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TRADITION, THE ANCIENT
ERA OF GREECE AND THE
TIME AFTER APOSTLE'S PAUL
VISIT.



A LITTLE MORE ABOUT US

Dear Friends,

We, as young travelers, begun from an early age to explore day by day the amazing sightseeings and monasteries of Greece, in search for places that reflect purity, serenity and truth. We found spiritual treasures hidden, not just in Greece but in every corner of this Earth, that we felt needed to be shared with others following the inspirational quote "Sharing is Caring"!

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WHERE IS YOUR NEXT GREEK ADVENTURE?

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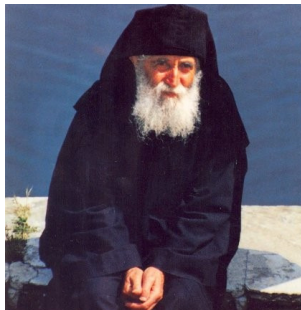
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SAINTS & ELDERS OF
GREECE

PANORAMA: MEET OUR GREECE

VISITING ANDROS, TINOS, METEORA & MANY MORE



THE METEORA
(PRONOUNCED [ME'TEORA]) IS
A ROCK FORMATION IN
CENTRAL GREECE HOSTING
ONE OF THE LARGEST AND
MOST PRECIPITOUSLY BUILT
COMPLEXES OF EASTERN
ORTHODOX MONASTERIES

DAY 1: Arrival at the airport, transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: Full day tour of Athens, with English speaking guide (3 hours), including visit to Acropolis (Parthenon), the Acropolis museum, Athens' Metropolitan Cathedral, St George Lycabettus dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Free day to explore the historical center of Athens. We suggest a walk starting from Ermou street, Monastiraki market, passing through Thision ancient market and ending up to Plaka one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Athens. Rest until the night when we will have dinner to a traditional tavern in Plaka

area. Overnight to our hotel.

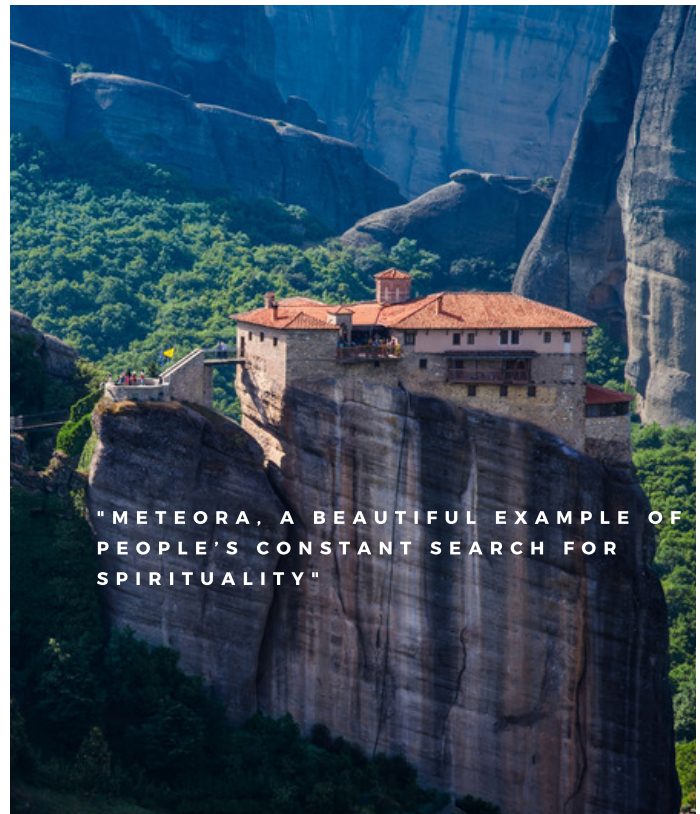
DAY 4: Morning transfer to Rafina's harbor and departure by boat to Andros island. Tour of the island and pilgrimage to the church of monastery st. Marina where her holy relics are, and later to the monastery of St. Nicolaos with the miraculous image of our Lady Mary. Later, transfer by boat to the island of Tinos, transfer-settle in our hotel, dinner and overnight

DAY 5: Pilgrimage to the famous, miraculous image of our Mother Lady Mary the Evaggelistria. Half day tour with bus around the island. At noon, transfer by boat back to Rafina and then back to our hotel in Athens. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: Transfer for Holy service at a church in Athens, free time, and at the afternoon tour to Sounion Cape by the sea. Later, back to our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: Breakfast and departure to Korinthos. Tour guide by official English speaking guide to the archeological place of ancient Korithos and the museum. Departure to Patra. Pilgrimage to the church of St. Andrew, where the holy relics of the Apostle are placed. Back to Athens, dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: Breakfast and departure for archeological place of Delphi. Tour guide by official English speaking guide to the archeological place and the museum. Departure to Kalabaka, arrival to our hotel, dinner and overnight.

