

# TRAVEL TO GREECE



WITH DR. LENA HATZICHRONOGLOU CLASSICIST, AND FOUNDER OF HELLENIC VISIONS

July 6-18, 2005 <u>Peloponnese, Athens, and Optional Island Cruise</u> (limited to 20 participants)



## Renew your Spirit, Learn, Enjoy, Celebrate Life

**Greece** is a mystical place of the human spirit. In this land, the ancient and the modern, the light and the darkness, the rational and the irrational, mysteriously blend, creating a whole, which only the heart can fully comprehend and appreciate.

**Hellenic Visions** invites you to join Dr. Lena Hatzichronoglou in visiting Greece, and in opening your heart to the beauty, harmony, and balance, which Hellenism has always sought to express. Through the Greek language, literature, art, and architecture, philosophy, politics, myth and drama, you will be guided to experience the magical spell of this unique place, in which, the sacredness of your own spirit will be honored and celebrated.

### **THE PELOPONNESE**



To intimately connect with the land of Greece and the magnificence of its spirit one must definitely visit the Peloponnese. Its incredibly varied scenery and its rich monuments of all periods are among the most spectacular in the entire country. Its castles and citadels, its ancient temples and Byzantine churches, its caves, theaters, sanctuaries and monuments of all kinds relate their own unique story. Here, the legendary past blends inextricably with the present, and history becomes incredibly alive.

**Places we will be visiting include:** CORINTH, NAUPLION, MYCENAE, TIRYNS, ARGOS, NEMEA, EPIDAURUS, LERNA, SPARTA, GYTHION, DIROS CAVES, MANI, MONEMVASIA, MYSTRAS, KALAMATA, MESSENE, METHONE, PYLOS, VASSES, OLYMPIA and PATRAS.

There will be plenty of opportunity to learn, visit sites and museums, marvel at history, delight at magnificent, breath taking scenery, enjoy the sun at inviting beaches, experience the magic of Greek drama at the ancient theater of Epidaurus, enjoy the city life among the Greeks, and have fun strolling around and contemplating at Greek cafes.



## **ATHENS**



**Athens,** the capital of modern Greece, is one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the Mediterranean world.

The hill of the Acropolis is the crowning glory of Athens. We will see the famous temple, dedicated to goddess Athena, called *Parthenon*, the *Erechtheion*, the *Temple of Athena Nike*, the *Propylaia*. On this hill we will experience Greece's entire history: its mythical past, its tumultuous politics of the classical period, its Ottoman occupation, its present challenges. We will also visit the *Ancient Agora*, the hills of *Areopagus, Pnyx* and the *Nymphs*, as well as the *Temple of the Olympian Zeus* with *Hadrian's Arch next to it*, the *National Museum*, the *Lycabettus Hill*, the *National Garden*, the *Panathenaic Stadium*, the *Plateia Syntagmatos* with the *Parliament House*, the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* and the *Changing of the Guard*. We will enjoy the humor and warmth of the Greek people by walking through the *Monastiraki Flea Market*, or by stopping for a meal at a lively *taverna* of the restored old Athenian district of *Plaka*.

**Dr. Lena Hatzichronoglou** was born in Greece, and she is passionate about sharing her Greek experience with people. She holds a BA in Classics, Byzantine, and Modern Greek from the University of Athens, an MA in Classics from the Catholic University of America, and a Ph.D. in Classics from the Johns Hopkins University. She has also done studies and research at the University of Chicago, Yeshiva University, Dartmouth College, and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. She is the recipient of many grants including grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is a member of many professional associations, and her biography has been included in numerous Who's Who. She is also the recipient of three teaching excellence awards, and she has given numerous talks both in professional meetings and as an invited guest speaker. She has taught the Greek Language, Literature and Culture of all periods at several institutions including the Johns Hopkins University, the University of Florida, and Wayne State University, where she was the Modern Greek Studies Director between 1990 and 1997. Recently she has established herself as a Life Coach, Public speaker and Translator, and she is the Founder and President of **Hellenic Visions**.

#### **PRICE OF THE TOUR \$3,890 (Excellent Value)**

\$ 500.00 deposit required to reserve your seat, refundable up to January 10, 2005

\* Ask Lena how you can extend your stay in Greece if you wish to stay longer (you will have to indicate this upon confirming your reservation).

#### THE COST INCLUDES:

- Round trip airfare (coach) from Detroit including taxes. Fares from other cities also available
- July 6 -July 18 Tour of Peloponnese and Athens
- Transportation throughout the program by private bus
- All Hotel accommodations. Double Occupancy (single room additional \$650)
- · Hotel Taxes and Service Charges
- All breakfasts
- Eight Dinners (not including last night Dinner on the Lycabettus Hill)
- All Museums and Site Entrance Fees according to the program
- Professional English-speaking guide throughout the program
- Daily presentations and group discussions with Dr. Lena Hatzichronoglou

#### THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Beverages during meals
- All lunches, dinner at Lycabyttus, and anything not included in the above list
- Theater performance at Epidaurus
- Tips (You should calculate about \$4.5 to \$5.00 daily for the bus driver and the tour guide together)
- Anything else you want to spend money on including mementos and other items
- The OPTIONAL ISLAND CRUISE (see below)
- Optional Life Coaching during the trip

#### **OPTIONAL ISLAND CRUISE July 18-22 (not included in the above price):**

If you wish, **for ONLY an additional \$890**, you can extend your stay, and enjoy four extra days cruising around the Aegean Sea. The ports of call of the cruise include: *PIRAEUS* (Athens) Greece; *MYCONOS*, Greece; *KUSADASI* (Ephesus) Turkey; *PATMOS*, Greece; *RHODES*, Greece; *CRETE* (Heraclion), Greece; *SANTORINI*, Greece; *PIRAEUS* (Athens), Greece.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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