



EUROPEAN STUDIES
RHODES COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

*ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME:
THE FOUNDATIONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION
OPTION ONE 2010 TRAVEL ITINERARY*

I. GREAT BRITAIN

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

- Aug 6 F Arrival in Edinburgh and transfer to Jury's Hotel, Jeffrey Street. Welcome dinner at a venue close to the hotel.
- 7 S Day and evening free in Edinburgh.
- 8 Su Morning departure by private bus for the Racecourse Conference Centre, York. Arrival in afternoon. Allocation of rooms. Course orientation, followed by opening dinner.

YORK

- 9 M Morning lectures. Afternoon walking tour of Roman York. Evening free.
- 10 T A full day's excursion by private bus to Stanwick, Greta Bridge, Bowes, and Brough Castle.
- 11 W Morning lectures. Afternoon visit to the Yorkshire Museum.
- 12 Th Morning visit to Cawthorn Camps, Beadlam, and Malton. Afternoon free.
- 13 F Morning lectures followed by excursion to Hadrian's Wall (Chesters, Carrawburgh).
- 14 S Hadrian's Wall: Birdoswald, Housesteads, and Vindolanda. Farewell dinner in the evening
- 15 Su Morning departure by private bus to Oxford. Arrive in Oxford at approximately 4:00 P.M.

LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD

The two options are re-united at this point.

- Aug 15 Su On arrival in Lincoln College: assignment of rooms. Orientation session with the Dean of the Program.
- 16 M A talk about Oxford, followed by walking tours of the City and the University. Welcome dinner in the evening.
- 17 T Regular courses begin. See syllabi.

During the Oxford portion of the program there will be a number of afternoon or whole-day excursions to sites, monuments and places of beauty or interest in the Oxford area and the South of England, including Bath and Stonehenge. There will also be a visit to the Globe Theatre, London, for a production of a Shakespeare play. Dates for these and other expeditions will be announced while in Oxford, so as to take advantage of weather, and of related topics being studied. All transport will be paid by *European Studies*.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- Sep 3 F – Optional mid-course week-end excursion to Dublin, Ireland, traveling by
5 Su scheduled airline, with two nights' accommodation in Trinity College, Dublin, one dinner, one lunch and an excursion into the beautiful Irish countryside.
- 23 Th In the evening, Oxford Farewell Dinner.
- 24 F Course evaluation. Packing.

II. THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE AND LONDON

25 S *LONDON to CRETE*

Fly from London to Athens by *British Airways* scheduled flight. Catch the overnight ferry from Piraeus to Heraklion on the Island of Crete.

26 Su *Crete*

Morning visit to Knossos and the Heraklion Museum to study the Minoan civilization, arguably the earliest real European culture. Visit the charming town of Agios Nikolaos on the way to check into the Aqua Sol Hotel near Elounda on the Gulf of Mirabello. Dinner at the hotel.

27 M *From Crete to Santorini*

Catch the morning 'flying cat' from Heraklion to Santorini. The island has stunning panoramic views of the volcanic caldera - here we can discuss the issues surrounding the myth of Atlantis. Bed and breakfast in Firà, in the brilliantly located Kavalari Hotel.

