

## OPTIONAL STUDY GUIDE OF GREECE

An optional study tour class will be taught by Charles Taylor. Mr. Taylor taught Western Civilization classes for many years at LCC and possesses a wealth of knowledge of European history. He has accompanied a group to Greece and the class will provide tour participants with background information on places and sights included on the tour. The information is designed to help make our visit to Greece a truly memorable experience.

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# TREASURES

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### TREASURES OF GREECE

Lenoir Community College Foundation's exciting tour of Greece invites you to experience both the glory of ancient Greece and the pleasures of a modern dynamic culture. Ancient Greek civilization provided a major foundation of our western culture, and we will visit many places that reflect this historical importance. Not only the Parthenon and the other buildings of the Acropolis, but the ancient sites of Mycenae, home of King Agamemnon, and Olympia, site of the original Olympic Games are included. We will also visit Delphi, dedicated to the god Apollo and home of the fabled Delphic Oracle.

Our cruise of the Greek Islands will allow us to combine unbelievable sights with truly excellent cuisine. We will see the whitewashed houses on Mykonos, the fabulous ruins of Ephesus, and the incomparable medieval old town on the island of Rhodes. On the island of Crete we can visit the Palace of King Minos. Our Island cruise ends with one of the most picturesque of the Greek Islands, Santorini, fabled for its blue domed churches, its narrow streets, and whitewashed houses.

We will find Greece a land of beautiful contrasts, a land of olive groves, ancient sites, sparsely inhabited islands, rocky mountains and beautiful beaches, and breathtaking scenery. It will truly be the trip of a lifetime.

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

**\$3,250 Per Person**—All inclusive, based on double occupancy.

**\$3,825 Per Person**—Single supplement (subject to single room availability).

**Air Fare Includes**—From Raleigh/Durham to Athens and from Athens to Raleigh/Durham, including air departure taxes.

**Taxes & Fees**—All U.S. and foreign governmental taxes and fees.

**Eleven Nights Accommodations**—Eleven nights accommodations at hotels and cruise line listed in the itinerary, based on double occupancy.

**Group Transfers**—Group transfers from airport to hotel in Athens, inter-city, and from Athens hotel to airport by private motor coach.

**Professional Tour Escort**—Throughout 13-day tour.

**Gratuities**—Gratuities are included for the tour escort, driver, local guides, and cruise personnel.

# GREECE ITINERARY

**DAY 1 - Monday, April 14**—Depart Lenoir Community College for Greece. Your overnight flight transports you to Athens.

**DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 15**—**ATHENS**  
You will be privately transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day you are free to explore the Hellenic capital.

**DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 16**—**ATHENS**  
Enjoy your morning half day tour of Athens via motorcoach. You will be picked up from the hotel lobby. The highlight of your tour will be the Acropolis, the most important archeological treasure of Athens. It dates back to the 5th century B.C. We will drive by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Royal Palace, Panathenian Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Thesseeum, Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Monastiraki (Flea Market), Modern Market, Patission Avenue, Alexandras Avenue, Vas. Sofias Avenue, Panepistimiou Avenue, Academy, University, National Library, and Omonia Square. The afternoon is free to enjoy the city at your leisure. Stroll through the quaint streets of Plaka. Visit one of the many museums and enjoy a cup of coffee in one of the outdoor cafés. We'll enjoy a Greek-style dinner together.

**DAY 4 - Thursday, April 17**— **ATHENS/MYCENAE/OLYMPIA**  
Begin your tour of classical Greece and see history as it unfolds! Today's highlights are Epidaurus, the ancient theater famous for its outstanding acoustics, and Mycenae. Mycenae is noted for the famous Lion Gate and the Beehive Tombs of King Agamemnon. Then we will drive across the central Peloponnesus to Olympia for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 5 - Friday, April 18** —**OLYMPIA/DELPHI**  
Visit Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Included are the Temples of Zeus and Hera, the Altar of the Olympic flame, the Stadium and the museum. Depart for Delphi for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 6 - Saturday, April 19**—**DELPHI/KALAMBAKA**  
Delphi was known in ancient times as the navel of the world. Visit the Temple of Apollo, the Athenian Treasury, and the museum housing the famous bronze statue, the Charioteer. We will drive to Kalambaka, a small town built at the foot of the majestic granite rocks crowned by the Meteora monasteries.