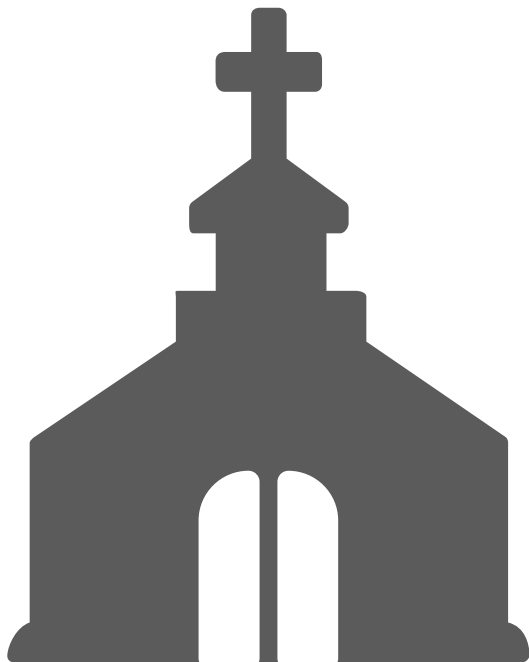


DAY 9: Tour to Meteora, and the monasteries of Big Meteoro and St. Stefanos. Later, departure to Volos, transfer to our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: Tour of Pilion visit to the monastery of our Lady Mary the Odigitria and to the beautiful village of Makrynitsa. Optionally lunch or coffee (not included while enjoying the view of Aegean Sea. Return to Athens, dinner and overnight.

DAY 11: Breakfast and transfer to the harbor of Piraeus, where we take the boat to Aegina. Full day tour of the island and pilgrimage to the holy relics of St. Nektarios. Visit to the archeological place and the museum of Aphaia. Visit to St. Marina, a nice village by the sea. Back to Athens, dinner and overnight.

DAY 12: Breakfast, free time, transfer to the airport. Departure.

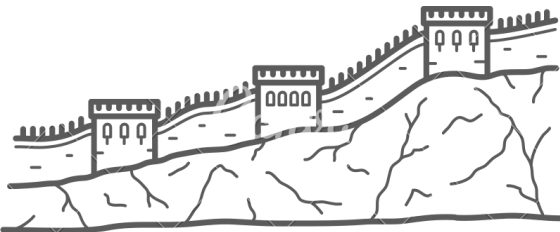


GREECE, AN ALL BLUE EXPERIENCE

VISITING KEFALONIA, PATRIA, EVIA & MANY MORE PLACES



ST. GERASIMOS THE NEW ASCETIC, IS THE PATRON SAINT OF KEFALONIA, ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS IN GREECE. HIS RELICS ARE KEPT IN A MONASTERY WITH THE SAME NAME AT THE MT. OMALON, VALSAMATA



DAY 1: Gathering at the airport. Boarding our bus and transfer to our hotel. Settle in our rooms and overnight.

DAY 2: Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Kyllini, in order to sail to beautiful Kefalonia Island. Arrival at the port of Poros. We continue to Holy Monastery of St. Gerasimos, patron saint of Kefalonia, where we worship the whole-body relic of the saint. We continue to Argostoli. Free time to walk around the city and transfer to Lixouri. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Breakfast in the hotel and departure for full day tour in Kefalonia, including visits to small churches and monasteries. In the afternoon, return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: Breakfast and visit to the Monastery of St Andrew where is kept the sacred foot of Saint Apostle Andrew. Later we also visit to the church of Virgin Mary of "Fidou". Transfer to the port for our return by ship to Kyllini, from where we take the road back to Athens. On our way we will visit the city of Patra, where we worship the holy skull of Apostle Andrew. Arrival in Athens, transfer to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Fthiotida region where we visit the historic Monastery of Agathon. We continue to the monastery of Virgin Mary "Gavriotissas" where the miraculous holy icon of the Virgin and the tombs of Elder Ambrose and nun Virginity. We



