

AGAMEMNON TO ALEXANDER



BRYN MAWR
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Bryn Mawr Travelers,

Few cultures have had such staying power in our collective imagination as that of ancient Greece. We invite you to experience first hand the scenic, geographic, and archaeological settings for Greek myths, literature, and history, with bright sun, grey crags and blue sea. Tales of Odysseus and his ten-year voyage to reunite with his wife and son; the twelve labors of Herakles; and the dramatic accounts of Agamemnon and his line – all continue to resonate millennia later. Figures from history such as Leonidas and his 300 Spartans at Thermopylae; Perikles and the politics of Athenian democracy; and Aristotle's most famous student, Alexander the Great, are all alive in both texts and terrain, in ancient writers and structures still standing.

Our archaeological tour of Greece's mainland will trace the history and culture of Greece from prehistoric eras through its Classical Greek and Roman ages, to the Byzantine Empire, to the present day. Our trip will begin in Athens, circle the Peloponnese from Corinth to Sparta to Olympia, tour Apollo's oracular site of Delphi, and then head north to Alexander's territory with a stop at Greece's most spectacular geological formation, the stunning site of Meteora, before concluding at the crossroads city of Thessalonike. Throughout we'll hike, eat, drink, eat some more, and enjoy Greek hospitality as we explore well-known sites such as Athens' Acropolis and Mycenae, Olympia and Delphi, plus fascinating, less familiar monuments such as the Palace of Nestor at Pylos and the Tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander.

For generations, Bryn Mawr scholars and students have had a close engagement with Classical antiquity, from Greek hymns in the Cloisters to advanced academic research in the Mediterranean. I hope you will continue that engagement by joining us on this in-depth trip through Greece.

Best regards,

Mary Berg Hollinshead '69, Ph.D. '79



THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:
LAND ONLY **\$3995**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **\$ 980**

Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS: 13 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including hotel taxes and service charges
COACHING: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
MEALS: Breakfast daily, 8 dinners
GUIDES: BRYN MAWR host and DISCOVER EUROPE tour director throughout, local guides for sightseeing and excursions as required
EXPENSES: Portage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites featured in the itinerary

Please Note: Travel insurance is not included in the program fees. Bryn Mawr will be sending pertinent information on travel insurance on receipt of your registration.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th - Your morning arrival in Athens will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. Time permitting, this afternoon there will be a short walk around the Plaka, at the base of the Acropolis, right outside our hotel, to orient you to the city. Later, after time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, there will a reception followed by dinner. **(D)**

OVERNIGHT: ATHENS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th - Our day will start with a visit to the Acropolis, the main site of Classical Athens crowned by the Parthenon and with wonderful views over the ancient center of the city. From here we will visit the fabulous new Acropolis Museum – both are a short walk from our hotel. The afternoon is free to take a leisurely lunch and to wander through the Plaka, the old part of the city with narrow winding streets bursting with stores and cafes. This evening we can attend a dance performance at the Dora Stratou garden theatre on neighboring Philopappou Hill (schedule permitting). **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: ATHENS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th - This morning we will have a guided visit to the National Archaeological Museum, repository of many of the treasures from the Mycenaean and Classical periods. It's a short drive along the coast of the Saronic Gulf, passing the island of Salamis to ancient Corinth. We'll break for lunch and then gather again to tour the excavations of what was once called "the wickedest city on earth," and see the spot where St. Paul was arrested! Heading south from Corinth, through Nemea, we arrive in the Argolid and our hotel in the beautiful city of Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: NAFPLION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th - This morning we visit Mycenae, excavated first in 1876 by Schliemann, who found the fabulously rich royal graves. This was the home of Agamemnon, of Trojan War fame, and his Lion Gate is still here, just as Homer described it. We'll also make a brief stop at Tiryns, traditionally the home of Heracles, before returning to Nafplion for a free afternoon. You can wander the pedestrian streets with their exquisite Venetian architecture or perhaps explore Nafplion's Venetian fortress, the Palamidi. Late this afternoon we will visit the beautiful site of Epidavros. The ancient theatre was excavated about 100 years ago and is still in regular use for Classical Drama. The rest of the large site forms the Aesclepium, the world's first hospital, and the museum has a collection of early medical instruments. We'll stop for dinner on the way back to Nafplion. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: NAFPLION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - From Nafplion we continue south through the Peloponnese and the region of Arcadia to Sparta, the legendary home of Helen. Here we will visit the excavations of a recently discovered Mycenaean-era palace just to the west of the modern city. After a break for lunch, we'll continue to the Byzantine monastery of Mistras for a visit. We then drive to the west coast of the Peloponnese to our beachfront hotel at Kalo Nero. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: KALO NERO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th - Our first visit today will be to "sandy" Pylos and the Palace of Nestor, site of the largest find of Linear B tablets to date. From here a short drive brings us to the picturesque port of Methoni. We'll have time for lunch and then a visit to the Venetian castle that dominates the harbor. We'll return to Kalo Nero for a free evening. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: KALO NERO



