

Theatre, the fabulous Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Corinthian Temple, the Baths of Scholastica and the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. You also visit the house of the Virgin Mary who is believed to have spent her final years here after the crucifixion of Jesus, and the ruined Temple of Artemis one of the most revered of Greek deities. It dates to 1300 BC and is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Tonight you are free to explore the lively mecca of Kusadasi with its restaurants, oriental markets and carpet dealers.  
**Overnight Kusadasi**  
**Breakfast**

**Day 15 Saturday 20 September**

**Kusadasi to Cappadocia & Goreme Valley**  
 Fly to Cappadocia from Izmir and begin exploring this most fascinating region of Central Anatolia, world renowned for its rock-hewn dwellings, fairy chimneys and lunar like landscape. Visit the Zelve Monastic Valley Open Air Museum and check in to your hotel for dinner.  
**Overnight Goreme Valley**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 16 Sunday 21 September**

**Cappadocia**  
 Tour the surreal landscapes of the Monastic Valley of Pasabagi with its early Christian rock homes and chapels decorated with 6th to 10th century frescoes. Explore the troglodyte village of Avclar and Kaymakli underground city carved out of stone in 2000BC as protection from Christian persecution. Visit the UNESCO Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the Dark Church possibly the most beautiful of the cave churches with its brilliant paintings on every



Wall, Tokali Church with its intricate murals, 11th century Carikli and Yilanli Church. Take an optional balloon flight during your stay (tbc).  
**Overnight Goreme Valley**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 17 Monday 22 September**

**Cappadocia to Izmir & Canakkale**  
 Take a short flight to Izmir and continue by coach to Canakkale near Gallipoli and Troy. Stop for a lunch of Turkish Pide where you can watch the Pide being made (tbc) then check in to your hotel in Canakkale and enjoy dinner.  
**Overnight Canakkale**  
**Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner**

**Day 18 Tuesday 23 September**

**Troy & Gallipoli**  
 Ferry across the Dardanelles from Asia to Europe to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Here you tour the infamous battlefields of ANZAC Cove and Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery where countless fallen soldiers were laid to rest, Lone Pine Memorial, the Commemorative site of the ANZAC day service and the battlefields of Chunuk Bair. This afternoon cross back to the Turkish mainland for a guided tour of Classical Troy. First settled in the Bronze Age Troy is one of the world's most famous archaeological sites with the siege of Troy by Greek warriors from Mycenaean immortalized by Homer in the Iliad. Walk the 3700 year old city walls and hear the history of the Trojan War, the mythology and mystery from your local guide before returning to your hotel for dinner.  
**Overnight Canakkale**  
**Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner**

**Day 19 Wednesday 24 September**

**Canakkale to Istanbul**  
 Depart Canakkale after breakfast for fabulous Istanbul. Arriving around lunch time you have a guided tour of the wonderful Topkapi Palace and the Blue Mosque before checking in to your hotel. Tonight is free to choose a dinner spot on one of the lively squares and enjoy the bazaars.  
**Overnight Istanbul**  
**Breakfast**

**Day 20 Thursday 25 September**

**Istanbul**  
 Istanbul is a phenomenal, vibrant and exotic capital. Enjoy the sights today including the Hagia Sophia Basilica, the underground Basilica Cistern below the surface of the city and a walk through the spice market. Visit the Museum of Archaeology where you may browse what interests you most at your own pace and take a walk through the Grand Bazaar. The remainder of the day is free before a farewell dinner tonight.  
**Overnight Istanbul**  
**Breakfast • Farewell Dinner**

**Day 21 Friday 26 September**

**Istanbul to Doha & Adelaide**  
 After a relaxed breakfast this morning you depart for the airport and your flight to Doha where you have another good connection on to Adelaide.  
**Breakfast • Meals in flight**  
**Overnight in flight**

**Day 22 Saturday 27 September**

**Arrive Adelaide**  
 Arrive in Adelaide in the afternoon.

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Classical Greece & Turkey are the lands of Gods, Heroes and Legends and a birthplace of civilization. This quality tour is packed with guided sightseeing of Greece & Turkey's finest archaeological sites and tales of their fabled history and mythology as well as beautiful villages, magnificent archaeological museums and Byzantine churches, the breathtaking Mediterranean island of Crete and picturesque western Turkey. Highlights are numerous but include incredible Cappadocia characterised by its fairy chimneys, Gallipoli, exotic Istanbul, beautiful Nafplion on the Peloponnese Peninsula, evocative Delphi and the Acropolis of Athens. Explore, enjoy and relish these priceless treasures of the past with their spell binding histories, delicious cuisine, pretty villages and coastlines, fascinating culture and relaxed, intoxicating way of life.

