

Greece 2025 Trip Details

What to expect: Explore the ruins and legends of ancient Greece with a Classical archaeologist and the provost of Coe College. In addition to archaeological sites, the trip will include numerous famous museums in Greece, private tours of sites and collections not available to most of the public, shopping opportunities, free time to explore, and of course memorable Mediterranean dining!

This unique alumni trip to Greece will start in the city of Athens. We will see the iconic Parthenon of Athens and the tucked away shops of the Plaka. Sit in the theater of Dionysos where the plays of Euripides and Sophocles were performed and walk through the Agora, where the roots of democracy were born. We will take a day trip to Mt. Parnassos and the ancient oracular shrine of Apollo at Delphi.

As no visit to Greece is complete without seeing its islands, we will travel to the island of Santorini, or ancient Thira, to visit the famed wineries and the Bronze Age site of Akrotiri, buried in a volcanic eruption thousands of years ago.

Then the trip will head south into the Peloponnese as we base in the quiet seaside village of Nafplio known for its Venetian architecture. We will visit the site of Corinth known for its famous temple of Apollo and the visit of St. Paul to the site during the Roman period. This tour will visit sites in this area where Dr. Ziskowski is actively working. Walk under the Lion Gate at the Bronze citadel of Mycenae, where Agamemnon of the Homeric epics supposedly ruled. And stand in the fourth century BC theater of Epidaurus, where productions of Greek plays are still performed each summer.

We will wrap up each day by watching the sun set from world famous views while staying in upscale hotels and dining nightly on fresh seafood and wine.

Dates: October 11-22, 2025

Locations: 11 nights in Greece (5 in Athens, 2 on Santorini, 4 in Nafplio)

Cost: \$8500 (single occupancy) or \$8000 (double occupancy) includes:

- All accommodations in upscale hotels (11 nights)
- All transportation within Greece (buses, flight to Santorini)
- Museum and site entrance fees
- All breakfasts, most lunches, and at least 6 dinners
- Donation to the Coe's field school and archaeological work*
 - **\$2,000 of your trip fee directly supports the Coe College Archaeological Field School and is therefore a tax-deductible contribution according to the Internal Revenue Service. Your donation will go directly to the ongoing support of the general operations of the project and the hands-on field school for students. The field school is an experiential course that brings Coe students to train, work on archaeological sites in Greece and participate in field trips to important archaeological and historical sites.*

More Information:

- Airfare to and from Greece is **NOT** included; we will meet in Athens at the hotel.
- Greece is a rugged country. Participants must be able to walk up steps and steep slopes in a warm climate.
- Openings will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. The trip will be capped at 18 participants and requires a minimum of 12 to run. If you have additional questions, would like more details, or would like to reserve a place on this trip, please email aziskowski@coe.edu.
- **Deposits (\$1500) to secure a place on the trip will be due by Friday, December 13. This wonderful trip will fill up fast — reserve your spot today by contacting Angela!**

Tentative Itinerary (Subject to change based on museum/site openings)

Day 1 (Sat, Oct. 11): Arrive in Athens by 4pm (you must depart on the 10th) (Night: Athens)

Day 2 (Sun, Oct. 12): Athens: Acropolis and Acropolis Museum (Night: Athens)

Day 3 (Mon, Oct. 13): Ancient Agora/Numismatic Museum (Night: Athens)

- Day 4** (Tue, Oct. 14): Athens: National Museum/private research institute tour (Night: Athens)
- Day 5** (Wed, Oct. 15): Day trip to Delphi (Night: Athens)
- Day 6** (Thu, Oct. 16): Fly to Santorini, visit prehistoric museum (Night :Santorini)
- Day 7** (Fri, Oct. 17): Santorini (winery, Akrotiri) (Night: Santorini)
- Day 8** (Sat, Oct. 18): Fly to Athens, bus to Nafplio, Palamidi Castle (Night: Nafplio)
- Day 9** (Sun, Oct. 19): Mycenae, Nafplio afternoon (Night: Nafplio)
- Day 10** (Mon, Oct. 20): Corinth and sites in region (Night: Nafplio)
- Day 11** (Tue, Oct. 21): Theater of Epidauros, Nafplio afternoon (Night: Nafplio)
- Day 12** (Wed, Oct. 22): Early AM bus from hotel to Athens airport (Departures)

Trip Leader: Angela Ziskowski has taught ancient history and archaeology at Coe College and also serves as the provost and dean of faculty. She is an experienced archaeologist who has worked on and managed excavations in Corinthia for many years. She has lived in Athens, Greece, excavated at many sites in the ancient Mediterranean, serves on the managing committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and has led student groups and alumni tours to Greece.

Questions: If you have trip content related questions or want to reserve your spot, please email aziskowski@coe.edu.