**DAY 7 - Sunday, April 20**—**KALAMBAKA/ATHENS**  
Visit the breathtaking Byzantine monasteries gracefully sitting on top of huge granite rocks. Return to Athens for overnight.

**DAY 8 - Monday, April 21**—**ATHENS/PIRAEUS/MYKONOS**  
We will transfer to the port of Piraeus. Sail at 11:00 a.m. Arrive in Mykonos. Stroll through its narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses. Enjoy the sunset over the harbor. We sail at 11:00 p.m.

**DAY 9 - Tuesday, April 22**—**KUSADASI/EPHESUS/PATMOS**  
We will arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey, at 7:00 a.m. An optional tour to Ephesus, the most well preserved Greco-Roman city of antiquity, will be provided. Walk down a marble road guttered by the wheels of countless chariots towards the ancient harbor. Pass the Library of Celsius and the Great Amphitheater where St. Paul was arrested and exiled. We sail at noon for Patmos, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John, the Divine. Arrive at 4:00 p.m. An optional tour to the Monastery and the nearby cave where the Apocalypse was written is available. We sail at 9:00 p.m.

**DAY 10 - Wednesday, April 23**—**RHODES**  
The beauty of Rhodes beckons you as the ship enters its port at 7:00 a.m. We will stroll through the Medieval Castle of the Knights of the Order of St. John. An optional tour to Lindos to see the ancient Acropolis is available.

**DAY 11 - Thursday, April 24**—**HERAKLION/SANTORINI**  
We arrive in Heraklion, Crete, at 7:00 a.m. An optional tour is available to the Palace of Knossos, believed to contain the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos, where dwelled the Minotaur of Greek legend, and to the Heraklion Museum, which houses many of the treasures found at Knossos. We sail at 11:30 a.m. for Santorini with arrival at 4:30 p.m. Whitewashed homes, narrow streets, and open air cafés cling to the cliffside. The sunset will leave a lasting memory. We sail at 9:00 p.m.

**DAY 12 - Friday, April 25**— **PIRAEUS/ATHENS**  
We arrive in Piraeus at 7:00 a.m. We'll have the day to enjoy the city at our leisure. In the afternoon, you may wish to consider taking an optional tour to Cape Sounion. Drive along the coastal road past the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza and countless coves, where one has a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf. A crowning feature of the tour is Cape Sounion, dominated by the spectacular Temple of Poseidon overlooking the Aegean Sea. The famous English poet, Lord Byron, carved his initials in one of the Temples. According to Greek mythology, Theseus, sailed from here to kill the Minotaur monster who lived in the labyrinth at Knossos Palace in Crete. Each year, young men and women were sacrificed to the Monster. To save them, Theseus decided to sail to Crete to try to kill the Monster. Upon his departure, his sails were black. He agreed with his father, King Aegeus, to change the sails to white upon his return, if he was victorious. However, he forgot to do so and King Aegeus saw the black sails from afar. He thought his son had died and jumped into the sea to his death. From then on, the sea was called the Aegean Sea.

**DAY 13 - Saturday, April 26**—**ATHENS/HOME**  
Private transfer from the hotel to the Athens airport will be provided.

## RESERVATION FORM

SPACE FOR THIS TRIP IS LIMITED, PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

I/we wish to join

**THE TREASURES OF GREECE LCC 2008 TOUR**

departing on April 14, 2008.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\$500 Deposit per person due by December 4

(Final Payment due by January 5, 2008)

OR

\$3,250 full payment per person

If you do not have your passport,  
please apply when you make your deposit.

Legal Names (as it appears on passport)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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(  Please send two forms, one for each individual.)

Accept my check made payable to LCC Foundation.

Charge my deposit to:  Mastercard  Visa

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(Signature as it appear on credit card)

Yes, please email me information about future travel opportunities.

Yes  No I am interested in the optional Study Tour Class.

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