

Gettysburg College Jazz Ensemble
Alumni and Friends
2008 Mediterranean Jazz Tour
to
Greece and Italy
May 19-28, 2008

Itinerary #2/April 11, 2007

Monday, May 19

Dulles/En route

Assemble at Dulles Airport and check in for your flight.

Board plane and depart.

Meals served on board the transatlantic flight.

Tuesday, May 20

Athens, GREECE

Morning You may connect in a European city before continuing on to Athens.

Arrive in Athens. Claim your luggage and clear customs. Meet your Ambassador Tours escort and coach driver.

Afternoon Board coach and transfer into the city center. Meet your licensed tour guide and begin a sightseeing tour of Athens to include the Agora and the old quarter of Plaka with several interesting churches, the Tower of the Winds, Monastiraki Square, Sindagma Square, the University, old and new Parliament buildings, the National Archaeological Museum and much more.

Check into your centrally located hotel.

Evening Dinner at your hotel or a nearby restaurant.

Inhabited for 7,000 years, Athens was the birthplace of European civilization. It flourished in the 5th century BC when the Athenians controlled much of the eastern Mediterranean. Athens is today the capital of the Hellenic Republic of Greece as well as the chief town of the administrative district (Greek nómos) of Attica. The city, which has contributed so much to Western culture ever since ancient times, is now the spiritual and financial center of Greece. As well as being the seat of the head of the Greek Orthodox Church it houses a university and other educational establishments, together with museums of world renown.

Wednesday, May 21

Athens

Morning Breakfast at your hotel.

Board coach and transfer to the Acropolis for a guided tour. This religious center of ancient Athens, which received its classical form in the time of Pericles, reflected the humane values of Greek culture and thoughts which have retained their power down to our own day. The surviving remains still convey the splendor of the age of Pericles, in spite of the destruction wrought by many centuries, most notably the devastating explosion in 1687, when a Venetian grenade blew up a Turkish powder magazine housed in the Parthenon.

Meet your licensed guide and begin a tour of the Acropolis complex including the Propylaia and the Belé Gate, the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Temple of Athena Nike and, on the south slope, the Odeion of Herodes Atticus and the Dionyssos Theatre. You will also have a short visit of the Acropolis Museum (entrance and tour included).



Afternoon Independent lunch.

Transfer to the performance sight.

The GETTYSBURG COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE may perform this afternoon on a major square in Athens or in nearby Glifada, a suburb located on the water where many Athenians go to escape the city.

Remainder of afternoon at leisure to stroll down Pandrosou Street with its many souvenir and antique shops as well as artists' studios or visit the National Archaeological Museum (open until 7:00 pm) or the Ancient Agora (open until 5:00 pm) Entrances not included.

Evening Dinner at your hotel.

Thursday, May 22

Athens/Sounion/ Aigina/Athens

Morning Breakfast at your hotel.

Early morning excursion to Cape Sounion, site of the 5th-century BC Temple of Poseidon. Built on sheer cliffs, the Temple was ideally located for worship of the god of the sea. Despite the many signatures left by tourists (following the precedent of Lord Byron when he wrote his signature on a column in the early 19th century), the brilliant-white Doric columns of the temple are spectacular.

Then proceed to the port of Pireaus. Board ship for a cruise on the Saronic Gulf to the island of Aigina. The island has been inhabited for over 4,000 years and has remained an important settlement throughout that time.

Afternoon Arrive on Aigina. Free time to enjoy the picturesque island town.

Independent lunch.

Then reboard boat for return to Athens.

Remainder of day at leisure.



Evening Dinner at your hotel.

Friday, May 23 *147 kms/91 miles* *Athens/
Monastery of Osios Loukas/Delphi*

Morning Breakfast at your hotel.

Board coach and depart Athens.

A stop may be made in Thebes, once the most powerful city of Greece. It is today little more than a quiet town. A bridge over the riverbed marks the traditional site of the Fountain of Oedipus where the King is said to have washed blood from his hands after killing his father.

Afternoon A stop will be made en route for an independent lunch.

Arrive at the Monastery of Osios Loukas where you will have guided tour. Built in circa 1011 by the Emperor Romanos, the octagonal style of the main church became a hallmark of late Byzantine religious architecture. The mosaics brought Byzantine art into its great period.

Continue on to Delphi.

Check into your hotel.

Evening Dinner at your hotel.

