Ancient Greece: In the Footsteps of Gods and Heroes

Preliminary Itinerary
June 21 – July 8, 2012

Courses to be offered:
HIS 243 – The Ancient World (David M. Head)
HUM 241 – Survey of Greek Culture (Mary Beth Wentworth)
PHI 295 – Topics in Greek Philosophy (Samantha Emswiler)

Pre-trip class sessions will be held between May 21 and June 18. All students will meet together regardless of class(s) in which they are enrolled, as class sessions will include background information and an introduction to Greek history and culture which will serve as a foundation for all group activities in Greece.

Thursday, June 21: Midday travel from Richmond International to Heraklion (overnight flight via Philadelphia; leave Richmond early afternoon, arrive in Heraklion 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 22).

Friday, June 22: Arrive Heraklion mid afternoon. Check into Astoria Capsis Hotel. Visit adjacent Heraklion Archeological Museum (open until 7:30 PM) in late afternoon. Group dinner at hotel.

Saturday, June 23: Travel by public bus to Knossos (open 8:00-19:30 daily in summer). Return to Heraklion. Breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner on your own.

Sunday, June 24: Flying Cat Ferry or Sea Jet to Santorini. Check into Hotel Daedalus. Visit Akrotiri, Ancient Thera and Archeological Museum. Breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner on your own.

Monday, June 25: Flying Cat or Sea Jet to Paros for excursion to Naoussa. Evening ferry to Mykonos. Check into Villa Margarita. Students will purchase a late snack for tonight and picnic supplies for the next day’s excursion. Breakfast in hotel; lunch and dinner on your own.

Tuesday, June 26: Ferry to Delos. Tour site and museum. Return to Mykonos. Breakfast at hotel; picnic lunch on Delos; late dinner on your own in Mykonos.

Wednesday, June 27: Flying Cat or Sea Jet to Piraeus, and visit Piraeus Archaeological Museum. Bus to Athens, and check into Athens Attalos Hotel. Optional climb to top of Lycobettos Hill, changing of guard at Parliament Building and, if time permits, visit to Temple of Zeus Olympos. Possible visit to a taverna with bouzouki music. Breakfast at hotel; lunch on your own on the ferry; group dinner at Sabbas, or similar outdoor taverna in the Plaka.

Thursday, June 28: Visits to Agora and Museum, Acropolis and Acropolis Museum; possible visit to Kerimeikos and Museum. Shop in the Plaka for the evening. Breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner on your own.
Friday, June 29: Leave Athens; bus drive to Delphi (picnic lunch along the way or on arrival). Visit Shrine of Apollo and Museum. Afternoon departure via Patras to Olympia. Check into Nea (New) Olympia Hotel in Archaia Olympia. Breakfast at hotel; dinner on your own in Olympia.

Saturday, June 30: Visits to Ancient Olympia, Olympia Museum, Museum of Olympic Games. Depart Olympia after lunch, and visit Temple of Apollo Epicurus at Bassae in late afternoon, then on to Paralio Astros. Check into Dallas Hotel. Breakfast at hotel; lunch on your own; group dinner at local taverna.


Monday, July 2: Visit Corinth, Ancient Corinth site and Museum and Acrocorinth. Free afternoon in Paralio Astros—swim, shop, walk up to Kastro, etc. Breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner on your own.

Tuesday, July 3: Visits to Tiryns, Mycenae and Nemea. Late afternoon swim and relaxation. Breakfast at hotel; lunch on your own in Mycenae or Nemea; dinner on your own in Paralio Astros.

Wednesday, July 4: Visit Epidaurus with picnic lunch, to Nafplio to shop and stroll on the waterfront, motor launch to Bourtzi Fort, and return to Paralio Astros. Breakfast at hotel; picnic lunch in Epidaurus; dinner on your own.

Thursday, July 5: Depart Paralio Astros after breakfast, headed for Athens. Stop at Corinthian Canal and at shrine of Demeter at Eleusis on the way, then to Athens. Check in to Esperia Palace Hotel. Breakfast at hotel; lunch on your own or picnic in Eleusis; dinner on your own in Athens.

Friday, July 6: Morning free to shop or rest. Bus to visit Sanctuary of Artemis at Brauron and Archaeological Museum of Brauron, then on to Sounion and Temple of Poseidon to admire late afternoon sun over Saronic Gulf. Breakfast at hotel; lunch on your own; group dinner at Sounion seafood restaurant.

Saturday, July 7: Walk or take metro to National Archeological Museum. Free afternoon. Breakfast at hotel; lunch on your own; farewell dinner at a souvlaki place in the Plaka.

Friday, July 8: Return to U.S. Travel from Athens to Richmond (via New York or other hub). Leave Athens in the morning; arrive in Richmond mid-afternoon.

All participants will travel and visit sites in Greece as a group; individual course sessions will be informal in nature and will not interfere with or replace group activities. Participation in all scheduled group activities is mandatory for all participants. Students will have ample free time for shopping, swimming and experiencing all that Greece has to offer.
Anticipated Program Costs:

- Round trip air fare, double occupancy hotel rooms, daily breakfast, five group dinners, all ground and water transportation in Greece: $2813/person with 36 paid participants; $3022/person with 24 paid participants. *(Note: 24 paid participants is the minimum needed for the program.)*
- Tuition and fees: All students must pay tuition and fees. Current tuition and fees can found at [www.jtcc.edu/tuition](http://www.jtcc.edu/tuition). Rates are subject to change.
- Additional personal expenses (other meals, souvenirs and incidentals) will vary by individual, but should be in the range of $250 to $400 per person.

Payment schedule:

$200 (refundable) deposit is payable on enrollment.

Additional payments of 1/3 of remaining program fees (between $871 and $941) will be due on February 13, March 9 and April 9. Payment in full of program fees must be received by April 9 to insure participation in the program.

If the entire program is cancelled for reasons beyond the leaders’ control, program fees will be refunded in full. Individuals may cancel with a full refund up to 90 days before departure (March 24); 89-60 days before departure, there will be a $150 cancellation fee; 59-30 days before departure, a 50% fee will be charged; cancellations 29 days or less before departure (after May 24) will not receive refunds. Optional trip cancellation policies can be purchased by participants at their own expense; individual cancelation insurance is NOT included in program fees.

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