

CLASSICAL TOUR OF

GREECE

(incl 4 day cruise to Greek Islands and Turkey)

May 10 - 24, 2008 (15 days)

Day 01

May 10, Sat: CANADA – ATHENS

Departure for Greece

Day 02

May 11, Sun: ARRIVE ATHENS

After arrival transfer to the hotel and time to rest up before dinner at the hotel (D)

Day 03

May 12, Mon: ATHENS

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Athens as we climb up to the marble-capped Acropolis and visit the famous Parthenon and the Erechtheum – we then go to nearby Mars' Hill (or Areopagus) where the Apostle Paul delivered some of his sermons – our tour continues with the highlights of modern Athens: we pass by the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Parliament House, Presidential Palace, Panathenian Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Academy, the University and the National Library – enjoy the afternoon at leisure to shop in Athens, spend time in the historic Plaka area with its nice local places or rest (B, D)

Day 04

May 13, Tue: ATHENS

Take it easy this morning (we start a little later as we have a busy afternoon/evening program) or explore – after lunch on your own 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 – after our visit we will drive along the coastal road, past the beautiful beaches of Kalamaki, Glyfada, Voula, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza, with its countless coves toward Sounion – we will stop at Cape Sounion, famous for its radiant sunsets and dominated by the Doric white marble Temple of Poseidon that overlooks the blue Aegean Sea – after our visit we will enjoy dinner at a seaside restaurant and we return to the hotel in Athens afterwards (B, D)



Day 05**May 14, Wed:****ATHENS – CORINTH – MYCENAE – EPIDAUROS – NAFPLION**

In the morning we drive along the coastal road of the Saronic Gulf to ancient Corinth, passing by the Corinthian Canal, a four miles narrow cut of land, connecting the waters of the Saronic and the Corinthian Gulfs – we will see some of the great Greek and Roman sites: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo and the Roman Odeon – the small museum here is an eye opener – then we proceed to Mycenae to visit the remains of the prehistoric citadel fortified with the Cyclopean Walls, the Lionesses' Gate, the remains of the Mycenaean Palace and the Tomb of King Agamemnon in which we will actually enter – then we continue on to visit Epidauros: the Sanctuary of Asclepeios, ancient God of healing – we will see the best-preserved ancient theatre in all of Greece, famous for the harmony of its design and the perfection of its remarkable acoustics, easily accommodating 12,000 people – we then drive to Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece (B, D)

**Day 06****May 15, Thu:****NAFPLION – TRIPOLIS – MEGALOPOLIS – OLYMPIA**

We drive through central Peloponnese to ancient Olympia, site of the stadium where the first Pan- Hellenic games took place, thereafter they were held every 4 years – in the afternoon we will visit the archaeological site and museum and after dinner at the hotel we will go to a local club to enjoy a Greek folklore dance show (B, D)

Day 07**May 16, Fri:****OLYMPIA – PATRAS – DELPHI**

In the morning we drive via Patras, through Nafpaktos and onwards to visit the archaeological site at Delphi where the priestess Pythia pronounced her famous oracles in the Temple of Apollo – we'll enjoy the afternoon in the hillside town – check in and dinner (B, D)

**Day 08****May 17, Sat:****DELPHI – KALAMBAKA**

After our visit to the museum at Delphi we drive through the towns of Central Greece (Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala) and cross the Thessalian plain to Kalambaka – check in later in the afternoon (B, D).

Day 09**May 18, Sun:****KALAMBAKA – ATHENS**

Early morning drive up to the breathtaking Meteora – we will visit one of the Byzantine monasteries built on the top of high rocks – then drive back to Athens and en route we will stop at Thermopylae to see the statue of Leonidas, which commemorates the historic battle between the 300 Spartans, led by Leonidas and the Persian army of Xerxes in 480 BC composed of thousands – arrival in Athens in time for dinner (B, D)

Day 10

May 19, Mon: ATHENS – PIRAEUS – MYKONOS

In the morning we will transfer to the port of Piraeus for the 4-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey – we start sailing for Mykonos at 11.00 and will arrive there at 18.00 - 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-decked alleyways to the sculpture church of Paraportiani or along the waterfront of “Little Venice” to the well-known windmills (picture taking at its best!) – sail to Kusadasi, Turkey at 22.00



Day 11

May 20, Tue: KUSADASI/EPHESUS – PATMOS

At 07:00 we call at Kusadasi, starting point for our optional excursion to the ancient city of Ephesus – tour the spectacular ruins where excavations still continue in this once great and important city, which was founded in the 10th century BC - 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 Theater –



the Temple to goddess Diana of the Ephesians, one of the Seven Wonders of the then Ancient World, was erected in this city – then return to Kusadasi for some shopping time before sailing for Patmos, Greece at noon; at 15.00 we arrive at this beautiful mysterious rocky island where the exiled Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation – join an optional tour: drive up to the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, where we have a wonderful view of the island and visit the Grotto of the Revelation or join a scenic Island Tour which also takes in the windmills of Chora – free time at the scenic port of Scala – the ships sails for Rhodes at 20.00

