


# Highlights of Mainland Greece-A family Friendly Trip

 7 Days

 Locations Included

- Athens (5 nights)
- Kalabaka (1 night)

## Daily Schedule

Day	Highlights	Location
Day 1	Arrival in Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens	Athens
Day 2	Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour	Athens
Day 3	Free Day in Athens	Athens
Day 4	2 day Athens Escape to Delphi and Meteora (Delphi day)	Athens to Kalabaka
Day 5	2 day Athens Escape to Delphi and Meteora (Meteora day)	Kalabaka to Athens
Day 6	Sounio Sunset tour	Athens
Day 7	Depart Athens	

# Detailed itinerary

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## Arrival in Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

### Private Athens Airport transfer (45 minutes)

Welcome to Athens! Your private driver will be waiting for you outside of your arrival gate to transfer you safely and hassle-free to your hotel in Athens.

### Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

Use the afternoon to scope out some of the museums that you are interested in. The city has a whole slew to be explored, depending on what specialty speaks to you.



For more history and mythology:

- Acropolis Museum
- National Archaeological Museum
- Museum of the Ancient Agora
- Archaeological Museum of Kerameikos

Find some fine arts at:

- Benaki Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- National Gallery

Go off the beaten path at:

- Museum of Cycladic Art, where you can also buy some truly unique souvenirs
- The digital interactive museum at the Platonic Academy, next to the site where the actual Academy stood
- Museum of Ancient Greek Technology in the center of Athens, featuring a working model of the Antikythera mechanism, the first analog computer

Museum tickets and guided tours can be arranged upon request.

### Overnight: Athens

## Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

### Plaka Sunset Walking Tour (2hr)

At the foothill of the Acropolis Rock stretches the old neighborhood of Plaka.

With its alleys – some of them continuously inhabited for thousands of years – and its mosaic of monuments dating to various eras, it is one of the most picturesque, historically important and, inevitably touristy districts of Athens.

Let's discover the district of Plaka on foot while enjoying a picturesque sunset and the vibes of this lively neighborhood.



## Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour

**Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour** (3 hours)

Come, chase gods and heroes!

This is a golden opportunity for families to explore the true roots of Greek mythology with a unique activity tour. You'll visit the city's most significant sites: the Acropolis (including the Parthenon, the Theater of Dionysus, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion) and the Ancient Agora (birthplace of democracy and a hangout spot for Socrates and Plato) while learning about Greek gods and heroes in a fun and engaging way!

- Explore top historical highlights and landmarks in Athens with a tour designed for families
- Visit the world-famous Acropolis and the ancient Agora through a mythological perspective
- Learn about Greek gods and heroes and discover what really hides behind the universal myths.
- Have FUN inside the ancient Agora with an interactive activity inspired by ancient Athens
- Enjoy spectacular views of the city

**Overnight:** Athens



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Explore the neighborhoods, like Plaka, Psyri, Monastiraki Square, Kolonaki, and get the city vibes!

**Overnight:** Athens

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## Optional Activities

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### **Hiking Menalon & Lousios Gorge from Athens (12hr)**

Menalon Trail, located in Arcadia of central Peloponnese is the first certified trail in Greece by the European Ramblers Association (ERA). The area is not just mountainous but is also characterized by a rugged relief composed of continuous valleys, deep gorges, big plateaus, and bare peaks.

Part of Menalon trail is the famous and very popular hike from Stemnitsa to Dimitsana comprising some of the best features of the area.

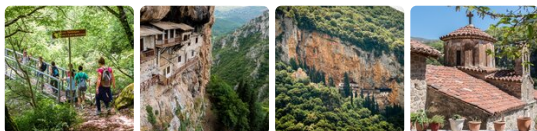
After pick up and an approximately 3 hours scenic drive through the Peloponnese you will arrive at the route starting point.

Our trip starts from Stemnitsa the village of goldsmiths to Dimitsana the village of watermills. These are two of the most important settlements in the Peloponnese and two of the most picturesque of Greece. Both are excellent examples of traditional stone architecture, dominant in every public building, dwellings, and churches and in the village cobble paths.

We walk into a versatile environment encountering the Byzantine Monasteries of Prodromos and Philosophos dating to 963 A.D. literally hanging off the cliffs. We discover old hermitages, watermills, and water springs while crossing the imposing gorge of Lousios the river where mythical god Zeus had his first bath.

We end our journey at the Open-Air Water Power Museum in Dimitsana, a place highlighting the importance of water power in traditional society.

Free time for lunch and wandering around the beautiful village and return back to Athens late in the afternoon.



