

Special Winter Package

Athens ( Amsterdam

7 Days / 6 Nights Valid from 01.11.2013 till 31.03.2014

# THE ITINERARY

### Day 1. Athens

Upon your arrival to Athens, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Optional Athens by night tour. Your evening begins with a short panoramic drive through the City Centre and at the slope of the sacred hill you will be able to see, admire and take a photo of the illuminated Acropolis. Then a pleasant walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Plaka, the old city, will bring you in a Typical Greek Tavern where you will enjoy your dinner following a floor show with live music and Greek Folk Dances in traditional costumes. Overnight.

### Day 2. Athens

After Breakfast, starts your half day Athens City Tour. The tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides take you to see the centre of the city, Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. Driving down Herod Atticus street, you will see the Evzones (guards) in their picturesque uniform and the Presidential Palace. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus and you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. You complete the visit with the Museum of Acropolis.

### Day 3. Athens

After Breakfast, free day at leisure or Optional cruise to 3 islands. At: 08.30 depart to Hydra, where we arrive at: 11.45. Here you have free time for a walk or a swim. At: 13.30 embarkation and sail for Aegina past through Poros and seashore of Peloponnese. The lunch will be served during the sail. At: 15.30 we arrive at Aegina where you have time for a swim. Optional excursion, by bus, to the fine preserved Temple of Afea Athena. At: 18.00 embarkations for the voyage of return to the port. Arrive to Piraeus, late in the afternoon. Overnight.



#### Day 4. Athens - Amsterdam

After Breakfast, Pick up from the hotel transfer to the airport for departure flight. Arrival to Amsterdam, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

#### Day 5. Amsterdam

After breakfast start your half day city tour. The in-depth city tour offers you the opportunity to experience some of the highlights of Amsterdam, and help you get to grips with the city layout. With more than 6,800 monumental houses and buildings, Amsterdam has the largest historical city center in Europe. The city is best-known for its three rings of canals lined by elaborately decorated merchants' residences and warehouses built in the 17th century, the Dutch 'Golden Age'. Ninety islands were created when the canals were built, connected by hundreds of charming bridges. Traveling in a luxury air-conditioned coach, you knowledgeable guide will show you the old and new parts of this beautiful city with its many interesting sights. Highlights include the Royal Palace, National Monument, the Skinny Bridge, canals and Albert Cuyp Market. You will also visit a windmill on the River Amstel and a stop will be made at a diamond factory where you can see how gems are polished using traditional methods.

You also have the option to enjoy a boat trip along a typical Dutch canal. The one-hour cruise takes you along canals lined with 17th-century merchant houses, churches with bell towers and warehouses from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17th centuries. You will also pass through Amsterdam's Old Harbor.

#### Day 6. Amsterdam

After breakfast free day to discover the city or optional tour to Grand Holland:

With just a day to spare, immerse yourself in the best of The Netherlands on the grand Holland Tour from Amsterdam. Escorted by a knowledgeable local guide, you'll experience Rotterdam, view Delft pottery, venture to The Hague and duck and weave through Madurodam. This guided excursion takes you to Aalsmeer for a visit to the world's largest flower auction (45 minutes). Please note: The flower auction is closed on Sundays. The visit is replaced by a visit to a wooden shoe (clogs) factory. Your next destination is Rotterdam where you'll see the experimental architecture and eclectic collection of buildings that make Rotterdam unique during your city tour.

Next, stop in the city center for a one-hour visit to Delftse Pauw, one of the famous Delft Blue potteries in picturesque Delft. The blue-and-white pottery became famous as a 17<sup>th</sup> century duplicate of Chinese porcelain.

You will then continue to The Hague for a tour passing such famous sites as the Houses of Parliament. Finally, you'll visit Holland's famous miniature town, Madurodam. You will have an hour to wander around, exploring miniature models of famous Dutch buildings and sights, as well as the world's largest miniature railway.

#### Day 7. Amsterdam

After breakfast free time to make your last shopping. Transfer to the Airport for your next destination.



Type of Room	3 nights in Athens + 3 nights in Amsterdam	
	01/11/2013 - 31/03/2014	
Single Standard	€910	
Double Standard	€ 660	

### ✤ FLIGHT SCHEDULE WITH MIDDLE EAST AIRLINE & KLM:

ME 251 BEIRUT – ATHENS	0815 - 1015
KL1576 ATHENS – AMSTERDAM	1700 - 1940
KL1575 AMSTERDAM – ATHENS	1155 – 1605
ME 252 ATHENS – BEIRUT	1115 - 1300

## ALL RATES ARE PER PERSON PER PACKAGE IN EURO INCLUDING:

- 03 nights accommodation in a 4\* hotel centrally located in Athens
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- Daily Breakfast at the hotels
- Round trip Private Transfers Airport Hotel Airport in Athens
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- Half Day Athens City Tour by English speaking guide
- Half Day Amsterdam City Tour by English speaking guide

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Air tickets starting rate \$ 435 excluding taxes
- Optional tours
- Entrance fees when not included in the itinerary
- Extras & drinks
- 1 night return supplement in Athens, 4\* hotel centrally located

Single Standard	€ 55 per person/per night	
Double Standard	€ 35 per person in DBL room/per night	