

WOMEN OF NEBRASKA
Travel Solo Together

Greece

The Goddess Within!

September 10-23, 2020



Hello Women of Nebraska!

Join me and Women of Nebraska in discovering the hidden secrets Greece. This is a land of breathtaking beauty, crystal clear waters from emerald to turquoise, to the deepest blue that defies description and fairy tale fortresses that cradled some of the most ancient and prosperous of European Civilizations. Tales of history, Gods and Goddesses are etched in every corner of this once-in-a-lifetime journey.

During our 12-day tour we will immerse ourselves in the symbols, traditions and stories of holy places of the Sacred Feminine, wander the ancient paths and listen to the wisdom as it bubbles up from the earth, whispering between marble columns of ancient cities and temples.

We will savor time-honored wines, enjoy a simple diet that has been legendary for centuries and experience the world-famous hospitality and generosity of the Greek people.

And yes, the intriguing capital with its artful blend of classic Greek antiquities, modern day cafes, laid-back gardens, nights that never end and so much more ...it is all included in this journey of the heart! Please come, join me! Solo or two-by-two!

Sincerely,
Lora Black
Ambassador, Women of Nebraska



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



September 10, 2020 - Thursday

Our wonderful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Athens. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your once-in-a-lifetime journey.

September 11, 2020 - Friday - Athens

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Welcome to Greece, a country chosen by the Goddesses and as sweet and delightful as its honey!

Arrive in Athens, one of the world's oldest cities, full of myths, mysteries, and legends. Steeped with a rich history that spans around 3,400 years, the city is home to many sacred ancient sites, monuments, and landmarks. A fusion of old and new, Athens is also a cosmopolitan metropolis buzzing with lively activity and vibrancy. Our guide will take us on a panoramic city tour highlighting all the must-see places. A welcome lunch is enjoyed at a local tavern in the Plaka district (oldtown) with magnificent views of the Acropolis and delicious traditional food. The late afternoon and evening is yours to relax.

September 12, 2020 - Saturday - Athens

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We take a short stroll and follow the Panathinean Way, the ancient procession of goddess Athena, the goddess of wisdom, courage, inspiration ...up to the Acropolis. Next, visit the magnificent ruins of the Parthenon, followed by the Acropolis Museum. We will focus on the importance of women in ancient times, and our guide will share interesting facts and memorable stories. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the numerous shops or simply enjoy the art of people-watching from a café around the corner ... Dinner is served at a very special tavern introducing us to the Ancient cuisine.

September 13, 2020 - Sunday - Kalambaka, Meteora

B|L

This morning we are heading north to experience the Monasteries in the Sky, the UNESCO World Heritage site of Meteora. We will drive through Thessaly, the land of myths, and the area where the war of Troy began. Meteora is located in the center of Greece in a town called Kalabaka, about a four-hour drive outside of Athens. Meteora is actually the name of a rock formation atop which you will see beautiful Eastern Orthodox monasteries, like the one shown in this magnificent view above. Of the about two dozen elevated monasteries in Meteora, only about six are living monasteries, and we will pay a visit to one of them. Before we do, we will visit a local

Goddess, Kyria Ketty, and taste her heavenly food!

September 14, 2020 - Monday - Delphi

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Like pilgrims in the ancient world, we will make our way this morning toward the navel of the Earth; Delphi, an incredible site in the heart of Mount Parnassus, home of one of the most notable sites in antiquity and earlier, Oracles. Winding our way up to the ancient Sacred Way, the Oracle at the Temple of Apollo, we will explore Delphi's ancient ruins that cling to the hillside. Open your heart and mind and listen to the voice that for centuries distributed wisdom to mankind ...does the Oracle have a message for you?

We will visit Athena Pronaia, originally the gateway to Delphi and initially dedicated to worship Mother Earth, Goddess Gaia. The evening is at leisure in the village.

September 15, 2020 - Tuesday - Ancient Olympia

B|L

We say goodbye to Mother Earth, Gaia, and drive along the coastal road, crossing the Corinthian Bay from Antirio to Rio and we find ourselves on Peloponnese.

A local organic farm will set the table for an unforgettable lunch before we arrive in Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. The athletes met here for the first time in 776 B.C. and this is where the Olympic torch is lit every 4th year in front of the temple of Goddess Hera, Queen of the Gods, and marriage and birth.

