



# Go Greece!

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3-17 October 2025



**Day 1:** Athens Arrival

**Day 2:** Athens: explore

**Day 3:** Athens-Galaxidi (235 km)

**Day 4:** Galaxidi-Lake Plastira (265 km)

**Day 5:** Lake Plastira-Kastraki-Meteora (120km)

**Day 6:** Kastraki - Aristi-Papingo (190 km)

**Day 7:** Papingo - Nafpaktos (280 km)

**Day 8:** Nafpaktos-Katakolo (190 km)

**Day 9:** Katakolo - Methoni (205 km)

**Day 10:** Methoni rest day (0 km)

**Day 11:** Methoni - Gerolimenas (187 km)

**Day 12:** Gerolimenas - Monemvasia (181 km)

**Day 13:** Monemvasia - Tyros (190 km)

**Day 14:** Tyros - Athens (196 km)

**Day 15:** Depart





# Itinerary

There's more to Greece than the Greek islands and we want to do it justice, not just follow the crowds.

While our itinerary includes a number of Greece "must sees" - the Acropolis, Delphi, Olympia, Meteora - Greece isn't only about ancient ruins and monasteries. When planning this tour we sought out villages that ooze old world charm, places where commercialisation has not made much impact. We added in some destinations where we found hotels with a special quality, perhaps a super friendly family running it, or stunning traditional architecture.

We discovered roads that wound and twisted through mountain ski resorts, others that followed rugged coastlines viewing seas so perfect and blue, and other less-used roads that pass through groves with olive trees on both sides.

This itinerary provides a well-rounded look at the Greek mainland, its cities, villages and countryside; its people and their way of life; its ancient history and culture; and, of course, it's delicious, fresh cuisine. Our aim is to ensure you have a holiday that fills you with adventure and each day is one to remember.

*\*Note: The planned itinerary and distances are listed on the following pages; however, we reserve the right to adjust the route and duration for timing or safety.*



### **Day 1: 3 Oct (Friday)- Arrival Day in Greece**

Welcome to Greece! Touchdown in Athens, it's time to get ready for your Greek adventure! Catch a cab, or your pre-booked transport, from the airport to the hotel. Time is allowed for you to settle in, maybe catch up on sleep, and then if you want you may enjoy some freedom to explore the city. Our hotel is located in the ancient and historic Acropolis and Plaka neighbourhoods. Loads of restaurants both Greek cuisine and international are plentiful in this area if you need a bite to eat. Please note that Check In time at the hotel is 2.00PM. If you arrive prior to 2pm the hotel is happy to store your luggage for you while you check out Athens.

**Riding distance:** N/A

**Overnight:** Athens

### **Day 2: 4 Oct (Saturday) - 24 Hours in Athens (Rest Day)**

After breakfast we have arranged a four-hour walking tour of the historic Acropolis and nearby Plaka area. Included in the walking tour will be opportunities to try different kinds of Greek snack food.

Before we can get on the bikes we have to fill out the rental motorbike paperwork and pay motorcycle security deposits so have allowed time in the afternoon for this. Once completed we will celebrate (but not too much) the start of our fun-in-the-sun adventure with a fabulous traditional Greek 'welcome dinner'.

**Riding distance:** N/A

**Overnight :** Athens (Breakfast, Dinner)



### **Day 3: 5 October (Sunday) Athens to Galaxidi**

Today we leave Athens to explore the Greece mainland. After Riders Briefing we head off, getting used to the riding conditions and negotiating our way through morning traffic. Soon, we leave the highway & continue on Greece's excellent, quieter backroads. We are heading for the Gulf of Corinth and the coastal town of Galaxidi. Prior to the 1950's Galaxidi was only accessible by boat and, in keeping with its history, many former ship captains have retired there. Neoclassical houses and the old captains' mansions around the waterfront of this picturesque port town add to its charm. Wander from our hotel to the waterfront where there is an array of great restaurants to choose from.

**Riding Distance:** 235 km

**Overnight:** Galaxidi (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 4: 6 Oct (Monday) Galaxidi to Lake Plastira**

An early(ish) start to beat the crowds at historic Delphi. It's a short 35km ride, and we'll stop for enough time to check out this major archeological site with its well-preserved ruins from the Classical period of ancient Greece.

