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It's impossible to overstate the influence of Ancient Rome and Greece on our modern-day society; seeing monuments from those civilizations is a profound experience. From the Colosseum to the Parthenon to the expansive archaeological sites at Pompeii, Epidaurus and Mycenae, walk in the footsteps of the men and women who set the stage for the development of Western culture.

Everything you get:





Comfortable motorcoach; Night ferry; 4-day Greek island cruise with extension

6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 1 night cabin accommodations (5 with extension)

European breakfast and dinner daily (3 meals daily during cruise extension)

7 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides; 1 walking tour

Entrance to: Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica: Colosseum: Roman Forum; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Olympia museum; Epidaurus; Mycenae; Acropolis

You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply. During the cruise, additional optional excursions are offered by the cruise line.

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport

Day 3: Rome

- Take a guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica - Take a guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome: Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona; Spanish Steps

Day 4: Pompeii | Brindisi | Night ferry

- Take a guided tour of Pompeii
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins
- Board an overnight ferry to Patras

Day 5: Patras | Olympia | Argolida

- Arrive in Patras
- Travel to Olympia
- Take a guided tour of Olympia
- Visit the Olympia Museum
- Continue on to Argolida

Day 6: Epidaurus | Mycenae | Athens

- Take a guided tour of Epidaurus
- Take a guided tour of Mycenae
- Stop at the Corinth Canal
- Continue on to Athens

Day 7: Athens

- Take a guided tour of Athens: Olympic Stadium; Temple of Athena Nike
- Visit the Acropolis: Parthenon
- Take a walking tour of Athens: Plaka District
- Optional: Greek Evening

Day 8: Athens

- Enjoy a free day in Athens
- Optional: Delphi

Day 9: Depart for home

4-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Days 9-12: Greek island cruise

- Cruise the Greek islands and Turkey: Mykonos; Kusadasi; Patmos; Rhodes; Crete; Santorini
- Optional: Shore excursion package; Ancient Ephesus; St. John's Monastery and Grotto of Apocalypse; Rhodes and Lindos

Day 13: Depart for home

Athens

Discover the ancient city named for Athena, goddess of war and wisdom. Your local guide will lead you up to the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, perhaps the world's greatest architectural feat. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, her wings clipped to prevent her from deserting the city. Snap a picture of the Presidential Guard in traditional costume, then, pass the stadium that hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896. A walking tour will take you by Hadrian's Arch and the Temple of Olympian Zeus, built in 515 B.C. to honor the most powerful of all Greek gods.



Acropolis Athens, Greece



Pompeii

Once a city of ancient prosperity, many wealthy Romans established their homes here thousands of years ago. When neighboring Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, it cloaked the Roman resort in volcanic ash, perfectly preserving the minutiae of daily life. The buildings and artifacts left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. See the fully excavated ruins of the town's ancient temples, forum and theatre. Of Pompeii's three bathhouses, the Stabian Baths was the largest complex. Learn about their ingenious heating method—one of the earliest examples of its kind—that brought hot water to visitors.

Pompeii ruins Pompeii, Italy

Rome

No place integrates its past into the present quite like Rome, where history comes to life. Explore the world's most famous arena on your sightseeing tour to the Colosseum. Here, you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.



Colosseum Rome, Italy

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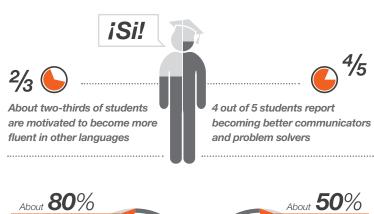
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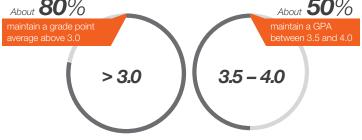
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