ST. GERASIMOS MONASTERY
AT KEFALONIA, GREECE

continue to city of Livadia, where we can dine and later in the afternoon, we visit the Holy Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Lafysti. Back in Athens, transfer to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: Breakfast in the hotel and departure for our tour in Attica. Starting, we visit the Monastery of Daou, up in Penteli mountain, where we can worship the holy relics of forty Saints that were slaughtered by the Turks during the Ottoman Empire occupation. We continue to St.Ephraim's monastery, also testified during the Turkish occupation, where we can

worship the whole-body sacred relic of the Saint. Then we descend to the town of Nea Makri, where we relax with a cup of coffee by the sea. Later we go to Rodopoli, at the monastery of Virgin Mary, where the tomb of elder father Elpidios, twin brother of St. Philoumenos. Return to Athens, dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: Breakfast and departure for Evia through the bridge of Chalkis. Visit to St. John the Russian and pilgrimage at his whole-body sacred relic. After a quick coffee outside the church, we continue to the Monastery of Saint David, in which lived the elder holy father of our days, Jacob Tsalikis. Overnight in the monastery.

DAY 8: Participation in the Mass. After the end of the Mass, we also participate in the lunch, offered by the monastery. Later, we transfer to Psachna and visit the monastery of Makrimalli. Back to Athens, dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: Breakfast and loading our luggage on the bus. Transfer to the city of Rafina where we can have coffee or lunch by the sea. Later, transfer to Athens Airport.

“CHILDREN, LIVE IN PEACE AND DO NOT BE ARROGANT”

ST. GERASIMOS THE NEW ASCETIC OF CEPHALONIA



GREECE & CORFU ISLAND

ALSO VISITING IOANNINA, EVIA, KARPENISI & ATHENS



PONTIKONISI OR MOUSE ISLAND IS KNOWN FOR THE MARVELOUS 11TH CENTURY BYZANTINE MONASTERY OF PANTOKRATOR. THE NAME OF THE ISLAND DERIVES FROM THE MONASTERY'S WHITE WINDING STAIRCASE, THAT LOOKS LIKE A MOUSE'S TAIL FROM A DISTANCE.

DAY 1: Arrival at Athens and flight from Athens to Kerkyra island. Arrival and transfer to the hotel in the city center. Settle in our rooms and free afternoon for a first stroll in the city. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: Breakfast in the hotel and we start our tour by foot, due to short distances. Pilgrimage to Saint Spyridon church and his sacred whole body relic. Later we visit the monastery of Platytera and the worship the holy relics of St. Theodora in the Cathedral church. . Around 11:30 am departure by bus for the church of Saints Jason and Sosiparos, who brought Christianity to Corfu.

Then we transfer to Kassiopi, for a pilgrimage to the Virgin Mary the Kassopitra. After lunch (optional) we visit the Saviour monastery in the village of Agros. On our way back to the hotel, we stop at Pontikonisi and have a walk or a coffee by the sea. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Breakfast in the hotel and free time, until we depart by ship to Igoumenitsa. Arrival and transfer to the beautiful city of Ioannina. We settle in our rooms, free time, dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: Breakfast in the hotel and pilgrimage to the Cathedral church and then a



walk on the island of Ioannina, placed in the centre of the lake, where we also visit the Monastery of St Panteleimon, decorated with great frescoes. Later, departure to Karpenissi, with a stop for a rest or lunch (optional). Arrival at our hotel and free time for a walk in the picturesque mountainous town. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: Breakfast in the hotel and after a quick visit to the church of the Holy Trinity, we steepen to the great monastery of Virgin Mary of Proussos. After finishing the pilgrimage and visit in the monastery, we depart for the town of Livadia. We settle in our hotel and have a walk by the river, in the beautiful region of Krya. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: Breakfast in the hotel and departure from Livadia to a nearby village called Lafysti, in order to visit the monastery of St John the Baptist, with the miraculous, warm water springs. After spending some time in the monastery, we then transfer to Arkitsa where we board the ship to Edipsos and take the nice road to the monastery of St. David, where the famous elder Father Jacob Tsalikis lived. Arrival and overnight in the monastery.

DAY 7: Participation in the Mass and breakfast provided by the monastery. Transfer, via a beautiful road, to the church of St. John the Russian, where we worship his whole-body sacred relic. We have a cup of coffee, whilst enjoy the view and head up for the ancient historical city of Athens. In our way, we stop for a short visit to the monastery of Makrymallis. Arrival in the capital Athens and settle in our hotel. Free time in the city. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: Breakfast in the hotel, free time in the city and transfer to the monastery of the miraculous St. Effrem, 30 kms outside of Athens, to worship his whole-body sacred relic. Later we visit the town of Nea Makri nearby, where we can have a coffee or lunch by the sea. Departure to the airport.



