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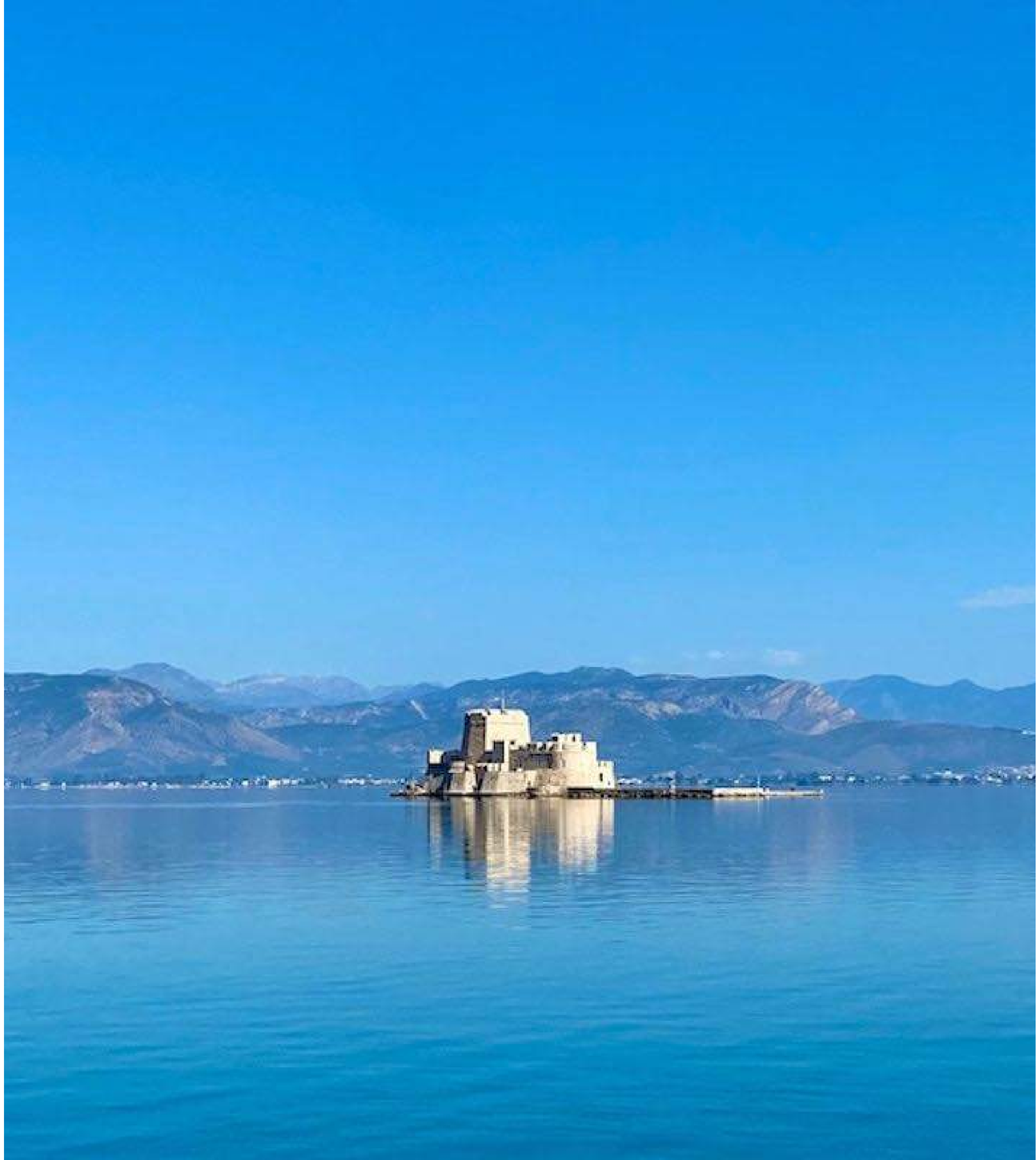


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7 Days Private Tour in Greece

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Isthmus of Corinth (Corinth Canal)*
- *Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus*
- *Nafplio • Mycenae*
- *Sparta • Mystras*
- *Mani • Diros Caves*
- *Ancient Messene*
- *Olympia*
- *Archaeological site of Olympia • Olympic Museum*
- *Archaeological Museum of Olympia*
- *Technological Museum of Archimedes*
- *Meteora • Monasteries of Meteora*
- *Battlefield of Thermopiles / Statue of King Leonidas*
- *Delphi*
- *Temple of Apollo and Archaeological site of Delphi*



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DAY 1: ATHENS – CORINTH CANAL – EPIDAURUS – NAFPLIO

Our driver will pick you up from your hotel, then leave Athens and drive towards the Peloponnese. After a quick stop at the Corinth Canal, we will drive to our next visit to the Archaeological site of Epidaurus, where we'll visit the famous Theatre, renowned for its incredible acoustics, and the archaeological site of Asclepion, an ancient hospital and sanctuary dedicated to the god of medicine, Asclepius. The next stop will be the City of Nafplio, the first Capital of Modern Greece for a few years after Greece gained independence from the Ottoman Empire. Have lunch in the Old City and then explore the tourist area, characterized by its narrow streets, in this traditional part of Nafplio. We will spend the night in Nafplio.