After Delphi, we climb the winding and twisting Parnassus Road into the mountains passing through a ski resort (could be cold up here- have a spare layer on hand)

After lunch we continue on to our overnight destination of Lake Plastira - one of the largest man-made lakes in Greece. Stunning alpine peaks of the Agrafa Mountains, forested hills, narrow inlets of water all feature in this area.

**Riding Distance:** 265km

**Overnight :** Lake Plastira (Breakfast, Lunch)

*Riding the Greek backroads*





## **Day 5: 7 October (Tuesday) Lake Plastira- Kastraki-Meteora**

From Lake Plastira we ride twisting back roads through alpine villages to Kastraki which, along with nearby Kalabaka, are the main towns in the region known as Meteora. The word Meteora literally means 'hovering in the air'. Amazing rock structures as big as mountains with monasteries perched atop them is what the region is famous for. After lunch in Kalabaka there's time to check out the monasteries. These huge rock formations looming up from the earth with monasteries balanced somewhere high on the rocks are awe inspiring. Monks lived in caves here as far back as the 11th Century. During an age of Turkish occupation, brigandry and lawlessness, they climbed higher and higher up the rock face until they were living on the inaccessible peaks. Here they built the first monasteries by bringing material and people up with ladders and baskets.

**Riding Distance:** 120 km

**Overnight:** Kastraki Village (Breakfast, Lunch)

## **Day 6: 8 October (Wednesday) Kastraki- Aristi-Papingo**

Today's ride takes us through mountain passes- where there may be snow on the nearby peaks- as we make our way to the Zagori region in the far north. More great winding and twisting roads make today's ride more interesting. The charming village of Papingo is our destination. This village is a great showpiece for the "Stonehouse" style of architecture that is common in this region and there are many examples in Papingo. We are surrounded by the Vikos National Park where you can view the towering Mt. Tympe. We will check out the Vikos Gorge - one of the deepest gorges in the world.

**Riding Distance:** 190 km

**Overnight:** Aristi-Papingo (Breakfast, Lunch)

*The road out of Papingo*



## **Day 7: 9 October (Thursday) Papingo to Nafpaktos**

It's a great day of riding as we head south, skirting the Western flanks of the Pindos Mountain range. Staying off the main highways we will encounter some awesome twisty winding roads, pass through quaint villages seldom visited by tourists, and see stunning lakes and tree-covered mountains.

After lots of magnificent scenery and a delicious local lunch en-route we will reach Nafpaktos. Known as one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Greece, Nafpaktos boasts a well-preserved hilltop castle, a picturesque historic harbor, and a variety of tavernas, cafes, bars, and shops. It's the perfect destination for an overnight stop!

**Riding Distance:** 280 km

**Overnight:** Nafpaktos (Breakfast, Lunch)

## **Day 8: 10 Oct (Friday) Nafpaktos - Katakola via Ancient Olympia**

Before we leave Nafpaktos we visit the Venetian Castle on the hill above the township. Back on our bikes we cross the Gulf of Corinth on the Rio-Antirrio bridge - the world's longest multi-span cable-stayed bridge at 2,880 metres. Once we are across the bridge we are in the Peloponnese region of Greece.

Riding inland we take quiet country roads that lead us to the 8th century site of Olympia, the venue of the original Olympic Games. There's plenty of time to take in the ancient ruins and delve into the history of Ancient Olympia.

It's not far to the coastal town of Katakolo and our family run hotel owned by Stefano a former sea captain and current harbour-master of Katakolo port.

**Riding Distance:** 190 km

**Overnight:** Katakola (Breakfast, Lunch)

*Lunch with a view*





### **Day 9: 11 October (Saturday) Katakolo to Methoni**

Start the day with an amazing breakfast full of fruit preserves and other homemade deliciousness. Heading inland and through the mountains and villages to the olive capital of Kalamata on the Messenian Gulf. We stop for a visit at the growers' market - a great opportunity to sample the region's famous olives, cheese and fruit selections. We are heading down the Messinian peninsula of the Pelopponese to the town of Methoni. How about a swim in the sea? It's a short stroll from our hotel.

