



Ancient Greece

A Circumnavigation of the Peloponnese aboard *Harmony V*

May 12-23, 2014

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Known as the “cradle of Western civilization,”

Greece and its Peloponnese peninsula offer a perfect blend of archaeology, ancient history, culture, and natural beauty. You are invited to join a cruise aboard a chartered 25-cabin Greek yacht through azure waters, and an exploration of the cities and sanctuaries of ancient Greece.

Begin in Athens, where you will gaze upon the soaring columns of the Parthenon, discover the treasures of the National Archaeological and Acropolis Museums, and meander through the winding alleys of the Plaka district. An overland journey takes you to Corinth, site of the spectacular Temple of Apollo, and to the World Heritage site of Epidaurus. Then, embark the intimate, privately chartered *Harmony V* for a seven-night cruise along the stunning, sundrenched coast of the Peloponnese. Delve deeper into archaeology and ancient history with stops at Mycenae, Monemvasia, and Mystra. Explore Mt. Lykaion's Sanctuary of Zeus, trace the origins of the Olympic Games to ancient Olympia, and meander the hillside of mystical Delphi. Conclude your journey with a transit of the towering Corinth Canal en route to Athens.

For expert insights and perspectives on the archaeology and ancient history of Greece, we will be accompanied by a Professor of Classics and a Professor of Greek Archaeology from The University of Arizona who will show us their field research site at Mt. Lykaion.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel with an active field research team and enjoy a guided tour of a current excavation site
- In Athens, visit the storied Acropolis and the National Archaeological Museum, home of the world's richest collection of ancient Greek artifacts
- Relax aboard the *Harmony V*, an intimate, 25-cabin yacht entirely rebuilt and refurbished in 2009
- Cruise through the narrow, steep-sided Corinth Canal, too challenging to transit for most commercial vessels but easily navigated by the *Harmony V*

DAILY ITINERARY

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MAY 12-13, 2014

Home - Athens, Greece

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving Tuesday. Visit Mars Hill on the north side of the Acropolis for a lovely panoramic view of the city, then stroll the streets of the colorful Plaka, the oldest neighborhood in the city. Join fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner this evening.

HOTEL ELECTRA PALACE-ATHENS (R,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Athens

This morning explore the ancient Acropolis, including the Parthenon and the new Acropolis Museum housing treasures excavated at the site. While evidence of an original settlement on the northern slopes of the Acropolis dates to 3000 BC, the remaining structures date to the 5th century BC, when ancient Athens reached its pinnacle during the Golden Age of Pericles. Continue to the Agora, the center of political and public life in ancient Athens, for a visit. After lunch visit the renowned National Archaeological Museum, where you can see the 3,600-year-old gold "Mask of Agamemnon" among the museum's treasures.

HOTEL ELECTRA PALACE-ATHENS (B,L)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Athens (Brauron & Sounion)

This morning travel to Brauron for a visit to the mysterious Sanctuary of Artemis and Ifigeneia, where most of the buildings date from the 5th century BC. Continue to Sounion and the magnificent Temple of Poseidon, built of gray marble in 444 BC and perfectly located—on the



cape overlooking the Aegean Sea— to honor the god of the sea. In the late afternoon visit the Benaki Museum, whose collections span Greek prehistory to modern times.

HOTEL ELECTRA PALACE-ATHENS (B,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Athens (Corinth, Nemea & Epidauros) - Nafplion

History comes to life in ancient Corinth, left intact by the Romans when they redeveloped the city (once home to 100,000 citizens and 460,000 slaves) as their provincial capital in 44 BC. Among Corinth's treasures is the well-preserved Temple of Apollo, with its massive Doric columns. Continue to Nemea, site of the Sanctuary of Zeus, which was developed in the 6th century BC with the establishment of the Panhellenic Nemean Games. Also visit the World Heritage site of Epidauros, known for its sanctuary honoring Asclepius, the god of medicine, and its 15,000-seat theater, an acoustic marvel built in the 4th century BC. This afternoon, board the exclusively chartered *Harmony V* in Nafplion.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Nafplion - Mycenae

From the picturesque port of Nafplion, travel to the hilltop site of ancient Mycenae, regarded as merely legend until its ruins were discovered in the 1870s. Immortalized as "rich in gold" in Homer's epic poems, the Iliad and the Odyssey, Mycenae was a major center of Bronze Age civilization known for its imposing structures and gold treasures. This afternoon visit the site of ancient Tegea, with its impressive 4th-century BC Temple of Athena Alea, and explore Nafplion's Archaeological Museum before returning to the ship.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Monemvasia

The medieval fortress of Monemvasia—the "Gibraltar of Greece"— is a massive rock rising dramatically from the sea and connected to the mainland by a causeway. The only entrance to Monemvasia is through a fortified gate; hence, its name, which comes from moni, meaning "single,"



and emvasia, meaning "entry." Explore the narrow, cobble streets of this charming town, which in the 13th century was the commercial center of Byzantine Morea. This afternoon, cruise to Gythion and enjoy an onboard lecture.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 19