TRIBUTE TO GREEK ISLANDS

VISITING ALSO ATHENS & PELOPONNISOS AREA



OUR LADY OF TINOS ("THE ALL-HOLY BRINGER OF GOOD NEWS") IS THE MAJOR MARIAN SHRINE IN GREECE. IT IS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF TINOS ON THE ISLAND OF TINOS.

Day 1: Arrival in Athens. Visit to the Acropolis Museum and then depart for Petraki Monastery. Veneration of holy relics. Later, we receive a traditional monastic treat, while we are welcomed to the Offices of the Holy Synod, by the Chief Secretary or the Synod's Secretary Office of Pilgrimages and get a short briefing on the pilgrimage sites and visits. We settle in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 2: Breakfast and departure by ship to Aegina. Visit to the crowded women Monastery of St. Minas and the Pan-Orthodox shrine of St. Nektarios. Celebration of the sequence of Request.

Visit to Ancient Temple of Aphaia and return to Athens. Visit for a pilgrimage to the sacred relics of St. Ephraim at Nea Makri at the homonymous nunnery. Participation in the Liturgy of Vespers Abbey. Back in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Departure from Rafina to the island of Andros. Arrival and pilgrimage at the Holy Monastery of Agia Marina and later, at the Holy Monastery of St. Nicholas. Departure by ship for the holy island of Tinos where the miraculous image of the Virgin Mary. Later, we visit the numerous women monastery of Kechrovouni, placed where the Holy Icon



was founded. We settle in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Participation in the Divine Liturgy at the National Foundation of Tinos where the Holy miraculous Image of the Virgin Mary is exposed for pilgrimage. Visit to the church museum. Later, departure for Rafina. Arrival and overnight in Athens.

Day 5: Departure to the city of Loutraki in Corinth. Visit to the crowded women monastery of St. Patapios where his sacred relics. We continue for the historic city of Kalavrita. Then visit to the historic first Monastery of Greece, the Monastery of the Great Cave, where among other things kept, is also one of the three images of the Virgin drew by the Apostle and Evangelist Luke. We also visit the Monastery of Agia Lavra and the ChurchMuseum of the monastery. Departure

for Patras pilgrimage visit to the cathedral church of Apostle Andrew and depart for ancient Olympia. Dinner and overnight in Olympia.

Day 6: Visit to the archaeological site of Ancient Olympia. Departure for pilgrimage to the Holy Monastery of Panagia Malevi. There, is the Miraculous Image of the Virgin Mary. Participation in the Service of Request. We continue to the beautiful ancient city of Sparta. Visit to crowded men Monastery of the Holy Forty. Dinner and overnight in Sparta

Day 7: Visit to the Byzantine Castle and Church of Mystra. Return to Athens via Corinth and Nafplio, where we will have the opportunity to stop and see the Holy podium of the Apostle Paul. Overnight in Athens.

Day 8: Departure for the airport.



THE SPIRITUAL & ANCIENT GREECE

TRAVELLING TO ATHENS, THESSALONIKI & CORFU



VERGINA'S ANCIENT SITE BY THE NAME AIGAI, HAS BEEN AWARDED UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS AS "AN EXCEPTIONAL TESTIMONY TO A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION".

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Day 2: Departure to the second largest city of Greece, the historical Thessaloniki. During our trip, we visit the monasteries of Virgin Mary of Damastas

in Lamia, where the miraculous image of the Virgin Mary and the monastery of Kato Xenia Almyrou where we celebrate the sequence of Request and pilgrimage of the sacred piece of the Holy Belt of Our Lady. Later, arrival to Thessaloniki and overnight.

Day 3: Departure for the Holy Mountain region, via Souroti with the famous drinking mineral water and of course the Monastery of the Annunciation, where the tomb of a modern, world-renowned saint of our Church, St. Elder Paisios. Participation in the celebration of the Holy Sequence of Trisagion at the

Tomb of Elder Paisios. Later, we visit the monastery of St. Anastasia Pharmacolytria and veneration of her holy relics. Departure by ship for a trip around the famous Mount of Athos and after this departure for the byzantine city of Kavala. Overnight.

Day 4: Departure for the ancient settlement of Philippous to visit the Holy podium of St. Paul and then go to the area of St. Lydia, the first Christian woman in Greece and in Europe, where lies the sacred river and baptistery, from which became the first group of Christian baptisms of the first Christian Church. Departure for the region of South Karvali and pilgrimage of the holy relics of St. Gregory. Departure for the city of Thessaloniki. Arrival in Thessaloniki. Visit to the Holy Temple of St. Demetrios where his Holy Relics are placed. Later, visit to the Metropolitan Church of St. Gregory Palamas, where we will worship his holy relic. Later, we visit the famous and unique Byzantine Museum of the city . Overnight.