**Tour Leader:** Deborah Moulton is an enthusiastic and inclusive tour leader with majors in History and English and a Masters in Education. She has vast international travel experience both independently and as a dedicated leader for WEA Travel, and a passion for Classical Greece and Turkey.

**Tour includes:** Adelaide to Adelaide airfares • Fully escorted Adelaide to Adelaide • All 4 star Hotels • All sightseeing, local guides & entrance fees as per itinerary • All meals as per itinerary • Pre & Post tour get togethers • Comprehensive Tour notes

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**Day 1 Saturday 06 September**

**Adelaide to Athens**  
Depart Adelaide with Qatar Airways to Doha where you have a good connection to Athens.  
**Meals in flight**  
**Overnight in flight**

**Day 2 Sunday 07 September**

**Arrive Athens**  
Arrive in Athens at lunch time and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax, explore or go for an easy walk with your tour leader.  
**Meals in flight**  
**Overnight Athens**

**Day 3 Monday 08 September**

**Athens**  
Today's local guide reveals much of the ancient Greek world as you visit the fabulous Parthenon Museum, Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum with highlights including the Parthenon Gallery, the Archaic collection and the post Parthenon collection. You also see Cape Sounion, the Temple of Poseidon, modern Syntagma Square and the Greek Parliament as well as the Benaki Museum with its treasure trove of Greek art, antiquities, paintings and folk costumes. Tonight you enjoy dinner in the pulsating Plaka District with folklore, dancing and Greek music.  
**Overnight Athens**  
**Breakfast • Welcome Dinner**

**Day 4 Tuesday 09 September**

**Athens to Nafplion**  
Visit the Athens Archaeological Museum considered one of the world's greatest museums, to see some of its breathtaking treasures such as the golden Mask of Agamemnon, then depart for Corinth. Ancient Corinth flourished as a major Greek city from the 8th century BC until its destruction by the Romans in 146 BC. A canal through the Isthmus of Corinth to connect the Ionian and Aegean Seas was begun under Emperor Nero in 67 AD but never completed leaving ships to be dragged on rollers across the isthmus. A canal was completed in 1893. See the Temple of Apollo and the Peirene Fountain then UNESCO World Heritage Tiryns. A hill



fort with occupation dating back to the beginning of the Bronze Age, the walls of Tiryns seem to have been built by giants. See the birthplace of Heracles and the ancient fort with a guide then continue to lovely Nafplion to check in and enjoy dinner arranged at your hotel.  
**Overnight Nafplion**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 5 Wednesday 10 September**

**Nafplion & Epidaurus**  
Nafplion was the first capital of Greece and is one of its prettiest towns, crowned by two medieval fortresses and the small island fortress of Bourtzi. Today you have a tour of Nafplion with its marble pavements and elegant buildings of remarkably homogenous architectural style as well as Bourtzi. Tour Epidaurus this afternoon, reputed to be the birthplace of Apollo's son Asklepios who's sanctuary the Asclepieion was the most celebrated healing centre of the Classical world. See the theatre of Epidaurus amongst other treasures and delight in an evening at leisure to enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere, cafes and restaurants of Nafplion.  
**Overnight Nafplion**  
**Breakfast**



