasures in the Athens National Museum were excavated. We leave Mycenae and head for Olympia, site

of the ancient Olympic Games, via Sparta. In the late afternoon we will arrive in Olympia and check into our hotel.

After dinner in the hotel, the evening is free in Olympia.

**Overnight: Olympic Village Hotel**  
**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

## DAY 8

# Olympia

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This morning we visit the ancient site of Olympia. Here we find the stadium, palaestra, as well as the scant remains of the Temple of Zeus which once housed the huge gold and ivory cult statue of Zeus (one of the Ancient Wonders of the World). We visit the Olympia Museum to view artefacts from the site, including the impressive remains of sculptural decoration from the Temple of Zeus.

**The afternoon is free to experience the modern village of Olympia.**

**Overnight: Olympic Village Hotel**  
**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

## DAYS 9–11

# Olympia to Sami

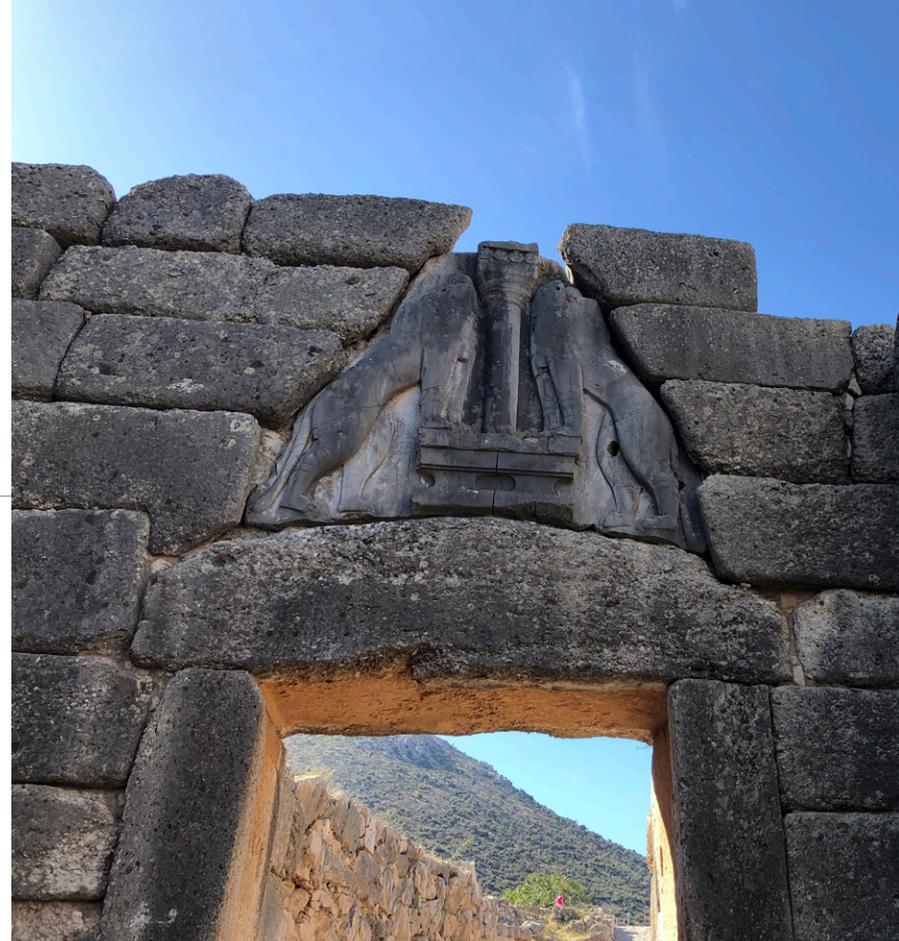
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After breakfast we depart Olympia and drive northwards towards Kallini on the western Peloponnese and cross the waters by ferry to Kefhalonia island, one of the Ionian Islands.

We stay for 3 nights on the beautiful green island based in Sami on the coast.

You will be free to explore the island at your leisure or participate in a day trip to Ithaca from the island (there will be extra charge for this day trip).

**Overnight: Sami Beach Hotel**  
**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**



## DAY 12 Sami to Delphi

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After 3 nights we return to Kallini and drive north to the spectacular town of Delphi set in the shadow of Mount Parnassus. Ancient Delphi was the spiritual centre of the ancient Greek World. We will explore the lower section of the site in the late afternoon by visiting the temenos of Athena Pronaia, which houses the famous tholos.

Dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Anemolia Hotel Hotel**  
**Meals: Breakfasts and Dinners**



## DAY 13 Delphi to Sounion

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We enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing to the spectacular site of Delphi, described by the ancient Greeks as the omphalos or 'naval' centre of the world.

It is here that the famous priestess, the Pythia, uttered the prophecies of Apollo: the Delphic Oracle. The atmospheric site is situated on the slopes of Mount Parnassus and has magnificent views over the valleys of Phocis. We will explore the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the stadium, and theatre. We will also pay a visit to the beautiful museum, which houses the famous Delphic Charioteer, among other fascinating items connected with the site.

We drive from Delphi towards Attica, stopping briefly at the site of Marathon.

We finish off at our final site, the remains of the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. Positioned at the southernmost tip of the peninsula of Attica, it is surrounded by sea on three sides. Apart from being the site of the temple to the sea god, in mythology Sounion is also the site from where King Aegeus of Athens jumped into the sea after seeing the black sails on the returning ship of Theseus.

We will eat our farewell dinner in this beautiful setting before heading back to the airport for our late night flight to Cape Town via Istanbul.

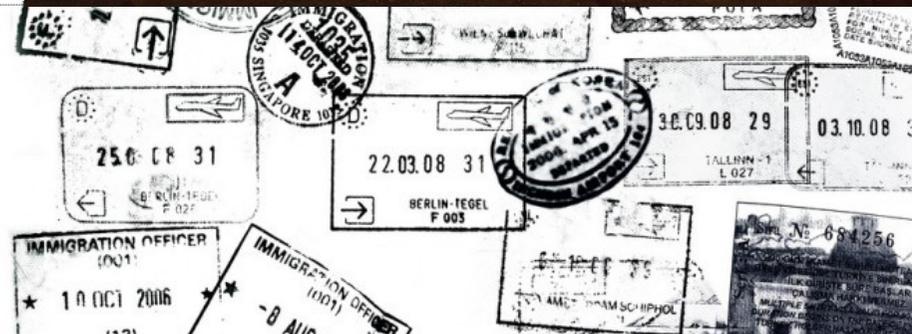
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**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**



## DAY 14 Cape Town

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We arrive at around lunch-time in Cape Town after a memorable tour.



## IMPORANT INFORMATION

**DEPARTURE DATE** Sunday, 14 JUNE 2020  
**RETURN DATE** Saturday, 27 JUNE 2020

### COST

Land arrangements	€1 620 per person sharing (approximately R28 000)
Single supplement	Price available on request
Air fare from Cape Town	R4 500.00 per person
Airport taxes	R7 500 per person
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>R40,000 per person sharing</b>

**\*\*\* Prices are based on a minimum of 25 participants \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Prices are estimated at the current rate of exchange and subject to 2020 rates \*\*\***

### INCLUDED

Flights	Cape Town / Istanbul / Athens / Istanbul / Cape Town
Meals	Two meals per day (breakfast and dinner)
Guide	Qualified English-speaking guide(s)
Transport	Luxury air-conditioned coach & return ferry to Kefhalonia Island
Accommodation	Standard tourist class hotels and overnight stay tax

### EXCLUDED

Entrance fees	±€120 (subject to student discount)
Visa	South African passport holders need to obtain a Schengen visa (approx. R1 200)
Travel insurance	R500.00 per person (if 69 years and younger)
Tips & gratuities	€100.00 (for Greek guides, drivers, etc. payable on tour to the tourleader)
Meals	Lunch & all drinks
Items of a personal nature	

### PAYMENT

We request R5,000.00 deposit per person and completed booking form to guarantee a reservation on the tour. This will be on a first-come-first-served basis. The balance of payment is due 2 months prior to departure, unless otherwise notified. Please be aware that if you do not make use of the same flights as the group fare, a penalty will apply.

**PRICE IS SUBJECT TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, INCREASES, SIZE OF THE GROUP AND FLIGHT SCHEDULES UNTIL FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY SEAGULL TOURS. CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ACCEPTED FOR THE FLIGHT AND AIRPORT TAXES ONLY.**

## ABOUT THE STUDENT TOUR

- This tour aligns with the Department's Ancient Cultures offerings for 2020 (AK 144 and AK 211/311 Reading Greek Art), though it will not be compulsory that students have these credits before they go on the tour.
- Where possible, we will also link with international experts who are excavating ancient sites in Greece.
- Stellenbosch students may qualify for a university subsidy towards the study tour, and will qualify for reduced entry into archaeological sites and museums.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOUR

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