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HIGHLIGHTS OF GREECE

TOUR + CRUISE TO GREECE + EPHESUS

ATHENS – KALAMBAKA – DELPHI – PATRAS – OLYMPIA – NAUPLIA – TOLON
MYCENAE – CORINTH – ATHENS – LAVRION – MYKONOS – KUSADASI, EPHESUS
PATMOS – RHODES – HERAKLION, CRETE – SANTORINI – LAVRIO – ATHENS

September 23 – October 7, 2017 (15 days)

Day 1 Sat, September 23

CANADA – GREECE

Late afternoon departure for Greece via London with British Airways from Vancouver.

Day 2 Sun, September 24

ARRIVE ATHENS

We arrive early evening, transfer to the hotel, check in and have dinner. (D)

Day 3 Mon, September 25

ATHENS

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of **Athens** as we mount the Acropolis to visit the iconic Parthenon and the Erechtheum. Our tour proceeds to take in some views and modern highlights of the famous city, passing the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Parliament House, the Presidential Palace, Panathenian Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Academy, the University and the National Library. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure; perhaps spend time in the historic Plaka area or relax in Greek style with a beer or Ouzo and soak up the atmosphere. (B,D)

Day 4 Tue, September 26

ATHENS – KALAMBAKA

We set off on an early morning drive, stopping en route to see the statue of Leonidas at **Thermopylae**. This commemorates the historic battle between a small force of 300 Spartans under Leonidas against the might of thousands of troops of the Persian army under Xerxes in 480 BCE. In the afternoon we visit breathtaking **Meteora** and one of the remarkable Byzantine monasteries which perch on its stony peaks. We arrive in Kalambaka in time for dinner. (B,D)

Day 5 Wed, September 27

KALAMBAKA – DELPHI

We drive through the towns of Central Greece – Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala – and cross the Thessalian plain towards **Delphi**. One of the most renowned oracles of the ancient world, the priestess Pythia pronounced her famous oracles in the Temple of Apollo at Delphi. We will visit the famous Archeological site and the museum, and later check into our hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 Thu, September 28

DELPHI – PATRAS – OLYMPIA

Crossing the new bridge from Antirion to Rion we travel via Patras to **Olympia**. We'll visit the complex this afternoon, site of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and birthplace of the Olympics. Later we check in and dine. (B,D)

Day 7 Fri, September 29

OLYMPIA – NAUPLIA – TOLON

Passing Megalopolis and Tripolis we drive to **Nauplia**, an important seaport through the Crusades. We'll enjoy a stroll through this ancient capital before proceeding to the coastal town of Tolon. (B,D)

Day 8 Sat, September 30

TOLON – EPIDAUROS – TOLON

This morning is at leisure to enjoy the picturesque town. In the afternoon we tour the ancient sites of **Epidaurus**, including the Sanctuary of Asclepeios, ancient God of Healing, and the best-preserved ancient theatre in all of Greece. The grand theatre accommodated 12,000 people and is known for the harmony of its design and the perfection of its acoustics. (B,D)

Day 9 Sun, October 1

TOLON – MYCENAE – CORINTH – ATHENS

This morning we drive to **Mycenae** to visit the remains of the prehistoric citadel which gives its name to an era (1600-1100 BCE) when it dominated southern Greece as one of the major centres of Greek civilization. We'll see the fortified Cyclopean Walls, the Lionesses' Gate, the remains of the Mycenaean Palace and the Tomb of King Agamemnon, who, with his family has been a source of inspiration for legend, drama, literature and opera for centuries. Then we continue to ancient **Corinth**, passing by the Corinth Canal, a steep four mile channel connecting the Saronic and the Corinthian Gulfs which was first attempted in the 1st century CE. We end the day in Athens. (B,D)

Day 10 Mon, October 2

ATHENS – LAVRION – MYKONOS

In the morning we will transfer to the port of Lavrion for the **4-day cruise to the Greek Isles** and Turkey. We set sail before lunch for **Mykonos** and arrive by early evening. Mykonos combines the dazzling white beauty of a typical Cycladic island with a sophisticated international jet-set atmosphere and a very active nightlife. Stroll at leisure through the whitewashed, flower bedecked alleyways to the impressive church complex of Paraportiani or along the waterfront of "Little Venice" to the well-known windmills for an unparalleled photo op! We sail for Kusadasi at 22.00. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Tue, October 3

EPHESUS (KUSADASI) – PATMOS (GREECE)

