

# Greece **Sports Tour** Athens & Tolo

9 Day / 7 Night Program

#### **SUGGESTED PROGRAM**

**PLEASE NOTE**: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

#### ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

#### Day 1 <u>USA – FLIGHT</u>

Fly overnight to Athens via major international scheduled airline. Likely change of plane enroute.

#### Day 2 **ATHENS**

Morning Arrive at Athens' International Airport.

> Athens, the capital of Greece, is the country's largest city and one of the oldest in the world dating back some 3,400 years. Often referred to as the birthplace of democracy and the cradle of western civilization, today Athens is a modern city, and serves as the cultural, financial and political center of the country.

> Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Transfer by private motorcoach to your Three-Star Hotel and check in. Hotel will either be in downtown **Athens** or the upscale seaside suburb of **Glyfada**, ten miles south of Athens.

Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel and have lunch on your own. Afternoon

**Practice Session** 

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

### Day 3 ATHENS

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Athens City Tour







**Changing of the Guard** 

**Parliament Building** 

**Temple of Zeus** 

Board your private motorcoach for an overview of Athens' main attractions with your English-speaking guide. Highlights of the tour include the <u>Old and New Parliament Buildings</u>, the <u>Former Royal Palace</u>, the <u>Monument to the Unknown Soldier</u> where you can watch the changing of the <u>Evzon Guards</u> ceremony, the <u>Prime Minister's Residence</u>, <u>Constitution Square</u>, the <u>Panathinaikos Stadium</u> (site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896), and the **Temple of Zeus**.

#### Afternoon Acropolis Half-Day Tour







**Erechteum** 

**Parthenon** 

**Odeon of Herodes** 

Visit one of the world's most significant historical sites, the **Acropolis**, a flat-topped rock rising some 490 feet above sea level and overlooking the modern city of Athens. Walk up the hill to visit the site's most important landmarks while enjoying beautiful views of the city below.

The most famous building and largest temple on the Acropolis is the <u>Parthenon</u>, built in 438 B.C. dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena. The second-largest temple on the hill is the <u>Erechteum</u>, considered one of the most sacred of ancient times.

Visit the many other historic buildings and monuments within the site, most of them being larger-than-life classical structures featuring the typical elements of this architectural style. These include the <a href="Propylaia">Propylaia</a>, <a href="Temple of Nike">Temple of Nike</a>, <a href="Dionysus Sanctuary">Dionysus Sanctuary</a>, the <a href="Diservatory">Observatory</a>, <a href="Odeon of Herodes">Odeon of Herodes</a> <a href="Atticus">Atticus</a>, and the <a href="Ancient Agora">Ancient Agora</a>. <a href="Pnyx Hill">Pnyx Hill</a>, <a href="Philopappos Hill">Philopappos Hill</a>, and <a href="Mars Hill">Mars Hill</a> are also featured on this tour.

#### Evening MATCH # 1 vs. a GREEK TEAM

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Day 4 ATHENS – DELPHI

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

#### **Delphi Day Trip**







Athena Pronaia Sanctuary Temple of Apollo & Theater

**Temple of Apollo** 

Visit the wonderful archaeological site of **Delphi**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, featuring monuments such as the **Temple of Apollo**, the **Treasuries**, the **stadium**, the **ancient** theater, and many athletic statues. In the Greek mythology, Delphi was one of the main sites for the worship of the **God Apollo**.

Complement the visit to Delphi with stops in the quaint mountain towns of Livadeia and Arachova to sample modern Greek village life.

#### **Evening** MATCH # 2 vs. a GREEK TEAM

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Day 5 <u>ATHENS – CORINTH - TOLO</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check-out from Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

#### **Corinth**







**Corinth Gulf Bridge** 

**Corinth Canal** 

**Corinth Fort** 

Today visit the ancient town of **Corinth** located on the edge of the Peloponnesian peninsula. View the site of the ancient **Port of Cehries**, the **Temple of Apollo**, and stop at the **Corinth** Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea.

Continue to the city of **Tolo** and check-in to your hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

### Day 6 TOLO

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Tolo was first written about by Homer in the Iliad, as a city involved in the Trojan War. Its bay gave refuge to Greek ships and refugees from Crete over the centuries. The beach is more than 2 km long, all sand, shallow out at least 50 meters. The main street through town, Sekeri Str., is 25 meters from the beach, and is lined with hotels, shops and tavernas — many with tables extending onto the sand.

Morning Free time to enjoy the beach and waterfront

#### Afternoon MATCH # 3 vs. a GREEK TEAM

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

### **Day 7 TOLO**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check-out from your hotel

## Morning & Afternoon

### Mycenae & Epidaurus

Drive through the beautiful <u>Saronic Gulf</u> and into the <u>Peloponnese</u> to the atmospheric hilltop ruins of <u>Mycenae</u>, a fortified city and centre of Greek civilization from 1600BC to 1100BC. See the famous <u>Lion's Gate</u>, <u>Tomb of Agamemnon</u> and Palace, and after stopping in <u>Nauplia</u>, continue to <u>Epidaurus</u>, famous in ancient times for being a place of healing.

Continue to **Athens** and Check-in to your hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

### Day 8 <u>ATHENS – CAPE SOUNION</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

#### Morning& Afternoon

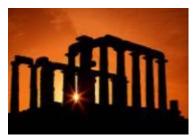
#### **Cape Sounion Half-Day Trip**







**Temple of Poseidon** 



**Temple of Poseidon at Dusk** 

Enjoy breathtaking views as you ride along the coastline to <u>Cape Sounion</u>, approximately forty miles south of Athens, in the <u>Attica Peninsula</u>. The Cape is home to the <u>Temple of Poseidon</u>, the God of the Sea in Greek mythology.

Evening MATCH # 4 vs. a GREEK TEAM

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 9 <u>ATHENS – USA</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel.

Morning Transfer by private motorcoach to Athens International Airport for your return flight home.

Rest and relax during your flight.

Afternoon Arrive back in the USA.

Your Greek Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to

cherish for a lifetime!

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

#### **Travel Services:**

• Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Athens round-trip.

- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Five nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Athens.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Tolo.
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (usually dinner).
- Athens City Tour
- Acropolis Half-Day Tour
- Delphi Day Trip
- Corinth visit
- Mycenae and Epidaurus visit
- Cape Sounion Half-Day Trip
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours**' Operations Office.

#### **Sports Program:**

- Four Games with clubs / universities / schools at your level.
- One Practice Session.
- Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.

#### **Summary of Included Meals:**

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Dinners

#### **Tour Price:**

• For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

http://www.victorysportstours.com/browse-tours/
Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named "Greece #2".

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveller and pay **only taxes/fees**.

#### **Notes:**

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rates were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.