



Greece

Through the Eyes of a Woman!

September 17-28, 2018



Hello Women of Nebraska!

Join me and Women of Nebraska in discovering the hidden secrets Greece. A land of breathtaking beauty, crystal clear waters from emerald to turquoise, to the deepest blue that defies description, fairy tale fortresses that cradled some of the most ancient and prosperous of European Civilizations. Tales of history, Gods and Goddesses are etched in every corner of this once-in-a-lifetime journey.

During our 12-day tour we will immerse ourselves in the symbols, traditions and stories of holy places of the Sacred Feminine, wander the ancient paths and listen to the wisdom as it bubbles up from the earth, whispering between marble columns of ancient cities and temples.

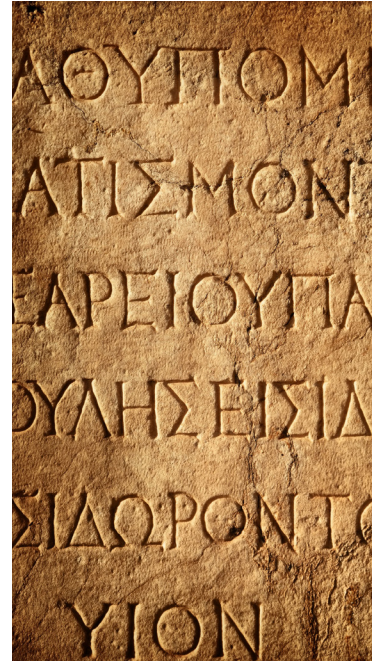
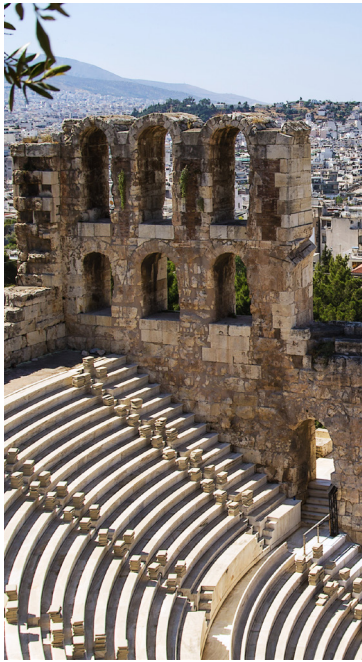
We will savor time-honored wines and enjoy a simple diet that has been legendary for centuries, and experience the world-famous hospitality and generosity of the Greek people.

And yes, the intriguing capital with its artful blend of classic Greek antiquities, modern day cafes, laid back gardens, nights that never ends and so much more ...it is all included in this journey of the heart! Please come, join me! Solo or two-by-two!

Sincerely,
Ann K. Bruntz
Women of Nebraska Ambassador



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



September 17, 2018 - Monday

Our wonderful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Athens. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

September 18, 2018 - Tuesday - Athens

Welcome to Greece! Arrive in Athens, one of the world's oldest cities, full of myths, mysteries, and legends. Steeped with a rich history that spans around 3,400 years, the city is home to many sacred ancient sites, monuments, and landmarks. A fusion of old and new, Athens is also a cosmopolitan metropolis buzzing with lively activity and vibrancy.

Our guide will take us on a panoramic city tour highlighting all the must-see places. A welcome lunch is enjoyed at a local tavern in the Plaka district with magnificent views of the Acropolis and delicious traditional food. The late afternoon and evening is yours to relax. S | L

September 19, 2018 - Wednesday - Athens

We take a short stroll and follow the Panathinean Way, the ancient procession of the goddess, up to the Acropolis. Visit the magnificent ruins of the Parthenon, followed by the Acropolis Museum. We will focus on the importance of women in ancient times, and our guide will share interesting facts and memorable stories. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the numerous shops or simply enjoy the art of people-watching from a café around the corner ... Dinner is served at a local tavern nearby the hotel. B | D

September 20, 2018 - Thursday - Ancient Corinth & Nafplion

We are off to Peloponnese and we will make a stop to admire the Corinth Canal connecting the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Sea. In 67 AD Nero was the first who attempted to cut through the narrow Isthmus of Corinth, but the canal was finally accomplished in 1893. We stop at the far end to watch the submersible bridge that sinks down into the water for the ships to pass, coming back up again - many times full of fish!

