

Classics Trip Greece 2024

CLASSICS TOUR

3rd – 8th April 2024

Aims of the trip

Departures/arrivals/ returns + Itinerary

Hoodies

Airports/ luggage / money

Hotels, rooming and food

Groups + staff

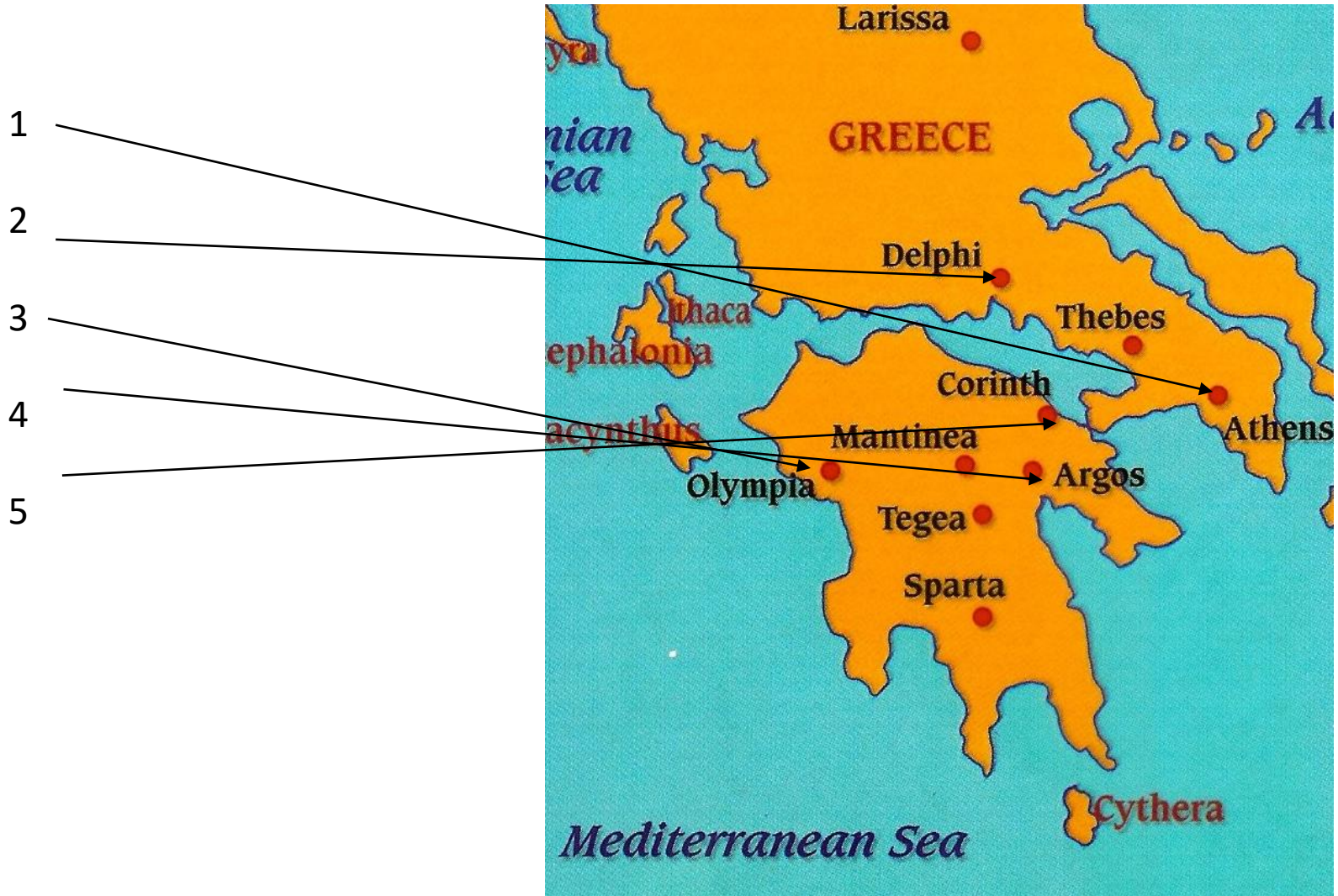


Aims of the trip

- To support your understanding of Classical Civilisation culture by visiting the Ancient Greek sites of Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae and Corinth.
- By visiting these sites we can appreciate the legacy of the Greeks and appreciate the sophistication of their society 2000 yrs ago
- There will be walking involved!

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ITINERARY

3rd April

Depart Spalding **Bus Station** for Gatwick at 8am.
Please arrive by 7.45am.

Hand in passport to group leader.

Arrive Gatwick approx. 11am Flight departs 2.40pm

Day One 3rd April – Travel

Departure: 03/04/2024 GATWICK 14.40

Arrive ATHENS 20.25



EASYJET

15kg hold luggage

1 small carry on bag – must fit under the seat.

You will need to have enough money to buy lunch and tea at the airport. Or bring enough food.

There is no need to discard this now.

[Security restrictions | Gatwick Airport](#)

Day Two 4th April– Athens



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A chance to visit the Acropolis and the museum

Opposite the Acropolis is the Areopagus – research what is this?

Who is the Parthenon dedicated to?

There are some VR apps that allow you to view the Ancient sites reconstructed – they are very impressive.

[Seft-guided tour of Ancient Athens \(ancient-world.co\)](http://ancient-world.co)

[Elgin Marbles: What are they and how did they end up in the British Museum? | UK News | Sky News](#)

After a full morning of exploring we will be leaving Athens in the afternoon to head for Delphi

Day Three 5th April – Delphi



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Who was Delphi dedicated to?