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th - An excursion today inland brings us to Olympia, in the ancient region of Elis. The sanctuary here is famous as the site of the original Olympic Games, first recorded in 776 BCE and held almost continuously every 4 years for 1000 years. We'll explore the site and then return to Kalo Nero mid-afternoon for free time to enjoy the beach and explore the town. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: KALO NERO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th - This morning we follow the coast north along the Ionian Sea to the city of Patras. We'll cross the Gulf of Corinth on the new suspension bridge and continue along the north side of the Gulf and on up into the mountains to Delphi, where dinner awaits us at our hotel. On the way we'll stop as serendipity and circumstance allow – perhaps at Kastro with its Venetian fortress, Chlemoutsi Castle, or the beautiful little town of Nafpaktos, site of the battle of Lepanto. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: DELPHI

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th - This morning we explore Delphi, home of the famous Oracle, and considered by the ancient Greeks to be the center of the world. This is a large site covering part of the hillside and down into the valley. Our local guide will introduce the main site and the museum, and the energetic can explore the lower sites at their leisure. This afternoon and evening are free. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: DELPHI

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st - Leaving Delphi, we cross Mount Parnassos heading north to the plains of Larisa. Our destination is Meteora, site of the second largest group of monasteries in Greece and by far the most spectacular - "perched" on the tops of enormous rock pillars. We'll visit the Great Meteoron, the oldest and largest of the monasteries, before repairing to our local hotel for dinner. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: METEORA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - Continuing our journey north, we'll pass by the city of Larisa, and head towards the Aegean coast. Skirting around the base of Mount Olympus, we reach the village of Dion. In the shadow of Olympus, Dion was a major sanctuary dedicated to Zeus, as well as having major temples dedicated to Demeter and Isis. Dion was where Alexander assembled his army before making the great march to the east. The archaeological park here also contains the remains of a large Roman bath complex. This afternoon we continue on to Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: THESSALONIKI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd - Our morning tour of the city with a local guide will begin at the White Tower, now the symbol of the city. We'll see the Agia Sophia, the Roman Forum and the Arch of Galerius and end with a visit to the Archaeological Museum. The afternoon is free for individual exploration and in the evening you are also free to sample a local restaurant. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: THESSALONIKI

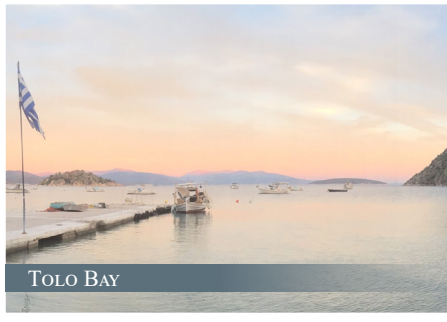
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th - A day in search of Alexander the Great, takes us first to Pella, the city where Alexander was born. We'll visit the archaeological sites and the small but truly remarkable museum. Next we continue on to Vergina, the first capital city of Alexander's Kingdom (founded in the 7th century BCE). Here we'll visit the royal tomb of King Philip II, Alexander's father; a site of such major historical importance that it has been designated as a Unesco World Heritage Site. We return to Thessaloniki for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: THESSALONIKI

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th - Morning transfers to Thessaloniki Airport for returning flights to the U.S. via Athens. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: HOME

*Key to included meals:
B - breakfast, D - dinner*



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METEORA



Mary Hollinshead, Professor Emerita of Art History at the University of Rhode Island. received her Ph.D. in Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology and Greek from Bryn Mawr College and excavated at sites in Italy, Cyprus and Greece. She has also participated in exploring the deep sea bed of the south Aegean Sea.

Her 2015 book, *Shaping Ceremony: Monumental Steps and Greek Architecture* focuses on the relationship between human behavior and Greek architecture. She has also written about uses of Greek temples, processes of making Roman sculpture, and Aegean wall painting. Recipient of several research fellowships, Mary was honored in 2012 with the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award of the Archaeological Institute of America. She also served in various capacities, including President, in the Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association.

REGISTRATION FORM

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EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

- i). If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.
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 - ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



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Name(s): 1. _____

2. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Work Telephone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date(s) of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport #1 _____ Exp.Date: _____

Passport #2 _____ Exp.Date: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

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Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

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1. All inclusions on *Agamemnon to Alexander* are listed here.
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- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
- I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Bryn Mawr College and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights?

- Yes No Undecided

Flight details (if self-arranged): _____