Day 12

May 21, Wed: RHODES

At 7.00 we call at Rhodes – this stronghold was built by a Crusading Order (the Knights of St.John), which originated from Palestine, and in older days, it was home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: the Colossus of Rhodes! – the optional half-day excursion takes us to visit the Temple of Athena on the majestic rocky Acropolis of Lindos, with the blue Aegean Sea beneath it and the sophisticated, whitewashed artists' colony at its foot – we have the afternoon free in Rhodes for a most delightful experience – stroll around 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



Day 13

May 22, Thu: HERAKLION/CRETE – SANTORINI

We dock in Heraklion at 07.00 where our optional excursion takes us from the lively bustling city to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, legendary home of the Minotaur (half bull and half man) – sail for Santorini at 11.30, where we arrive at 16.30 – here you may take a mule or the cable car up to the white-washed town of Thera, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano, the eruption of which (1,600 BC) literally buried a flourishing Bronze Age town which has now been excavated at Akrotiri – we sail for Piraeus at 20:30

Day 14

May 23, Fri: PIRAEUS – ATHENS



After breakfast we will disembark and transfer to the Hotel in Athens (after leaving the luggage there – the afternoon is at leisure for last shopping and sightseeing on your own) – 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, Plaka (B, D)

Day 15

May 24, Sat: ATHENS – CANADA

Transfer to the airport for the flight home (B)

INCLUDED:

- Air fare Canada – Athens – Canada
- Private bus and guide
- Accommodation in first class **** hotels during time of touring on Greek mainland
- Four Day Cruise based on full board basis aboard ship beginning with lunch on embarkation day and including breakfast on the day of disembarkation; with entertainment, free use of shipboard facilities and services of cruise staff.
- Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) every day, lunches (L) according to itinerary
- All entrances and special events

NOT INCLUDED:

- Departure Taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches (apart from the ones during cruise)
- Optional excursions during 4 day cruise (up to 5 tours at approx \$ 75 each)
- Tips for driver and guide during tour and on cruise
- Drinks and items of personal nature



Cost per person: in Can \$ based on double occupancy (inside cabin on cruise)

from Vancouver: \$ 4390

single supplement:

\$ 1250

from Toronto: \$ 4240

Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax \$ 4490

Montreal/ Ottawa \$ 4340

Outside Cabin add \$ 290 (sgl \$ 490)

Land only rate: \$ 3240

INSURANCE PREMIUMS

STI TOURS 2008

* THE EMIRATES & OMAN	(Feb 05 – 19, 2008) – 15 days
* CLASSICAL GREECE	(May 10 – 24, 2008) – 15 days
* AUSTRIA & ITALY	(Sep 18 – Oct 03, 2008) – 16 days
* THE BALTICS (& St. Petersburg)	(Sep 22 – Oct 05/08, 2008) – 14/17 days
* STEPS OF ST PAUL CRUISE (Greece, Turkey, Israel)	(Nov 21 – Dec 04, 2008) – 14 days

The following are the main areas of coverage - for the full details (and we advise you to read them carefully) refer to the brochure that you will receive after booking.

The KEY POINTS in regards to insurance: that you are in good health. Please note that PRE EXISTING CONDITIONS are not covered. Do check with us if you have any questions in regards to these points!

The following 2 are the packages we offer for this particular trip – if you have any questions ... feel free to call us.

THE ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

RATE PER PERSON:	TO AGE 60	61 – 65	66 – 70	71 - 76	77 +
THE EMIRATES & OMAN	\$ 230	\$ 276	\$ 294	\$ 367	\$ 464
CLASSICAL GREECE	\$ 204	\$ 248	\$ 280	\$ 339	\$ 422
AUSTRIA & ITALY	\$ 191	\$ 223	\$ 259	\$ 331	\$ 381
THE BALTICS (& St. Petersburg)	\$ 191/\$220	\$ 223/\$261	\$ 259/293	\$ 331/\$431	\$ 381/\$548
STEPS OF ST PAUL(Greece, Turkey, Israel)	\$ 204	\$ 248	\$ 280	\$ 339	\$ 422

The following are part of the ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE offered:

- * CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION
- * EMERGENCY MEDICAL (\$2 Million limit)
- * FLIGHT ACCIDENT
- * TRAVEL ACCIDENT
- * BAGGAGE & PERSONAL EFFECTS

If you wish you can also choose the CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION insurance alone – that plan is suitable if you have sufficient medical coverage already! (the rates apply to any trip length)

CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

RATE PER PERSON:	TO AGE 70	71 +
THE EMIRATES & OMAN	\$ 302	\$ 339
CLASSICAL GREECE	\$ 276	\$ 316
AUSTRIA & ITALY	\$ 255	\$ 297
THE BALTICS (& St. Petersburg)	\$ 255/\$302	\$ 297/\$339
STEPS OF ST PAUL(Greece, Turkey, Israel)	\$ 276	\$ 316

Note: Insurance rates are valid at time of printing and subject to change

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FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$400 per person is required at the time of making a reservation on the Special Travel International (hereafter called STI) tour of your choice. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due 2 months prior to departure. 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 is non refundable.

The following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is received within 60 days of departure.

60-30 days prior to departure.....	50%
29-15 days prior to departure.....	75%
14-0 days prior to departure.....	100%

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 case of insurance not being included in the tour price).

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents and VISAS are 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.