# Grand Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Olympia, Galaxidi, Delphi, Meteora, Grevena.

#### 🛗 5 Days

- Locations Included
  - Arrive in Athens
  - Olympia (1 night)
  - Galaxidi (1 night)
  - Meteora (2 nights)

## Daily Schedule

Day	Highlights	Location
Day 1	Arrival in Athens, Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 1	Athens to Olympia
Day 2	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 2	Olympia to Galaxidi
Day 3	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 3	Galaxidi to Meteora
Day 4	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 4	Meteora
Day 5	The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 5, Departure	Meteora to Athens

## Arrival in Athens, Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 1

#### A Pick up rental car

**Self Guided Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 1** (10 hours) This self-drive trip is a journey of discovery towards the origins of Western Civilization.

It combines the most important historical sites of Greece with places of unique natural beauty and cultural interest: Argolis, land of Iliad's heroes, Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, Delphi, the center of the Ancient World, Nafplio, the first capital of the Greek State, Meteora, the world-famous monasteries, but also roads off the beaten path, like the Koziakas mountain range, the Forest of the White River and its villages.

Each day has a theme, to make your trip more fun and insightful!

You will be staying in carefully selected family-run guesthouses and everything you need to know will be arranged in our mobile app:

detailed day per day itinerary & navigation a great choice of optional stops, local tips & audio storytelling suggestions for tours, audio guided tours & activities our favorite restaurant suggestions in each area

Our app will give you the freedom to modify and adjust your itinerary according to your interests and pace, while maximizing your time.

All content is presented in a clear and simple way to give you a deeper understanding of Greek history and culture. The advice of our favorite guide Danae will escort you at each stop, while you will be able to contact our team of travel designers too!

Pick your car at your arranged location in Athens and start your trip to explore the central part of the Peloponnese peninsula.

Nafplio, Mycenae - Olympia I The Land of Legends

Make a stop at the Corinth Canal to admire a masterpiece of engineering, and continue to Epidaurus, the finest and bestpreserved theatre of the ancient world.

Then visit the fabled Homeric city of Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the capital of one of the oldest civilizations in the world, where you can enjoy the monuments, the legends, and heroes who marked this land with their deeds and ideas.

You'll then head towards the historic seaside city of Nafplio, a romantic, picturesque town, which was the old capital of modern



Greece, crowned by Venetian fortifications and embraced by a beautiful seafront.

From Nafplio, your trip will take you through the beautiful Peloponnesian countryside towards ancient Olympia where you can follow our tips and recommendations for a perfect evening. Overnight in Olympia.

Overnight: Olympia

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### The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 2

**The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 2** (12 hours) Olympia - Galaxidi I An "Athlos" for a Good Life

After a traditional breakfast, start your day with a visit to the ancient site and museum of Olympia.

This was the most important athletic, religious, and political center of the ancient Greek world, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, and the ideals of world peace. Here you'll also understand the ancient idea of 'athlos', the struggle needed to achieve a good life.

Continue with the 'sweetest' activity, at a beautiful honey farm, or take part in a simulation of an ancient excavation!

After lunch drive over the Rio-Antirio bridge, the longest fullysuspended bridge in the world, and stop for coffee at a medieval harbor.

Continue your trip along scenic coastal roads till you reach one of the most beautiful seaside villages of Greece, Galaxidi. Overnight in Galaxidi.

Overnight: Galaxidi



## The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 3

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 3 (10 hours)

Delphi - Meteora I Mountains and waters, a source of divine inspiration

Enjoy a homemade breakfast with local products at your family-run guesthouse and then go for a swim in the refreshing waters of Galaxidi.

The highlight of the day will undoubtedly be the visit to the ancient site and the museum of Delphi, where you can opt for a guided tour to get a better understanding of the monuments and the mystical role of Kastalia spring's waters.

After Delphi, you can enjoy a traditional Greek lunch under centuryold plane trees in a beautiful, abandoned village, followed by a road trip through the mountains and valleys of central Greece. You will pass by villages that will give you a taste of the Greek countryside and you will finish the day with an evening walk, dinner, and overnight in Meteora.

#### **Overnight:** Meteora



## The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 4

The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 4 (8 hours)

Meteora I Between Heaven and Earth

After breakfast start your exploration of Meteora, a stunning natural phenomenon, featuring towering sandstone columns, formed millions of years ago, all pointing heavenward.

These rocks became dwelling-places for Christian Orthodox monks and today you can visit six monasteries that are still functioning. You'll be able to walk and drive around Meteora, to make sure you soak in the sights and the awe-inspiring landscape. You can also visit a prehistoric cave and admire how people lived in the area 130,000 years ago.