- Sep 28 T *Santorini to Mykonos*
 Morning visit to the fascinating Thera Museum to study the earliest flourishing of Aegean culture through the artifacts from the excavations at Akrotiri. Transfer by 'flying cat' to the vibrant island of Mykonos. Stay in Rhenia Bungalows.
- 29 W *Delos*
 Cross by local boat to the nearby island of Delos. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was, in myth, the birthplace of Apollo, and has excellent remains of Hellenistic Greek housing, along with many high quality mosaics. Return to Mykonos. Group dinner by the harbor.
- 30 Th *Mykonos to Athens*
 Morning at leisure. Afternoon ferry from Mykonos to Athens. Transfer to our hotel in Athens for check-in. This evening we will have our first views of the monuments of Ancient Athens.
- Athens (Accommodation will be in the Hotel Parthenon on the edge of the Plaka quarter of Athens, just below the Acropolis).*
- Oct 1 F *Athens: the Acropolis*
 Morning free. Whole afternoon devoted first to the Pnyx Hill, seat of Ancient Athens' democratic assembly, and then the sites of the Acropolis: the Propylaia, the Erekhtheion, the Parthenon, and, finally, the spectacular brand new Acropolis Museum. Group dinner in the Plaka.
- 2 S *Athens: the Agora and the National Archaeological Museum*
 Morning study of the Athenian Agora, site of the birthplace of democracy, and its fascinating Museum. Late afternoon study at the National Museum of Archaeology with its unparalleled collection of Greek antiquities.
- 3 Su *Aegina*
 Move down to Piraeus, the port of Athens. Travel by 'Flying Dolphin' to the nearby island of Aegina to visit the hill-top Temple of Aphaia. Swimming and refreshments at Aghia Marina, lunch in Egina, then late afternoon return to Piraeus by ferry. Continue by private coach to the Korinth Canal, and on into the Peloponnese. Arrive in Nafplion.
- Nafplion (Accommodation will be for three nights in the Victoria Hotel in the beautiful town of Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece).*
- 4 M *Tiryns and Mycenae*
 Afternoon studying the architecture and culture of Bronze Age Greece, visiting the crucial sites of Tiryns and of Mycenae. Dinner in a country *taverna* nearby. Return to Nafplion.
- 5 T *Epidauros and Perachora*
 Morning visit to the sanctuary of Epidauros with its magnificent theatre and early medical healing-centre. After a picnic lunch, continue to the little-visited but exquisite

- site of Perachora, with its remains right on the water's edge. Optional swimming by the ruins. Return to Nafplion.
- Oct 6 W *Bassai*
 Leave Nafplion for the mountain-top UNESCO World Heritage site of the Temple of Apollo Epikourios at Bassai in the heart of the Arcadia, where we can gain insights into Greek architecture and religion. Continue on to Olympia. Dinner, bed and breakfast at the Amalia Hotel, Olympia.
- 7 Th *Olympia*
 Morning visit to the site of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games and location of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. View the stunning collection of sculpture in the Museum. Travel north to Delphi via the magnificent new bridge over the Gulf of Corinth. Dinner, bed and breakfast in the Amalia Hotel, Delphi.
- 8 F *Delphi. Then GREECE to TURKEY*
 In the morning, a short walk to the stunningly located archaeological site of Delphi, 'Navel of the World', and site of Apollo's oracle, with its treasuries, temple, theater and stadium, followed by a visit to the Delphi Museum with its fascinating collection of Greek sculpture. Drive by private coach to Greece's second city, Thessaloniki, to catch the overnight sleeper train to Istanbul.
- 9 S *Istanbul/Byzantium/Constantinople*

Istanbul (Bed and breakfast accommodation for two nights in the central and historic Ayasofya Hotel in old Byzantium)

 Morning arrival in Istanbul. Check-in to our hotel right beside Top Kapi Palace. Afternoon visit to Haghia Sofia, to study the construction and decoration of this most magnificent of Byzantine monuments. From there to the great Byzantine cisterns of the city.
- 10 Su *Istanbul/Byzantium/Constantinople*
 In the morning we will visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum with its important exhibits from Troy, as well as its fine Hellenistic antiquities. Then we will move through the ancient Hippodrome to visit the Mosque of Sultan Ahmet I (the 'Blue Mosque'). In the afternoon, an optional walk through the famous Grand Bazaar begun in the 15th Century by Mehmet the Conqueror. Group dinner in a fine Turkish restaurant.
- 11 M *Ancient Troy and Assos*
 Morning departure by private coach to drive along the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles to the archaeological site of Troy. Then on to catch the sunset at the beautifully located site of Assos. Dinner, bed and breakfast in the Assos Kervanseray Hotel.
- 12 T *Pergamon*
 Travel south by coach along the Aegean coast. After lunch in Bergama we will visit the extensive ruins of the acropolis of Ancient Pergamon, one of Hellenistic Greece's most

impressive cities. From Pergamon we drive to Kusasdasi, where we will stay for two nights in the historic Club Caravanserail.