### **Mythology Comics Workshop in Athens (2hr)**

A family adventure where kids get to bring heroes to life!

In this original family workshop, children get an inside look at mythology and comics, have a chance to watch a comic-book artist design a Greek mythology comic, and have lots of fun by creating their own heroes and adventures.

Learn how a comic is created by a comic book artist - see him work live.

Enjoy Greek myths told by a professional storyteller.

Create your own comic with plenty of demonstration, modeling, and help with drawing and writing.

Have lots of family fun in an inspiring environment - a library dedicated to comic books!



### **Athens Street Art Tour & Graffiti Workshop for Kids (3hr)**

This is a family tour like no other in Athens!

Our street art tour and graffiti workshop is an amazing way to get children engaging with their surroundings and creating whilst having lots and lots of fun from start to finish!

You'll start with a fascinating walk in the trendiest neighborhoods of Athens, where you will discover the best street art pieces from the most talented artists of the city.

Then, under the guidance of your local guide, you'll get to create your own Athens-inspired graffiti designs on canvas, bags, and t-shirts. You'll learn awesome spray-painting tricks during a fun, hands-on experience in a cool venue in the heart of Athens!

\*This activity is not suitable for people with respiratory problems, because of the sprays used during the activity



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## 2 day Athens Escape to Delphi and Meteora (Delphi day)

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Leaving Athens behind around 9 am and via the National Highway, you will see the plain of Beotia and you will pass by the cities of Thiva (birthplace of King Oedipus), Levadia and the picturesque mountain village of Arachova. We will stop at Cheronia to see the famous Lion of Cheronia.

Arriving in Delphi we'll visit Castalia Spring and the main archaeological site. Walk around the evocative ruins and see famous monuments, like the Treasury of the Athenians, the Athenian Stoa, the Polygonal Wall, the monument of the Agrive Kings, the monument of Platea and the Temple of Apollo famous for its oracle.

Next stop is Delphi museum with its spectacular exhibits.

Lunch (optional-own expenses) at a traditional Greek restaurant in the beautiful town of Delphi.

After lunch, we head to Kalabaka where we will relax for the rest of the evening.

**Overnight:** Kalabaka



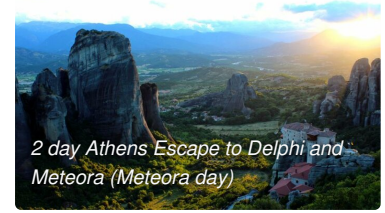
## 2 day Athens Escape to Delphi and Meteora (Meteora day)

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The rock monasteries have been characterized by UNESCO as a unique phenomenon of cultural heritage.

After breakfast visit three different monasteries with your certified guide informing you all about the history and importance.

Lunch (optional –own expenses) at a Greek traditional restaurant at the picturesque city of Kalabaka.



After lunch we'll start our return trip to Athens. Almost half the distance to Athens we will stop at Thermopylae to see the statue of Leonidas, the King of the Spartans, who fell in the battle with all his 300 warriors fighting the Persians of Xerxes in 480 B.C.

Arrival in Athens, late in the afternoon.

**Overnight:** Athens

### Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

#### **Discover the imposing Meteora Rocks by hiking (4hr)**

Go hiking in Meteora and you'll experience a unique convergence of nature and spirituality unlike anywhere else in Greece.

Discover the paths of the first monks and see this unique geological phenomenon walking at its heart.

Hiking in Meteora gives you the opportunity to see the monasteries and landscape from an entirely new perspective. The views of Kalabaka and the Meteora valley throughout the walk are simply stunning.

Have also the chance to visit inside 1 of the main monasteries (Great Meteoron or Varlaam) and the accessible only by hike secret monastery of Ypapanti (only during summer season).

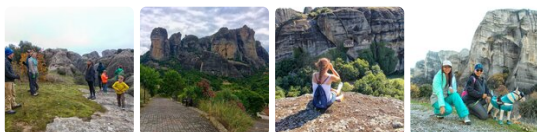
Discover many secret places, ruins of old monasteries and have the chance to take photos that will impress your friends.

Our Professional Hiking Guide will be with you to give you all the information you need about the area, the flora and fauna and the history of the monasteries.

Distance : about 8 km

Duration : 4 hours

Difficulty level : Easy



## Sounio Sunset tour

### Sounio Sunset tour (5 hours)

See the most amazing sunset by visiting Cape Sounio from Athens with a private tour, we will make your journey very comfortable and enjoyable, with no multiple stops unless you wish for.

