

# Greece - The Peloponnese 14<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## 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 wildflowers as you travel.

In the tour there are also visits to the boutique island of Spetses, the Corinth Canal and a 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 21 nights or include 'Greece -The Northern Highlights' and extend your holiday to 34 nights in total, the choice is yours.

#### Colin & Jane Young – Greece 2022

'A great tour of Greece. The Greeks were very friendly & welcoming. The roads were far better than we anticipated with some spectacular drives on the minor roads. The scenic routes were beautiful. Springtime was a great time to visit as the wild flowers were spectacular. We loved the "GB Motorhomes" format of Group Meals & days out together sight-seeing, a great group of people on this Tour.'

#### Jane and Douglas Marsland – Greece 2022

'A wonderful variety of Campsite locations and interesting days out. We learned a lot about ancient and modern Greece. The food was good and plentiful, the weather mostly sunny and the Greek people so friendly and helpful.'

### 21 nights

#### Day One - Sunday 14<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 evening's welcome drinks reception and tour briefing around the Tour Directors motorhome.

#### Day Two - Monday 15th April

A drive today to catch the overnight ferry from Italy to Greece. Either 'Camping on Board' which allows you access to your motorhome throughout the crossing including sleeping in your own motorhome or an ensuite internal cabin are included (depending on the ship's layout for that day's crossing). **140 miles** Day Three - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

# Arriving in Greece we travel to our first Greek campsite. In the 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 17th April

#### Today is a free day.

#### Day Five - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

From our campsite we are taken to the coastal village of Dhiakofto where there should be 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 Six - Friday 19th April

Move campsites today with a short drive to historic Olympia. 55 miles

#### Day Seven - Saturday 20th April

We visit the site of ancient Olympia today, walkable from our campsite (or you may take a taxi at own expense). Home of the Olympic Games for over 1,000 years the ancient site remains home to the Olympic flame.

#### Day Eight - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

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

#### Day Nine - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

A free day and an opportunity to spend time on the campsite beach or have a swim in the sea Day Ten - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</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 Eleven - Wednesday 24th April

A free day. The colourful harbour town of Gythio can be reached by walking, cycling or a taxi ride.

#### Day Twelve - Thursday 25<sup>th</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 Thirteen - Friday 26<sup>th</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 has become an extremely popular destination with upper class Athenians. Transport is by coach and boat.

#### Day Fourteen - Saturday 27th April

A free day. With the resort of Tolo starting from the edge of our campsite and a great beach opposite, you will have plenty of opportunities for today. Group dinner in Tolo this evening.

#### Day Fifteen - Sunday 28th 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 Sixteen - Monday 29th April

We tour Athens including a guided visit of the Acropolis.

#### Day Seventeen - Tuesday 30th April

Leaving Athens, we make our way to a Greek Winery where we park and sleep overnight; with no facilities it is an opportunity to use your motorhome's own. Late afternoon we have a private tour of the winery with tastings and snacks, followed by an opportunity to purchase any of the wines we have enjoyed. *60 miles* 

#### Day Eighteen - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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

#### Day Nineteen - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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 Twenty - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

#### Day Twenty-one - Saturday 4th May

'Greece - The Peloponnese' tour ends this morning. Those returning home from this point will make their way to the port for the overnight ferry back to Italy (again with 'Camping on Board' or ensuite internal cabin included). Note our Tour Directors will not be returning at this point. Arrival in Italy is the following day, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. 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**

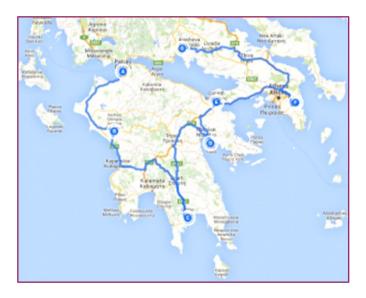
6m Motorhome with 2 people - £1,649 per person 6m Motorhome with 1 person - £2,749 6-8m Motorhome - £300 ferry surcharge Over 8m Motorhome - £500 ferry Surcharge

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

- 18 Campsite nights with hook-up
- 2 nights on return Italy to Greece ferry
- 1 night's 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
- Guided visit to ancient Olympia
- Visit to Monemvasia including group lunch
- Visit to the island of Spetses
- Tolo group dinner with wine
- Stop at the Corinth Canal
- Guided Athens city tour including Acropolis visit
- Tour of winery including tastings and snacks
- '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 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 Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 5 x additional Campsites with hook-up starting in Kent on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and then Belgium, 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 @ £419.00 per person Motorhome with 1 Person @ £679.00