

Tour Code: JSGR24



Rome and Greece

With Optional Extension to Santorini

MAIN TOUR

July 19 - 29, 2024

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

July 29 - Aug. 1, 2024

*Hosted by:
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Rome

Early Bird Special
\$100 off registrations
Received by Sept. 1, 2023



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Day 1: Friday, July 19, 2024 • Depart

Our adventure starts today as we depart the USA on our scheduled flight to Rome, Italy.

Day 2: Saturday, July 20, 2024 • Rome

On arrival in the Eternal City, we see the glories of the Roman Empire. We become acquainted with a city that, along with Greece, had a strong influence on Western civilization. Our tour includes a visit to the *Capitoline Hill* area, from which we view the *Roman Forum*. We also see the *Colosseum*, *Trevi Fountain*, the *Spanish Steps* and much more. With a better understanding of Roman history and culture, we drive to our hotel and have time to relax before dinner. **B,D**

Day 3: Sunday, July 21, 2024 • Rome

Today we drive through the beautiful Italian countryside to Pompeii. Mount Vesuvius is an archaeological treasure trove and an insight into the ancient world. A local guide takes us through the ruins of Pompeii with explanations of how the city was before being destroyed by the volcano. **B/D**

Day 4: Monday, July 22, 2024 • Rome

This morning we visit *Vatican City* and *St. Peter's Cathedral*, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest cathedral in the world. Also included is a tour of the *Vatican Museum* and the *Sistine Chapel*. We have free time in the afternoon to explore other famous sights, including the *Pantheon*, a former pagan temple from AD 125 that is still the best-preserved building of ancient Rome. Tonight, we enjoy dinner at a Roman restaurant. **B,D**

Day 5: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 • Rome

We enjoy a free day to explore Rome at leisure. **B**

Day 6: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 • Napflion

We check out of our hotel this morning and transfer to Rome Airport for our flight to Athens. On arrival in Greece, we board our coach and travel to Corinth. We tour the archeological site of **Ancient Corinth**, with its Greek and Roman ruins. Our day continues with a visit to see the ruins of the palace **Mycenae** and the Tomb of Clytemnestra. After lunch in the nearby town of Mykines, we drive to Epidavros, whose famous 4th-century BC theatre has near perfect acoustics. Our last destination today, is the resort town of **Návplio** with its well-preserved old town. There is an opportunity to “volta” (take a stroll) along the cobblestone



streets with the locals this evening. **B/D**

Day 7: Thursday, July 25, 2024 • Ancient Olympia

After breakfast this morning, we travel to **Ancient Olympia**, home of the first Olympic Games. Our walking tour takes us to where the early athletes trained and competed, as well as to the site where the Olympic flame is still lit prior to the Summer and Winter Olympic Games. Nearby, we visit the **Archaeological Museum** of Olympia and see artifacts recovered from the site. After lunch on our own, we enjoy time in town to shop or perhaps relax at an outdoor café. **B/D**

Day 8: Friday, July 26, 2024 • Aráchova

Today we drive across the impressive Charilaos Trikoupis Bridge, which spans the Gulf of Corinth, to return to the Greek mainland. In the afternoon, we visit **Delphi**, a religious site that the Ancient Greeks considered the center of the world. Our tour includes the **Sanctuary of Apollo**, the Athenian Treasury and the Delphi Museum, with its most famous resident: a bronze charioteer from 470 BC. Tonight, we relax at our hotel in nearby Aráchova, a village on the southern slope of Mount Parnassós. **B/D**

Day 9: Saturday, July 27, 2024 • Athens

We return to Athens today. On arrival at the city center, a short walk takes us to the **New Acropolis Museum**, built in 2009 at the bottom of the Acropolis. Our tour of the museum introduces us to Greek culture, mythology, politics and religion. Time permitting, we stroll through the **Pláka**, the old, historical neighborhood of Athens, where we enjoy the sights and sounds of this ancient city. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **B/D**

Day 10: Sunday, July 28, 2024 • Athens

After breakfast this morning, we transfer to the **Acropolis**, where our tour manager introduces us to the **Parthenon**, the Propylaia, the Erechtheion and the temple of Athena Nike, iconic landmarks of Athens' skyline. We continue our exploration of the Greek capital on a panoramic city tour that brings us past the **Temple of Zeus**, the Panathenic Stadium, Síndagma (Constitution) Square and the Roman Agora. We have free time this afternoon to explore more of the museums, markets, and shopping on the Pláka and Monastiráki Square. **B/D**

Santorini



Optional Santorini Extension

Day 11: Monday, July 29, 2024 • Return or Extension on Santorini

Those of us returning to the U.S. today are transferred to the airport for our international flight home. The rest of us head to the port where we board a ferry bound for the beautiful island of Santorini. On arrival we transfer to our hotel where we relax until dinner time. **B or B/D**

Day 12: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 • Santorini

Today we enjoy a guided tour of the island of Santorini including the beautiful black and red beach, and the traditional villages Fira and Oia. In the afternoon we enjoy a wine tasting at a local vineyard. The evening is free to explore or to watch the sunset in Oia. **B**

Day 13: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 • Santorini

Our last day is free to enjoy as we wish. Options include hiking, perusing shops, or lounging by the water. We reconvene this evening for a final dinner together. **B,D**

Day 14: Thursday, August 1, 2024 • Return

We transfer to Santorini airport for our early morning flight back to the U.S. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner



Main Tour Price: \$6,599

Single Supplement \$1,000

Optional Santorini Extension Price: \$1,749

Single Supplement \$450

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*

Land & estimated Air

with a minimum of 12 participants

\$100 Early Bird discount for deposits made by Sept. 1, 2023

\$100 discount if paid by check, ACH, or Cash equivalent

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare from MSP to Rome and Athens to MSP** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Inter-European airfare (Rome to Athens)
- Airfare from Santorini to Athens if extending tour
- One Way high speed ferry from Athens to Santorini for extension
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of Jay Schmidt as **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date (April 20, 2024). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119 to 31 days prior to travel, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

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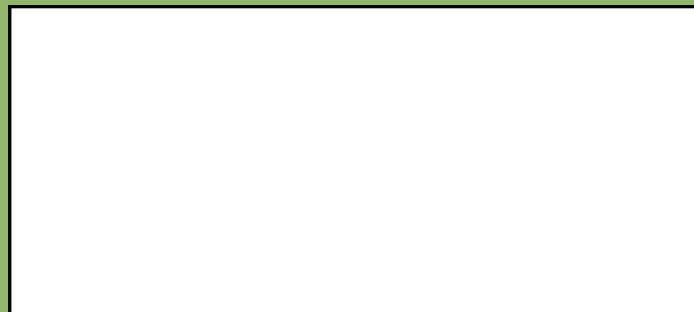
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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ OR **Single supplement:** _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Prices in this brochure were effective on 8.1.23. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I understand that insurance premiums and credit card fees are non-refundable. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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