

Athens, Greece



# 10DATHDBV ANCIENT GREECE & VENETIAN REPUBLIC

10 days in Athens, Kalambaka, Ohrid, Tirana, Tivat, and Dubrovnik.

## INCLUDED CITY TOURS

- Athens
- Kalambaka
- Ohrid
- Tirana
- Kotor
- Dubrovnik

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First-class hotels
- Arrival transfer from Athens airport on Day 1
- Departure transfer to Dubrovnik airport on Day 10
- Daily breakfast and 6 dinners
- Professional English-Speaking Tour Director
- Licensed Local Guides
- Touring with modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper technology for enhanced touring
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Entrance fees included where indicated in bold



## TRIP ITINERARY

B - Breakfast | D - Dinner

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### Day 1 - Saturday: Arrive in Athens

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free before meeting your fellow travelers and Tour Director for a Welcome Taverna Dinner. Dinner will be in the Plaka area, next to the Acropolis. (D)

### Day 2 - Sunday: Explore Athens

Begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Athens, exploring its cosmopolitan and bustling capital city. Amidst the city's reminders of a glorious past, visit graceful temples, centuries-old monasteries, and ornate Byzantine churches. Marvel at the immortal **Acropolis**, including the Parthenon, known as the most perfectly proportioned building of all time. Admire the Erechtheion with its iconic Porch of the Maidens, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Wingless Victory. Below the Acropolis lies the Ancient Agora, the Theaters of Dionysus and Herodus Atticus. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. (B)

### Day 3 - Monday: To Kalambaka

Embark on a journey to Delphi, where the famous Oracle once foretold the destinies of men. Explore the 6th-century B.C. **Temple of Apollo**, as well as the Sacred Way, Stadium, and Castalian Fountain. Visit the **Archaeological Museum of Delphi**, which houses an impressive collection of artifacts from the site, including the beautiful Bronze Charioteer. Continue your trip to Kalambaka. (B, D)