This morning we call at Kusadasi, starting point

for our excursion to the ancient city of **Ephesus**. Tour the spectacular remains of this great city which was founded in the 10th century BCE, and is still being excavated. Walk through history along marble streets lined with wonderful public buildings, among them the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian and the Theatre. The site of another of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the massive Temple of Diana nearby also attests to the scope and magnificence of this city under Greek and Roman rule. We return to Kusadasi with a little time to shop for some of the famous carpets before setting sail again at noon. Arriving mid-afternoon at the beautiful, rocky island of **Patmos**, we can head up to the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, where we have a panoramic view of the island and visit the Grotto where the exiled saint wrote of the Revelation or join a Scenic Island tour which also takes in the windmills of Chora. We can enjoy some free time at the scenic port of Scala before the ships sails for Rhodes at 20.00. (B,L,D)

Day 12 **Wed, October 4**
RHODES

We arrive at **Rhodes** this morning, famed for its medieval stronghold built by the Crusader Knights of St. John. In ancient times another of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the legendary Colossus of Rhodes bestrode the harbour entrance. A half-day excursion also gives us and opportunity to visit the Temple of Athena on the majestic Acropolis of **Lindos**, with the blue Aegean Sea beneath it and the whitewashed artists' colony at its foot. We have the afternoon free in Rhodes to stroll the passages and fortifications of the medieval walled city and enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere from one of the elegant cafes in the marina. At 18.00 we sail for Heraklion, Crete. (B,L,D)

Day 13 **Thu, October 5**
HERAKLION, CRETE – SANTORINI

Arriving in **Heraklion** this morning, we depart the lively city for an excursion to the Palace of **Knossos**, centre of the distinctive Bronze Age Minoan Civilization (3650 to 1400 BCE!) and legendary home of the Minotaur. Next we depart at 11.30 for **Santorini** where we arrive in the afternoon. You may take a mule or cable car up to the whitewashed town of Thera, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano, the eruption of which in 1,600 BCE buried a flourishing Bronze Age town which has now been excavated at Akrotiri. The eruption created a vast caldera and tsunami, and is considered one of the possible inspirations for the legend of Atlantis. We sail toward Athens this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 14 **Fri, October 6**
LAVRION – ATHENS

After breakfast we will disembark and stop at **Cape Sounion**, famous for its radiant sunsets and the elegant Doric marble Temple of Poseidon that overlooks the gloriously blue Aegean Sea. Then we'll drive along the coastal road past the

beautiful beaches of Varkiza, Vouliagmeni, Voula, Glyfada and Kalamaki to **Athens**. Upon arrival we will visit the **National Archaeological Museum**, which displays finds from all parts of the ancient Greek world that date from Neolithic times to the last years of the Roman Empire. Following this we'll check in to the hotel. This evening we will enjoy a traditional Greek dinner with folk dances, bouzouki music and songs in a typical tavern in the oldest and most picturesque district of Athens, the Plaka at the foot of the Acropolis. (B,D)

Day 15 **Sat, October 7**

ATHENS DEPARTURE

We breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to Athens International Airport for our flight home. (B)

INCLUDED

- Return air fare Canada – Greece.
- 4 day Greek Island cruise with all services on board (including port taxes, entertainment, etc.)
- Accommodation in comfortable superior tourist-class hotels during land tour.
- Private bus and guide for tours on land portion of trip.
- Excursions during cruise as per itinerary.
- Entrances and sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D) as per itinerary.
- All-inclusive Drink package aboard ship with alcohol or Non Alcoholic options.
- Tips/Gratuities for ship's crew.
- Local taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Insurance.
- Departure taxes (approx. \$600; varies per departure city).
- Most airlines now apply Seat Assignment charges. We will advise you if so, and how much, at time of booking.
- Gratuities for drivers/guides on land portion and excursions.
- Drinks and items of a personal nature.

COST per person based on double occupancy

15 Day Tour	CDN
from Vancouver	\$4690
from Toronto	\$4590
for rates from other cities, please call our office	
Outside Cabin	+ \$220
Single Supplement /Inside Cabin	+ \$990
Single Supplement /Outside Cabin	+ \$1090

The rates are valid for bookings to March 3, 2017 (depending on availability, as it could sell out). For new bookings after the above date, the rate will go up by \$250 per person in twin occupancy.