Gythion (Mystras & Areopolis)

Drive from Gythion to the ruins of the medieval town of Mystras, a World Heritage site sitting high atop Mt. Taygetos. A school of philosophy attracted intellectuals from throughout the Byzantine Empire, and the breadth of creativity in art and architecture is evident throughout the town. Starting at the Kastro, the walled section, observe the elaborate frescoes and decorative facades as you descend the hill. Later, travel through the Mani region, whose inhabitants have for centuries remained fiercely independent, and to Areopolis for a walking tour of this historic town.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Kyparissia (Mt. Lykaion & Bassae)

Today visit the sacred and mysterious Sanctuary of Zeus atop the southern peak of Mt. Lykaion. This virtually unexplored Panhellenic site, known as the birthplace



of Zeus, remains an important part of the mythology of ancient Greece. Dr. Romano and Dr. Voyatzis lead a team of archaeologists and experts in a scientific excavation of this site. En route to rejoin the *Harmony V* in Kyparissia, visit Bassae and its Temple of Apollo Epicurius, which has the oldest Corinthian capital ever found.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Katakolon (Olympia)

Depart this morning for Olympia, site of the ancient Olympic Games and a vast complex that once included temples, baths, and athletic venues. During the Games, held every four years, the Greek city-states were bound by a truce that forbade hostilities and focused attention on athletic competition.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Itea (Delphi) - Corinth Canal

Disembark at Itea for an excursion to the spectacular ruins of Delphi. Located on the slopes of Mt. Parnassos, Delphi was the sanctuary of the influential Delphic oracle and was considered to be the center of the world by the ancient Greeks. Its stunning setting and awe-inspiring architecture evoke the same reverence today as they did thousands of years ago. Cruise through the dramatic Corinth Canal, whose steep limestone walls soar nearly 300 feet overhead, and enjoy a farewell reception and dinner on board.

HARMONY V (B,L,R,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Athens - Home

This morning, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Contact us with any questions or to make your reservation today!

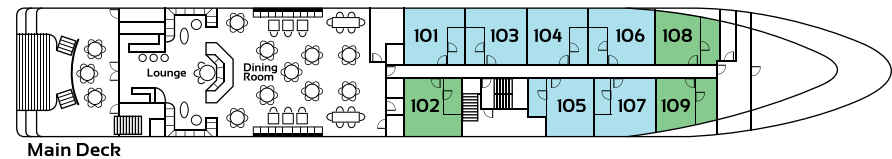
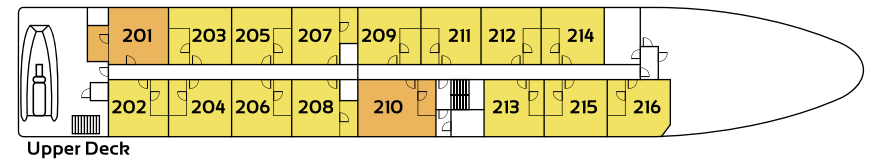
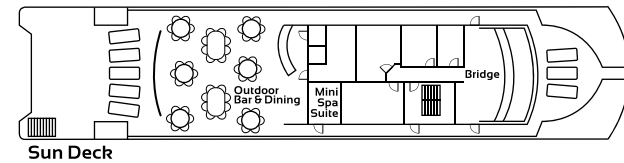
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Harmony V

The *Harmony V* was launched in 2003 and refurbished in 2009. This sleek, high-tech yacht fits in well with the elegant private yachts found in the world's most famous ports. With only 25 guest cabins, *Harmony V* offers an intimate and comfortable cruise experience with ample public spaces that include a lounge and bar, indoor single-seating dining room with large windows, a fresco dining area, sun deck, mini-spa, and swim platform for easy access to the ship and for a wide range of sea-related activities. All cabins have windows, en suite bathrooms, wood paneling, twin or queen beds, flat-screen TV, and mini-fridge.



RATES (per person)

	Double	Single
Category C	\$5,990	\$9,590
Category B	\$6,490	n/a
Category A	\$6,990	n/a
Category P	\$7,690	n/a

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare to Athens is approximately \$1,065 from Los Angeles or \$965 from New York as of December 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options available, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides • All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling at hotels and ship • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Wine, beer, and soft drinks at all group meals • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout

Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; email, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature

What to Expect

This is a moderately active trip for adaptable travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Temperatures during the trip will range from the mid-50s to the mid-70s F, with moderate humidity on the coast.

Group Size

This program is limited to 45 participants, including travelers from The Archaeological Institute of America and the University of Arizona.

Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance.

Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@criteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is January 13, 2014, 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due January 13, 2014 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Reservation Contact

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RESERVATION FORM

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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve _____ place(s) on

Ancient Greece

OR ☐ Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

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Discover

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CATEGORY PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with: _____

OR ☐ I'd like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 13, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

☐ I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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