Next stop is Ancient Corinth, well known from the two letters of Saint Paul in the New Testament, First Corinthians and Second Corinthians. Corinth is also mentioned in the Book of Acts as part

of the Apostle Paul's missionary travels. A part of the museum is dedicated to the role of women in ancient times, and we will listen to stories dating back thousands of years, but yet very relevant to women of today! We continue to Ancient Nemea to taste the wines of one of the most acknowledged estates in the area. Lunch is served ... with plenty of wine. The area of Argolis is one of the most fertile plains in Greece. Fruits of all kinds and olives of the finest quality are found here. Around the corner is the Women's Cooperative of Argos where we will make a short stop to learn about their delicious products. We arrive to Nafplion, named after Poseidon's son. Dressed with ancient walls, medieval twin castles, Ottoman fountains, and Venetian buildings, this is our home for the next two nights. Our unique hotel looks out to the most photographed spot of the city, Bourtzi, a small island complete with a Venetian fortress. The remainder of the day is free to stroll and enjoy this delightful city, full of artisan craft shops, cafes and great local food. B | T | L

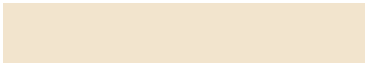
September 21, 2018 - Friday - Epidaurus & Nafplion

After a hearty breakfast, we are off to the Ancient Theater of Epidaurus. The UNESCO's World Heritage listed monument is reputed to be the birthplace of Apollo's son Asclepius, the king and god of healing, and was the most celebrated healing center of the Classic World, the place where ill people went in the hope to be cured. Found in the sanctuary, there was a guesthouse of 160 guest rooms. There were also mineral springs in the vicinity, which may have been used in healing. The prosperity brought by the Asclepius enabled Epidaurus to construct civic monuments too: The Epidaurus theater marveled for its exceptional acoustics which permits almost perfect intelligibility of unamplified spoken words from the proscenium to all 15,000 spectators, regardless of their seating.

An old monastery sets a table of local dishes for us to savor at lunch. On our way back to Nafplion, we will stop at a local olive oil production to learn all about the "liquid gold". A fun night awaits with ouzo tasting and a delicious meal at our favorite local tavern. B | L | T | D

September 22, 2018 - Saturday - Eleusis & Mykonos

We say goodbye to Nafplion and following an ancient route we



arrive to Eleusis to explore the ruins of the magnificent Sanctuary, one of the greatest shrines of mystery and antiquity. Here we will learn about secret rites and initiation ceremonies that honored the wandering Demeter and her daughter Persephone who were held hostage in the underworld by the god Hades. We continue on to the port of Rafina where we will board the high-speed ferry to Mykonos.

Mykonos ... Its architecture is typical of the Cyclades with whitewashed cubic houses, blue windows, charming narrow streets with pebble-stoned pavements and little white chapels with sky-blue cupolas. Dinner is at the hotel upon arrival. B | D

September 23, 2018 - Sunday - *Delos & Mykonos*

In the light of the early morning we make our way to the harbor to board our traditional Greek fishing boat "caiques" for the sacred cradle of the Greek gods and goddesses - Delos.

Greek mythology tells the legend of how the island of Delos appeared suddenly amidst the waves of the sea when Leto was looking for a safe place to give birth to her twins Apollo and Artemis. The birthplace of the deities was considered so sacred, in fact, that the island was declared off-limits for births and deaths of mortals. Return to Mykonos in time for lunch and rest of the day free at leisure. B

September 24, 2018 - Monday - *Santorini*

Boarding the high-speed ferry this morning, we continue to the Cyclades most southern and most magical island - Santorini. It is a sparkling jewel in the Aegean Sea with its white-washed buildings set against the backdrop of cobalt blue sea, and famous for its black sand beaches - is almost too picture perfect! Originally it was named "Kallisti" because it was considered as one of the most beautiful island of Cyclades. Today's name is derived from Santa Irini, the Latin name of Agia Irini Byzantine church. The afternoon and evening is free at leisure; join us for a walk - one of the most beautiful ones ever! B

September 25, 2018 - Tuesday - *Santorini*

We set off to explore the wines and foods of Santorini. We stroll the ancient vineyards and discover the famous "kouloura", an ancient

Phoenicians technique of growing the grapes in baskets. We will enjoy a degustation of the islands four most remarkable wines and then we head to the kitchen to broaden our knowledge of Santorini's rich culinary treasures. Using seasonal and locally grown ingredients, our local chef challenges our notions of how certain dishes should look, taste and smell, before we enjoy the results.

The afternoon is at your leisure; bask in the golden sunshine, stroll along the spectacular cliffs with stunning views of the caldera (volcano), relax and unwind in one of the most beautiful places in the world. B | T | L

September 26, 2018 - Wednesday - *Santorini*

We take a day off! You may explore the island and all its mysteries on your own. Santorini is believed by some to have been connected with the legendary civilization of Atlantis and the ancient Minoan culture. When the volcano erupted 3.600 years ago, the ancient town of Akrotiri was buried. The recent excavations have brought to the light the remains of the Minoan town with its revealed frescoes, tools and everyday life objects. Join an optional tour to experience it all, or take a volcano boat tour ...

