



LAW & CULTURE IN GREECE

NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024
4 & 6 Night Program Options

Optional Pre-Trip November 7-10, 2024 to Santorini or Crete

By Invitation of the
New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
Westchester County Bar Association
New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Queens County Bar Association



INCLUDED

Accommodations as selected
Airport Transfers
Daily ground transportation
and/or walking tours
Select group meals at top
restaurants (including tips)*
Full-time tour leader, local
guides and specialized guides
CLE Lecture series with local
experts and influencers
Admission to all museums /
attractions in program
Travel Tips and Assistance

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Greece
Airport transfers
Suggested tips for drivers and
local guide(s)
Additional meals not
provided in itinerary
Incidentals / Individual hotel
expenses (e.g., mini bar, room
services, laundry fees)
Trip cancellation insurance

**Select group meals will be
curated for quality and
diversity including beverages
and tips:*

- ❑ *Authentic Greek food
and refined
International
cuisines*
- ❑ *Curated Food /
Beverage Tastings
and culinary
experiences*

Dietary restrictions will be
accommodated

*Food surveys distributed to
participants at a later date.*



The New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, Westchester County Bar Association, New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Queens County Bar Association welcome you and your guest(s) to join our exclusive **Journey to Greece**. We are based in Athens, the birthplace of democracy, arts, science and philosophy of western civilization. Home of Plato, Socrates, Pericles, Euripides, Sophocles, Aeschylus.

We visit during a time of year boasting a temperate climate and fewer crowds. As one of the world's oldest cities, Athens has a recorded history spanning approximately 3,400 years, inhabited since the 11th millennium B.C.

Our fascinating educational programs are designed for lawyers and non-lawyers alike featuring exclusive tours of the **Hellenic Parliament**, the unicameral legislature of the Greece and/or a visit to the **Supreme Court of Greece**.

Add **2-nights November 14 - 16, 2024** for Day Trips to the **Pan-Hellenic Sanctuary of Delphi** (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and **Argolis Region** with visits to the archaeological museum and the **Temple of Apollo**, the best preserved example of the existing Doric temples in Greece.

Of course, no visit to Greece is complete without a thorough immersion into **Authentic Greek cuisine**. Our group meals will be selected for their quality and diversity with curated food and beverage tastings.

You do not want to miss this opportunity to visit Greece while earning CLE credit! (anticipated/pending)

Please Note: This program will require high-intensity walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.

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JOURNEY TO GREECE



Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations. Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and then-in-place safety measures. Special requests are encouraged.

Day 1 Sunday November 10

Participants may elect to arrive ahead of our program start date on November 9 or earlier. Requests for additional room nights will be collected at a later date.

Upon arrival at **Athens International Airport (AIA)**, participants will be greeted and transported to the hotel for early check in or bag drop, depending on arrival time. *Airport transfers are included. Suggested activities for early arrivers will be provided.*

[Elia Ermou Athens Hotel](#)

Address: Petraki 6, Athina 105 63, Greece
Phone: +30 21 0325 0100

*Our hotel is located in **Plaka**, also known as the “neighborhood of the Gods” due to its numerous ancient Greek monuments nearby. Our hotel enjoys a rooftop view of the historic heart of Athens, including the Acropolis. We are also within walking distance of many fine restaurants, bars, shopping and entertainment.*

Afternoon Welcome Reception inside our hotel, before departing on our first group activity.

We depart on foot for an **orientation and walking tour** in the neighborhoods surrounding our hotel and enjoy a taste of Greek street food and Greek coffee.

Evening

Welcome Dinner with live entertainment and/or guest speaker.

Day 2 Monday November 11

Complimentary breakfast served daily in your hotel.

Morning

Philosophical Titans & The Foundation of Law: Ancient Greek History through Aristotle and Socrates

In this lecture we explore Aristotle’s treatise on politics, his ideas of an ideal state, governance, the role of law, as well his concept of “**Rule of Law**”. We discuss topics such as the **Socratic Method**, its influence on legal education in the United States, and **legal ethics** in the eyes of the ancient Greek Philosophers.