The GETTYSBURG COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE may perform this evening in one of the small towns just south of Delphi located on the Gulf of Corinth.

Saturday, May 24 *Delphi/Patras/
Venice, ITALY by boat*

Morning Breakfast at your hotel.

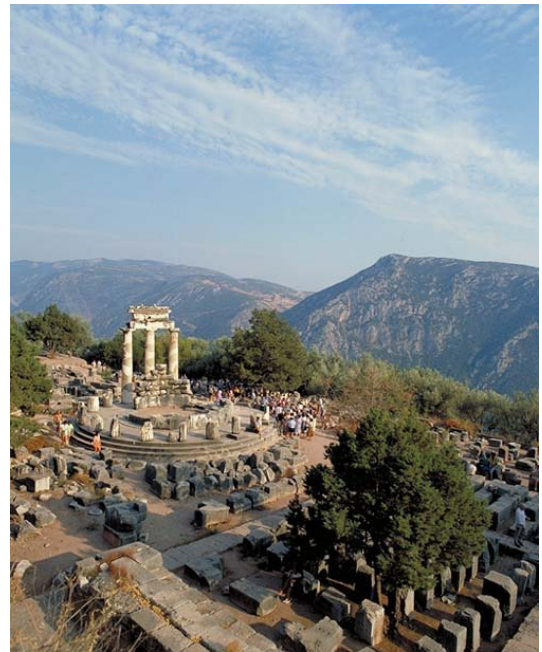
Board coach for transfer to the ancient site of Delphi. Renowned as a dwelling place of Apollo, people came from across the ancient world to visit Delphi and consult the god on personal and public issues. You will have a guided tour of the site including the Delphic Council House, the Temple of Apollo, the Rock of the Sibyl and the Sacred Way.

Afternoon Independent lunch in Delphi.

Board coach and depart Delphi. You will travel through coastal fishing villages before arriving in Patras, located at the entrance to the Gulf of Corinth.

Evening Dinner at a local restaurant in Patras.

Proceed to the harbor and board the Monoan Lines ship for Venice. Accommodations in double berthed interior cabins. (Exterior cabins available at a supplemental cost.)



Sunday, May 25

Venice, ITALY

- Morning Breakfast on board the ship.
Your ship will cruise through the Adriatic Sea separating Italy from the Balkan Peninsula (Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Croatia, and Slovenia).
- Afternoon Lunch on board the ship (included).
Arrive in Venice, and transfer by private water taxi to your hotel - a religious institution (former monastery) converted to a hotel offering double, triple and quad rooms (tentative).
- Evening Independent dinner.



Monday, May 26

Venice

- Morning Breakfast at your hotel.
Walk or transfer by public vaporetto to Saint Marc's Square.
Meet your guide next to Saint Marc's Basilica and begin a tour of San Marco Square, the Basilica and the Doge's Palace (exterior). Then continue on with your guides to visit (in shifts) a local artisan's shop where the typical Venetian carnival masks are made.
- Afternoon Independent lunch.
The GETTYSBURG COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE will perform this afternoon on one of the central square's of Venice.
Remainder of day at leisure.
- Evening Independent dinner.

Venice is one of the few cities in the world that can be truly described as unique. It survives against all the odds, built on a series of low mud banks amid the tidal waters of the Adriatic and regularly subject to floods. Venice became an independent Byzantine province in the 10th century and was the gateway to the Orient. Exclusive trading links with the East brought wealth and power. Venice expanded its influence throughout the Mediterranean to Constantinople (modern Istanbul). The immense wealth of the city was celebrated in art and architecture enjoyed to this day by visitors. You can walk to most places in Venice itself, and take a ride on a waterbus to any of the islands.

Tuesday, May 27

Venice

- Morning Breakfast at your hotel.
Board boat for a 3-island cruise. Stops will be made on the islands of Burano, Murano, and Torcello. On Murano, you will have a tour of one of the glassmaking factories.
- Afternoon Independent lunch.
Remainder of day at leisure for independent exploration and shopping.
- Evening Festive Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, May 28

Venice/USA

Morning Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer by water taxi to the Venice Airport. Your luggage will be transported by separate taxi.

Check in for your flight.

Depart Venice. A connection may be required in a European city before continuing on to Dulles Airport.

Afternoon Arrive at Dulles Airport. Claim your luggage and clear customs.

Welcome Home!