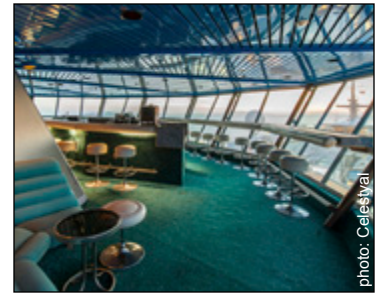


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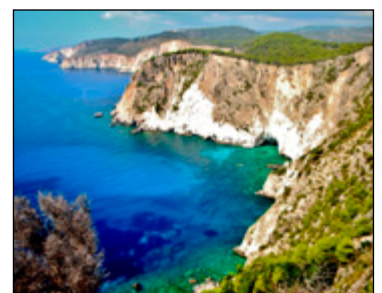
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RESERVATION FORM

please indicate your tour selections below

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Please fill out this form in full and mail it with your deposit of \$600.⁰⁰ and insurance payment for each passenger. Insurance is optional but strongly recommended. Please write name **exactly** as listed in passport (e.g.: William, not "Bill")

PASSENGER NO. 1: NAME		PASSENGER NO. 2: NAME	
Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name
	Middle Name		Middle Name
	Last Name		Last Name
Passport #:		Passport #:	
Passport Issuing Country:		Passport Issuing Country:	
Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yy	Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yy
City + Country of Birth:		City + Country of Birth:	

ADDRESS:	Street:	
	City:	Province/State:
	Postal Code:	Country:
	Phone: home	work
	email:	

Next of Kin (to be contacted in case of emergency): _____ ph: _____

Accommodation: Single Double Sharing with: _____

Category of cabin selected: Inside Cabin (category IB) Outside Cabin (category XB with porthole)


Seating Preference on Aircraft: Window Aisle


Special Dietary Meal Request: _____ (where available for flights/cruises)

First Name (as you would like it to appear on your name tag): _____

INSURANCE: Please see insurance page then indicate your choice below
All-Inclusive or Trip Cancellation insurance should be purchased at time of deposit Accepted Declined
specify All Inclusive or Trip Cancellation _____
specify amount of premium (see next page) \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to: **SPECIAL TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL**
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VISA/MASTERCARD PAYMENTS: *A 2% service fee applies to payments made by credit card

Card Number _____ Expiry date _____
Name on card _____
Amount to be charged _____

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the brochure.

SIGNATURE: _____

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$600 per person is required at the time of reservation on this Special Travel International (hereafter called STI) tour. A second payment of \$1000 per person is then due by March 3, 2017. The final payment is due by July 23, 2017. Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date when written notification is received by STI. **The deposit of \$600 is non-refundable.** The following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is received prior to departure:

until March 3, 2017	deposit of \$600
March 3 – July 23, 2017	\$1600
After July 23, 2017	100%

P.S.: Different payment/cancellation policies apply to airline tickets; you will be advised at time of booking

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

STI acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. STI shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient documents and any loss/expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

INSURANCE:

STI recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travel (in situations where insurance is not included in the tour price).

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents and visas required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any airliner carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.



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INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Following are the main areas of coverage with **Allianz Global Assistance** and the two packages we offer for this particular trip. Please carefully read the brochure you will receive after booking for full details. For insurance purposes the key point is that you are in GOOD health.

Please note that PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS are not covered.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

Please Note: Travellers need to have current Provincial Health Plan coverage in order to qualify for the ALL-INCLUSIVE insurance package.

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE consists of:

- Cancellation & Interruption
- Emergency Medical (\$5 Million limit)
- Flight Accident
- Travel Accident
- Baggage & Personal Effects

THE ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (rate per person)

AGES ↓	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	77 +
double occupancy	\$250	\$315	\$386	\$448	\$901
single room	\$291	\$367	\$449	\$518	\$1,041

If you wish you may also choose the Cancellation & Interruption insurance alone; this plan is suitable if you have sufficient medical coverage already and these rates apply to any trip length.

Please Note: To cover Land cost and Air fare, add the flights purchased through STI to total insurable amount (in case of Package not including Air).

CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

AGES ↓	0-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
double occupancy	\$232	\$267	\$299	\$341	\$459	\$552
single room	\$268	\$312	\$353	\$404	\$531	\$633

Note: Insurance rates are valid at time of printing and are subject to change. Insurance premiums are subject to Provincial Sales Tax: 8% Ontario, 9% Quebec, 7% Manitoba



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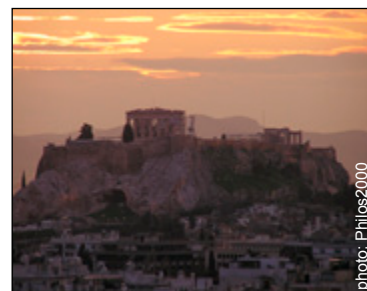


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