Then, explore the town of Kalambaka and learn about local society and how it has developed under the shade of the Great Rocks. If you want to take a deeper dive into local culture choose between a visit to the Greek Education Museum, a Greek language mini-course, or a workshop on Byzantine art with a local artist. You can even go for a truffle hunt and truffle cooking class in the nearby forest with local expert guides and truffle dogs! You will also have the chance to visit the mushroom mueseum.

For lunch, you can enjoy delicious local food in a nearby village or learn all about local wine by visiting one of the best wineries in the area. Finish the day with a scenic sunset and photo-stop route around Meteora rocks.

Overnight in Meteora.

Overnight: Meteora



## The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 5, Departure

**The Grand Self-Drive Tour of Classical Greece Day 5** (12 hours) Pindos - Athens I In search of the divine in the Greek mountains

This day is dedicated to a road trip in Pindos, the most scenic mountain range of central Greece.

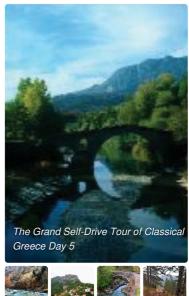
You will explore the little-known Forest of the White River, a wild area of small mountain villages hidden in the depths of a massive forest.

We'll also show you the secret path to one of the most beautiful -but rarely visited by tourists- monastery with thirteen domes, before visiting the spot where three rivers meet. Here you can take a dive in turquoise waters and continue your drive through the gorge to enjoy one of the most scenic routes along with the Pindos Mountain range.

Your last stop will be at an impressive stone bridge and lunch at an unexpected, middle-earth fantasy tree-tavern!

After a full day in one of Greece's most impressive mountain scenery, it's time to head back to Athens following the National Highway.

🖨 Drop off rental car



## **Rental Car**

Day 1 - 5 · Pick up: Athens, Drop off: Athens Airport

### Rental of category K car in Athens for Road Trip

Rental of category K car for 5 full days (Toyota Corolla or similar), with Unlimited Mileage, Third Party Cover, Collision Damage Waiver, Vehicle Theft Cover, Airport surcharge, 24h road assistance( for accidents or mechanical breakdowns), Local Taxes

## What's Included

#### Transportation

• Day 1 - 5: Rental of category K car in Athens for Road Trip

#### Accommodations

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#### Other details

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- · Four accommodations at traditional guesthouses on the 4\* scale
- Four traditional Greek breakfasts
- Customized trip app featuring: thematic detailed itinerary & navigation
- · Enriched content, audio storytelling & advice from a top-rated guide at each location
- · Optional stops, local tips & points of interest
- · Suggestions for tours, audio guided tours & activities
- · Restaurant recommendations in each area

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- The meals not mentioned in the trip plan
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance, and repatriation insurance
- · Optional excursions, activities, and optional tours
- Reservations marked as "reserved by traveler" are reservations that the traveler is responsible for directly. These items are not reserved or supported by kimkim and are included in the trip plan just for completeness.
- Car delivery and collection (stations available at Athens airport, Athens city center, Halandri & Metamorfosi)
- · Gas & tolls
- · Site entry fees
- Meals
- · (Optional) local guided tours / audio guided tours/ activities

### About your local specialist



We are a leading Greece destination management company (DMC).

A professional services company with in-depth local knowledge, expertise, and resources, working in the design and implementation of events, activities, tours, transportation, and travel packages covering each and every corner of this amazing country named Greece.

Here at Greece Adventure Trips (G.A.T.) we organize and implement travel packages and one day tours in selected areas of Epirus, from the dreamed Zagorohoria to the imposing Tzoumerka and the unique beauty of Thesprotia (Acheron River), Western Macedonia, from the magical Prespes to the unique national park of Pindos, of the Peloponnese, a huge outdoor museum, of the Ionian Islands with the crystal clear turquoise waters, the dazzling Mykonos and Santorini, the cater of western civilization and vibrant Athens, Crete that simply has it all, but also in "hidden gems" all over Greece.

Our network of guides and partners around the country excels at "introducing" their region and its people through a dynamic program tailored to the natural environment, culture, history, and gastronomic products of each region.

From one-day excursions to multi-day explorations we provide participants with a unique opportunity to open "closed doors" and experience "hidden secrets" in the land of Gods and people.

We promote Greece's nature & culture through adventure activities, organized trips & tours, that will give the real feeling of what Greece is all about.



#### Angela

Based in Athens, Lefkada and Kalamata

Hi everyone! I am Angela (or as my Greek friends call me, Aggeliki). Let me introduce myself: I am a travel and adventure lover just like you! I work in the travel industry, for a quiet few years now, and I love creating new exciting trips, tours, and above all,...

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