DAY 2: NAFPLIO – MYSTRAS - SPARTA

The following day, after breakfast, we will drive to our next destination, the Archaeological Site of Mystras, the ruins of a fortified Byzantine Town built at the foot of Mount Taygetus in the 12th century, just 5 km from the city of Sparta. We can have lunch there or back in Sparta before visiting the Memorial, the Statue of the famous King of Sparta, Leonidas, and the Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil. We will stay overnight in Sparta.

DAY 3: SPARTA – CAVES OF DIROS – KALAMATA

The next day, we will drive south to the Mani region and visit one of the most beautiful Caves in Greece, the Cave of Diros. The visit is made by boat for the first 1,200 meters and on foot for the last 300 meters, with the cave's extent approximately 14 kilometers. The next stop will be the coastal village of Stupa or Kardamyli, where we can enjoy lunch with a view of the sea. After lunch, we will drive to Kalamata, where we will spend the night.

DAY 4: KALAMATA – MESSENE – BASSAE / EPIKOURIOS APOLLON - OLYMPIA

The following day, we will visit the Archaeological site of Bassae, the Temple of Epikourios Apollon, also called the Second Parthenon. In this bare, rocky landscape, 1131 meters above sea level, the people of Phigaleia founded a sanctuary in honor of Apollo. A sacred road, nearly 13 kilometers long, connected the sanctuary with the city. The sanctuary was dominated by one of the most imposing monuments of ancient Greece: the Temple of Apollo Epikourios, whose cult was established in the late eighth to early seventh century BC. The next stop will be the village of Olympia, where we'll spend the night.



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DAY 5: OLYMPIA - DELPHI

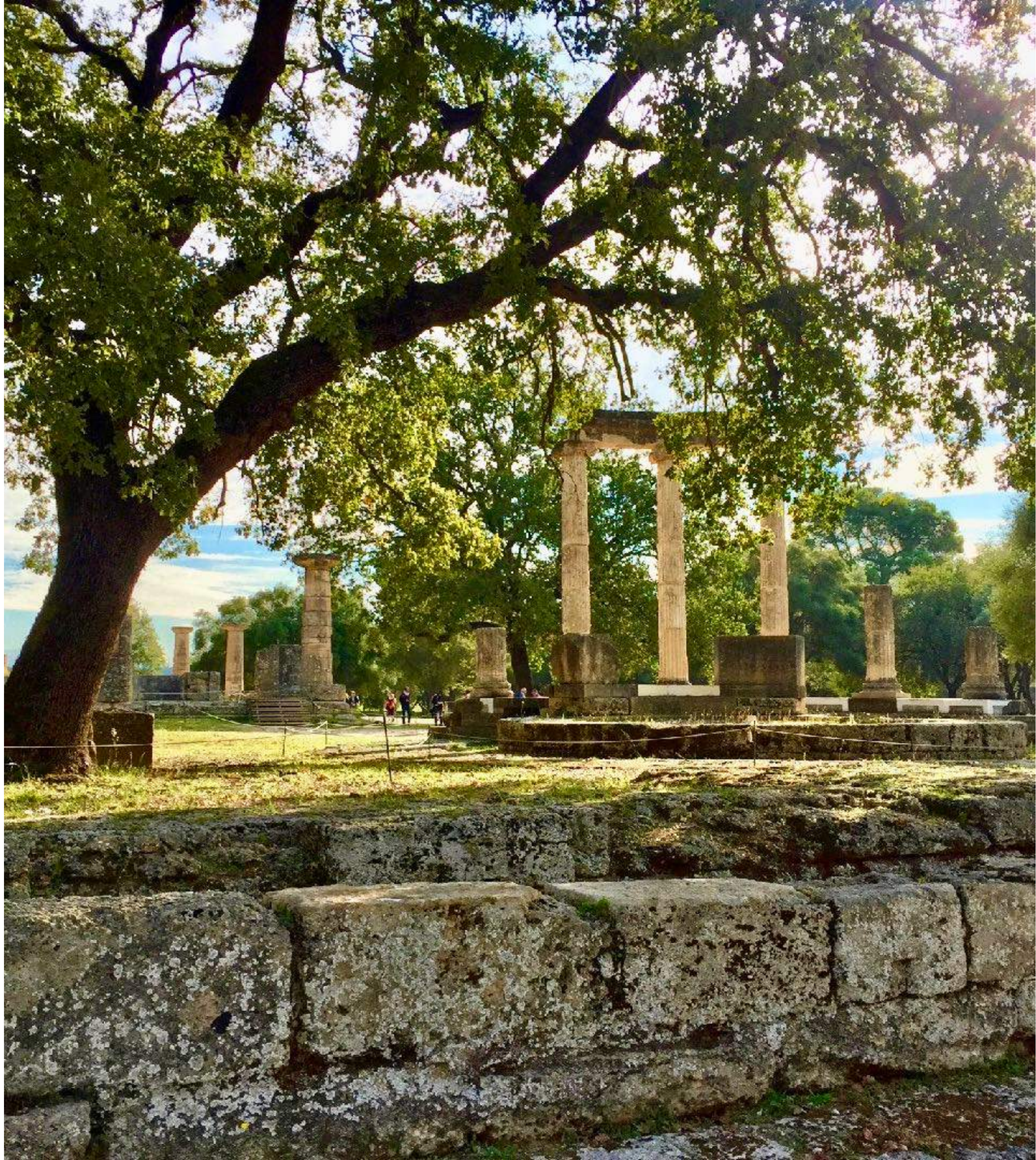
The next day, we will visit the Archaeological site, the Stadium where the ancient Olympic Games were held, and the two Museums of the site, the Archaeological and the Olympic Museum. Also, we can visit the Technological Museum of Archimedes in the village of Olympia. After our visit, we can have lunch in Olympia and then drive to Patra, and over the suspended bridge of Rio, the longest in Europe (3,200 m), cross over to Mainland Greece, and have a short stop at the picturesque city of Nafpaktos before we carry on the coastal road of the Corinthian Gulf, one of the most beautiful and scenic roads in the World, with a final stop the village of Delphi. We will spend the night in Delphi.