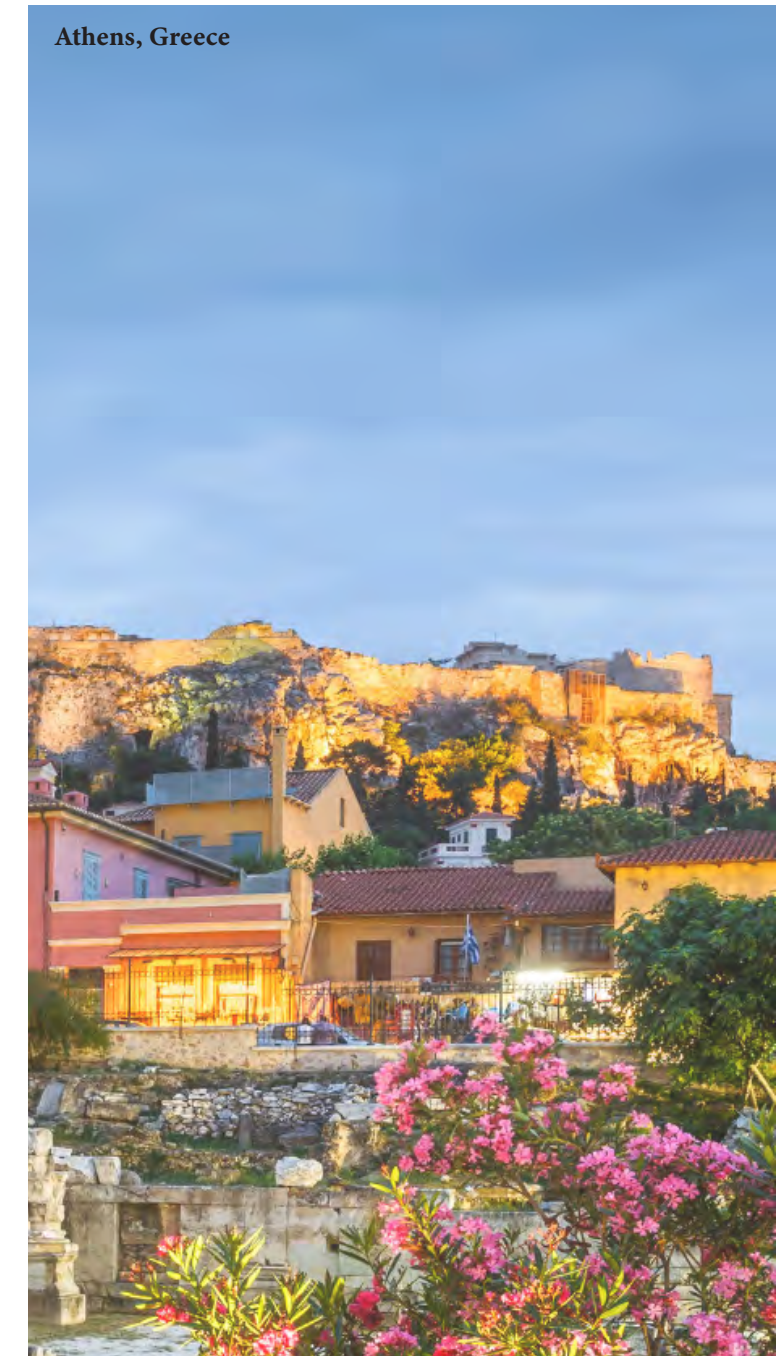
### Day 4 - Tuesday: To Ohrid

After breakfast, marvel at the breathtaking landscapes of Meteora, known as the rocks that fell from the sky. These towering rocks were once home to remote monasteries built by monks seeking isolation. Of the original 33 monasteries, only four are active today, with the **Megalo (Great) Meteoro** being the most important. Its unique architecture, intricate dome, twelve sides, and exquisite frescoes make it a must-see. Cross the border to the Republic of North Macedonia and proceed to Ohrid. (B, D)

### Day 5 - Wednesday: To Tirana

Explore Ohrid, an important cultural and spiritual center recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a morning sightseeing tour through the cobblestone streets of the old town and visit the **Cathedral of St. Sofia**, featuring magnificent 10th-century frescoes. In the afternoon, travel to Tirana - the capital of Albania. (B, D)

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**Day 6 - Thursday: Explore Tirana**

Embark on a morning sightseeing tour of Tirana, where you'll visit notable landmarks such as Skanderbeg Square, the Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero. Explore the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, and the **National History Museum**, adorned with a mosaic depicting Albanian history on its façade. The afternoon is yours to continue reexploring, shopping, or relaxing. (B)

**Day 7 - Friday: To Tivat**

After breakfast, depart Tirana and head to Shkodra, a cultural hub with ancient origins. Explore the magnificent **Rozafa Castle**, perched high on a rocky limestone outcrop overlooking the city. Cross the border into Montenegro and continue to Tivat. Enjoy dinner upon arrival. (B, D)

**Day 8 - Saturday: To Dubrovnik**

Embark on a journey to Dubrovnik, Croatia stopping en route to admire the scenic Kotor Bay, a South European fjord. Enjoy an orientation tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town of Kotor. Continue to Dubrovnik and arrive before dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9 - Sunday: Explore Dubrovnik**

Embark on a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik after breakfast. Visit notable sites such as the **Rector's Palace**, the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and the Franciscan Monastery with its ancient **Pharmacy**. The rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace. Consider joining the optional excursion for a home-hosted Dubelj experience with dinner. (B)

**Day 10 - Monday: Depart Dubrovnik**

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer to Durbovnik airport for your departure. (B)

**Note:** Because of the narrow and cobbled streets, walking is the primary way of getting around. Please make sure to pack comfortable walking shoes.

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**INCLUDED HOTELS**

- Athens - Stanley (F)/ Titania (F) or similar
- Kalambaka - Grand Meteora (F) or similar
- Ohrid - Hotel Granit (F) or similar
- Tirana - Colosseo (F) or similar
- Tivat - Hotel Palma (F) or similar
- Dubrovnik - Lero (F) or similar

**DATES & TOUR PRICING - 10DATHDBV**

Start:	End:	Per Person in Twin:
April 6	April 15	\$2,595
May 18	May 27	\$2,779
June 29	July 8	\$2,879
August 10	August 19	\$2,979
September 21	September 30	\$2,979
Single Room Supplement		\$780