



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

EXETER
ESSENTIAL
ATHENS
2021





ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

DAY 1	ATHENS ARRIVAL
DAY 2	TOUR ACROPOLIS, AGORA, PLAKA
DAY 3	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOUR
DAY 4	DEPARTURE

WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

Our Experience

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting custom-designed journeys for 27 years. We are a team of specialists committed to providing the best travel experiences in our destinations. Each of our experts has either travelled extensively on reconnaissance trips, or has lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. Because we focus on specific parts of the globe, we return to the same destinations many times, honing our experience over the years.

Knowledgeable Up-to-the-Minute Local Information

We are best placed to give you advice about traveling to Europe and beyond; from logistics and new protocols in museums, hotels and restaurants in each country. We are here to expertly guide you through the new normal in travel.

Original Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned

Our experts speak your language both literally and culturally. Our advice and recommendations are impartial, honest, and always have the individual in mind. We save valuable time in pre-trip research and focus on developing experiences that enrich and enhance your experience. Once on your journey you will have complete peace of mind with our local 24-hour contact person who is on hand to coordinate any changes in your program or help you in the case of any emergency.

Hand-Selected Guides

We know that guides are one of the most important components of any travel experience. That is why we only use local experts who have a history of working with our guests and whom we know personally. We are extremely particular in selecting our guides and are confident that they will be one of the most memorable aspects of any of our trips.

Flexible Deposit

We prepay deposits for services so we can access the top guides, the best drivers and maintain preferred partnerships with our partner hotels. Our deposit to confirm services is **25%** of the total trip cost. We want you to feel confident to book but also know that we are sensitive to current circumstances. Therefore, **15%** of this deposit is refundable up to **31 days** prior to departure if you are unable to travel for any reason. **10%** of the deposit will be retained as a future travel credit for up to 3 years. Future travel will be priced at prevailing rates. If it is determined that you are unable to travel within 31 days of the start of services, all deposits paid will be converted to a future travel credit, less nonrefundable funds committed on your behalf and tickets such as train or theater tickets. This credit may also be applied to our sister travel companies: [Almaz Journeys](#) and [Exeter Safari Company](#).

Financial Stability

We are proud to be recognized by Allianz Insurance on their list of covered [travel suppliers](#) to give you additional peace of mind.



DAY 1

ATHENS

Arrival into Athens where we will be met by your guide and driver. Your driver will be waiting for you just outside of Customs, after you pick up your luggage. Transfer to your hotel in the center of the city.

Athens, the cradle of the European civilization. For twenty-five centuries, the panorama of this city has been dominated by the rock of the Acropolis.

EXETER SERVICES

Arrival Transfer

HOTEL

Grand Bretagne

DAY 2



ATHENS

Your guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel at 10:00am. This morning you will have the opportunity to visit the Acropolis Museum where for the first time ever all the surviving treasures of the Acropolis can be seen together in one place. Five collections make up this magnificent exhibit and include the finds from the slopes of the Acropolis, works of the archaic period, the classical Acropolis, the post-Parthenon and the Roman period.

For twenty-five centuries, the panorama of this city has been dominated by the rock of the Acropolis. You will follow your guide on foot uphill to visit the Acropolis and see the principal buildings: the Propylaia, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Parthenon Temple. You will also have some free time at the Acropolis for some photographs and to drink in the atmosphere of this amazing site.

Next your guide will take you for a short walk to the Ancient Agora. The Agora was the heart of Athens and the focus of political, commercial, administrative and social activity. The site has been occupied during all periods of the city's history and was used as a residential and burial area as early as 3000 BC.

Continue to the Plaka area, an historic neighborhood filled with beautiful buildings, Byzantine churches, little shops, cafes and taverns. You will also have the opportunity to walk around Monastiraki, an experience not to be missed.

EXETER SERVICES

Guide (6 hours)

HOTEL

Hotel Bretagne

DAY 3



ATHENS

This morning, your guide will meet you again in your hotel lobby at 10:00am. Today, enjoy a walking tour off the beaten path to understand how Athens has evolved to the city it is today—a city in layers, where the ancient, the ottoman, the neoclassical and the modern city coexist. During your walk, you will experience how Athens, a small town of 10 000 citizens in the early 1830s, transformed into the capital of the new Greek State in 1834. Explore the neighborhoods where the footprint of the Ottoman Empire is still present, to understand how the old city and its traditions mixed or didn't with western European values and ideas. Your guide will provide a true sense of in the city and its history for past to present.

Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon at leisure.

EXETER SERVICES

Guide (4 hours)

HOTEL

Hotel Bretagne



DAY 4

ATHENS-ONWARD

Transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

EXETER SERVICES

Transfer

WHAT IS INCLUDED



PRICES:

For Two (2) guests traveling together	Year Round	From \$3,150 per person
For Four (4) guests traveling together	Year Round	From \$2,500 per person

All pricing is per person and based on double occupancy. Airfare is not included.

Accommodations

Athens

Deluxe City View Room for Three (3) nights at the Hotel Grand Bretagne; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price and are at your own discretion. Please see your final documents for tipping suggestions.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2020. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.

Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.

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