

RESERVATION

The seminar is open to all interested people. The only requirement is that participants be, or become, members of the Society.

I am a member of the Society.

I am not a member of the Society. I enclose a separate check, payable to The Mediterranean Society, for \$_____ to join.

Contributing membership is \$40 or more
Family or couple membership is \$35
Single membership is \$25
Student membership is \$5

Please reserve ____ place(s) in the Seminar on Greece. Enclosed is a check, payable to the Mediterranean Society for the **deposit of \$1100.00 per person.**

I shall room with _____.

I wish to have a single room.

Please make air arrangements with the group.

I will make my own air arrangements.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Telephone: home (_____) _____

Telephone: office (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please send this form and your check for the deposit payable to the Mediterranean Society of America by November 1, 2018 to:

Nancy Saylor, Treasurer
Mediterranean Society of America
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Richmond, VA 23235

ITINERARY

We will stay at Hotel Hermes in Athens for 5 nights, Hotel Kastalia in Delphi for 1 night, Hotel Doupiana House in Meteora for 1 night, and Park Hotel in Thessaloniki for 5 nights. All rooms have balconies. Meals included in the price of the trip are indicated by the letters B, L, D. U.N. World Heritage Sites (WHS) are noted in parentheses.

Wednesday, May 15: Overnight flight to Athens, Greece from Washington, DC (Dulles).

Thursday, May 16: Arrive in Athens. **D**

Friday, May 17: Visit the Daphni Monastery (WHS) to see the Byzantine mosaics and marble art. Built on the site of an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Apollo, this monastery which dates to the end of the 11th century is a masterpiece of Byzantine art. Visit Eleusis Archaeological Site and Museum. The ancient city of Eleusis was renowned as the site of the most famous religious rite in ancient Greece, the Eleusian mystery. **B, D**

Saturday, May 18: Tour the historic center of Athens including the Anafiotika, Agora and Agora museum. **B, D**

Sunday, May 19: Tour the Acropolis (WHS) and new Acropolis museum. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the Acropolis and opened in 2009. **B, D**

Monday, May 20: Visit the National Archaeological Museum in Athens. The museum houses some of the most important artifacts from a variety of archaeological locations in Greece. Drive to Sounion to see the Temple of Poseidon. Stop for included lunch (alcohol not included). **B, L, D**

Tuesday, May 21: Drive to Delphi (WHS) to visit the archaeological site and museum. Delphi, where the oracle of Apollo spoke, is one of the most important archaeological sites in Greece. Overnight in Delphi **B, D**

Wednesday, May 22: Drive to Meteora to visit the Meteora monasteries (WHS). The Meteora is a rock formation in central Greece hosting one of the largest complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries. Overnight in Meteora. **B, D**

Thursday, May 23: Drive to Mount Olympus to visit the Dion archaeological park and museum. The Dion archeological park is the most important archaeological site at Mount Olympus and was the religious center of Macedonia during the Hellenistic period. The site includes sanctuaries from the Hellenistic and Roman periods. Overnight in Thessaloniki **B, D**

Friday, May 24: Tour Thessaloniki city center and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki (WHS). Visit the archaeological museum in Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, founded in the fourth century B.C. by Macedonians, has long been a center for trade and a crossroads between the west and the east. The city was an important early Christian center and the second city of the Byzantine empire. **B, D**

Saturday, May 25: Drive to the archaeological site of Philippi (WHS) to visit the site and its museum. Founded by the Macedonians as an important mining center, Philippi became a Roman colony after the Battle of Philippi, the battle that decided whether or not Rome would be a republic. It is however as the first center of Christianity in Europe that the city is remembered most often today. The Apostle Paul's visits to Philippi resulted in his founding the first European Christian Church there. Philippi became the second most important Christian city in the east after Constantinople. **B, D**

Sunday, May 26: Visit the archaeological site of Aigai (now named Vergina) (WHS) and the museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai. Aigai was the first royal capital of Macedon from the 7th through the 5th centuries B.C. The most important monuments of this site are the royal tombs, the Iron Age cemetery, the palace and theatre, and the city and its sanctuaries. **B, D**

Monday, May 27: Visit the museum and archaeological site of Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great. Pella replaced Aigai as the capital of Macedon at the end of the 5th century B.C. The city reached its peak during the 4th through the 2nd centuries B.C. when it became a busy commercial center with a strategic port. The agora and palace are the key archaeological monuments at this site. The mosaic decoration and wall paintings found in private houses indicate a sophisticated artistic culture and wealth. The new museum opened in 2009. **B, D**

Tuesday, May 28: Fly home from Thessaloniki to Washington, DC (Dulles)

COST

The cost of the seminar is based on a minimum of 10 participants. The cost will vary depending on how many participants reserve places on the trip.

Land Arrangements:

\$3390.00 sharing a twin room (minimum of 10 people)

\$686.00 single supplement

The price includes:

Twelve nights lodging, including breakfast

Twelve dinners with wine and one lunch

Transportation in a private, air-conditioned motor coach

English-speaking tour escort and certified guide

Guided tours per itinerary and all entrance fees

All transfers

All taxes

Gratuities for hotel porters, where portage is available (for one bag)

Mediterranean Society expenses (\$60)

The price does not include passport fees, personal expenses, extras in hotels, and gratuities for the driver and tour escort.

Tour Price: The prices quoted for the land portion of the trip are based on rates of currency exchange in effect as of the printing of the brochure. Adjustments may be made to the tour price if the euro/dollar exchange rate fluctuates more than three percent (3%). Participants will be notified in writing of any change prior to the final payment deadline.

Group Airfare: Currently estimated at \$862 from Washington Dulles (10-person minimum). Fuel and security surcharges which are part of the airline fare are subject to change. The surcharges in effect when the airline tickets are written will determine the final airfare cost.

DEADLINES

Deposit: The reservation form and a check for the deposit of **\$1100.000** per person are due to The Mediterranean Society (MSA) by November 1, **2018.**

Land. The final payment will be due **April 1, 2019.** MSA will send the travelers an invoice in late March.

Airfare. Prior to ticketing, those who are flying with the group will be contacted.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended. Group travel insurance (10-person minimum) is available for \$106 per person, under age 76, and \$329 age 76 and over to be paid by a separate check payable to the Mediterranean Society with the deposit (to cover pre-existing conditions). This insurance does not cover trip cancellation or interruption. The insurance covers medical expenses and emergency medical evacuation up to \$100000.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Each participant must have a valid U.S. passport that expires at least 6 months following the departure date from Greece (i.e. that expires later than November 30, 2019).

The Mediterranean Society liaison for this trip is Julia Scott, 804-814-9999 or jscott@commund.com.

CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be made in writing and received by MSA by the deadlines set out below. A \$60 handling fee will be charged for all cancellations. This handling fee will be deducted from all refunds described below. MSA will refund the deposit for cancellations received by February 1, 2019. For cancellations received beginning February 2, 2019 and through April 15, 2019, the cancellation fee is 30% of the total land costs. For cancellations received beginning April 16, 2019 and through May 1, 2019, the cancellation fee is 50% of the total land costs. For cancellations received after May 2, 2019, the cancellation fee is 100% of the land costs. Once the airline tickets are written, they are non-refundable for any reason.

DISCLOSURE AND LIABILITY

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PAYMENT OF THE DEPOSIT FOR THIS TOUR SIGNIFIES FULL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE.

OTHER INFORMATION

The seminar will involve considerable walking both in cities with steep streets paved with cobblestones and over ruins. Participants in reasonably good health should have no difficulty. The Mediterranean Society of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Society seeks to provide enriching cultural and educational experiences in pleasant company.

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