We will learn about her female power and despite being the Goddess of marriage, she was known to be jealous and vengeful towards the many lovers and offspring of her husband Zeus.

The evening is yours to relax.

September 16, 2020 - Wednesday - Mycenae, Nafplion

B|D

We continue to Mycenae, the mighty kingdom of Ancient Greece with its ruler King Agamemnon, who was considered to be the greatest of them all. The king led the Greeks to Troy to get beautiful Helen back. We will listen to the story of Paris handing the golden apple to the goddess Aphrodite because she promised him, in exchange, the love of the most beautiful woman in the world. We will see the Lion's Gate, the Treasury of Atreus; a grave chamber shaped as a dome and surrounded by buildings of the ancient city: houses, bakeries, workshops, a granary ...

We arrive in Nafplion. Dressed with ancient walls and medieval twin



castles, Ottoman fountains, and Venetian buildings. This is our home for the next two nights; a delightful city, full of artisan craft shops, cafes and great food. A fun night awaits with an ouzo tasting and a delicious meal at our favorite local tavern.

September 17, 2020 - Thursday - Epidaurus, Nafplion *B|T|L*

After a hearty breakfast, we are off to the Ancient Theater of Epidaurus. The UNESCO's World Heritage listed monument is reputed to be the birthplace of Apollo's son Asclepius, God of healing, and was the most celebrated healing center of the Classic World. Found in the sanctuary, there was a guesthouse of 160 guest rooms. There were also mineral springs in the vicinity, which may have been used in healing. Goddess Hygeia (Hygiene) and Goddess Hermione were worshiped here as they taught their students to heal and remove pain. The prosperity enabled Epidaurus to construct civic monuments too. The Epidaurus theater marveled for its exceptional acoustics permitting almost perfect intelligibility of unamplified spoken words from the proscenium to all 15,000 spectators, regardless of their seating. Another highlight of our tour is a stop at a local olive oil producer to learn all about "liquid gold". Lunch is served in the shade of the olive trees and we guarantee you will never forget the setting of this special meal. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is yours to enjoy Nafplion.

September 18, 2020 - Friday - Naxos *B|D*

Boarding our ferry, we continue to the Cycladic island of Naxos, the land of Dionysus (the God of wine). Naxos will take your breath away with its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, its world-famous white marbles, and the local delicacies. You will immediately notice the Portara, or the Great Door, a massive marble doorway, that stands proudly as the jewel of Naxos next to the port. Myth has it that this is where Ariadne, a Minoan princess, was abandoned by her lover, Theseus. The entire myth will be shared by our guide as we take an afternoon stroll to enjoy the sunset of Portara prior to our dinner tonight.

September 19, 2020 - Saturday - Naxos *B|T*

Today, we head out to taste the local products and delicacies, and to take a closer look at the Naxian marble, a large-crystaled white marble used for sculpture and decoration.

Take time off in the afternoon for an unforgettable swim and stroll the narrow alleys of Naxos town, a few steps away from our hotel. You will fall in love with Naxos!

September 20, 2020 - Sunday - Santorini *B*

Our Greek odyssey continues as we transfer by ferry to Santorini. A sparkling jewel in the Aegean Sea with its white-washed buildings set against the backdrop of a cobalt blue sea, and famous for its black sand beaches - it is almost too picture perfect! Originally it was named "Kallisti" because it was considered one of the most beautiful islands of Cyclades. Today's name is derived from Santa Irini, the Latin name of Agia Irini Byzantine Church. The afternoon and evening is free at leisure or join us for a walk - one of the most beautiful ones ever! Guaranteed!

September 21, 2020 - Monday - Santorini *B|T|L*

We set off to explore the wines and foods of Santorini. We stroll the ancient vineyards and discover the famous "kouloura", an ancient Phoenician's technique of growing the grapes in baskets. We will enjoy a degustation of the island's four most remarkable wines and then we head to the kitchen to broaden our knowledge of Santorini's rich culinary treasures. Using seasonal and locally grown ingredients, our local chef challenges our notions of how certain dishes should look, taste and smell, before we enjoy the results. Join us for an optional sunset-dinner in Oia tonight, or lean back and relax at our wonderful hotel.