“THERE IS NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE TO HIM WHO WILL TRY”

ALEXANDER THE GREAT



:Day 5: Departure for Ancient Vergina. Visit to the archaeological site and then lunch. We continue for the beautiful and unique city of the Veria. Pilgrimage to the miraculous icon of Holy Mary of Sumela and the step of Apostle Paul. Departure for the emerald of the Ionian Sea, the island of Corfu. Check in at our hotel. Overnight.

Day 6: Pilgrimage to the Church of St. Spyridon, where we can worship the imperishable, for over 1700 years, whole body of St. Spyridon. Then visit to the Cathedral of Corfu where we worship the imperishable relics of St. Theodora the Empress and later, visit to the Monasteries of Virgin Mary the Platytera and Virgin Mary of Paleokastritsa. Departure and arrival in Patras. Overnight.

Day 7: Visit to the pan-orthodox pilgrimage of Saint Apostle Andrew and celebration of the Request Sequence in the church of Our Lady Mary of Tripiti, at Aigio. Visit to crowded women monastery of St. Patapios where are his sacred relics. Departure for visit to Megara, and the monastery of St. John Makrynios. There we can also admire the finest embroidery in Orthodoxy. Arrival in Athens. Overnight.

DAY 8: Departure for the airport.

BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS OF GREECE

VISITING ZAKUNTHOS, AEGINA, EVIA ISLAND & AND PELOPONNISOS AREA



THE GREEK ISLANDS ARE A UNIQUE PHENOMENON IN EUROPE. GREECE COUNTS 6.000 ISLANDS AND ISLETS SCATTERED IN THE AEGEAN AND IONIAN SEAS.

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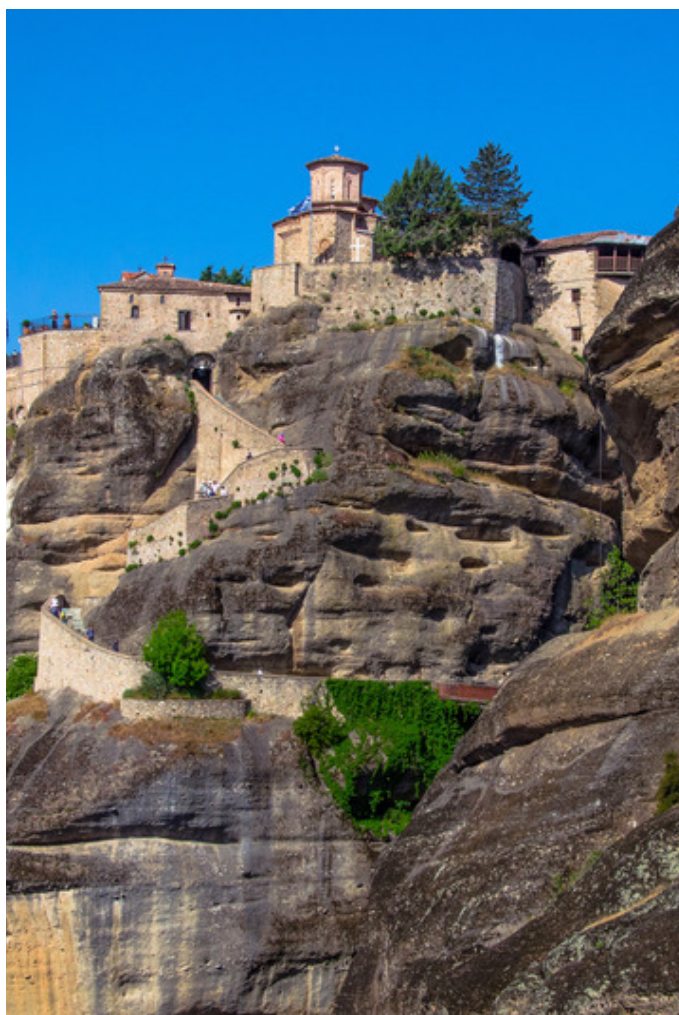
Day 3: Breakfast and departure to Ancient Corinth. Then visit to the historic first Monastery of Greece, the Monastery of the Great Cave, where among other things kept, is also one of the three images of the Virgin drew by the Apostle and Evangelist Luke. Departure for Patra, for a pilgrimage to the Holy relics of Apostle Andrew. Later, we depart by ship, towards one of the most beautiful Greek islands located in the Ionian



