



GREECE

METEORA GETAWAY

(TOUR CODE: 15842)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Athens

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 26 - 28 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Escape Athens for a short adventure to Meteora, where monasteries crown towering cliffs and history meets breathtaking beauty.

Highlights

- Travel through **Levadia** and the **mountain village of Arachova**, famed for its colourful carpets, before reaching Delphi on the slopes of Mount Parnassos.
- Explore the **archaeological site of Delphi**, home of the ancient oracle, where temples, treasures and legends reveal why this Pan-Hellenic sanctuary
- Journey across the fertile **Thessalian Plain**, Greece's granary, to Kalambaka, enjoying sweeping rural landscapes before a brief village visit
- Marvel at **UNESCO-listed Meteora monasteries**, dramatically perched on towering rock pillars, showcasing Greece's remarkable spiritual heritage

Escape to the heart of mainland Greece on this enriching Meteora Getaway, combining ancient sanctuaries, dramatic landscapes and spiritual heritage. Journey through the picturesque towns of Levadia and Arachova to legendary Delphi, once believed to be the centre of the world, before crossing the fertile Thessalian Plain to Kalambaka. Marvel at Meteora's awe-inspiring monasteries, seemingly suspended in air atop towering rock pillars, a UNESCO-listed masterpiece of faith and nature, before returning to Athens via historic Thermopylae.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
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INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Kalambaka at Amalia Hotel Kalambaka - 4* or similar
- Transportation by air-conditioned deluxe coach
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel
- Guided visit to the archaeological site of Delphi (museum not included)
- Visits to the Meteora monasteries
- Drive through Levadia and Arachova
- Free Wi-Fi on the bus and at the hotel
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey
- Entrance fees to archaeological sites and monasteries as per the itinerary (Delphi site, Meteora monasteries)

ITINERARY

Day 1

Levadia & Arachova Kalambaka

Drive through **Levadia and Arachova** (famous for its bright multi coloured carpets) arrive in **Delphi**.

At the foot of Mount Parnassos, within the angle formed by the twin rocks of the Phaedriades, lies the **Pan-Hellenic sanctuary of Delphi**, which had the most famous oracle of ancient Greece. Delphi was regarded as the centre of the world. According to mythology, it is here that the two eagles sent out by Zeus from the ends of the universe to find the navel of the world met. The sanctuary of Delphi, set within a most spectacular landscape, was for many centuries the cultural and religious centre and symbol of unity for the Hellenic world and seat of the Pythian Games, the second most important games in Greece after the Olympics, which were held every four years.

Visit of the archaeological site (museum not included). After visits depart to **Kalambaka** crossing the **Thessalian Plain**, the granary of Greece. After arrival short visit of the village.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Kalambaka at **Amalia Hotel Kalambaka** or similar.

Dinner



Day 2

Kalambaka Meteora Athens

Today we will see one of the most amazing places in Greece – **Meteora** Meaning ‘suspended in air’ the name Meteora soon came to encompass the entire rock community of 24 monasteries, the biggest and most important group of monasteries in Greece after those in Mount Athos.

There were no steps and the main access to the monasteries was by means of a net that was hitched over a hook and hoisted up by rope and a hand cranked windlass to winch towers overhanging the chasm. Monks descended in the nets or on retractable wooden ladders up to 40m long to the fertile valleys below to grow grapes, corn and potatoes. Each community developed its own resources and by the end of the 14th century, the Grand Meteoron emerged as the dominant community. The rock monasteries have been characterized by UNESCO as a unique phenomenon of cultural heritage.

After visits start the drive back to **Athens** passing through Thermopylae for a photo stop. **This visit sometimes can take place the first day.*

End of services.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Amalia Hotel Kalambaka

Kalambaka

Amalia Hotel Kalambaka, a 4-star hotel, is situated in a privileged location, just minutes away from the town of Kalambaka. The hotel extends on 14 acres of greenery and has been built with traditional materials to match its surroundings. This hotel is one of the best hotels to stay in Kalambaka due to its excellent location, incredible facilities and comfortable rooms. You can enjoy the best of both worlds: a comfortable and pleasant environment as well as the ideal location where you can explore the monasteries, museums and fun activities that will make your stay very memorable! Beautiful rooms, extensive gardens, a large swimming pool, a restaurant serving all kinds of treats and a spacious lobby with cosy corners around a fireplace, will afford the most relaxing and carefree getaway.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Greek

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro(€)

This program operates on Saturdays only, on the following dates: 9/5, 23/5, 30/5, 13/6, 27/6, 12/09, 19/9, 26/09, 03/10, and 17/10. Please contact our team for a quote.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package