



TREASURES OF THE PELOPONNESE

Olympia – Nafplio – Epidaurus – Sparta – Kalamata



Private Roundtrip by car

Enjoy visiting the region at your own pace and according to your interests.

- The itinerary as well as the duration of the roundtrip can be adapted to your wishes.
- Private official local guides can be organized in the places you wish in your own language.
- Other activities such as wine tasting, visit to olive groves, hiking etc... can be included in your personal roundtrip.

The Peloponnese – a vast region rich in culture and tradition. An exceptional environment and beautiful landscapes. A journey through time and history with an incredible diversity of sceneries and specialities.

Visit to Olympia – back to the birthplace of the Olympic Games

London, Beijing, Athens... If you follow the history of the Olympic Games, you'll find yourself right here, where it all began, in the Peloponnese and the magnificent valley of the river Alpheus, with Greece's most famous sanctuary, dedicated to the god of gods: Zeus.

At the Olympia Archaeological Museum, you'll come face to face with the site's main protagonist: Hermes, created by Praxiteles. The god is resting on the trunk of a tree. In his left hand, he carries the infant Dionysus. Beauty, balance, art.



Visit to Nafplio

Nafplio was the 'Naples of the East' for the Venetians, and they certainly left their cultural mark. Discover Palamidi Castle, built in the early 18th century, from where you have a panoramic view of the city and the Argolic Gulf. You can drive or climb the 999 steps to the top. The fortress was stormed in one night by Greek troops in 1822, prompting the Turkish garrisons to surrender.

With its neo-classical buildings, boutique hotels and quaint shops selling local produce, Nafplio is a popular weekend getaway for Athenians. It is the site of crucial events in Greek history, home to the country's first parliament and the church where Otto, the first king of Greece, was crowned. But most of all, you'll love the island feel of the alleyways, the warm colours and the inspiring tastes. Important tip: The ice cream is worth the diversions.





Visit to the ancient city of Epidaurus

Welcome to the 4th century BC. - The theatre of ancient Epidaurus

Beginning its life as a sanctuary dedicated to the god of medicine, Asclepius, the theatre displays its striking acoustics every summer, hosting ancient plays and concerts. But it also houses the remains of one of the most complete sanctuaries in the ancient world. You walk among the foundations of a hospital that helped transform the treatment of disease from divine to scientific methods.



Visit to Mycenae

Pass through the Lions' Gate to discover the legendary ancient citadel of Mycenae, situated on a hill between the mounts Profitis Illias and Zara.



Visit to Sparta

Sparta, ancient city of the Byzantine Empire and modern at the same time. A blend of past and present. Discover Sparta's Acropolis, the mosaics and the Olive Museum. Stroll through the narrow streets and enjoy a coffee on the terrace.



Visit to Mystras

The ancient Byzantine city was completely abandoned in the 1500s to become an archaeological site. In 1989, the ruins, including the fortress, palace, churches and monasteries, were included on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Today, it is inhabited only by a few Orthodox nuns who live in the Pantanassa monastery.



Visit to the Mani region

The land of tower-houses, castles, Byzantine chapels and hard-faced locals who smile with their eyes. This is a region of Greece famous for its rugged countryside and equally wild and wonderful history, but also for its eternally welcoming coastal towns.

Areopoli, an unspoilt historic town, with its tower-houses and stone pathways. This is the historic heart of Mani, home to the tower of the Mavromichalis family (among the leaders of the Greek War of Independence in 1822). Areopoli is both timeless and welcoming.

The extraordinary caves of Diros, a vast underground cavern stretching 15km into the rock, not only contain a seemingly endless network of waterways but were also one of the most important Neolithic burial sites in Europe. Admire incredible stalactites and stalagmites and otherworldly formations.



Visit to Monemvasia

A town that can only be seen from the sea, linked to the mainland by a single passageway, hence its name... A walk back in time through stone houses, Byzantine churches and cobbled streets. Enjoy an exceptional view of the sea from the top of the castle.



Approximate distances:

Kalamata – Olympia : 115 km

Olympia – Nafplio : 190 km

Athens – Nafplio : 170 km

Nafplio – Epidaurus : 30 km

Epidaurus – Mycenae : 50 km

Nafplio – Mycenae : 25 km

Nafplio – Sparta : 140 km

Sparta – Mystras : 10 km

Sparta – Areopoli : 70 km

Sparta – Monemvasia : 95 km

Sparta – Kalamata : 70 km