Day 4: Breakfast and pilgrimage to the Holy Relics of St. Dionysios, followed by specific supplication for pilgrims. Visit to the ChurchMuseum of Zakynthos. Later, pilgrimage to holy relic piece of St. Joseph the Sanctified and participation in the sequence of Request. Departure for the church of the Life-Giving Spring, Bochali. Departure by ship to Kyllini and then route for Delphi. We settle in our Hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Breakfast and visit to the historical and archaeological site of Delphi. Later, visit to the women's monastery of Prophet Elias in Amfissa. Reception, pilgrimage and participation in the traditional monastic treat. Departure and visit to the Monastery of Osios Loukas and the museum of the monastery. Departure for Kalambaka, at Meteora region. Arrival, dinner and overnight.

SCENERIES THAT LEAVES YOU SPEECHLESS



Day 6: Breakfast and visit to the Great Monasteries of Meteora (World Heritage of UNESCO), the Large Meteor monastery and Agios Stefanos monastery. Later, departure for Volos. Visit to the beautiful villages of Portaria and Makrynitsa and pilgrimage at the monasteries of Evangelism at Portaria and Archangels at Nilia. Back to Volos and pilgrimage to the city's Cathedral of St Nicholas We settle in our Hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Breakfast and departure for pilgrimage to the Holy Monasteries of Ano Xenias, where the miraculous icon of the Virgin and Kato Xenias, where the sacred piece of the Holy Belt of Our Lady is placed. Departure for Arkitsa and we take the boat to Evia. Visit to the Monastery of Saint David, then to the Lake of Evia and finally, pilgrimage to the whole-body relic of St. John the Russian. Later, we return to Athens, dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Breakfast and departure for the airport.

BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS OF GREECE 2

INCLUDING 5 OF GREECE'S MOST VISITED ISLANDS



AEgina Island is an earthly paradise very close to Athens. It is well known for its remarkable pistachios and for the Monastery of Holy Trinity, founded by the miraculous Saint Nektarios of Pentapoleos.

DAY 1: Arrival in Athens, and we board the coach and transfer to the monastery of Holy Saviour of Daou on Penteli mountain. The church of the monastery is of great architectural interest as it includes Byzantine, Frankish and Iberian or Georgian elements. The Monastery of Daou remained deserted for 273 years from 1680 to 1953, when it reopened. There we worship the Holy Relics of the Forty Fathers, massacred by the Turks. We continue to the monastery of St. Effrem where we worship the whole-body sacred relic of the saint. Later, we descend to Nea Makri where we can have lunch, or a coffee by the sea. Visit to the big monastery of Penteli.

DAY 2: Breakfast in the hotel and pilgrimage to miraculous holy icon of our Lady Virgin Mary. Later, transfer by coach from the hotel to the port and departure for Andros island. Arrival and transfer to the Monastery of St. Marina. Monastery tour and we depart for the port once again, to board the ship and transfer back to Rafina. Once we arrive, we take the road to the historic city of Athens, mother of democracy. We settle in our hotel. Free evening, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Breakfast and departure for Evia through the bridge of Chalkis. Visit to the church of St. John the Russian, via a beautiful



route and pilgrimage at his whole-body sacred relic. After a quick coffee outside the church, we continue to the Monastery of Saint David, in which lived the elder holy father of our days, Jacob Tsalikis. Back to Athens, dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: Breakfast and transfer to the port of Piraeus. Boarding the boat to the island of Aegina. Arrival and start our tour on the island of St. Nektarios. Transfer to the Holy Trinity monastery where St. Nektarios lived for 12 consecutive years. From 1908 until 9 November 1920 when he died. We worship the tomb of the saint and his sacred relics. Visit to the church of Virgin Mary. Later, departure for the region of Perdika, where we can have lunch (optional), walk on the scenic trails or have a coffee by the sea. Return to the port to board the ship and depart for Piraeus. Arrival and back to Athens. Transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: Breakfast in the hotel and we load our luggage, due to departure to Kefalonia via the port of Kyllini. Arrival at the port of Poros, and we head up to visit the Monastery of St Andrew where the sacred foot of the Saint is kept. We continue to the Monastery of St. Gerasimos, where we worship the whole-body sacred relic of the saint. We

continue to Argostoli. Free time to walk around the city and transfer to hotel, for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Athens via the port of Kyllini, with stopovers. Arrival at our hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: Breakfast in the hotel. Free time. Later we transfer to Rafina, where we can have lunch, or a coffee by the sea. Transfer to the airport.



