

Greece - The Peloponnese 11th April – 29th April 2020



Spring warmth, History and Easter Celebrations

Greece abounds with history and natural beauty and none more so than on its southern peninsula 'The Peloponnese'. This tour takes in the classical sights of Olympia, Monemvasia, Athens & Delphi to leave you enriched by its history, and combines these with relaxation along the coast to create an enchanting early Spring get away. Being Spring look forward to some Mediterranean warmth and the sight of magnificent wild flowers as you travel.

In the Greek calendar Easter is the largest celebration and on the Orthodox Easter Sunday we celebrate the day along with the Greeks, as we enjoy a traditional Easter Sunday lunch in a local Taverna.

In the tour there are also visits to the boutique island of Spetses, the Corinth Canal and a prestigious Greek winery. And all through the tour you will never be far from the sea or beach, and towns which retain a true Greek culture to give you the real Greek experience. Our tour of the Peloponnese lasts 19 nights, or include 'Greece -The Northern Highlights' and extend your holiday to 33 nights in total, the choice is yours.

Joan & John Gowling – Greece 2017

'Spectacular mountains and wonderful scenic roads, lovely beaches and flowers, simple food & friendly people. Great time of year to visit. Excellent tour thanks to GB Motorhome Tours'

Tom & Eileen Reston – Greece 2017

'This Greece trip was our fourth trip with GB Motorhome Tours - we saw a lot, learnt a lot, enjoyed a lot and laughed a lot. For newcomers to GB Motorhome Tours – once you have tried one you will want to do more!'

19 nights

Day One - Saturday 11th April

Welcome to Bologna in Italy where we meet at a good quality campsite. You should plan your arrival early afternoon to be ready for this evenings welcome drinks reception and tour briefing around the Tour Directors motorhome.

Day Two - Sunday 12th April

An easy drive to catch the overnight ferry from Italy to southern Greece. We have 'Camping on Board' arranged which allows you access to your motorhome throughout the crossing including sleeping in your own bed. Each motorhome is provided with 230v hook-up and there are toilets & showers located on the camping deck. You also have full access to all the ships facilities including restaurants, shops and bars. **140 miles**

Day Three - Monday 13th April

Arriving in Greece it's just 30 minutes to our first campsite. This evening we have a group dinner in the campsite's own family run restaurant for our first taste of Greek food and wine. **20 miles**

Day Four - Tuesday 14th April

From our campsite we are taken to the coastal village of Dhiakofto where we have time for a morning coffee before boarding a 'Rack and Pinion' train to take us up the Vouraikos gorge to Kalavryta. Climbing at gradients of 1 in 7 the 22km journey passes stunning views to arrive in the mountain town of Kalavryta where we have a group lunch arranged.



Day Five - Wednesday 15th April

A short drive to historic Olympia. **55 miles**

Day Six - Thursday 16th April

We visit the site of ancient Olympia, just a short walk from our campsite. Home of the Olympic Games for over 1,000 years the ancient site remains home to the Olympic flame.

Day Seven - Friday 17th April

We move to Gythio in the very south of Greece. **160 miles**

Day Eight - Saturday 18th April

A free day and an opportunity to spend time on the campsite beach, have a swim in the sea or visit the colourful harbour town of Gythio.

Day Nine - Sunday 19th April – Easter Sunday

Today is the Orthodox Easter Sunday. Easter is the biggest annual celebration in the Greek calendar and a day when families get together for lunch. After a leisurely start to the day we head to a local Taverna to join in a traditional Greek Easter lunch.

Day Ten - Monday 20th April

A group visit to 'Monemvasia – the Greek Gibraltar'. Here there will be free time to wander in this fascinating Byzantium town, followed by a group lunch in an old town restaurant.

Day Eleven - Tuesday 21st April

We drive to the beach resort of Tolo. You may choose the quick inland route or a stunning mountain coastal drive. **110 or 140 miles**

Day Twelve - Wednesday 22nd April

Our destination today is the petite island of Spetses where there will be time to explore as you please. Renowned for its boutiques and picturesque streets it's become a very popular destination with upper class Athenians. Transport is by coach and boat.

Day Thirteen - Thursday 23rd April

Today our drive takes us to Greece's capital and the ancient city of Athens, but not before stopping at the Corinth Canal with plenty of time for a walk out to the middle and a look straight down. **120 miles**

Day Fourteen - Friday 24th April

We tour Athens including a guided visit to the Acropolis.

Day Fifteen - Saturday 25th April

Leaving Athens we make our way to a Greek Winery where we park and sleep overnight; with no facilities it's an opportunity to use your motorhomes own. We have a private tour of the winery with tastings, followed by a group dinner where at the end of the night it's no more than just a few steps back to your own bed. **60 miles**

Day Sixteen - Sunday 26th April

Move on to Delphi today, home of the Oracle. En-route there's an opportunity to visit the mountain monastery of Osios Loukas. **60 miles**

Day Seventeen - Monday 27th April

A free day. Those wishing can independently visit the ancient site of Delphi and/or the mountain town of Arahova. Direct buses pass our campsite to both.



Day Eighteen - Tuesday 28th April

This evening in the campsite's own restaurant we all enjoy a 'Farewell Dinner' to those leaving us tomorrow.

Day Nineteen - Wednesday 29th April

'Greece - The Peloponnese' tour ends this morning. Those returning home from this point have an easy drive to the port of Patra to catch the overnight ferry to Italy. **80 miles**. 'Camping on Board' is again included for you and the ferry arrives back in Ancona, Italy tomorrow afternoon. Please note our Tour Directors will not be returning at this point.

Those continuing with 'Greece -The Northern Highlights' move to our next Greek campsite, please see this tours itinerary for full details.



PRICE – Greece the Peloponnese

TOUR DEPOSIT £400

6m Motorhome with 2 people - £1,399 per person
6m Motorhome with 1 person - £1,949
6-8m Motorhome - £195 ferry surcharge
Over 8m Motorhome - £365 ferry Surcharge

INCLUDED IN PRICE – Greece the Peloponnese

- 16 Campsite nights with hook-up
- 2 nights return Italy to Greece ferry with 'Camping on Board'
- 1 nights parking at winery
- Transport for Excursions/Events as per the Itinerary
- Entrance Fees as per the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Director's travelling in their own motorhome
- Michelin Map of Greece
- DK Guidebook

Excursions, Events & Meals

- Welcome Reception & Tour Briefing
- Welcome to Greece group dinner with wine
- Day trip to Kalavryta including rack & pinion train journey and group lunch
- Visit to ancient Olympia
- Group Easter Sunday lunch with wine
- Visit to Monemvasia including group lunch
- Visit to the island of Spetses
- Tour of winery including tastings and group dinner with wine
- Athens city tour including Acropolis visit
- 'Farewell' dinner with wine

This tour starts in Bologna Italy, but if you would like to travel from the UK at the same time as the Tour Director on the outward journey, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

OPTIONAL PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 6 x additional Campsites with hook-up starting in Kent on Sunday 5th April and then France, Germany, Switzerland and two in Italy.
- Dinner in German Campsite
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 People @ £299.00 per person

Motorhome with 1 Person @ £485.00