Classical Athens Walking Tour and Acropolis Visit

We witness over 2 thousand year old architecture in our visits to the **Parthenon**, **Temple of Athena**, and **National Archaeological Museum**. We continue with a guided tour inside the **Panathinaiko Stadium**, the site of the first Olympics and a unique archaeological monument in its own right.

Group Lunch at the [Acropolis Museum Restaurant](#).

Afternoon

Lawmaking in Greece and the Hellenic Parliament.

The Parliament of the Hellenes, commonly known as the **Hellenic Parliament**, is the contemporary unicameral legislature of Greece, located in the **Old Royal Palace**, overlooking Syntagma Square in Athens.

The parliament is the supreme democratic institution that represents the citizens through an elected body of Members of Parliament. In our privileged visit, we learn about **lawmaking in Greece** today and its reserved powers as a member state of the **European Union (EU)**.

Changing of the Guard ceremony: Schedules permitting, we witness the highly disciplined *Evzone* forces as they relieve their comrades in this ceremonial process outside the Hellenic Parliament Building.

Optional/suggested visit before returning to the hotel: **Socrates' Prison on Philopappou Hill** is a captivating site. It features two rock-cut caves, believed to be Socrates' prison. You can explore well-preserved chambers, passageways, and murals. After visiting, enjoy the impressive view of the Acropolis and Athens.

Return to hotel. Remainder of the afternoon/evening free.

Dinner on your own.

Day 3 Tuesday November 12

Morning

The Athens Bar Association & Legal Practice in Greece

Meeting with representatives of the **Athens Bar Association**, representing around 22,000 members. As part of our exchange, we enjoy a guided tour of the grounds where all members meet and deliberate.

AND/OR

Visit to the Supreme Court of Greece

The Supreme Civil and Criminal Court of Greece ("Areopagus") is the supreme court of Greece for civil and criminal law. While the decisions of the Supreme Court are final, cases ruled on by the high court can be appealed to the European Court of Human Rights under Greece's commitments as a member state of the Council of Europe. The court consists of the president and the attorney-general, ten vice-presidents, sixty five areopagites and seventeen deputy attorneys-general. The members of the Supreme Court are tenured until they reach the mandatory retirement age of 67, as mandated by the Greek constitution.

This morning, alternatives (non-legal activities) will be afforded to the non-attorney participants.

Afternoon

Foodie Tasting Tour of Athens (3hr). This afternoon, we explore the vibrant streets of **Plaka**, one of the most iconic districts of Athens, while sampling a diverse array of traditional Greek cuisine. While enjoying glasses of ouzo, local wine, tapas and sweets, we discover unconventional locales and hidden gems.

Remainder of afternoon/evening free. Dinner on your own.

Day 4

Wednesday November 13

Morning

Human Rights and Greek Migrant and Asylum Policies

Greece remains a primary entry point for migrants and refugees entering the European Union. The country faces ongoing challenges related to asylum processing, detention conditions, and integration of refugees. Greece has faced scrutiny over human rights, particularly concerning the treatment of migrants, the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, and the protection of minority groups. In this presentation, we explore legal debates centering around the balance between national security, humanitarian obligations, and EU regulations, as well anti-discrimination laws and the rights of detainees.

Temple of Poseidon at Sounion (1 hr outside of Athens)

Scenic drive along the Saronic gulf ending at the 5th century BC temple with panoramic views of many of Greece's islands and the mainland. Includes a guided tour of the temple.

OR

Cruise to Local Islands

Sail the Aegean visiting historic islands of Hydro, Poros, Aegina-optional tours on Aegina island with panoramic views and exploration (lunch on board). Share the wind and the sea with the sailors of old while enjoying the sun and the islands as you embark on this day trip.

Afternoon

Return to the hotel.

Evening

Farewell Dinner



Day 5

Thursday November 14

Morning

Airport transfers (for those departing today)

OR, if on the extended program:

Delphi (Full day journey)

The **Pan-Hellenic Sanctuary of Delphi** (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), is located on the slopes of **Mount Parnassos**. It is the sanctuary of Apollo and one of the most sacred sites in the Ancient Greek world housing very well known Oracles, offers the most amazing views of the olive groves of **Amphissa**, the **Corinthian Gulf**, and the **Peloponnese Mountains**.