A half-day, private-group tour provides an easy alternative, with air-conditioned minivan travel, which allows you to visit the cape's Temple of Poseidon, admire the ruins and Aegean views. There will also be a dinner and drink break to enjoy the amazing sunset with a glass of fine wine and an enormous view of Athens from the Cape Sounio.

After pickup from your central Athens hotel, set off along the Athens Riviera by air-conditioned minivan.

Pass through Athens' suburbs of Glyfada and Vouliagmeni, and admire the Saronic Gulf, seaside resorts, and villages as you follow the coastal roads east.

During your outward or return journey, take a break beside the sea. Perhaps enjoy a light meal or drinks (own expense) or dinner.

On arrival, explore the fifth-century Temple of Poseidon perched on the headland. Learn all about its history, including how it was dedicated to the god of the sea, Poseidon, and served as a beacon for mariners. (Entry to the Temple of Poseidon is at your own expense - 8 euros per person.)

Take photos of the panoramas before heading back to Athens. Your tour concludes with a hotel drop-off.

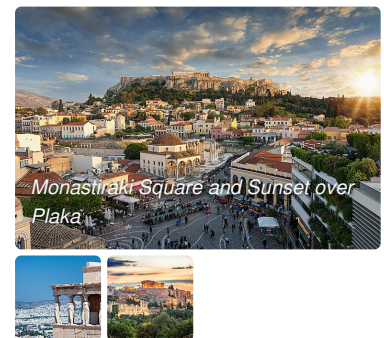
**Overnight:** Athens



## Depart Athens

### Transfer from Athens to Athens Int. Airport (45 minutes)

Your driver will pick you up from your accommodation in Athens and take you to the Athens Int. Airport.





## What's Included

### Activities

- Day 2: Young Heroes: a Family Mythology Tour (private group)
- Day 4: 2 day Athens Escape to Delphi and Meteora (Delphi day) (private group)
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- Day 6: Sounio Sunset tour (private group)

### Transportation

- Day 1: Private Athens Airport transfer
- Day 7: Transfer from Athens to Athens Int. Airport

### Accommodations

Your specialist has not yet selected any hotels for you.

Please ask your specialist to select hotels with availability for your travel dates.

## 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.

## Places you will visit

### Athens

5 nights



Feel the echoes of 3,000 years of history as you explore the streets of **Athens** under the gaze of the **Acropolis** and its iconic **Parthenon**. The modern city wraps around the Acropolis hill, along with imprints left by Byzantine, Ottoman, and neoclassical influences. Whether you're touring some of Europe's greatest ancient monuments, walking alongside a guide through the trendy modern streets of **Koukaki**, **Pangrati**, or **Keramikos** and sampling the mosaic of food and drink along the way, or relaxing in the quietude of gorgeous green spaces like the **National Garden**, there's always something to delight you.

Previous kimkim travelers have found their own ways to interpret the city on photo tours with professional photographers. Other tour options are sure to delight the smaller members of your traveling party: a Painting the Parthenon experience with a professional artist, for example, or doing an Olympic Games workout at the **Panathenaic Stadium**, the world's only 100% marble stadium.

Just outside the city, do not miss the coastline of the up-and-coming **Athenian Riviera**, taking a dip in saltwater **Lake Vouliagmeni**, and watching the sunset over the impressive **Temple of Poseidon** on **Cape Sounion** at the tip of the **Attica Peninsula**.

Suggested things to do:

- Visit the Acropolis at sunset to avoid the crowds and take in the views during the golden hour.
- Stroll down from the Acropolis to the **National Observatory** in the early evening, where the telescope is open to the public three times a week.
- Ride the funicular up to the top of **Lycabettus** hill for panoramic views, then take a walk back down through the park to the posh neighborhood of **Kolonaki** for some quality cafe time.
- Attend a concert or play at the **Odeon of Herodes Atticus**, the ancient theater right beneath the Acropolis.
- Wind your way through the flea market of **Monastiraki** and all the artisan shops in the neighborhood of **Psyrri**, where you'll find handmade sandals, jewelry, pottery, and other unique souvenirs.

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## 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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# Why travelers love kimkim

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## Customize your trip with the help of a local travel specialist

Kimkim has handpicked the world's top local travel specialists so you will have peace of mind and an unforgettable trip that meets your exact requirements.



## Authentic travel experiences

Kimkim's local specialists ensure that you will have the best experience based on up-to-date local insights. On top of that, the vast majority of your money will go straight to support and grow local economies.



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## Local support during your trip

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