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## Journey to Hellas

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## Special Features to Note:

- Wine tasting at the Santos Winery in Santorini
- Day trip to beautiful Matala Beach in Crete
- Tours of Mycenae and the theater at Epidauros
- Visits to the sites and museums of Ancient Olympia & Delphi
- Tours of the Acropolis and its Museum
- Excursion to the Byzantine Monastery & Church Complex of Osios Loukas
- Free Day in Athens with shopping in the Plaka
- Farewell Dinner at Filiastron Restaurant

## Arrangements Include:

- Accommodations in first class hotels all with private showers and bathrooms
- Daily breakfast buffet
- Nine Group Dinners in traditional Greek taverns, wine included
- All entrance fees to sites and museums
- All transportation in Greece, includes flight from Athens to Santorini; privately chartered air-conditioned buses; ferry tickets from Santorini to Crete and Crete to Athens
- Professional Services of *Educational Tours and Cruises* (offices in Athens, Crete, and Santorini) [www.ed-tours.com](http://www.ed-tours.com)

## Your Guides

Professors Kenny Morrell and Katherine Panagakos from the Department of Greek & Roman Studies, Rhodes College, will lead you at sites and museums.

## Cost of Trip (not including airfare)

### Double Occupancy:

- \$4190 (15-20 participants)
- \$3800 (20-25 participants)
- \$3600 (25 + participants)
- Triple Occupancy available upon request (reduction of \$225 per person)
- Single Occupancy available upon request (\$1595 supplement)

### Airfare:

Travelers will make their own arrangements from the US to Athens. We require that you meet the group in the Athens Airport on Sunday, May 27 for our flight to Santorini.

### Deposit:

- \$600.00 per person due by December 1, 2006.
- Balance due April 1, 2007.

### Cancellation:

- Dec 2-Jan 31: \$350/person
- Feb 1-March 31: \$600/person
- April 2-May 8: 50%/person
- After May 8: no refunds

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May 26-June 10, 2006



Studying Ancient Greek Culture and  
Encountering Modern Greece

Sponsored by:  
Meeman Center at Rhodes College

Faculty Leaders:  
Prof. Kenny Morrell &  
Prof. Katherine Panagakos

Meeman Center at Rhodes College in Memphis is known for the educational opportunities it offers. This trip is no exception. It is a wonderful chance to combine education and travel.





## Itinerary

### Santorini & Crete: May 26-30

We will meet in the new Athens airport on Sunday, May 27 and travel directly to the beautiful island of Santorini (ancient Thera). On Monday, we will visit the Archaeological Museum, and in the afternoon we will tour the Santos Winery and enjoy some leisurely time on the lovely beaches noted for their red, black, and white pebbles. Santorini (ancient Thera) is famous for its volcanic eruption in 1625 BCE which many believe precipitated the downfall of the Minoan civilization centered on Crete. Archaeologist Spyridon Marinatos (most recently featured in the IMAX film *Greece: Secrets of the Past*) began excavating the site in 1967 and discovered a large and well-preserved Minoan city (Greece's Pompeii). The archaeological site is one of the most exciting in the Cyclades. On Tuesday, May 29 we will travel by Sea Jet Catamaran to Heraklion, the capital of the island of Crete, where we will spend the next few days visiting the ancient Minoan palaces, including Knossos. On Wednesday afternoon, we will visit the spectacular beach at Matala famous for its man-made caves that were once inhabited by early Christians and more recently (1960s and 1970s) a haven for hippies. From the northern side of the cove, one can see the underwater remains of ancient Matala, an important harbor under the Romans.

### Nafplio & Olympia: May 31-June 3

In the evening of Wednesday, May 30, we leave Crete and travel to Piraeus, the port of Athens. From the Piraeus, we travel to Nafplio, stopping to see the canal across the Isthmus of Corinth and visit the ancient site of Mycenae, location of the famous Lion Gate, *tholos* tombs, and shaft graves. Also on the itinerary is Epidauros, site of one of the best-preserved ancient theaters. Nafplio, where we will be staying, is one of the most elegant towns in mainland Greece. The medieval structures of Palamidi Fortress and Bourtzzi Castle, remnants of the Venetian occupation, still loom over the city. From 1829-1834, Nafplio was the first capital of Greece after gaining independence from the Ottoman Empire. On Saturday, June 2, we travel to Olympia, where the first panhellenic games took place in 776 BCE. Ancient Olympia was also a religious center, and its Temple of Zeus, a huge 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE Doric temple, was the home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the great statue of Zeus by the sculptor Phidias. The museum at Ancient Olympia, renovated for the Olympics in 2004, houses the famous Nike statue as well as the Statue of Hermes by Praxiteles.



### Delphi & Athens: June 3-10

On Sunday, June 3, we travel from Olympia to Delphi via the Andriro-Rio suspension bridge, and Monday we tour ancient Delphi, site of the famous Delphic oracle. On Tuesday, we leave Delphi and travel to Athens, stopping at Osios Loukas, a secluded Byzantine monastery decorated with eleventh century mosaics, and Marathon, the site of the famous battle between the Athenians and the Persians. The origins of the Marathon run date to this battle. While in Athens, we will visit the most famous ancient sites in Athens: the Acropolis, the Ancient Agora, and the Kerameikos (the ancient cemetery). We will also tour three of the most spectacular museums in the city: the Benaki Museum, the Byzantine and Early Christian Museum, and the National Archaeological Museum. Saturday, June 9, will be a free day in Athens to do all of your shopping. On Sunday, June 10, we depart for the United States.