SAINTS & ELDERS OF GREECE

VISITING THE MONASTERY OF SOUROTI (ST. PAISIOS), ST. NEKTARIOS IN AEGINA & MORE



THE MONASTERY OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN AT SOUROTI, THESSALONIKI, WAS FOUNDED BY THE CONTEMPORARY SAINT PAISIOS THE HAGIOREITE. HIS TOMB AT THE MONASTERY'S YARD IS A UNIQUE BLESSING FOR ALL PILGRIMS.

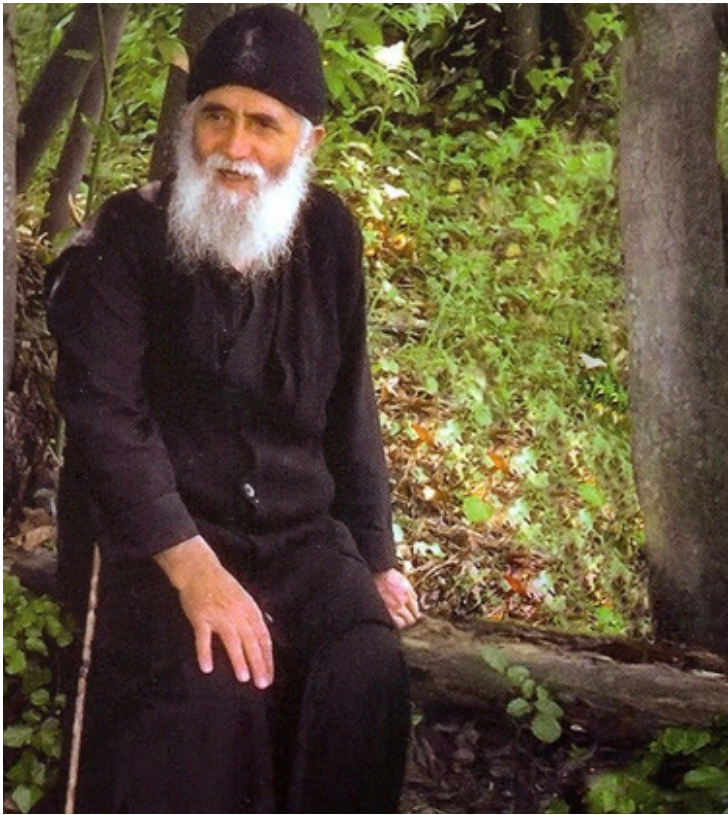
DAY 1: Arrival at the airport of Thessaloniki. Transfer to the nunnery of St. John the Theologian in Souroti, where the tomb of Elder Father Paisios of Mount Athos. Later, transfer to the beautiful city of Serres and visit the monastery of St. Paraskevi, carrying eight centuries of history. Back to Thessaloniki, settle in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: Breakfast and departure to visit the Monastery of St. George Karslidi in Sipsa, the monastery of Kosifinissa and the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. Panteleimon in Chrysokastro of Kavala. Stop for a coffee or lunch by the sea, at the beautiful city

of Kavala. Back to Thessaloniki, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Breakfast and departure to Ouranoupolis, where we board the boat for a day cruise around Mount Athos, until we reach the hermitage of St. Anna. On our way back to Thessaloniki, we visit the monasteries of St. John the Baptist, of Transfiguration of The Saviour, St. Arsenius and Ormylia. Arrival at our hotel in Thessaloniki, dinner and overnight

DAY 4: Breakfast in the hotel and visit for pilgrimage to the holy cathedral church of Saint Demetrius and the church of Saint Gregory



Palamas. We leave Thessaloniki and continue to Veria, to end up later at the picturesque town of Edessa, where we visit the famous waterfalls. Later, we take the road that leads south to the beautiful Kalambaka at the foot of the amazing mountains of Meteora, where we settle in our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: Breakfast in the hotel and we take the road uphill to Meteora. There we visit the Monastery of the Great Meteoro and St. Stephen's and admire this magnificent natural wonder of this strange phenomenon called Meteora. Leaving it behind us, we head to Volos, where we worship the Holy Belt of our Lady Mary, at Xenia monastery. Later, transfer to our hotel in Volos. Dinner and overnight.

