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## GREEK & AEGEAN ODYSSEY

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*Rich history, rugged ruins, and remarkable beauty await you on this discovery of the birthplace of civilization. You will discover the Hellenic heritage of Athens, tour ancient classical sites such as Delphi and set sail on a cruise of the Aegean. Embark on an exploration of the Greek Islands and Ephesus where you will have time to experience the relaxed lifestyle and meet friendly locals while discovering the character and history unique to each island. Garry Burns will be your tour host.*

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15 DAYS, FROM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST TO 15TH, 2024

TOUR COST: \$8,950 FROM TORONTO - "LAND ONLY" \$7,550

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,780

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## Proposed Itinerary

### Day 1 -Tuesday, October 1:

Evening departure from Toronto for Athens on direct Air Canada flight AC896. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

### Day 2 – Wednesday, October 2:

Athens

Morning arrival in Athens, where we will be met by your local guide and driver and transferred to your hotel for check in and time to refresh before admiring the treasures of Greece in the National Archeological Museum housing the world's richest collection of Greek Antiquity, including the golden Mask of Agamemnon(1550-1500BC) unearthed by Heinrich Schliemann at Mycenae in1876. Nearby we 'follow the money' of the ancient world housed in Schliemann's Neo-classical mansion considered to be the most magnificent private residence in 19th.C. Athens. Now the Numismatic Museum it holds a collection of over 500,000 coins, medals, gems, weights, stamps and related artefacts from 1400BC to modern times. The afternoon is free to explore Athens' historic Orthodox churches and busy shopping district around your hotel.

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### Day 3 – Thursday, October 3:

Athens

Breakfast is followed by a day of sightseeing in Athens. We come face to face with to one of the greatest heroes of Greece, Alexander the Great by way of his portrait bust in the recently built Acropolis Museum before ascending to the Acropolis and the full splendour of 5th-century BCE Athens. Making our way through the Propylaea Gateway, we pass by the Temple of Athena Nike (Victory) to reach the Parthenon and Erechtheon. Upon descent, we stop by the Areopagus ("Hill of Ares") with the text of Paul's famous sermon inscribed on a plaque at its foot. In the Ancient Agora of Athens, we find the temple of Hephestos and the reconstructed Stoa of King Attalos where among its many activities ancient philosophers counselled and taught. Just beyond are the remnants of Roman emperor Hadrian's impressive library and the Horologium. Time for some refreshment under the shadow of the Acropolis in the oldest area of Athens with interesting curio shops, restaurants and cafes. Returning to our hotel only a stone's throw away from Syntagma square in the center of modern Athens we see the Greek Parliament Building with its famous guards. In the late afternoon let's learn how to cook a traditional Greek dinner during a small-group cooking class then keep the recipes to recreate a taste of Greece at home. Dinner and Greek wine are included; menus for vegetarians are available.

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### Day 4 – Friday, October 4:

Mycenae – Epidaurus – Nauplion

Get ready for an unforgettable journey along the stunning Saronic Gulf coastal road! You'll be amazed by the Corinth Canal and Old Corinth before arriving at Epidaurus, where you can experience one of history's most incredible acoustic wonders in a 4th-century BCE theatre. After that, we're off to Nauplion for a quick stopover before heading towards Mycenae - home to Europe's earliest civilization. Legend has it that King Agamemnon led his Greek warriors from this very place into battle against Troy; here you have the chance to visit both his tomb and archaeological site yourself! Return to Athens in the late afternoon.

### Day 5 – Saturday, October 5:

Embark Aegean Odyssey

A leisurely morning followed by departure from the hotel to Piraeus port to embark on your idyllic Aegean cruise with Celestyal Cruise Lines. Your cruise will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, select beverages with meals, entertainment and daily activities. Sail away is at 5:00PM.