We visit the Delphi Museum, peruse the ancient statues and historical artifacts, explore the Athenian treasury, followed by the unforgettable Temple of Apollo, the seat of the Oracles, with the tour ending at the **Hosios Loukas Monastery**.

Lunch is included today. We return to the hotel at approximately 6:00 pm local time.

Evening

Dinner on your own. Remainder of the evening free.



Day 6

Friday November 15

Morning

Argolis (Full day journey)

Departure towards the **Corinth Canal** for a brief stop at the Peloponnese city to contemplate the 6 kilometers long canal, connecting the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea.



After Corinth we enter the **Argolis** region and visit the archaeological museum and the **Temple of Apollo**, the best preserved example of the existing Doric temples in Greece. Next stop **Mycenae**, with the famous **Lion Gate** and the **Tomb of Agamemnon**.

Following lunch, we explore the **Sanctuary of Aesculapius**, hero and god of Medicine said to have been so wise, he was able to resurrect the dead, earning the jealousy of Zeus and hatred of Hades, thus leading to his death. This location became a pilgrimage for the infirm to undergo Epidaurus therapy, a combination of physical and mental stimulation that explains the theater and sports facilities as part of the healing of their souls.

Lunch is included today. We return to the hotel at approximately 6:00 pm local time.

Evening

Farewell Dinner.

Day 7

Saturday November 16

Departure Day. Airport transfers are included.

Or, continue on an optional post-trip excursion.





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OPTIONAL PRE OR POST TRIP EXCURSIONS

CRETE

Just a 50 min flight from Athens, Crete is the largest island in Greece that is kissed by the sun year-round and where Greek life can be enjoyed at its purest.

With its laid-back atmosphere, versatile cuisine, and age-old tradition of hospitality, Crete encapsulates the Mediterranean way of life.

“Kri-kris” or Cretan goat roam free, specialty cheeses are abundant, and the greatest archaeological mystery is held.

The island’s 8,500-year history is dramatic and arguably the first major European civilization home to Mycenaeans, Byzantines, Arabs, Venetians, Ottoman Turks, Jews, and, of course, modern Greeks. The result: Cretan language, architecture, and gastronomy that are all a blend of the island’s tempestuous past.



Excursion Highlights include:

- Visit the traditional villages of the **Lasithi Plateau** to tour the 14th century **Krea Monastery** and the magnificent **Cave of Zeus**
- Visit an authentic family-owned **Olive Farm** for an unforgettable taste of **Cretan Gastronomy** accompanied by **Local Wines**
- Walking Tour of **Palace of Knossos & Heraklion**
- Sailboat cruise from Kissamos to **Balos Lagoon & Gramvousa** or **Elafonisi Island Pink Sand Beach**
- Optional visit to the **CRETAquarium**



SANTORINI



Santorini, or Thira, is one of the most desirable destinations among the Greek islands. Located in the Aegean Sea in the Cyclades islands, Santorini is the site of one of the largest volcanic eruptions on planet earth. What remains today is a submerged volcano and a *caldera* or large cauldron-like hollow that forms shortly after the emptying of a magma chamber in a volcanic eruption.

Gravity-defying villages have been constructed on the edge of this caldera, with Cycladic architecture and breathtaking views of the sea. Apart from the charming caldera villages, Santorini Greece is also famous for romantic sunsets and luxurious resorts.

Excursion Highlights include:

- Sail from the Port of Athens aboard a Sea Jet for the 5 hour cruise to Santorini
- **Island Winery Tour** for wine tastings and pairings with local cheeses & traditional Greek snacks
- Walking Tour of the charming **Artist Village of Oia** with stunning views of the dormant volcano, panoramic views of the island landscape and beyond to the Aegean Sea & the islands of Folegandros and Sikinos
- Sail from **Amoudi Bay** to **Vlihada Marina**. En route we stop at Hot Springs before sailing alongshore **Aspronisi Island**, the **Ancient Venetian Lighthouse**, the pre-historic city of **Akrotiri** and **Indian Rock Mountain**. Time for swimming and relaxing at the iconic **White & Red Beach**
- Optional visit to the breathtaking beaches of **Ammoudi** and **Armenians**, home to the **Church of St Nikolaus**



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