

## 3 NIGHTS ATHENS & 4 NIGHTS RHODES SPECIAL PACKAGE

### Itinerary

**Day 1** Arrival to Athens Airport, meet and greet with our representative and transfer directly for Athens city tour

#### *The Acropolis and the new Acropolis Museum*

This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896 (short stop). Continue and pass by the Prime Minister's residence (ex Royal Palace) guarded by the Euzones in their colorful uniform, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era: The new Acropolis museum.

overnight

**Day 2** Free day at leisure

Or

Optional Full day shopping in Mc Arthur Glen [www.mcarthurglen.com](http://www.mcarthurglen.com) Shopping mall -lunch in Voskopoula restaurant combined with Cape sounion tour

Menu Lunch:

Cold and Hot Appetizers (Tzatziki, fried Zucchini, fried Eggplant, potatoes) per 4

Salad per 4

Grilled Lamb / or lamb in the oven

Dessert per 4

1 Soft drink

Mineral Water

Drive along the coastal road, passing the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni & Varkiza to the most Southern point of Attica, Cape Sounion, where the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon stand. On the way, you have a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the little islands offshore. After visiting the Temple of Poseidon, you have time to walk at leisure on the rocky promontory of Sounion.

Overnight

### **Day 3** Free day at leisure

Or

Optional Athens by night tour in the evening

Your evening begins with a short panoramic drive through the city center and on the slopes of the sacred hill you will be able to see, admire and take photos of the illuminated Acropolis. Then a pleasant walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Plaka, the old city, will bring you at a Typical Greek Tavern where you will enjoy your dinner following a floor show with live music and Greek Folk Dances in traditional costumes.

overnight

**Day 4** After breakfast and check out, transfer to the Airport for your domestic flight to Rhodes island (In case you will issue your International air tickets through Aegean you can ask also for the domestic flight, will be much cheaper in this case)

Arrival at Rhodes island, pick up and transfer to the hotel by Deluxe AC Coach FOR Check in,

Overnight

### **Day 5** Free day at leisure

Or Optional **Full day tour LINDOS – 7 SPRINGS**

**OVERVIEW:** The Rhodes Private Half Day Lindos & 7 Springs shore excursion includes everyone's favorite Rhodes destination, the "*Jewel of the Island*", Lindos Acropolis and village. This is followed with a lovely drive through the ever changing landscapes of Rhodes villages, river beds, and forests to the refreshing nature stop, the *7 Springs* Oasis. The tour continues with a stop to Archangelos Village, where we will see a quick demo of the pottery techniques that have made Rhodes pottery famous and desired since ancient times.

**INCLUDED:** A/C vehicle, dependable driver, **English speaking** licensed guide

**NOT INCLUDED:** entrance fees (

**HIGHLIGHTS:** *Lindos*, voted as the most attractive village on Rhodes with its breathtaking view of the green-blue Aegean sea, Blue Flag beach and 3,000 year old Acropolis. Be amazed at the majesty of *the Great Stoa*, the remains of the massive *Temple of Athena Lindia*, the ancient theatre, and remains of *the Temple of Dionysus*. The beautiful artistic village of Lindos, at the base of the Acropolis, was once a village of 50,000, presently 400 residents. Before leaving Lindos we visit the 15th century *medieval church dedicated to the Virgin Mary* with its unusual belfry, carvings, and 17th century wall paintings.

The Seven Springs Oasis is next with its magical peacock filled landscape of streams and waterfalls cascading through a forest of moss draped trees.

**Day 6** Free day at leisure

Or

Optional **Rhodes Private Half Day Tour**

**OVERVIEW:** Rhodes is a treasure of diversity. On this private tour you will experience the 'paradise' setting of the Butterfly Valley, where thousands of butterflies accompany you on a forest walkway over waterfalls and streams. You'll step back to Byzantine times at the Church of Kalopetra, and be in awe of the Grand Master Palace in the Medieval Old Town of Rhodes. To top it off is a wonderful city highlights drive past the ancient Rhodes Acropolis, *2nd century Ancient Sports Stadium and Theater* and the *D'Amboise Gate of the Medieval City*

**INCLUDED:** licensed guide (optional, request when booking) dependable driver, A/C vehicle

**NOT INCLUDED:** entrance fees

**HIGHLIGHTS:** In the shady, lush, enchanting oasis site of the *Valley of the Butterflies*, you will be followed by thousands of butterflies as you walk up the safe wooden walkway following the streams and waterfalls. Culminating your walk, at the top of the hill, is the beautiful Byzantine Monastery of the Virgin of Kalopetra, (built in 1784 on top of the ruins of the Temple of Athena from the 3rd century BC). You will be met by your driver/vehicle to continue your half day tour. (For those not wanting to walk up to the top, you may be driven to meet the

others). We then continue with a *Panoramic Drive of City Highlights*: views from Monte Smith Hill, and the *Ancient Rhodes Acropolis*. You will disembark and on foot visit the *Grand Masters Palace* and the "Street of the Knights" which has remained unchanged for five hundred years and possesses a great deal of Gothic influence.

**Day 7** Free day at leisure in Rhodes island for shopping and stroll around the Medieval old town

**Day 8** After breakfast and check out, transfer to the Airport for your departure flight to Athens – Connected to the international flight back home.

Package includes:

- ❖ Accommodation 3 nights in Athens on BB basis
- ❖ Accommodation 4 nights in Rhodes island on All inclusive basis
- ❖ Round trip transfers by Deluxe AC Coach incl Escort service in Athens
- ❖ Round trip transfers by Deluxe AC Coach incl Escort service in Santorini
- ❖ Round trip transfers by Deluxe AC Coach incl Escort service in Mykonos
- ❖ Athens City tour incl. English speaking guide, entrance fees to Acropolis and new museum
- ❖ All taxes

Package not including:

- ❖ Personal Expenses
- ❖ Optional Tours
- ❖ Anything is not mentioned in the itinerary
- ❖ Domestic flight tickets Athens – Rhodes - Athens