### Day 6 – Sunday, October 6:

Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki is easy to fall in love with, it has beauty, history, culture, and a remarkable cuisine. Evidence of Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman history remains, especially around Ano Poli, the upper town. The ruins of Roman Emperor Galerius' 4th-century palace include the Rotunda that has been both a church and a mosque. Half day excursion focusing on the Royal Tombs of Vergina included. Arrive in Thessaloniki at 10:00AM and depart at 7:00PM

Day 7 – Monday, October 7:

Kusadasi

Shore excursion to Ephesus is included. Enter the ancient ruins of Ephesus and walk in the footsteps of Christian emissaries including the apostle Paul and John. Ephesus was a pivotal centre of commerce and spirituality in its heyday and remains one of the best-preserved classical cities in the eastern Mediterranean. Arrive in Kusadasi (Ephesus) at 1:00PM and depart at 9:00PM.

Day 8 – Tuesday, October 8:

Heraklion

Historical facts and Greek mythology intertwine at the mysterious Palace of Knossos. Whilst it is known that King Minos did exist, the notorious half-man half-beast said to roam the palace's famous labyrinth is a product of imagination. As you venture through this incredible open-air museum, crowned upon a hilltop looking out across the shimmering Aegean, it's clear to see how the oldest city in western Europe inspired one of Greek mythologies most awe-inspiring legends. The long winding roads of Crete's most important site gradually exposes the fascinating art and architecture of the Minoan civilization and provides you with a fascinating insight into a world that was forgotten for almost 3500 years. A visit to the Minoan Palace of Knossos is included. Arrive in Heraklion, Crete at 8:00AM and depart 7:00PM

Day 9 – Wednesday, October 9:

Santorini

The charming coastal village of Oia is widely considered to be Santorini's jewel attraction. The traditional village of Oia boasts an unmistakable Cycladic style of architecture, and a labyrinth of interesting shops, cafes, bars and art galleries that are worth exploring during your free time. Santorini's famous caldera offers spectacular vistas. From the prime cliff-top location, it's possible to admire the island's capital Fira and the cluster of islands which includes Thirassia, Palea Kameni and Nea Kameni. No group visit today. An excursion to Oia is included. Arrive Santorini at 7:00AM and depart at 12:00AM (October 10).

Day 10 – Thursday, October 10:

Mykonos

This island was named after the fabled hero, Mykonos. He was the son of Anios, King of Delos, who was born to god Apollo and the nymph Reo. According to the myth, this is the place where the giants slain by Hercules were buried and that is why the island is strewn with big rocks. Chora, the island's capital, is a typical town of the Cyclades that will impress you with its sheer beauty and style. Walk along its narrow backstreets; see the little whitewashed houses with iconic, blue-coloured window frames and small, wooden balconies; the pots of colourful fragrant flowers; and the little churches. While in historic Chora you may want to visit the Archaeological Museum, the Folklore Collection of Mykonos, go for a stroll in the picturesque harbour area, or peruse the busy shops and cafes that line the streets - your options are many. No shore excursions included today. Arrive Mykonos at 8:00AM and depart 2:00AM (October 11).

Day 11 – Friday, October 11:

Milos

In Milos visit the Roman amphitheater and historic mining museum's presentation of the rich geological and mining history of the island. The awe-inspiring Milos Bay leads to Sarakiniko Beach where you will be mesmerized by the lunar-like terrain of other-worldly rocks and caves. It is easy to see why this is the most photographed spot in the Cyclades. Wrap up the day in the charming capital, Plaka, where you can explore the artisanal shops and quirky cafes tucked in the narrow arteries of cobbled alleyways. Half day shore excursion of the island included. Arrive Milos at 9:00AM and depart at 7:00PM.

Day 12 – Saturday, October 12:

Kalambaka

Arrival in Pireus at 7:00AM. Disembark the ship and depart for Delphi and Kalambaka. Experience the awe-inspiring power of history at Delphi's archaeological site, where you can explore the hallowed Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios and marvel at priceless art treasures like the exquisite 5th-century Charioteer statue. Then journey to Kalambaka, a small town nestled beneath Meteora's towering stone pillars and monasteries - an astonishing complex that will leave you breathless with excitement! Dinner and overnight Kalambaka.