What famous person resided in Delphi?

Research some myths surrounding Delphi

[Delphi: The Bellybutton of the Ancient World – YouTube](#)

After visiting the archeological site and museum we will then depart for Olympia

Day Four 6th April– Olympia



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The birthplace of the Olympics.

When did they begin?

Why did they begin? – there are 3 origin myths.

They still light the Olympic torch at the temple of Hera at the Ancient site, before it begins its relay to the host city.

[Olympic Flame Lighting Ceremony Tokyo 2020 - YouTube](#)

Day Five 7th April – Epidaurus + Mycenae



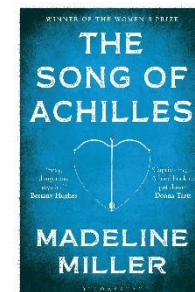
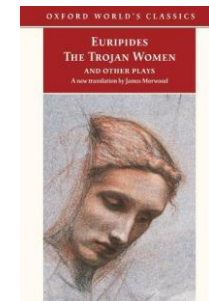
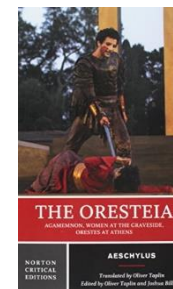
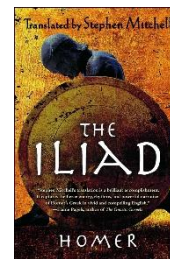
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[Troy: Fall Of A City | Official Trailer \[HD\] | Netflix - YouTube](#)

Mycenae – the site of the palace of Agamemnon – King of Mycenae. Leader of the Greeks in the Trojan war.

The tale of the Trojan war is retold in many stories ancient and modern, with different perspectives



Epidaurus – site of the sanctuary of Asclepius – what was he the god of?
What were the 3 elements that combined to ensure a successful healing?

Day Six 8th April – Corinth + Athens



A man made canal

[The World's Deepest Canal | Europe From Above S2 | National Geographic UK - Bing video](#)

Corinth – where Paul acted as a missionary

[Interesting Facts About 1 Corinthians.pmd \(biblecharts.org\)](#)



Day Six 8th – 9th April– Travel

Return: dep: 08/04/2024 **ATHENS** 21.05

Arrive GATWICK 22.55



Baggage reclaim = midnight
before leaving.

ETA SPALDING BUS STATION
3.30am approx.

A gentle reminder

- It is a school trip – not a holiday to relax in the hotel room
- You will see amazing sites – take pictures!
- But - make sure you can survive without social media – especially at mealtimes
- Be prepared to try new foods...
- Be prepared to try some Greek! [Learn Greek in 30 Minutes - ALL the Basics You Need - Bing video](#)

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STAFF + GROUPS –

You will be allocated a group leader to speed up HEAD COUNTS to make sure everyone is present:

- At the Airports
- At Hotels
- At sites

Groups – purely health and safety – It is not designed to impact on your enjoyment of the trip – nor will affect rooming.

All activities undertaken as a whole group

If there is any Free-time – **MUST** be groups of four minimum

Trip Hoody



We will take in orders
December / January

**PLEASE WEAR IT FOR
TRAVELLING**

We will be checking sizes in
the new year before the
order goes through.

Clothing

April the weather average is pleasant approx. 20*

Bring sunglasses, hat and sun cream
but also bring a coat / waterproof, and jumpers / jeans etc.
(doubtful you will need shorts...)

Tops – please ensure you are modestly covered – shoulders
and tummies.

Towel

Good trainers / walking shoes ...

Evenings are cooler

What else to take?

- Please pack lightly as you will have to carry your own luggage.
- Outbound Journey 15kgs hold luggage + 1 hand luggage per person
- A small rucksack is needed for the day.
- Any toiletries / liquids in your hand luggage in a clear resealable plastic bag. [Security | Gatwick Airport](#)
- (No container may hold more than 100 millilitres) Check rucksacks for glue / scissors
- Put toiletries in hold luggage wherever possible. You can buy water after going through security.

Money Matters!

- Please make sure you obtain Euros before the trip. It will be your responsibility to look after your money during the trip.
- Bring some UK money for travel days.
- All breakfasts and evening meals are provided with water to drink
- Money is needed for extra drinks and souvenirs.
- £50 should be sufficient.



£1 (GBP) = 1.15 EUR 1 EUR = 86p

£10 = 11.51 EUR 10 EUR = £8.69

Hotels

Be aware of your bearings – note fire exits.
No going on to balconies
Please be respectful of other guests.



Rooming...

- Have an idea who you want to share with – but please be flexible just in case ... we will do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes.
- Rooming will be sorted out just before we leave.
- There is usually a variety of room sizes 2,3,4,5 (usually even numbers)
- Phoning home...please don't worry parents unnecessarily.

When abroad.....

- Crime levels are low but there is quite a lot of petty crime (bag snatching and pick-pocketing) in the city centres. This often involves co-ordinated gangs including children. Targets are often hassled, while other members of the gang go into action.
- Take care in crowded tourist areas – especially Athens.
- Do not have expensive valuables, equipment or jewellery on display.

When abroad.....

- Be particularly vigilant when unloading your baggage from coaches.
- Coach drivers in Greece don't usually help loading and unloading suitcases – you will need to help with this.

In the event of an emergency situation



Emergency contact number

During the trip Mrs Jones will have a school mobile.

This will be given nearer the time.

Please use it in an emergency only and only for the duration of this trip.

- **You may want to check with your service provider and check roaming charges before going.**