**Riding Distance:** 205 km

**Overnight:** Methoni (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 10: 12 October (Sunday) Methoni (Rest day)**

Methoni is a charming seaside town with a run-down but majestic castle and fort overlooking the Ionian Sea. The castle is a striking archaeological site spanning the entire cape and protected on three sides by the sea. It features a deep moat and a 14-arched stone bridge as its main entrance. Inside, visitors can explore the Church of Metamorfofi of Sotiros, Ottoman baths, Venetian-era homes, and even the remains of a British prisoner cemetery from World War II. The spectacular sea gate on the south wall and the castle's towering stone structures add to its atmospheric presence.

Methoni also has lovely beach and you can take a dip in the Ionian sea. If you want to do something more active you can hire a bicycle and go for a ride around the area.

**Riding Distance:** N/A

**Overnight:** Methoni (Breakfast)

*Methoni's castle*



## **Day 11: 13 October (Monday) Methoni to Gerolimenas**

From Methoni we ride on to the central southern prong of the Peloponnese, to a region called the Mani. With lots of coastal views and some unique architecture there is plenty to look at on our way. We stop for a delicious late lunch at our favourite café right beside the water in Limeni.

Our destination, Gerolimenas, is a picturesque small coastal village in the most southern part, an area known as “The Deep Mani.” This is the region once known for its lawless chieftains and the feuding that took place in the region. With its rugged coastline broken by only the occasional cove the “deep Mani” is a region of Greece that few tourists visit and even less stay. The name means “Old Harbour.” Forget about shopping...there are no shops, just a few taverna and bars, but the swimming is divine.

**Riding Distance:** 187 km

**Overnight:** Gerolimenas (Breakfast, Lunch)

## **Day 12: 14 October (Tuesday) Gerolimenas - Monemvasia**

Our route to Monemvasia has us following the elevated coastal road with views galore of the Laconian Gulf. In the distance we'll see the shipwreck (not from ancient times) of the SS Dimitrios which is very well represented in social media snaps. We leave the Mani region and continue on the Peloponnese toward our overnight destination of Monemvasia. The old town of Monemvasia is a medieval fortress town situated on an island linked by a causeway to the mainland. Within the fortified walls are many Byzantine churches. Our hotel tonight is within the walls of the ancient fortress.

**Riding distance:** 181 km

**Overnight:** Within the Monemvasia Castle (Breakfast,Lunch)

*Views on the road*





### **Day 13: 15 October (Wednesday) Monemvasia - Tyros**

After a leisurely breakfast it's time to remount our machines and continue our adventure. An abundance of gloriously winding, twisting roads, many of which follow the coastline, take us to Tyros our final destination in the Peloponnese.

Tyros a small seaside town on the Argolic Gulf, an old naval town which is more popular as a Greek summer holiday destination than a place for foreign tourists. It's quaintness, and friendliness touched a chord with us. Our accommodation is located right by the seaside.

**Riding Distance:** 190 km

**Overnight:** Tyros waterfront village (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 14: 16 October (Thursday) Tyros-Athens**

Time for a final swim in the Myrtoan Sea before we head off on our final day on the motorbikes. We ride the coastline on brilliant winding roads aiming for Athens. We'll have lunch and view the marvel that is the Corinth Canal. Once we cross the Corinth Canal we have officially left the Peloponnese region. We have a few kms to cover and before we know it we're back in Athens.

Negotiating the streets for a second time we will go direct to the motorbike rental shop to hand back our bikes. The fun is not over yet as we celebrate our awesome moto holiday with a final group dinner.

**Riding Distance:** 196 km

**Overnight:** Athens (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



## Day 15: 17 October (Friday) Departure

This morning is at your leisure. Check Out time is 12.00 noon.

Please advise us if you require late check out or if you are staying longer in Greece and require additional accommodation (additional costs apply)

(Breakfast)

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### What Is Included

- 14 nights accommodation based on sharing Twin/Double.
- Breakfast every day
- 11 x fabulous Greek lunches
- Welcome and Farewell dinners as per the tour itinerary
- Motorbike rental cost
- Accompanying tour vehicle for our non-riders
- Four hour ancient Acropolis and Plaka Walking Tour – includes traditional Greek snacks along the way
- Personally guided by Angela

### Excluded Services

International flights, Petrol for Motorbike, Airport transfers, Highway Tolls, Insurance fees, Tips and personal expenses

