

## Greece - The Peloponnese 11<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021



### *Spring warmth, History and Coastal Scenery*

*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 tour there are also visits to the boutique island of Spetses, the Corinth Canal and a prestigious Greek winery. 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.*

#### **Arthur and Jenny Vowden – Greece 2019**

*'A very enjoyable and interesting tour led by our Tour Directors Liz and Dave who looked after us very well. We visited some wonderful places, drove along beautiful flower filled scenic mountain and coastal roads and were made very welcome by the Greek people.'*

#### **Ted and Susanna Brooking – Greece 2019**

*'Did this tour tick all the boxes? You bet!! Led by the lovely Liz and Dave (whose Duracell batteries went on and on) we fell totally in love with Greece. Stunning mountain scenery and remote villages where we received welcoming gifts from the locals, to beautiful coastal scenes. Brilliant tour all round. Thank you GBMT.'*

## 19 nights

### Day One - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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** (Camping on board is subject to the ships layout, if not available on todays boat en-suite cabins are provided)

### Day Three - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Day Six - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Day Eight - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Following a leisurely start to the day we head to a local Taverna for a relaxed lunch by the beach, it is Sunday after all!

### Day Nine - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Ten - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Eleven - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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

### **Day Twelve - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 on one of its bridges and a look straight down. **120 miles**

### **Day Fourteen - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

We tour Athens including a guided visit of the Acropolis.

### **Day Fifteen - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Day Nineteen - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. (Camping on board is subject to the ship's layout, if not available on today's boat en-suite cabins are provided)

**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 £500**

6m Motorhome with 2 people - £1,399 per person

6m Motorhome with 1 person - £1,949

6-8m Motorhome - £250 ferry surcharge

Over 8m Motorhome - £450 ferry Surcharge

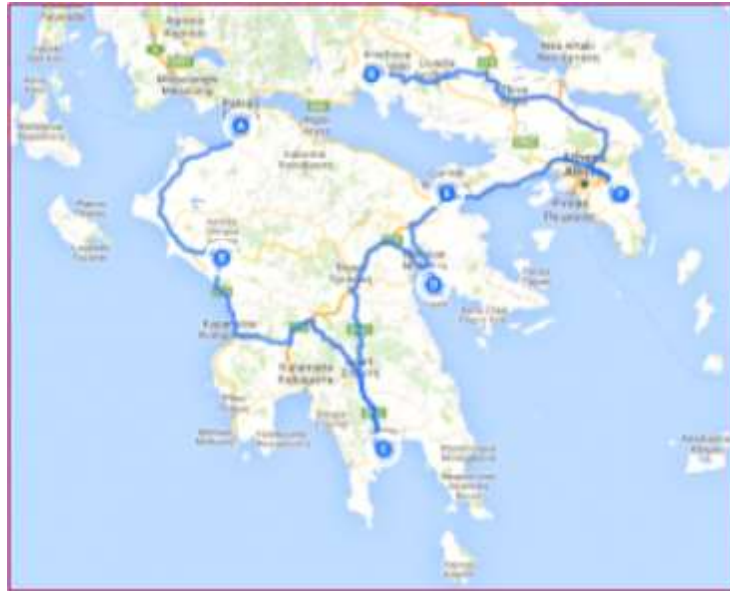
### **INCLUDED IN PRICE – Greece the Peloponnese**

- 16 Campsite nights with hook-up
- 2 nights on return Italy to Greece ferry
- 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 Greece 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 Sunday lunch by the beach 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 with 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 Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 5 x additional Campsites with hook-up starting in Kent on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and then France, Germany, Switzerland and 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 @ £309.00 per person

Motorhome with 1 Person @ £485.00