DAY 6: DELPHI – ARACHOVA - METEORA

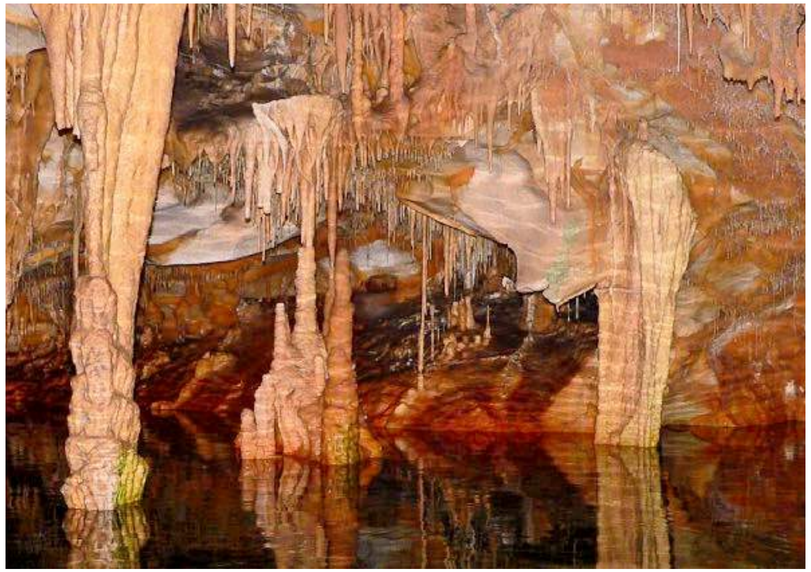
The following day, the first stop will be at the Archaeological site of Delphi, which includes the Temple of Apollo, the most famous Oracle of the Ancient World for more than 16 centuries, the Theater, the Stadium that hosted the athletic events of Pythia, and the Archaeological Museum. Delphi has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. After you visit the site, you can have a traditional lunch in the village of Delphi, and later we'll drive to the picturesque Arachova for a quick stop before we cross the Holy Mountain of Parnassus towards Meteora, a place uniquely sculptured by nature. We'll stay overnight in the Town of Kalambaka, nestled beneath the mountain, and view the spectacular sight of the rocky mountain lit by night.

DAY 7: METEORA – THERMOPYLAE - ATHENS

After breakfast, we will visit a few monasteries that perch atop the magnificent rocks, reaching up to 600 m. UNESCO has designated the monasteries of Meteora as a unique cultural heritage phenomenon and included them in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988. After our visit, we can have lunch in the Town of Kalambaka and then return to Athens with a short stop at the memorial of the battlefield of Thermopylae and the monument of the Spartan King Leonidas, who fought with his 300 men and the 700 Thespians of Demophilos, against hundreds of thousands of Persians, and all the Greeks were killed. In the late afternoon, we will arrive back in Athens.









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