September 22, 2020 - Tuesday - Athens *B*

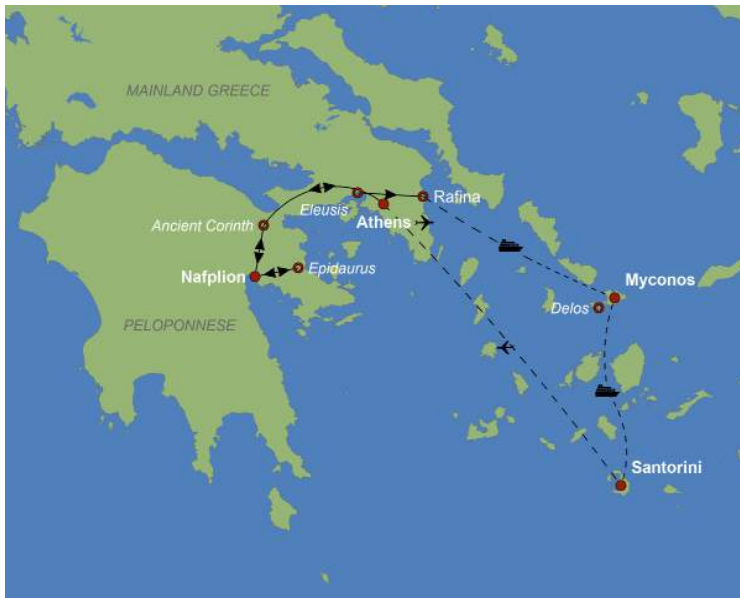
The morning is at leisure before we transfer to the airport for our return flight to Athens, soaring over a collection of Greece's 6,000 islands. Tonight is spent at our airport hotel to make our departure tomorrow morning smooth and very relaxing. Share your memories with your new lifelong friends.

September 23, 2020 - Wednesday - Return to the U.S. *B*

We are bringing to an end an unforgettable vacation experience. Your memories are packed and the bags are checked. "Yassou" as the Greeks say ... Goodbye, Greece!

Itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast S = Snack L = Lunch T = Tasting D = Dinner



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Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$3,995*
 Per person in single room (limited number): \$4,995*

Remember our "Pair & Share" service for solo travelers.
 Triple rooms on request.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Balance is due on June 10, 2020, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

We strongly recommend travel insurance, not only in the unfortunate event you have to cancel your trip prior to the departure, but also for full medical coverage while traveling in Europe. A base plan is offered from \$202 per person (covers land up to \$4,000 per person).

Women of Nebraska specializes in small group tours. The price of this tour is based on a minimum of 20 travelers. Should we, for any reason, only reach 15-19 travelers, we will offer the exact same tour with a supplement of \$200 per person. We will also offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel 90 days prior to departure, should the tour not be materialized.



YiaYia (Grandma)
 a real Goddess

Air:

Group airfare will be available by mid-October 2019 Estimate \$1,400 per person, economy class, including taxes and fees.

Tour Activity = LEVEL 2.

Involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking, stairs, longer periods of standing (at museums and at churches) and some steep areas within the towns visited. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

The price quoted is based on a USD/EURO exchange rate of 1.20 (1 USD = 0.80 EURO). We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.

Included

- 12 nights accommodation (3 and 4-star hotels)*
- 12 x full breakfasts
- All meals as per tour program: Snack on arrival, 4 x lunch, 3 x dinner, 3 x local tastings of wine, ouzo, olive oil, cheeses
- All transportation as per tour program with private deluxe motor coach
- Porterage at hotels
- Professional English-speaking tour guide during all days in Greece
- Entrance fee to all mentioned sites
- Ferry tickets, economy class, Rafina-Naxos, Naxos-Santorini
- Domestic airfare Santorini-Athens, economy class
- Women of Nebraska Ambassador from day 1 through day 14
- Mandatory city tax at all hotels

*Specific accommodations will be announced 90 days prior to departure

Not Included:

- Airfare and baggage fees (carry-on and first checked bag up to 50 lbs, free)
- Travel insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Gratuities (estimate a total of \$8 per day for guide and driver)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in tour program
- Entrance fee to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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