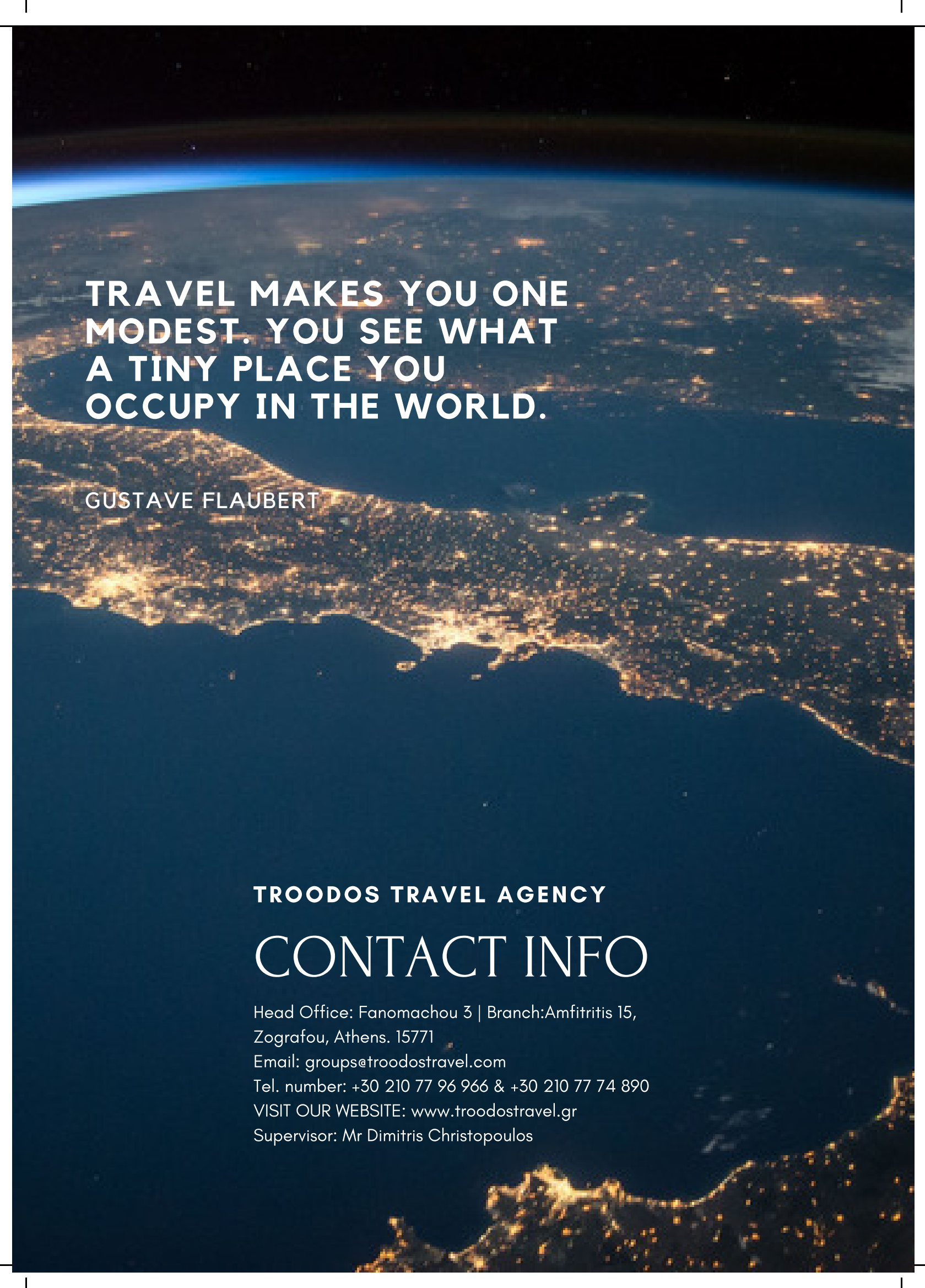
**“STILLNESS AND
FREEDOM FROM WORRY
HELP TO RECOLLECT THE
PERSON IN PRAYER”**

St. Paisios the Hagioreite.



DAY 6: Breakfast and transfer to the picturesque Portaria village with the traditional buildings. Visit to the Monastery of Virgin Mary The Odigitria. Later we go to beautiful village Makrynitsa, also known as “the balcony of Pelion”, where we can walk upon the cobblestone streets and enjoy panoramic view of the Aegean. Then we take the road to the historical city, the mother of democracy, Athens. Arrival, check in at our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: Breakfast in the hotel and departure to the port of Piraeus, where we board the ship, to the island of Aegina. There, we worship the tomb of the great saint of the 20th century, St. Nektarios. Then we can have lunch (optional) by the sea, at the port of Aegina, before boarding the ship back to Piraeus. Arrival, and departure for the airport of Athens.



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