In the early evening we enjoy Santorini's hidden treasures and cherish the memories of a mesmerizing sunset. B

September 27, 2018 - Thursday - *Athens*

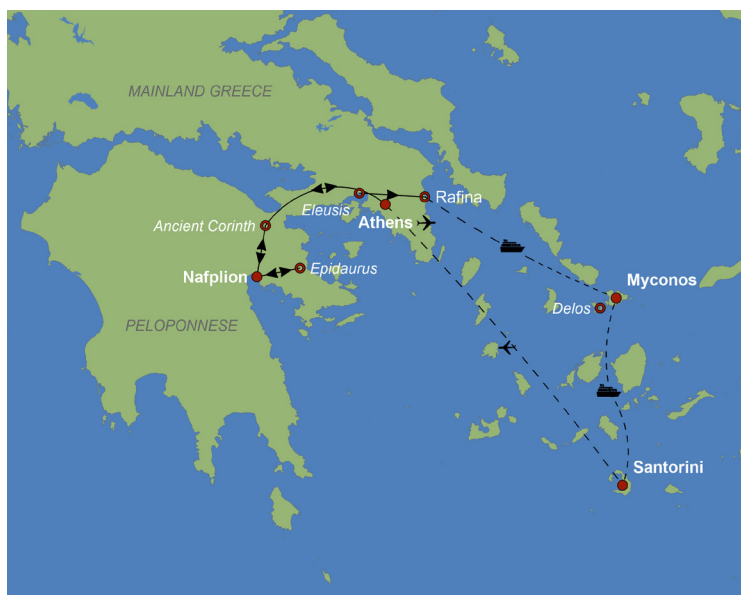
We transfer to the airport for our return flight to Athens, soaring over a collection of Greece's 6,000 islands. Tonight's farewell dinner is a very special experience, full of history, and delicious dishes prepared according to ancient traditions. B | D

September 28, 2018 - Friday

The way back to the airport is always too short, bringing to an end an unforgettable vacation experience. Your memories are packed and the bags are checked. "Yassou" as the Greeks say ... Goodbye, Greece! B

Itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast S = Snack L = Lunch T = Tasting D = Dinner



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Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$4,195*

Per person in shared triple room: \$3,995*

Per person in single room: \$5,495*

Limited number of single and triple rooms available - we offer "Pair & Share" service.

*A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up for the tour. Deposit can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Balance is due on June 27, 2018 and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment will access a 3.5% processing fee.

We strongly recommend travel insurance, not only in the unfortunate event of cancellation prior to the departure, but also for full medical coverage while traveling in Greece. Base Plan coverage is offered from \$337 per person (covers land and air up to a total of \$6,000 per person). Please ask us for the details.

Women of Nebraska tours specializes in small group tours. This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 travelers. Should the number of travelers fall below 15, all funds paid to Women of Nebraska and Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Air:

We offer group airfare with American Airlines:

9/17/2018 - Omaha - Philadelphia 5:54AM - 9:50AM

9/17/2018 - Philadelphia - Athens 4:30PM - 9:15AM (9/18/2018)

9/28/2018 - Athens - Philadelphia 11:45AM - 3:55PM

9/28/2018 - Philadelphia - Omaha 5:39PM - 7:52PM

\$1,530 per person incl. all taxes and fees.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to the departure. American Airlines' premium seating can be purchased and confirmed at this time. Women of Nebraska and Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

The price quoted within this brochure is based on a Euro/USD exchange rate of 1.25 (1 Euro = 1.25 USD). We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases above \$1.25.

Included

- 10 nights accommodation (4-star hotels in Athens, Mykonos and Santorini, 3-star in Nafplion)
- 10 x full breakfast
- All meals as per tour program: Snack on arrival, 4 x lunch, 4 x dinner, 3 x local tastings of wine, ouzo, olive oil
- All transportation as per tour program with private deluxe motor coach
- Porterage at hotels
- Professional English-speaking tour manager during entire program
- Professional English-speaking guide at all mentioned sites
- Entrance fee to all mentioned sites
- Boat excursion to Delos
- Ferry tickets, economy class, Rafina-Mykonos, Mykonos-Santorini
- Domestic airfare Santorini-Athens, economy class
- Women of Nebraska Ambassador from day 1 through day 12
- Mandatory city tax at all hotels

Not Included:

- Airfare and baggage fees (estimate \$25-\$35 per checked bag)
- Travel insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person, due a time of registration
- Gratuities (estimate \$8 per day incl. tour manager, guide and driver)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in tour program
- Entrance fee to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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