



Asheville Bee Charmer's GREECE **Bee-cation**

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

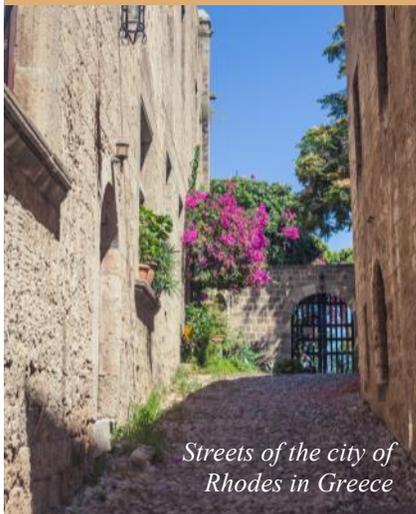
Sept. 1 - 10, 2016

Includes:

Athens
Nafplio
Rhodes

Hosted by:

Asheville Bee Charmers



*Streets of the city of
Rhodes in Greece*



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Six figures of the Caryatid Porch of the Erechtheion on the Acropolis



Day 1: September 1, 2016 • Depart

We depart on our transatlantic flight to Athens, Greece.

Day 2: September 2, 2016 • Athens

Upon our afternoon arrival in Athens, we meet our Greek guide for a motor coach tour and overview of the city, both ancient and modern. We'll see sites of the early Olympics, as well as the modern Olympic structures. You'll get the lay of the land as we take in the Palace, the Archeology Museum, pretty neighborhoods and a bustling downtown. A stop for loukemidis (a fried honey treat) will keep our energy up. We'll check into our hotel on Constitution Square and the nearby imposing Parliament building. After a short time to rest we'll have dinner at one of the popular restaurants overlooking the Acropolis, featuring a variety of Greek specialties and our introduction to true Greek baklava. **D**

Day 3: September 3, 2016 • Athens

We continue our touring of Athens visiting the Acropolis, the Agora, ancient temples, new Acropolis museum, and ancient theaters. We go to downtown Athens to the busy Plaka and have a wonderful dinner with local music. **B,D**

Day 4: September 4, 2016 • Nafplio

Early risers might stretch their legs in the Greek National Gardens across the street from our hotel. Our tour continues with a visit to the agricultural region of Nafplio. We'll visit an organic winery producing wine from the native agiorgitiki grape. At an organic vinegar facility nearby, we'll work in

Traditional fishing boats in Nafplio



Honey baklava



teams to create a menu using local honey, Greek feta cheese, organic vinegars, and other in season products of this land. We'll explore some more of the region and visit the honey museum close to Argos and have a tasting of various honeys to distinguish their source pollens and differentiate the varieties. We'll check into our hotel and you'll have the rest of the evening to relax by the pool, in the gardens, or taking a short taxi ride into town. **B,L**

Day 5: September 5, 2016 • Rhodes

We'll check out of our hotel to continue our exploration of rural Greece and the area of Nafplio. We'll meet Gianni, our local bee keeper, who will introduce us to the magical world of beekeeping. We'll suit up in protective clothing as we approach the hives in their natural environment. The Greek beekeepers have a saying that "Meli" translates not only to "honey" in English, but also "melody" as in the symphonic hum of the bees at work. We'll see the shimmering silver green leaves of the olive grove as we approach an olive mille and experience olive tasting accompanied by Greek delicacies. We'll experience Greek hospitality at a traditional tavern before returning to the airport for our short flight to Rhodes. We'll check into our deluxe resort with the sea in front of us and the medieval Old Rhodes town at our back. This evening we'll have a Greek cultural/music dinner. **B,L,D**

Day 6: September 6, 2016 • Rhodes

Today we'll get to know the island of Rhodes. Look for the hives, the olive and orange groves, and the fields of flowers



Big and old ancient olive trees



that make this a beekeeper's haven. We'll stop at a ceramic factory and a small honey producer market. Greece has over 7000 beekeepers with at least 150 hives, and another 18,000 who participate at least part time in the occupation. We'll have lunch in Lindos, site of a magnificent acropolis bearing witness to the importance of the island in ancient times. We'll follow the coast back to our hotel, where we'll be free to dine at our leisure. **B,L,D**

Day 7: September 7, 2016 • Rhodes

We visit the Valley of Butterflies, home to thousands of moths and butterflies. We'll visit the Bee Museum of Rhodes, which chronicles beekeeping through the ages and details the production of wax, pollen, royal jelly and honey. We'll see live bee hives and honeycombs and their bee garden. We will return to our hotel for time to enjoy the amenities, dinner, and perhaps an after dinner drink in Old Rhodes. Ask your bartender for a rakomelo, a combination of the potent local raki, honey, and spices. **B,L,D**

Day 8: September 8, 2016 • Rhodes

Rhodes is a medieval town founded as a nursing station for the crusading Knights of St. John. We'll have a guided tour of the old town, leaving the afternoon and evening free for shopping and exploring. Look for unique offerings like lace and textiles, glassworks, jewelry, leather, and a range of local spices that would delight any cook. Plan to be at the harbor as the sun sets and image the Great Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, as it would have stood in the third century BC. Dinner is at your leisure at the hotel, or you may dine on your own in Rhodes. **B,L,D**

Day 9: September 9, 2016 • Rhodes

Sleep in this morning, or take a last dip in the Aegean Sea before our luncheon cooking class. Today's class will feature a selection of mezes (starters), a hearty traditional entrée familiar to every Greek mother, and dessert using the local honey. We'll have a glass bottom boat ride this afternoon and a farewell dinner at the hotel. **B,L,D**

Day 10: September 10, 2016 • Rhodes

It will be an early morning departure to the airport for our return flight. We leave with many "sweet" memories of our travel to Greece. **B**

Tour Price: \$4,586

Prices are *land only*, per person, double occupancy with a minimum of 10 participants

Single supplement: \$700

Roundtrip airfare from Ashville is estimated at \$1,420

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in deluxe hotels
Hotel King George, Athens
Hotel Amalia, Nafplio
Hotel Mitsis Grand, Rhodes
- Airfare from Rhodes to Athens
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour (except coach driver and tour manager)

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Roundtrip **International Airfare** plus related taxes, fees and fuel charges (estimated at \$1,420 from Ashville)
- Meals other than indicated
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Please register me for:

- APG16: September 1 - 10, 2016 • \$4,586 Land
- Airfare (estimated at \$1,420 from Asheville)
- Single Supplement • \$700
- Travel Insurance (land only)• \$358pp / \$413pp single
- I would like to be matched with a roommate

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (land only)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- Contact me regarding "cancel for any reason" insurance. I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

Deposit Payment Information (Note: payments made by credit card will incur a 3% surcharge)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

_____ Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit www.tsa.gov for more information.

Prices in this brochure were effective on 1.11.16. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers travelling in the group. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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