- Oct 13 W *Didyma and Priene*
Afternoon visits to the sites of Ancient Didyma, with its spectacular oracular temple of Apollo, and to Priene, to study Hellenistic city-planning. Return for a group dinner in Kusadasi.
- 14 Th *Aphrodisias*
Travel by private coach to the stunning site of Aphrodisias, which boasts an enormous stadium amongst its many treasures. Continue on to Antalya.
- Accommodation for next 3 nights in the Dogan Hotel in Antalya*
- 15 F *Aspendos*
Afternoon visit to the almost perfectly preserved Roman theatre at Aspendos. Return to Antalya for a group dinner.
- 16 S *Termessos and Phaselis*
Drive through the National Park to the fabulously located mountain-top town of Termessos, which even Alexander the Great refused to attack. Picnic lunch in the pine forest before moving down to the sea-side settlement of Phaselis, for further insights into Greek civic architecture.
- 17 Su *TURKEY to ITALY: Antalya to Istanbul to Rome, and on to Sorrento*
Morning flight from Antalya to Istanbul, to connect with our Turkish Airways flight to Rome. Transfer on arrival by private coach down to the exquisite Bay of Naples area. Bed and breakfast at Hotel del Corso, Sorrento.
- Sorrento (Bed and breakfast in the Hotel del Corso in the centre of the town, for the next three nights).*
- 18 M *Herculaneum*
Afternoon trip, via the Circumvesuviana railway to Herculaneum to study the incredibly well-preserved remains of the town, which was buried in the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79.
- 19 T *Pompeii.*
After a communal pizza lunch our afternoon will be devoted to the extensive ruins of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Pompeii, concentrating on Roman city planning and domestic architecture. Return to Sorrento for dinner in an excellen local restaurant..
- 20 W *Naples Archaeological Museum*
Departure by private coach for the Naples Archaeological Museum, which houses many of the original finds from Pompeii and Herculaneum. After lunch continue to Sperlonga, on the coast between Naples and Rome. Evening picnic on the beach. Bed and breakfast at the Hotel Aurora in Sperlonga.

- Oct 21 Th *Sperlonga, then on to Rome*
 Morning visit to the site of the curious Grotto of Tiberius, whose marvelous and highly influential sculptures are displayed in the museum. In the afternoon relocate to Rome and our hotel, which is right in the ancient heart of the city.
- Rome (Bed and breakfast in the central Albergo del Sole, near Campo de' Fiori, for the next four nights in Rome.)*
- 22 F *Republican and Imperial Rome*
 Morning study of the civic architecture and urban planning of Rome, moving through the Roman Forum, and on to the Colosseum.
- 23 S *Rome and the Vatican*
 Morning study at the Pantheon, one of the finest constructions in world architecture. In the late afternoon, a privileged private visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel after public closing times, to study the important Classical Sculpture collections and to see their influence on the art of Raphael and Michelangelo. Final group dinner in a fine Roman Restaurant.
- 24 Su Day free to explore the astonishing artistic riches of Rome at leisure.
- 25 M Scheduled British Airways flight from Rome to London. Transfer, on arrival at Heathrow, into central London to the Lancaster Hall Hotel.
- London (Bed and breakfast in the Lancaster Hall Hotel for the three nights in London.)
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- 26 T Final study visit to the Parthenon sculptures in the British Museum to complete our Greek studies. Evening visit to see a ballet at the Royal Opera House, followed by the Final Dinner. (Dresses; jackets and ties)
- 27 W Morning visit to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour followed by a talk given by a Member of Parliament (to be confirmed).
- Afternoon Classical option feedback meeting.
- 28 Th Morning transfer to Heathrow airport for flight to the United States.

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N.B. The above itinerary is as complete as advance planning permits, but unforeseen circumstances may necessitate adjustments to be made.