**Day 6 Thursday 11 September**

**Mycenae & Nemea**  
The Bronze Age city of Mycenae was once thought to exist only in Greek legend and the poetry of Homer. It wasn't until 1870 that archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann discovered the fabled city using landmarks from the text of the Iliad. Here he discovered many precious objects including the golden Mask of Agamemnon. UNESCO World Heritage listed you enter via the Lion Gate with your local guide and visit the place where Agamemnon was slaughtered by his wife and some incredible domed tombs. Continue to ancient Nemea famous in Greek mythology as the home of the Nemean Lion which was killed by Heracles. Nemea nestles in a picturesque wine region and has a small museum and remarkably well preserved stadium complete with an athlete's tunnel. Lunch is included today in a local village with a Greek feast to share.  
**Overnight Nafplion**  
**Breakfast • Lunch**



**Day 7 Friday 12 September**

**Argos & Olympia**  
Drive to Olympia today stopping in Argos, a powerful rival of Sparta and one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world, to see its ancient theatre. In Olympia you have a guided tour of the excellent Archaeological Museum one of the richest in Greece. Continue to the original Olympic Games site which includes the ancient stadium, the Palaestra where wrestling was performed and the Leonidaion athletes lodging. You also see the significant Bouleuterion Council and Senate House where public affairs were discussed, the Temple of Hera and the remains of the 5th century Doric Temple of Zeus.  
**Overnight Olympia**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 8 Saturday 13 September**

**Olympia to Delphi**  
After breakfast you depart Olympia and cross the magnificent Rio Antirio Bridge over the Bay of Corinth. Stop for free time in charming medieval Nafpaktos on the waterfront of the Gulf of Corinth before continuing to breathtaking Delphi the so called navel of the earth. Arriving at this mystical site you tour the evocative ruins of the Temple of Apollo, the Temple of Hera and the theatre and you might contemplate where the Oracle sat on her tripod over the cleft in the rock to utter her ambiguous prophecies. Visit the Delphi Museum if time permits before dinner.  
**Overnight Near Delphi**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 9 Sunday 14 September**

**Delphi to Crete**  
Depart Delphi for Eleftherios Venizelos airport for your short flight to Crete. This beautiful Mediterranean island is famous for the legend of the Minotaur, a bullheaded God who inhabited the labyrinth under the Palace of King Minos. Theseus the Hero slayed the Minotaur after finding his way in to the maze with the aid of Ariadne and her ball of string. On arrival you check to your well located hotel for dinner.

**Overnight Heraklion**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 10 Monday 15 September**

**Knossos**  
Today you have a guided tour of the incredible palace of Knossos the ancient capital of the Minoan Kingdom. This civilization was one of the greatest ever and the centre of power in Crete. The palace was the seat of the legendary King Minos. This afternoon is free to explore at your own pace and soak up the al fresco lifestyle.  
**Overnight Heraklion**  
**Breakfast**



**Day 11 Tuesday 16 September**

**Heraklion to Phaistos & Rethymno**  
After breakfast you travel to Phaistos the second of the glorious Minoan sites a short drive across the island from Heraklion. This palace was also built by its mythical founder King Minos circa 2000 BC. Experience an incredible archaeological immersion here and also at significant Gortys which has an unbroken 6,000 year history. In the late afternoon you arrive in Rethymno a traditional Cretan seaside town perfect for the next two nights stay.  
**Overnight Rethymno**  
**Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner**

**Day 12 Wednesday 17 September**

**Rethymno**  
Take a traditional caique fishing boat exploring picturesque bays or relax and enjoy a nice walk, the beach and local charm. History enthusiasts have plenty to potter around and explore. Tonight you might choose to dine at one of the harbor side restaurants and soak up the wonderful Mediterranean atmosphere.  
**Overnight Rethymno**  
**Breakfast**

**Day 13 Thursday 18 September**

**Crete to Turkey**  
This morning you depart by air to the Eastern Aegean island of Samos via Athens. On Samos you have a free afternoon in pretty Pythagorion a typical Greek island harbour village. In the late afternoon you board a ferry across to Turkey. Arriving in bustling Kusadasi it's a few minutes to your hotel where dinner is arranged.  
**Overnight Kusadasi**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**

**Day 14 Friday 19 September**

**Kusadasi & Ephesus**  
Visit incredible Ephesus today one of the most extensive ancient cities in the world. Established by the Greeks in the 10th century Ephesus is in a state of remarkable preservation. See the