Day 13 – Sunday, October 13:

Meteora to Athens

Breakfast at the hotel before touring the magnificent spectacle of Meteora, where colossal rock formations are crowned with ancient monasteries that display awe-inspiring examples of Byzantine artistry. Return to Athens following the tour. No group dinner this evening but you may want to consider a traditional Greek dinner in the

Plaka with local wine from the barrels, and during dinner enjoy folklore dances performed with typical Greek Bouzouki music.

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Day 14 – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>:

Cape Sounion

Morning free for last-minute sightseeing and souvenir shopping. This afternoon will be an excursion to Cape Sounion to visit the Temple of Poseidon followed by a farewell seafood dinner. Return to Athens following dinner.

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Day 15 – Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>:

Breakfast followed by a transfer to the airport for your departure to Toronto on direct Air Canada flight AC897.

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*Included in the price are:*

- Accommodation based on double occupancy – (single room supplement at additional cost)
- Meals: Breakfast and lunch or dinner on all but one day (October 13) during the land tour, as outlined in the itinerary. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily during the cruise.
- Overland transportation throughout the land tour, including airport transfers.
- Seven-night cruise in Category XB (outside) cabin. Cruise line Celestyal Cruises.
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to sights mentioned in the itinerary.
- Shore excursions as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Select drinks with meals on the cruise.
- Entertainment and daily activities during the cruise.
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and cruise staff.
- Hotel taxes and gratuities.
- Pauwels Travel Host

*Not included:*

- All expenses of a personal nature.
- Beverages with lunch/dinner, but mineral water will be included during excursions as well as select beverages during the cruise.
- Optional Travel insurance. Please contact the office for rates.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the “Greek and Aegean Odyssey” tour on October 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

I wish to book on group flights \_\_\_\_\_ OR land only \_\_\_\_\_.  
(If booking land only please send the office a copy of your flight details).

Please be prepared to pay a deposit of **\$1500 per person and any applicable insurance premium** at time of registration. Balance is invoiced no later than **60 days** prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 6 MONTHS  
AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

PASSPORT NAME(S):

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your preferred name for your nametag (e.g., Liz for Elizabeth or Jim for James):

If traveling alone, is a **single room** required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing, please select your bed preference: Twin (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Double (1 bed) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Please list any dietary requests, allergies, special physical needs, or frequent flyer numbers etc., below. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

INSURANCE: Review plans and rates by clicking [here](#) or calling/emailing the office. Record the premium below:

All-Inclusive: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Medical/Trip Cancellation: \_\_\_\_\_

Decline Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Bureau LTD, e-transfer to [tours@pauwelstravel.com](mailto:tours@pauwelstravel.com), or call the office to provide credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) to Sandra or Jessica.

Amount To Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT: “I/we have read and agree to the terms and conditions attached to the tour program, have selected or declined insurance, indicated any special requests, and authorize payment of the above amount.”

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### **RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. No reservations will be accepted without a deposit and signed registration form. Deposit amounts vary by tour and are listed in the registration form.

### **REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:**

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service, or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. at least 91 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation penalties apply for tour costs:

- 90 days to 61 days before departure: 35% of tour cost
- 60 to 31 days before departure: 65% of tour cost
- 30 – 0 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

Penalties for cancelling insurance, cruises, or individual airfare may differ than the policy above. Clients are advised to review the cancellation terms for any additional services they may have purchased for the tour.

### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

### **RELEASE & AGREEMENT:**

By placing my deposit, submitting my registration, and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging, or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potentially hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree

not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub- contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during pre-tour/post-tour option periods if the pre-tour/post-tour period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to). I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved; I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

#### A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases, it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference. Additionally, most airlines do not allow advanced seat-selection on group airfares. It is the airline's policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline 60 days prior to departure but no requests are guaranteed. Our staff will not be able to aid in advanced seat selection if the airline does not allow it on the group airfare. If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because individual airfare conditions are stricter than the conditions of the group airfare rate. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!